

Trinity Weekly Tidings For February 19, 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!

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 was scheduled for Monday, February 13. This training is now being rescheduled for **Monday, February 27 at 8:30 am** due to a death in the family of our trainer. We are sorry for any inconveniences this may have caused. Please let the office know if you are **not** going to be able to make this training. Thank you!

Warm Hands - Warm Hearts - Warm Church – Thanks to the congregation's response to the Furnace Fund. We have raised \$17,055 or 65.6% of our \$27,000 goal as of February 14th. To those of you who have contributed, Thank You, and thank you to those of you who considered giving, we appreciate your consideration. Easter remains our goal to be fully funded. Bill McClain

Book Sale - The Matching Grants for College Fund committee is planning its annual book sale for spring. Donations of paperback and hardcover fiction books, children's books, cookbooks, DVDs and other up-to-date books will be accepted from now until early-April. Please place books in the box by the front entrance. The funds collected are distributed to Trinity youth who attend Lutheran colleges and universities. Each school matches Trinity's donation dollar for dollar up to \$750 per student. Donations to this fund can be made at any time through memorials, and honorariums. Thank you in advance for your help!

Blood Drive – Donate blood and save a life! Trinity is having a blood drive on Monday, February 20 from 12-5 pm and Tuesday, February 21 from 1-6 pm. This month the Blood Center of Wisconsin is doing a drawing for 2 airline tickets worth \$500 each to anywhere the winner wants to go! Sign up to donate today and to be entered in a drawing (after you donate). Please see Karen Edwards for details or to sign up for an appointment to donate.

Calling all ladies and gentlemen who would be willing to lend a hand to help clean the church kitchen, defrost the freezers and to take inventory of kitchen supplies. **The date will be Thursday, February 23 at 9:00 a.m.** Please bring your own bucket and rags. Hoping we will have a good turnout so we can be done in a couple of hours! If you have items in the freezer or refrigerator, please make sure that these items are removed before this date. Thank you!

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. For those new to Trivia Night here are a few highlights!

-Teams of 4-10 members compete in a ten round trivia competition

-Door prizes and raffle items!

-Good food and fun!

-The winning team receives Champion T-shirts, a traveling trophy..... AND bragging rights to last throughout the year!

SAVE THE DATE!! Saturday, February 25th - Guitars & Hammers Talent & Variety Show, 6:30 p.m.

Taco Boat Meal & Silent Auction, 5:00 p.m. -Start brushing up on your many talents. Jokes, juggling, dancing, solo & ensemble pieces from school, musical acts – singing, playing an instrument, etc. are meant to be shared!☺ Talk to Chris Martin about your talent!

Talk to Michelle if you would like to help with the meal (set-up; serving taco boats; clean-up); donate an item or gift certificate for the Silent Auction; or help throughout the evening. Here is the list of baskets we are hoping to put together: Socks in a Box; Chocolate Lover's; Movie; Games; Cooking; Baking; Sports; Just for Girls; Just for Boys; Gift Cards; Arts & Crafts; Just for Moms; Just for Dads; Meat & Cheese; New Baby

Reminder Second Harvest Mobil Food Pantry - Next event: **Monday, February 20th at 1800 block of Milwaukee Ave.** For anyone still wishing to volunteer or if you are looking for more info., please call the St. Patrick's rectory at 269-2655. Many thanks for your dedication to ending hunger in our community!

Those for whom we are praying...

*For the family and friends of Dick Morrell (husband of Joyce and step father to Connie Jerome)
as he passed away on Wednesday, February 15.*

Also for Nolan Thesing, Amy Mosely Erickson, and Stephanie Greenwell

Altar flowers were picked up by Dennis and Carol Glaman.

Youth & Family Announcements for the week of February 19, 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.

NO JAM or Faith Formation this Wednesday, February 22! Enjoy time with your family!☺ See everyone back next week on Ash Wednesday!

Ash Wednesday is coming up on March 1st, & our JAM families are going to host the Lenten Supper that evening. Donations of buckets of chili & chicken noodle are needed. We also will need help with set-up; serving; & clean-up. Please let Michelle know in what way you can help. 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!

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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 on 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!

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. 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 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!