

# Trinity Weekly Tidings For February 26, 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 worship as friends!

**New Member's Potluck** – We hope that you can join us **today** after the 10:30 am Worship Service for our New Member Potluck in the Fellowship Hall. . Please join us to welcome and get to know the newest members of our congregation. Please consider bringing a dish to pass. To help ensure we have everything covered please bring the category designated by the first letter of your last name. **A-G: Side or salad - H-N: Main dish - O-Z: Dessert**

**Loose Change Offering TODAY – Families First** - For over 20 years Families First of Monroe County has served residents of Monroe County. Families First strives to provide resource, referral and emergency services to individuals and families who are in need. Families First is a proud member of a collaborative network of partners in the county working to ensure that less fortunate members of our communities receive effective services to support their most basic need. Examples of Families First supports: restoring disconnected utilities, infant supplies, employment support items and general budget and case management services. Current Families First programming emphasizes Homeless Prevention Programming, for residents experiencing imminent loss of their primary night time residence. If you know a family in need, call (608) 374-4141 [www.familiesfirstofmonroecounty.org/](http://www.familiesfirstofmonroecounty.org/)

**Families First of Monroe County** is excited to announce the opening of registration for our upcoming *7th Annual Trivia Night!* The event is scheduled for Saturday, March 11, 2017 at the Tomah Fairgrounds Gold Building. The doors open at 5:00 pm and Trivia starts at 6:30 pm. Gather coworkers, friends and family for a night full of trivia, food, prizes and fun! Register your team today! 4-10 members per team and the cost is \$20 per team member. Please call 374-4141 to register.

**The annual St. Patrick's Day Dinner** at St. Patrick in Sparta will be on Sunday, March 12 from 10:30 AM-1 PM in the church hall. This is the school's major fundraiser of the year! Please consider supporting us by purchasing raffle tickets and/or coming to the dinner! The dinner will be Beef Tips, Potato, Hot Vegetable, Dinner Roll and Dessert. Cost is: Adults - \$8 Seniors - \$7.50 (65 and older) Children (3-10) \$4.00 Carry outs available - 269-3084 Green Raffle and Basket Raffle tickets will be available now at St. Patrick's school or rectory, and on the day of the event. Silent Auction items will be available the day of the event.

**Crochet Thread** - The quilting ladies are in need of crochet thread for tying quilts. If you have any to donate, please drop off in the Quilters' Cart located outside the office. Thank you, Alice Olson

**Training for Our Offering Counters** – A training for our counters is scheduled for **Monday, February 27 at 8:30 am**. If you attended the first training, it is NOT necessary for you to attend this training but if you would like to attend you are welcome to.

**Warm Hands - Warm Hearts - Warm Church** – I sure could use a "little good news today"...well, here it is, the funding cost to replace our furnaces has been reduced to \$25,000 due to the equipment changes and cost savings. Add the \$2690 donated last week and we have \$19,745 total which is 79% of our new goal of \$25,000! Thanks to all of you for your continued support of this vital project.

**World Day of Prayer** is a worldwide, ecumenical movement of Christian women of many traditions who come together to observe a common day of prayer each year, and who, in many countries, have a continuing relationship in prayer and service. The origins of World Day of Prayer date back to the 19th century when Christian women of the United States and Canada initiated a variety of cooperative activities in support of women's involvement in mission at home and in other parts of the world.

- It is initiated and carried out by women in more than 170 countries and regions.
- It is symbolized by an annual day of celebration observed on the first Friday in March to which all people are welcome.
- It brings women of different races, cultures and traditions together in fellowship, understanding and action throughout the year.
- Through World Day of Prayer, women affirm that prayer and action are inseparable and have immeasurable influence in the world. **Join us this year on March 3rd.**

**Blood Drive** – Trinity held another successful blood drive with 95 people who came in to donate! We received 75 pints and saved 225 lives! A special thank you to our wonderful donors and helpers, especially Rita Bernette, Nancy Oswald, Julee Hopkins, Janelle Wood and the folks who cleared tables. Thank you to Morrow Home for the wonderful cookies!

**Common Ground Support** - The ELCA has a very active and wonderful ministry on our campus in La Crosse. To continue to support Common Ground, Trinity Lutheran Church Women are making 500 cookies to be given out on March 22. What kinds of cookies? Well, keeping in mind allergies that are common, I would suggest sugar, oatmeal raisin or chocolate chip.

Would you please consider baking a couple dozen cookies to be **delivered to Trinity by March 20th**? Sign up sheets are located in the Narthex. Thank you for your support, Kathleen Sumrall

*Those for whom we are praying...*

*For Sydney Haag (granddaughter of Kathy Haag), Sally Simpson (daughter of Dorothy Peterson),  
Nolan Thesing, Amy Mosely Erickson, and Stefhanie Greenwell  
Altar flowers were picked up by Dennis and Carol Glaman.*

## **Youth & Family Announcements for the week of February 26, 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](mailto:thehyattfive@gmail.com) for additional information.

**Ash Wednesday** is coming up this Wednesday, & our JAM families are going to host the Lenten Supper. Donations of buckets of chili & chicken noodle are needed. Please talk to Michelle if you can help with set-up; serving; or clean-up. As God reminds us that none of us are as good as all of us working together to bring the glory to Him! Worship will follow at 6:45 p.m., & we'd love to have all of you there as we take up our cross & follow Jesus on this journey together!

### **Calling all families! Let's go to Sugar Creek for Winter Fun Days!**

Sunday, 2/26: 1:00 – 5:00 p.m.

Come to camp for a Sunday afternoon of snow tubing, broom ball, snow shoeing, wagon rides, & more! We have the tubes & broom ball equipment. You can bring cross country skis and/or ice skates. Enjoy a wonderful family outing or bring your church group for the day. We will serve warm drinks, a mid-afternoon lunch (chili, hot dogs, etc.), & we'll have a toasty fire ready for you. Cost: \$7 per person, \$25 family maximum (includes lunch). Talk to Michelle to get signed up for this day of FUN in the snow!

### **2017 Spring Craft Fair**

The annual Spring Craft Fair is fast approaching, and it will be held this coming Saturday, March 4, at Sparta High School. EVERYONE is invited to help, and there are numerous ways for YOU to get involved: donate BBO; donate baked goods; sign up outside of the Youth Room to volunteer for a 2-hour shift; come up and have lunch to support our youth; help with clean-up; keep our youth and adult volunteers in your prayers. The menu will still include our favorites: BBOs; taco boats; Papa Murphy's pizza; and homemade baked goods. For those planning to donate baked goods – cookies and bars sell the best. Please bring your baked goods or BBO to the Youth Room by 4:00 p.m. on Friday, March 3, or bring them up to the high school food court on Saturday, March 4, anytime in the morning. If this does not work for you, please give Michelle a call for other arrangements to be made. Money raised benefits our many youth programs including Sugar Creek, FCA Camp, "Trinity Cares" and the 2018 Houston Youth Gathering. Thank you so much for your continued support!

We will have our poster making party on Friday after school in the Fellowship Hall. Snacks & drinks will be provided. Bring your creative, artistic skills with you! Hope to see your smiling face there!☺

### **Sugar Creek Bible Camp, here we come!**

**Summer Camp Catalogs** can be found outside of the Youth Room. They have all of the detailed information in it. You can also check it out on the web: [www.SugarCreekBibleCamp.org](http://www.SugarCreekBibleCamp.org). Trinity Weeks are June 18 - 23 & July 9 - 14 Explorer dates are being finalized, so please stay tuned for them! 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](http://www.fcacamps.org) for more information and registration. Otherwise, Michelle will be getting the camp brochures soon. Talk to her if you would like to go! 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 fundraisers: Saturday, February 25 (Guitars & Hammers); Saturday, March 4 (Spring Craft Fair); Wednesday, March 8 (Lenten Supper); & Sunday, April 9 (Palm Sunday Breakfast). If you want to go to camp, our awesome congregation WILL get you there!