

Trinity Weekly Tidings For August 21, 2016

"God's Love – Our Hearts – God's Work – Our Hands"

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Office Volunteer Needed

Lori, the church secretary will be going on vacation **August 29- September 1** and will need someone to answer phones while she is gone. The hours that help is needed is Monday – Thursday 9:00 – 2:00. You can sign up for a half day, a full day, one day or all 4 days. ☺. If this is something you would like to do, please call the church office. No experience needed, just a friendly smile and knowledge of how to answer a phone. Training will be provided if needed. Thank you in advance!

Trinity Cares about Back to School

It's that time of year to be thinking about how blessed we are with a school district that offers the best education for our kids. Now it's our turn to do our part to give our brothers & sisters in Christ the BEST start to a new school year! Grab a t-shirt off the clothesline & fulfill that need by dropping off your donation in the



labeled bins found outside of the narthex by **today, Sunday, August 21**. Please check the Sparta school lists at any of the area stores and pick up paper, pencils, rulers, tissues, folder, scissors and more. **Every** little bit is important to some child. Gift cards & monetary donations are also welcome, and our Trinity youth will do the shopping for the supplies. As Jesus tells us that whatever we did for the least of these we did for Him. Let His kingdom come to earth through us in the way we reach out with His love to those in need.

Sunday, September 18

Calling all past and present bell ringers...we are having a special performance on **September 18** to honor Joan Cook. Please contact Becky Anderson to participate or if you have questions, 608-487-3556.

Root Beer Float Sunday

We know June dairy month is long gone, but we'd still like to celebrate. Join us for root beer floats after the 9:00 am service on **August 28**. Everyone is welcome!

Those for whom we are praying...

Ed Peterson, Eleanor Hansen Ida Helgeson, Roger Thorsen, and Joanne Dexter.

Flowers today were given by Ed Peterson and family in Memory of Ethel Peterson.

Loose Change Offering Today- Family Promise

"Our mission is to rebuild lives with compassion by providing resources and services to help homeless children and their families". The Family Promise model seeks to help homeless and low-income families achieve sustainable independence. **Once again, Trinity's loose change offering will contribute to the funds needed to fully implement the Family Promise ministry in Monroe county.** Trinity is one of the founding five churches of 13 churches needed to implement the program. Area church members will provide food, shelter, and support services for homeless families. Family Promise will sponsor another clothing giveaway at the Abbey this fall. Clothing is collected once a month at the Abbey. For more information check with Anita Jensen. <http://fpmcwi.wix.com/familypromise>

S.O.S. Soap On Sunday

TRINITY MISSION PROJECT in SEPTEMBER

We are asking members to bring bars of **new**, 4-5 oz. **wrapped soap every Sunday** to help families in need. Thank You for remembering others!

Soap-4 to 5 oz. bars of any brand soap, in its original wrapping. \$Donations Cost to handle and ship a box of soap -\$13.00 for about 18#. Checks made out to Trinity/Write SOAP on memo line.

LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF PROGRAM

People in many parts of the world cannot buy soap because it is unavailable or too costly. Soap helps to maintain cleanliness to help reduce disease and infection.

HISTORY: In the 1950's Rev. Ove Nielsen, an LWR staffer saw a newspaper article from a Wisconsin town entitled, **"Lutherans in a Lather"** stating how they were collecting soap to send around the world. With the help of LWR Lutherans across America mobilized to gather and ship soap to places in need.

DEMAND: Soap used overseas includes schools, hospitals, clinics, households, and refugee camps. They **NO LONGER** accept USED or HOMEMADE soap as it is inappropriate for surgical scrub and other medical uses. **The health officials ask that all soap be new and wrapped.**

- *Let us all continue to be "Lutherans in Lather" and reach out to others with the warm and willing hands of Christ...and with fresh bars of soap.*