

# Trinity Weekly Tidings For October 30, 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!

## Little Mermaid

Sparta Excalibur Players will present the Disney musical, "The Little Mermaid," On

**Thursday, November 3rd**

**Friday, November 4th**

**Saturday, November 5<sup>th</sup> at 7 PM**

**Sunday, November 6<sup>th</sup> at 2 PM** at the Sparta High School auditorium. Tickets are \$5.00 for adults and \$3.00 for students/seniors. Tickets are available at Arenz Shoes downtown Sparta, at the High School main office or at the door before each performance. Please come and enjoy the show!

## Hunger Walk

The total raised for the Hunger Walk was **\$3883.00!**

Thank you to those who participated in this event and helped make a difference in the life of another!

## 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*

## Food Pantry Donations:

One of the ministries at Trinity is donating food and toiletry items to the Ecumenical Food Pantry in Sparta. As part of our November Fall décor at Trinity we are once again emphasizing, "**Trinity Cares**" by lining our halls and worship area with brown bags of food items. Gardens are now put to rest but our church members will help fill the bags for others. Monetary donations that are used for fresh produce and meats can be given by writing a check to Trinity and writing "**Food Pantry**" on your memo line. If you know of a family that can use a bag of groceries please inform the church office. You may get a brown bag from the food cart by the church office or bring one from home... Happy Shopping for Others, **Trinity Cares!**

**SERVE ONE ANOTHER:** The Sunday School children will be bringing home a special bag as a reminder for their favorite soup or canned product to share with someone else. They may be dropped off at either church entrance or given to their teacher. *"God has given each of you some special abilities; be sure to use them to help each other, passing on to others God's many kinds of blessings."* **1 Peter 4:10**

## Tutors

Sparta High School is looking for tutors during the school day for our college readiness program! Ideal candidates are college students or any adults who have experiences that would make them great tutors. For application instructions or any questions, please contact Wendy Bernett at Sparta High School. 608-366-3504 X8404 or [wbernett@spartan.org](mailto:wbernett@spartan.org)

*Those for whom we are praying...*  
*For the Miller family, Barb Bendel Sandvigen,*  
*Mark Mattke, Dalton Mattke, Gene Gowey, and*  
*Joanne Dexter.*

## Youth & Family Announcements for the week of October 30, 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](mailto:thehyattfive@gmail.com) for additional information.

**THANK YOU to EVERYONE** who helped in any way with the Consecration Brunch last Sunday! YOU are appreciated, & we thank God for YOU!! It was an awesome morning being with our church family! The Fellowship Hall & kitchen were filled with face-to-face conversation, smiles, & laughter. We received over \$180 in donations for the food pantry, & our kids are ready to go grocery shopping to support our brothers & sisters in need!

**JAM** is back on this Wednesday, 11/2, from 5:30 – 7:00 p.m. Our focus this month is based around "A Thankful Heart is a Happy Heart." How do we always show our thanks to God? How can we be a blessing to others? Join us these next 3 weeks as we focus on giving thanks to God in all circumstances.

Faith Formation meets this Wednesday, 11/2, from 7:00 – 8:30 p.m. We always enjoy seeing your smiling faces!☺

### **Fall Craft Fair 2016 - Saturday, November 5<sup>th</sup>**

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 5<sup>th</sup>, 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 4<sup>th</sup>, or bring them up to the high school food court the morning of Saturday, November 5<sup>th</sup>. 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. **YOUTH & ADULT VOLUNTEERS** are needed to help with the Fall Craft Fair! Please sign up to help outside of the Youth Room! Remember that MANY hands make less work & none of us is as good as ALL of us working together to give God the glory!

Help our youth build our **PYRAMID OF CARING** in the Youth Room. Non-perishable food items (canned goods, etc.) will be collected throughout the month of November as we reach out with loving hands and hearts to help feed our hungry brothers & sisters in Christ. Remember that we are blessed to be a blessing, & let's all be a blessing to others as God has called us!

### **Student Discipleship Conference (grades 6 – 12)**

**Friday, December 2 – Sunday, December 4**

Are you fearless? This year's conference theme centers around Joshua 1:9 helping us to become one of the fearless, following the God of a perfect love who casts out all fear. It is a discipleship conference where middle school and high school students will be challenged to fearlessly live out their faith. We will engage in God's Word through captivating speakers, powerful worship, intentional small group times, and a ton of FUN! We will hit the road to Grace Church in Eden Prairie, MN, for this amazing, annual Student Conference. Picture yourself laughing, learning, & worshiping 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 with the band – **For All Seasons**. Build new friendships & rekindle old ones. We will be traveling by coach bus & stay in a hotel. 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 30<sup>th</sup>**, 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](mailto:thehyattfive@gmail.com). It's exciting to see how God is at work in & through our lives!

**SAVE THE DATES:**

Friday, November 4:	FCF Poster Making Party at 3:30 in the Fellowship Hall
Saturday, November 5:	Fall Craft Fair (please sign up to help)
Friday, 12/2 – Sunday, 12/4:	Student Discipleship Conference (formerly known as Mark Matlock☺ (grades 6 – 12) Sign up by Sunday, 10/30, to secure your spot!

As a Christian coach, this devotion really spoke to me. Please share this with any coaches in your life.

### **Throwing Off Envy's Trap**

"If then there is any encouragement in Christ, if any consolation of love, if any fellowship with the Spirit, if any affection and mercy, fulfill my joy by thinking the same way, having the same love, sharing the same feelings, focusing on one goal."

Philippians 2:1-2

Christian coaches are called to use their gifts for the glory of God and His kingdom. When we are generous with our talent and work to set an example of faithful stewardship, we allow our team to witness God at work in our lives. As coaches it is important that we make a point of guiding our teams away from the turmoil that comes through envy selfish ambition.

Nothing destroys a team faster than envy and selfishness. Coveting what others have accomplished-playing time, statistics, accolades-or hoarding what we already have wears away at the very core of teamwork. Belonging to a team means choosing to give up our personal interests so we can commit to pursuing what is best in the interest of the group. Ignoring or knowingly allowing any attitudes, comments, or behaviors that are not contributing to the good of the team is, in fact, tearing down the team. We as coaches must be diligent to foster a team-minded mentality.

If we don't address envy and selfishness, jealousy will spread like infection throughout the entire team. Trust will break down; communication will be strained; commitment will fade away. This erosion of unity, the foundation of any team, leads to chaos, as James wrote. Jealousy of others' talents, possessions, or winning records can make us all feel lousy; however, if each team member seeks the shared goals of the team, jealousy will evaporate. In God's eyes a perfect game is not about the score. He delights in His children when they use the talents and gifts He has given them for His greater good.

In what ways are you selfish in your life?

How does selfishness inhibit how you function?

What are some steps that you can take to prevent jealousy from overtaking you?

**Further reading: Genesis 37; Matthew 20-26-27; Galatians 5:13-15**

