

Trinity Weekly Tidings For April 9, 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

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

Holy Smoke – We reached our goal on the Furnace Fund three weeks ahead of our plan for Easter Sunday, our final tally on funds raised was \$24,925 as of March 27th! Thanks to all of you for your support, great team effort. Bill McClain

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.

Rewarding Opportunity – Parish Ed is looking for people to join their team. If you are interested please call Anita Jensen or Mary Herrman.

THANK YOU- Thank you to Al Jenkins and Bob Lydon for painting the walls of the sanctuary, Jan Jenkins for all the hours she spent helping Al clean up, and to Eldie Erickson, Jim Moorhead and Paul Oswald who cut down and disposed of the diseased trees in the parking lot.

Thank you for all of our members that have volunteered to make the outside to Trinity beautiful also! We have some amazing volunteers at Trinity!

Weeding

Courtyard - Eldie Erickson

Two Portico Areas - Diane Dammen

South Wall Area with Ground Cover - Debbie Page and Alice Olson

Street Area - Shawn Stoffergen

Sign Area - Sherry McClain

Berm - Missy Erickson

North West Corner - Anita Jensen

Front Door Geraniums - Barb Selbrede

Two Water Street Door Areas - Alice Olson and Debbie Page

East Wall Area - Pam Tempski

Pine Tree Removal

Eldie Erickson, Jim Moorhead, Paul Oswald

Shrubbery Trimming

Jack Miller

Doug Dengel and Boy Scout Troop 67

Pond removal

Bob Lyson

Eldie Erickson

Those for whom we are praying...

For the family and friends of Dave Jones. Also for Josephine Kroening, niece of Paul and Lisa Dragseth, Dorothy Peterson, Russ Bennett, Nancy Dickenson, Pauline Haug, Ed Peterson and Amy Mosley Erickson.

Altar flowers were picked up by Cora Aschwander.

Youth & Family Announcements for the week of April 9, 2017

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

You are BEAUTIFUL because you are fearfully and wonderfully made.

Please talk to Michelle face-to-face; by phone at 269-5081; call or text at 343-0324; or by e-mail at: theyattfive@gmail.com for additional information.

**Join us TODAY for our annual Palm Sunday Breakfast! Bring your family! Bring your friends!
9:00 – 11:00 in the Fellowship Hall**

We will also have our annual EGG HUNT for our young friends up to grade 5 immediately following our 10:30 worship service TODAY. Older youth will be needed to help hide the eggs. As long as the weather cooperates, the hunt will be held outside on the church property. If not, the hunt will move to the Fellowship Hall & Ed Wing. Either way, it's the day the Lord has made, so let us rejoice & be glad in it!

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 start selling. Our next order should be in before Easter. 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