

Trinity Weekly Tidings For January 22, 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!

Special Offering Today – We are collecting a special offering today for the Gideons. The Gideons are a body of believers dedicated to making the Word of God available to everyone and, together with the local church, reaching souls for Christ. What began in 1908 as an Association of Christian businessmen placing Bibles in hotel rooms has evolved into an expanding mission to provide Scriptures to all people in nearly every facet of life. Today, they have taken more than 2 billion Scriptures in more than 95 languages to 200 countries, territories and possessions across the globe. People are often led to faith in Christ by the profound truths discovered in His Word. By reading and studying the Bible, these individuals grow in their walk and, eventually, share their testimony with others. For this reason, the Gideons focus on distributing complete Bibles, New Testaments, or portions thereof. Members of The Gideons International personally witness and distribute God's Word to police, fire, and medical personnel; prisoners; military personnel; students in the fifth grade and above; and to those with whom they interact on a daily basis. Scriptures are also placed by Gideons and Auxiliary in key locations, including hotels, motels, hospitals, convalescent homes, medical offices, domestic violence shelters, prisons, and jails. Thank you for giving to this ministry and being a part of getting God's word out.

Baptism – Please join us in welcoming our newest baptized member, Olivia Kurth. Please take time to congratulate Mom and Dad also, Leah and Clint Kurth.

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!

Loose Change Offering – Thank you to everyone who gave so generously for the Loose Change offering last Sunday. We collected \$166.71 for Habitat for Humanity. Thank you making a difference in the lives of those in Monroe County.

Annual Meeting - The annual meeting of the congregation will be held on **Sunday January 29, 2017** immediately following the 10:30 worship service. The meeting will be held in the Sanctuary.

Thank You! – We are very thankful for the people of Steam-A-Way who cleaned the carpet in the entryway and the Admin Office as a way of 'giving back'. We are very blessed!

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.

Altar Flowers – If you would like to purchase altar flowers in Memory or in Honor of a loved one; please sign up on the flower sheet located by the elevator in the entryway.

Last Call - If you have lost storage containers or bakeware, please check the church kitchen or the bench by the West entrance. These items will be donated to Mary Morrow if they are not claimed. Thank you!

Lost and Found – We have items that we would love to get back to their rightful owners. Please check the lost and found (located under the coat rack in the entryway) before these items are donated. Thank you!

Those for whom we are praying...

For the family and friends of Clara Herold. Also for Michelle Clark, Joanne Dexter,

Julie (Haugland) Beckel, , Ruby Culpitt, and Greg Heser.

Altar flowers were picked up by Gary and Betty Peterson.