

geTrinity Weekly Tidings For April 16, 2017

"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



The office will be closed on Monday, April 17 and will reopen on Tuesday, April 18 at 9:00 am.

Game Night on April 22 in the Narthex- Games will start at 4:30 pm; we will break for pizza midway and stop the fun about 7:00 pm. Children in pajamas are encouraged; adults can wear pjs or sweats. Bring your favorite game and enjoy the evening with some folks from the congregation!

TLCW- Trinity Lutheran Women we have an invitation for anyone who wants to ride the one-day bus to the Triennial by May 1 st. The North Conference is trying to get enough to fill a 55 passenger bus. So far we are about 1/2 full. It is \$25 for the day to all non-North Conference people. Take care! Deb Sveen Interested people email Deb at: cmsveen@hotmail.com

Office Help Needed – We are looking for someone who would be willing to fill in for Lori in the church office answering phones, on April 27 and 28. If you are able to help, please call the church office. Thank you!

Calling All Sunday School Teachers - First, thank you for all you give to our children, our church, and our faith. You truly are “blessed to be a blessing.”

As the Sunday School year ends, by the last Sunday will you please leave your room ready for the volunteer cleaners to come in? They will wash chalk boards, desks, tables, chairs, windows and floors during the month of June. Please throw away or store the materials you have used so cleaners can do their jobs. Thanks to all!
Jean Hays

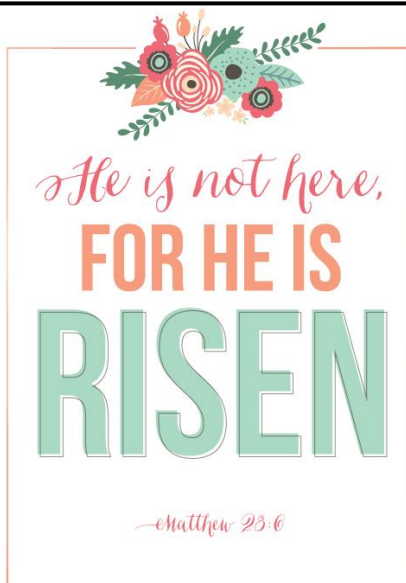
Annual Book Sale - Matching Funds Book Sale will be on **Sunday, April 30th and Sunday, May 7th**. This is our annual fund raiser for the Matching Funds. Donations of paperback and hardcover fiction books, children's books, cookbooks, and DVDs will be accepted until mid-April. Please place books in the box by the front entrance.

Second Harvest Mobil Food Pantry Delivery - Next event is **Monday, April 17th at 1800 block of Milwaukee Ave.** For anyone still wishing to volunteer or if you are looking for more information please call the St. Patrick's rectory at 269-2655. Many thanks for your dedication to ending hunger in our community!

Loose Change Offering TODAY for Family Promise Monroe County -Trinity is one of area churches working to establish a Family Promise program. Through a collaborative network of local congregations, Family Promise seeks to rebuild lives with compassion by providing resources and services to help homeless children and their families and achieve sustainable independence. For more information about Family Promise Monroe County Wisconsin: <http://goo.gl/H9bg5M> Contact Anita Jensen, Trinity Family Promise board volunteer.

Those for whom we are praying...

For Josephine Kroening, niece of Paul and Lisa Dragseth, Dorothy Peterson, Nancy Dickenson, and Pauline Haug,. Altar flowers were picked up by Cora Aschwander.



Youth & Family Announcements for the week of April 16, 2017

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

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.

THANK YOU to everyone who helped in any way with our Palm Sunday Breakfast! From donations, to serving, to cleaning up, YOU are appreciated!!

JAM will meet on Wednesday from 5:30 – 7:00 p.m. We hope to get outside & enjoy God's creation! Kickball, here we come!☺

Faith Formation will have class on Wednesday from 7:00 – 8:30 p.m. We look forward to seeing all of you there!

Houston, we have a Gathering!

Any young person currently in grades 7 – 11 interested in going to the **2018 Houston Youth Gathering** can start their fundraising efforts by selling candy bars. Please talk to Michelle to if you would like to pick up a box. Also, the first NON-REFUNDABLE deposit of \$150 is due on Sunday, April 30. From there, we will have a meeting to figure out our timeline together as we plan out this amazing, once-in-a-lifetime trip for YOU!! Please talk to Michelle if you have any questions or concerns. Keep up online with the Gathering at: www.elca.org/gathering.

Sugar Creek Bible Camp, here we come!

Summer Camp Catalogs can be found outside of the Youth Room, & all of the important information is found in it. You can also check it out on the web: www.SugarCreekBibleCamp.org. Trinity Weeks are June 18 - 23 & July 9 – 14, & Explorer dates are being finalized, so please stay tuned for them! Grab a friend, & get registered NOW for the week that works best for you! Help us reach our goal of sending 50 amazing young people to camp!

Save the dates for FCA (Fellowship of Christian Athletes) Camp!

It will be Monday, June 26 – Thursday, June 29, on the beautiful Luther campus in Decorah, IA. Check out the website at: www.fcacamps.org. Boys can choose from the following sports: basketball, baseball, cross country, football, soccer, or tennis. Girls can choose from the following sports: basketball, cross country, soccer, softball, swimming, tennis, or volleyball. To get registered, please fill out the camp brochure found outside of the Youth Room, & return it to Michelle with your \$100 deposit. Checks can be made payable to "FCA." Help us fill the bus on our journey to camp! As always, scholarships are available for ALL kids wanting to go to either camp. There are also fundraising opportunities to help offset the cost of camp. Please mark your calendars for the following fundraiser: Sunday, April 9 (Palm Sunday Breakfast & Egg Hunt). We are also going to sell candy bars as an individual fundraiser. Please let Michelle know if you would like to participate in either of these fundraisers to help towards your camp costs. We want every young person to get to experience camp, & if you want to go to camp, please know that our awesome, supportive congregation WILL get you there!

Leadership Begins with Servanthood – Serve Like Christ

"just as the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life-a ransom for many." -Matthew 20:28

As you read in the verse above, Jesus didn't come to be served Himself; He came to serve and give up His life. Let's think about that for a moment. Jesus, God's Son, came to earth to serve others. The King of the universe-the one who sits at the right hand of the Father (**Matthew 22:44**)-came to earth to serve instead of being served Himself. Pretty unbelievable. One of the most powerful examples of His servanthood is found in **John 13:1-17**: the story of Jesus washing His disciples' feet. We can learn several lessons from this passage that can make us better leaders and better followers of Jesus Christ overall. Take a moment to read this passage. The first lesson we learn from this portion of Scripture is that serving others shows them the full extent of our love (v. 1). The second is that serving starts with humility (v. 4-8) and requires a sacrifice (v. 12). If we keep reading, we find that Jesus also commanded us to serve others (v. 14), and that, by doing so, it would serve as a way of offering blessings from Him (v. 17).

Another amazing life lesson that these verses show us is found in **John 13:12** in which Jesus finished washing the disciples' feet. This implies that He even washed the feet of Judas Iscariot, the one who had already betrayed Him (v. 2). What an example of us to follow! We are to serve not only those we love but also those with whom we struggle to love. (See also **Mark 12:31**).

We all need to spend more time serving others because it shows them how much we love them- moreover that Christ loves them. And by doing this, we will be obedient to what Jesus has instructed us to do through His Word and His example.

How do you serve others? How do you serve your family and friends? How do you serve your enemies? What are some new ways you can serve? Whose feet do you need to wash in order to show them the true love of Jesus Christ?

Mark 9:33-37; Luke 23:32-34; 1 Corinthians 9:19; Galatians 5:13-14; Ephesians 6:7-8; 1 Peter 4:10-11