

# Trinity Weekly Tidings For October 2, 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 Member Potluck

Please join us to welcome and get to know the newest members of our congregation! Our New Member Potluck will be after the 10:30 am service on **October 9th**. We ask that members bring items according to their last names:

A-G: Main Dish

H-N: Dessert

O - Z: Side or Salad

Hope you can join us!

## Hunger Walk

Get ready to do something GOOD for you and others! Walk with Trinity and other local churches for those who go hungry on October 9th beginning at 12:30. This year's Hunger Walk will start at the Methodist Church. It's a stroller friendly walk taking in the sights (and bridges) of Sparta. Money raised will benefit local and worldwide hunger relief efforts. Mark your calendar and look for more information at Trinity in the coming weeks.

If you would be interested in helping before or during the event, contact Stacey Markuson at 608-797-8821.

## Help the Quilters

We need help Saturday morning October 8<sup>th</sup> to load boxes of quilts, soap and other supplies onto trailers and trucks to take to LaCrosse. We are also in need of a couple of trucks, trailers and drivers to deliver the items. We will pack sometime around 7:45 and depart for LaCrosse as soon as they are loaded. Drivers should be able to be back to Sparta by noon. Please contact Dennis Glaman 608-498-0667 if you can help load and/or deliver.

## You've Got Mail!



Please stop by the table near the usher's station and pick up your letter from the Stewardship Team. Thank you Stewardship Team for all of your hard work!!

Please complete forms and return them by **November 13**. If you don't have an envelope addressed to you, there are extra envelopes located on the tables in the entryway. Thank you!

## Women of the ELCA 2016 Fall Renewal/Workshop

La Crosse Area Synod W-ELCA - October 15, 2016  
8:30 am – 9:00 am Registration and Coffee Fellowship  
Our Redeemer Lutheran Church  
2135 Weston Street - La Crosse, Wisconsin  
Theme – "Serving Our Neighbors, Together"  
In-kind Offering – Women's undergarments, including socks. Registration forms (purple paper) are located at the Information Center.

## "TRAIN THE TRAINER" Privilege Workshops

Tuesday, October 11<sup>th</sup> 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. 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@lacrosseareasynod.org](mailto:office@lacrosseareasynod.org).

## TLCW

Trinity Lutheran Church Women of the ELCA we are having our next meeting on the 2nd of October. It is a Sunday and it is a POTLUCK. Please join us we will be discussing the fall events and planning activities for next year. Please remember to bring your In Kind Donation for our Fall Renewal on the 15th.

In Kind Donation, what is that? We are gathering women's undergarments including socks. Clothing shelters need these items too. What size, all sizes. See you on **October 2 at 11:30**, here at church.

*Those for whom we are praying ...*

*For the family of Ed Hanesn. Also for Dalton Pahl (great grandson to Audrey Zebell) and Joanne Dexter. Flowers today given today in Memory of George, Margaret and Georgette Dexter by Joanne*

## Youth & Family Announcements for the week of October 2, 2016

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.

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

**Thank you to the JAM kids; helpers; & adults for making the beautiful footprints you see around the church. Help us end hunger one step at a time by joining us for the Hunger Walk on Sunday, October 9<sup>th</sup>.**

**JAMMERS:** Hope to see you this coming Wednesday, October 5<sup>th</sup>, as we join our hands and hearts in learning to be more like Jesus by serving others. We will enjoy a meal together & do a project to put others' needs ahead of our own.

**Faith Formation Students:** We are excited to see all of your smiling faces this Wednesday evening, October 5<sup>th</sup>, from 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.

### **SAVE THE DATES:**

**Friday, 10/7 – Sunday, 10/9:**

**Sunday, October 9:**

**Sunday, October 23:**

**Saturday, 10/29 – Sunday, 10/30:**

**Saturday, November 5:**

**Friday, 11/11 – Sunday, 11/13:**

**Friday, 12/2 – Sunday, 12/4:**

**Grades 6 – 8 Retreat @ Sugar Creek**

**Hunger Walk (Ending hunger one step at a time)**

**Consecration Brunch hosted by our youth and Youth & Family Ministry Team**

**Grades 3 – 5 Retreat @ Sugar Creek**

**FALL CRAFT FAIR (please sign up to help)**

**High School Retreat @ Sugar Creek**

**Student Discipleship Conference (formerly known as Mark Matlock☺ (grades 6 – 12)**

**Here is your daily devotion:**

### **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.

**God is good all the time, and all the time, God is good.**