

Trinity Weekly Tidings For October 16, 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!

Special Coffee Hour Presentation

Please join us on **October 30** for this special presentation during the Coffee Fellowship time!

Farwell For Now...

A word of blessing goes to our dear friend, Alma Sherpe who is going to be leaving for Oregon to stay with her son while her dental work is being completed. We should be seeing her again in April! You will be missed Alma. God's blessing during your time away. Here is Alma's temporary address where you can send letters and cards.

Alma Sherpe

C/O Rodney Sherpe

26966 Kingsley Rd.

Scappoose, OR 97056

Loose Change Today!

Loose Change for October will go to the **Sparta Area School District Meadowview Food Pantry**. It is for families who have children (one or more) enrolled in the Sparta Area School District. The Food Pantry is located in Meadowview Schools and is open every Wednesday 4 – 6. Gospel Baptist Church is the non-profit partner. The Food Pantry is operated with members from the church, School District staff and some student volunteers. The Sparta Area School District Meadowview Food Pantry opened Oct. 7, 2015. Since then the Food Pantry has served almost 1,000 families. People can select from the Food Pantry what food they would like from a variety of food. Please support this program with your loose change!

New Members

We would like to introduce Trinity's new members! Gary and Carol Haskins, Cheryl Brown, Carrie and April Venckus, Matthew, Amber, Aubrey, Jocelyn and Sicilia Brantner. Please take some time and introduce yourself.

Trinity's Newest Additions...

Please join us in welcoming these precious twin girls to our congregation, *Layla Grace Kingsley was born on September 25, 2016 at 12:48 am. She weighed 6lbs and was 18.25 inches. Olivia Jane Kingsley was born September 25, 2016 at 12:52am. She weighed 6lbs 3oz and was 18.5 inches.* Congratulations to Mom and Dad, Tracy and Jeff Kingsley and big brother Ethan!



Sharing our Volunteer Mission Stories

The Stewardship Committee is once again planning to highlight Trinity's Volunteer Missions in connection with our worship. On November 13 all leaders of any such efforts or groups are invited to share information. While not the only opportunity to get your message out and link willing volunteers with your leadership and/or committee, it is one Sunday especially devoted to both thanking and celebrating all the amazing talent at Trinity. We will also be spotlighting projects we love, to encourage others to join us. You may use posters as in the past, or any handouts or sign-up sheets you wish. We would ask if your group chooses to participate, that you have at least one representative to set up or distribute, and gather feedback at both services, and that someone remove your information no later than Monday morning, November 14. Stewardship will not be printing sign-up sheets or committee lists as these have not been widely used in the past. More information will be coming on this unique Sunday service as it develops.

The Trinity Stewardship Committee

Those for whom we are praying...

For the family and friends of Einar Olson. Also for Michael Stahl, Alma Sherpe, Barb Bendel Sandvigen, Mark Mattke, Dalton Mattke, Gene Gowey, and Joanne Dexter.

Youth & Family Announcements for the week of October 16, 2016

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.

JAMMERS: Bring your family this coming Wednesday evening, October 19, from 5:30 – 7:00 for our annual Family Fall Fest! We will enjoy food, fellowship, games, service project, & lots of fun together! Feel free to dress in costume (church appropriate). Please bring a dish to pass (get creative with something Halloween-themed), & let Michelle know what it is by Tuesday. Also, bring your favorite can or cans of soup as you are able to donate to our Food Pantry to help feed our hungry brothers & sisters in Christ.

Faith Formation Students: We are excited to see all of your smiling faces this Wednesday evening, October 19th, from 7:00– 8:30 p.m. Please bring a canned good or goods if you are able to donate to our local food pantry. Let's all work together to bring a stop to hunger right here in our community!

Consecration Brunch, Sunday, October 23rd

Join us between services in the Fellowship Hall as our Youth & Family Ministry Team partners with our friends on stewardship along with Faith Formation students & their families to host a delicious brunch for you! The final menu is still being planned, but it promises to be a scrumptious one! We hope to see ALL of our Trinity family there! Michelle will be in contact with the teams regarding sign-ups & what to bring. It is going to be an awesome day reflecting on what each of us has to offer here at Trinity! We are blessed! God is good all the time, & all the time, God is good!

Fall Craft Fair 2016 - Saturday, November 5th

The annual Fall Craft Fair is fast approaching, and plans are underway for our youth's biggest fundraiser. It will be held on Saturday, November 5th, at Sparta High School. EVERYONE is invited to help, and there are numerous ways for YOU to get involved: donate baked goods; donate BBQ; sign up outside of the Youth Room to volunteer for a 2-hour shift; make posters on 11/4; help with clean-up; come up and have lunch to support our youth; & keep our youth in your prayers. If you do plan to donate baked goods, please drop them off here at Trinity by 5:00 p.m. on Friday, November 4th, or bring them up to the high school food court the morning of Saturday, November 5th. If you'd like to be a part of this AWESOME day, see the sign-up sheets posted outside of the Youth Room. Please help us continue to be God's hands & feet as we serve others. Money raised helps support our many youth programs and our scholarship fund. If you have any questions, please talk to Michelle.

Student Discipleship Conference (grades 6 – 12)

Mark your calendars now for Friday, December 2 – Sunday, December 4, as we venture to Grace Church in Eden Prairie, MN, for the annual Student Conference. Picture yourself laughing, learning, & worshipping with hundreds of other students your age. Join us as we worship through comedy and drama with **Slap Happy Comedy**©. Laugh hard & return life-changed. Discover God's Word & know Him better with & **Heather Flies** & **Fred Lynch** as 2 of the featured speakers. Experience non-stop, God honoring worship. Build new friendships & rekindle old ones. We will be traveling by coach bus & stay in a hotel. Final details are still being worked out, but if you want to secure a spot for yourself, get your **\$50.00 DEPOSIT** turned in right away to Michelle. Checks can be made payable to "Trinity Youth." **The deadline is Sunday, October 30th**, so grab a friend & get signed up! Fundraising opportunities (Fall Craft Fair-11/5 & Cookie Decorating Day-11/27) are available to offset the remaining costs of the trip as well as scholarships & additional donations. If you've attended this conference before, we are excited to have you go again! If this is something you have never experienced, we encourage you to join us on this incredible journey! As always, if you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact Michelle at church at (269-5081), her cell (call or text at 343-0324), or by e-mail at: thehyattfive@gmail.com. It's exciting to see how God is at work in & through our lives!

SAVE THE DATES:

TODAY:

Sunday, October 23:

Friday, November 4:

Saturday, November 5:

Friday, 12/2 – Sunday, 12/4:

YFMT Meeting @ 11:30 in the Youth Room
Consecration Brunch hosted by our youth
and Youth & Family Ministry Team
FCF Poster Making Party at 3:30 in the
Fellowship Hall
FALL CRAFT FAIR (please sign up to help)
Student Discipleship Conference (formerly
known as Mark Matlock☺ (grades 6 – 12)
Sign up by Sunday, 10/30, to secure your
spot!

You Before Me

“Do nothing out of rivalry or conceit, but in humility consider others as more important than yourselves. Everyone should look out not only for his or her own interests, but also for the interests of others.” Philippians 2:3-4

Today we live in a “me first” society. Many like to be served, not serve. Paul teaches us that we can be very selfish. In his letter to the church in Philippi, Paul explained that others are more important than ourselves. This is not to put us down, but to lift the needs of others higher. It was once said, “If there are two people in the room and you are one of them, guess who is more important? It’s not you.” That is something good to live by.

One of life’s great lessons is that Christ came to serve others. He was constantly considering the needs of others before His own. Their interests were His interests. Jesus lived a life of “you before me.” Our goal is to follow in His footsteps. As we live our lives, play in this game of life, pursue goals, do we put others first? This is hard to do, but worth the effort. When we become selfless for Him, we become much more aware of others’ needs and how we can assist them. Today, let’s find a way to put others’ needs ahead of our own.

What are some areas that you are selfish with your life? When is the last time you put someone else’s interests or successes before your own? How can you live out “you before me” in all areas of your life? God, forgive me for being selfish. Help me to be selfless and see the needs of those around me so I can serve them. Teach me to live a life of “you before me.” Amen.