

Trinity Weekly Tidings For November 27, 2016

“God’s Love – Our Hearts – God’s Work – Our Hands”

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Welcome Guests! We are so happy to see you today! If you are traveling through the area, we wish you Godspeed on your journey. If you live nearby, we hope you will return and worship with us again. If you are looking for a church home, we invite you to make Trinity Lutheran that home. Please sign the guest register located at the entrance into the Sanctuary and/or fill out the yellow card in the pew rack located in front of you, so that we can know who you are.

Although you have come as a visitor, we hope that we leave worship as friends!

Joy Circle Cookie Ministry - Once again, Joy Circle is asking you to bring cookies for Trinity’s Christmas Jail Ministry. The population in the jail has gone from 70 to 120 people so the need for cookies is great. Two or three dozen Christmas cookies may be brought to the kitchen by **Sunday, December 18** marked “Jail Ministry”. Plates of cookies and a Christmas message will be delivered by Joy Circle members to the Monroe County Jail. Thank you for being a part of this Trinity mission!

Trinity Cares - We all know that Trinity Cares; and at Christmas we have a very special way to prove that. There are 10 families represented by ornaments on our Christmas tree in the upper hall. These families each need a little help to be able to enjoy Christmas this year. Also, there are ornaments (that is, envelopes) representing the needs of members and others in local nursing homes. In this case, the tree looks better **WITHOUT** the ornaments. So, please take one or more, shop for the item requested and then return it—**UNWRAPPED**—to the tree area. **Please be sure to attach the original ornament tag with your gift for easier sorting.** In order to give our youth time for wrapping the presents for delivery, it would be best to have them back by December 14th. Again, we have the joy and honor of being God’s Hands.

Need Help With Your Christmas Shopping? Take a look at the ELCA Good Gifts catalog for plenty of ideas. Catalogs are on the Welcome Table or www.ELCA.org/goodgifts.

Faith In Action Plans Annual Christmas Fundraiser For December 6. The event will take place at the Masonic Lodge located at 520 East Saratoga in Tomah. A soup supper will be served from 5:00pm-7:00pm for \$5.00 per person. Area musicians will provide Christmas music during supper. The evening will also feature baskets, silent auction items and a bake sale with holiday treats. The community is invited to support Faith In Action’s mission of providing assistance to elderly and disabled residents of Monroe County. If you are interested in donating to the event or would like to provide musical entertainment, please contact Faith In Action at 372-0939.

A Study of Martin Luther’s Small Catechism - Sunday Mornings between worships (9:15-10:15)

This coming year marks the celebration of 500th anniversary of the Reformation; began with Martin Luther posting the 95 thesis on October 31, 1517. As part of this celebration, we will be gathering together to study Martin Luther’s Small Catechism. Luther wrote the catechism in 1529, as a way of focusing learning and growth in faith around the 10 Commandments, the Apostles’ Creed, The Lord’s Prayer, Baptism and Communion. Please join us on Sunday mornings, beginning **November 27**, in the **Shalom Room** for a great time of discussion and learning!

Loose Change -Trinity's loose change offering was collected for St. Clare Mission prescription costs. A total of **\$203.86** was collected! Thank you for your generosity!

From the Office- Just a few reminders...Articles for *January Tidings* are due by December 20. Reports for the *Annual Report* are due by **December 30**.

Those for whom we are praying...

For Gregory Heser (son of Pat Heser), David Walker and Joanne Dexter.

Altar flowers were picked up by Barb and Jim Moorhead.

Altar flowers were given in honor of Eleanor Mull’s 91st birthday from her daughter, Sheila (Mull) Ladwig.

Happy Birthday Eleanor!

Youth & Family Announcements

God is good all the time, and all the time, God is good!

You are BEAUTIFUL because you are fearfully and wonderfully made. You are enough! You are loved!

Please talk to Michelle face-to-face; by phone at 269-5081; call or text at 343-0324; or by e-mail at: thehyattfive@gmail.com for additional information.

Cookie Decorating Today!

Join us for our annual **COOKIE DECORATING** day starting at 11:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall! If you are able, please bring one dozen, unfrosted cookies. All are welcome as we join our hands for a fun time frosting cookies and making delicious treats to sell at our upcoming Bake Sale as well as deliver to our shut-ins & families we will be sponsoring at Christmas. Let’s all reach out to share God’s love!