

Trinity Weekly Tidings For February 5, 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!

Baptism – Please join us in welcoming our newest baptized member, Turner Jamison Lee. Be sure to congratulate Mom and Dad, Jenna and Ryan Lee.

Project "Keep our hands warm while we do God's work" -At our Congregational meeting on Sunday January 29, the congregation voted to go ahead with the replacement of the 5 furnaces - 3 that heat the Sanctuary and 2 that heat the Fellowship Hall and directed the Council to continue the fundraising campaign to pay for them. As you already know, 2 of the 3 furnaces heating the Sanctuary don't work. On Monday there was a gas smell at the building that was noticed. It turns out that 1 of the 2 furnaces heating the Fellowship Hall will no longer fire and was sending gas into the building. It has been shut down. The need to replace all 5 furnaces is urgent and we have made plans to begin the replacement of the furnace. We need to come up with the funds to do this and are asking that, to the extent that you can, give a little extra to the Furnace Fund over and above your normal giving. We currently have donated about \$7000 toward our need of about \$27,000. Check the visual in the Narthex each week to see how we are doing. We would like to end this campaign around Easter so that we can give the Glory to God for his steadfast love and that we can continue to do His work with our hands in warmth.

ATTENTION ALL: TIGER CUBS, CUB SCOUTS, BOY SCOUTS, BROWNIE SCOUTS AND GIRL SCOUTS
We would like to invite all Tiger Scouts, Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts and Brownie and Girl Scouts to attend the Trinity Lutheran Church Scout Sunday Celebration Church Service on **Sunday Feb 12th at the 8:15 AM service**. We would like all Scouts to wear their uniform and be in attendance whether you are a member of Trinity Lutheran church or not or a member of Cub Scout Pack 67 and Boy Scout Troop 67 or not. You do not have to be a member of Trinity Lutheran church's Scouting program Pack 67 or Troop 67 to participate in the Scout Sunday Celebration service.

If you are in Girl Scouting or Boy Scouting come and help us celebrate the anniversary of the Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts on Sunday, Feb 14th at the 8:15 Am Service. **Please contact the church office and give them your child's name, Unit# and that you will be attending. We would like to recognize all the Scout's names in the church bulletin on that day.**

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!

Praying for Human Trafficking – January 11 was Human Trafficking Awareness Day. The La Crosse Women of the ELCA and the La Crosse Synod determined we would start praying for those victims of human trafficking **and continue till the Super Bowl on February 5**. Human trafficking is the second largest and fastest growing illegal trade in the world. It is a modern day form of slavery and a crime against humanity, and the symptoms are often hidden and hard to recognize. Human trafficking tends to be worse during this time of the year so our prayers for these victims are vital. A prayer for today: On this National Day of Human Trafficking Awareness, we pray for an end to human trafficking of every kind right here in our area and around the world. Help us learn about human trafficking and then see how we can help put an end to this crime that enslaves millions of girls, boys, women and men and is the second largest and fastest growing illegal trade in the world.

Those for whom we are praying...

For the family and friends of Joanne Dexter and Julie (Haugland) Beckel.

Also for Stephanie Greenwell and Quade Baird.

Altar flowers were picked up by Dennis and Carol Glaman.

Youth & Family Announcements for the week of February 5, 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.

Houston, we have a Gathering!!

Grades 7-11 are invited to join us for an informational meeting on Wednesday, February 8, at 6:15 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Please bring a parent, guardian, or other caring adult with you. This AWESOME event is held every 3 years, & over 30,000 young people & adult leaders will gather together as children of God! For more details as to what the Youth Gathering is all about, please go to: www.elca.org/gathering.

JAM meets this Wednesday from 5:30 – 7:00. Come & join us for a meal; help make Valentines & assemble baskets filled with love & goodness. These will be delivered to families in need of a little extra love. We hope to see all of your smiling faces!☺

Ash Wednesday is coming up on March 1st, & our JAM families are going to host the Lenten Supper that evening. More details will be coming in e-mails & texts as far as what help we need, but let's all pitch in & do our part! Worship will follow at 6:45 p.m. Let's all take up our cross & follow Jesus on this journey together!

**SAVE THE DATE!! Saturday, February 25th
Guitars & Hammers Talent & Variety Show, 6:30 p.m.
Meal & Silent Auction, 5:00 p.m.**

Stay tuned to the bulletin for more details to come, & 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 (meal, silent auction, etc.,) with this AWESOME event!

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

Sunday, 2/12; 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!