

# **Trinity Weekly Tidings For September 25, 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.

## **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 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. Contact Dennis Glaman 608-498-0667 if you can help load and/or deliver.

## **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.

## **Loose Change**

Thank you for your generosity when giving to the Loose Change Offering last week. As a church we collected \$255.68 for the Sparta Hunger Walk!

## **"TRAIN THE TRAINER" Privilege Workshops**

Wednesday, September 21 at 6:30 pm, Synod Office and 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@lacrosseareasynod.org](mailto:office@lacrosseareasynod.org).

## **Our Deepest Sympathy**

Please join us in expressing Christian sympathy to the family of longtime church member, Rev. Edwin Hansen. Edwin passed away early Thursday, September 22. Arrangements are being made and will be communicated on Facebook. Please call the church office for details.

*Those for whom we are praying...*

*The family of Ed Hanesn and of Delores Adams, Joan Roche and Joanne Dexter. Flowers today were donated in memory of Gary and Christopher Hopkins from the Hopkins' family.*

## Youth & Family Announcements for the week of September 25, 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!  
JAM & Faith Formation **DO NOT** meet this week. We'll see all of you back on October 5th!

### 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:

“Actually, godliness is a great source of profit when it is combined with being happy with what you already have. We didn’t bring anything into the world and so we can’t take anything out of it: we’ll be happy with food and clothing. But people who are trying to get rich fall into temptation. They are trapped by many stupid and harmful passions that plunge people into ruin and destruction. The love of money is the root of all kinds of evil. Some have wandered away from the faith and have impaled themselves with a lot of pain because they made money their goal.” *1 Timothy 6:6-10*

In a society focused on upgrades, it’s hard to truly imagine what it would be like to be happy with what we have. We all want the latest new iPhone, the next laptop, the newest car; everywhere we look, advertisements bombard us with stuff we “need to have.” That kind of desire works like a drug. We obsess over whatever that thing is and work tirelessly until we get it; but once we get it, the adrenaline disappears. We reach a low because the excitement of the chase is gone. Then another upgrade comes out, and the chase starts again. When we find happiness in God and the things we already have, we can break free of the want-chase-attain-crash cycle. Only when our desire for God becomes bigger than our desire for upgrades will we obtain the godliness Paul describes in the passage of scripture. We will be free to embrace the happiness we find in God and look for ways we can share that happiness with others, too.

God, help me move past my desire for upgrades and toward an honest desire for you. Help me be happy and thankful for the things I already have so that I can set my eyes on the things in life that matter. Amen.

Go now with the courage to challenge wrongs. With unclenched hands to share. With open lips to talk about God’s goodness. With open eyes to see God in strangers.

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