

Trinity Weekly Tidings For September 11, 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!

New Bible Study – Simplify

Are you over-scheduled? Exhausted? Overwhelmed? Join us for the 4-week Simplify bible study, to be held **between services on September 18 – October 9**, to discover how to stop living at a frantic pace and begin charting a new course toward satisfaction, purpose, and significance. This 4-week DVD study and discussion is based on bestselling author Bill Hybels' book "Simplify: Unclutter Your Soul." Sessions will focus on the topics of simplifying your schedule, work, finances, relationships, and soul.

All are welcome and no materials are needed to participate. Those who would like a copy of the accompanying book or participant's guide can purchase materials on Amazon.com for around \$10 each.

Office Help Needed....

Lori has to be gone from the office on **Friday, September 23 and Monday, September 26**. We are looking for someone to come and answer phones from 9:00 am -2:00 pm those two days. If you would be interested in doing this, please call the church office. Thank you!

Loose Change Sunday, September 18

We are asking for your help in feeding the hungry in Sparta and throughout the world. This year, we will be holding the **first annual Sparta Hunger Walk on October 9**. Twenty-five percent of the money raised will stay in Sparta. Each church will keep 75% of the money it raised to designate for hunger fighting organization of its choice. Trinity's Loose Change offering this month will be collected for the Sparta Hunger Walk. Make sure you bring all your loose change next Sunday!

Sunday School

YAY! Sunday School starts today! We are asking that children meet in the sanctuary before Sunday School begins. Thank you to all of the teachers and directors who have put a lot of time and energy into our Sunday School program. May God bless the students and teachers alike!

Daily Devotion from the churchwide WELCA

Tanzania is one of the poorest countries in the world. On a visit to Tanzania in the summer of 2003, an American pastor asked his Tanzanian counterpart, "Why do you think the churches in Tanzania are growing so quickly? The Tanzanian Christian responded: "Because Jesus said, 'Blessed are the poor'. In the United States, you can buy what you need, so it is easy to become distracted by your wealth. In Tanzania, we have no money. We can depend on nothing but God."

"TRAIN THE TRAINER" Privilege Workshops

Wednesday, September 21 at 6:30 pm, Synod Office and on Tuesday, October 11 at 6:30 pm, Trinity Lutheran, Sparta.

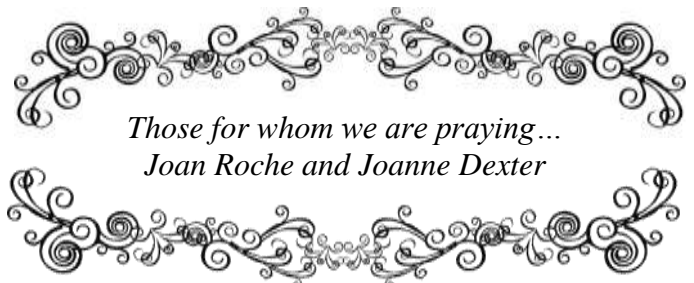
To continue and expand previous conversations focused on Privilege the Church in Society Committee is hosting these 2 "Train the Trainer" events to equip people to replicate Sam Scinta's powerful workshops in their own setting. Sam will "walk" participants through the workshop and provide the tools and materials to lead the workshop in congregations and conferences. The only qualification is a willingness to lead and serve! Register for one of these events by contacting the synod office - [608.788.5000](tel:608.788.5000) / office@lacrosseareasynd.org.

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.



Youth & Family Announcements for the week of September 11, 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.

JAM (Pre-K – Grade 5): You are invited to join us on Wednesday evening from 5:30 – 7:00 p.m. We will enjoy a meal together; share in God’s word; serve others; enjoy His outside creation; & have FUN!

4G (grades 7 – 12): Join us this morning at 9:15 in the Youth Room. Come with your smile, & enjoy face-to-face time together learning how we can simplify our lives & how we can serve others daily. We will also enjoy none other than delicious breakfast pizza.☺

SAVE THE DATES:

Friday, 10/7 – Sunday, 10/9:	October 7 – Grades 6 – 8 Retreat @ Sugar Creek
Sunday, October 9:	Hunger Walk (Ending hunger one step at a time)
Sunday, October 23:	Consecration Brunch hosted by our youth and Youth & Family Ministry Team
Saturday, 10/29 – Sunday, 10/30:	Grades 3 – 5 Retreat @ Sugar Creek
Saturday, November 5:	FALL CRAFT FAIR (please sign up to help)
Friday, 11/11 – Sunday, 11/13:	High School Retreat @ Sugar Creek
Friday, 12/2 – Sunday, 12/4:	Student Discipleship Conference (formerly known as Mark Matlock☺ (grades 6 – 12)

What is your why? Change Your Mind

“...but Christ is all and in all.” *Colossians 3:11b*

The book of the Bible we call Colossians is actually a letter Paul wrote to a church in Colosse that was facing a hardship of its own. False teachers were persuading citizens that they still had to observe ceremonial Jewish laws to experience God’s fullness. As a result, the people were forgetting the “why” regarding their faith in Christ. Paul spent a majority of his letter reminding them that “Christ is all and in all” (Colossians 3:11). He shared that they had already been “made alive together with Him” (Colossians 2:13) and were “filled by Him” (Colossians 2:10). Paul summarized these and other truths in verse 3:12 by stating that as God’s chosen ones they were therefore to “put on heartfelt compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience” (Colossians 3:12).

It’s easy to forget why we go through challenges and hardships, but if we remember how much they strengthen and teach us, we can endure them with courage and a Christ-like attitude. But it all starts with our thoughts.

Our thoughts about God will determine not only who we are but how we live. We can start by actively thinking about Jesus Christ as our “all” and remembering that we are made alive with Him. When we think on these truths and believe it in our hearts, we can glorify Him and reveal Him to others making a dramatic difference in the lives of others.

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