

## **Trinity Weekly Tidings For June 4, 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!*

**Today, June 4, is the festival of Pentecost** -This festival derives its name from the Jewish festival of Pentecost, observed fifty days after Passover. On the fiftieth day of Easter we celebrate the Holy Spirit as the power of God among us that heals, forgives, inspires, and unites. In the reading from Acts, images of wind and fire describe the Spirit poured out on disciples of all nations. In John's gospel the risen Christ breathes the Spirit on his followers on Easter evening. In the one Spirit we are baptized into one body, and at the Lord's table the Spirit unites us for witness in the world.

**Potluck at Trinity, June 8<sup>th</sup>** – Are you going to college in La Crosse, have student there or you are just looking for a ministry to partner with? You will not want to miss this opportunity! Thursday, June 8, we will have a potluck at 5:00 pm and Pastor Ben Morris of Common Grounds will be here to speak about this ministry. We hope you can join us. For questions please contact Kathleen Sumrall.

**The United Methodist Women of Sparta United Methodist Church** will host a mission speaker at their **June 6** potluck fellowship and meeting.

Dr. Jessica Stefanski will do a power point presentation and speak on her mission research trip to Burma this past March. Please join us, if you can, for a noon potluck meal and time of fellowship in the Small Kitchen & Chapel located near our handicap accessible "K" St. entrance. If you wish only to witness the program, come to Sparta UMC at 12:30 p.m.

**Worship and Decorating Team Volunteers** – A brief meeting will be held on **Monday, June 5 at 10:00 am** in the Fellowship Hall to review our objectives and schedule for the year. Thank you for past contributions of time and talents and we look forward to any new volunteers who would like to help!

**Living in God's Steadfast Love Wednesday Evening Worship - Beginning June 7at 6pm in the Courtyard**

This summer, join us Wednesday evening for a very simple, informal worship, gathered around God's word, gathered together in song and prayer, gathered together as the body of Christ!

**Worship "Take-Out" Kits for the Summer!** -Yay! It's almost summer! Summer is a fantastic time of the year, for traveling, enjoying family, resting, having fun, and living in the beauty of God's creation. It is also a great time to worship!!

Starting today, we will be providing **Worship "Take-Out Kits"** for you to use at home, or when you are busy traveling this summer. Included in the kit are:

- Suggestions for how to create a worshipful location
- an outline of a worship service to use with children, your spouse, yourself, and/or friends!\
- Scripture readings
- Suggested songs to sing together

You may pick up your 'kit' at the display in the narthex. Also, the kits will be available on-line on Trinity Lutheran's facebook page, or, if you would like to receive a kit via email, please contact Pastor Mark at [pastorkvale@gmail.com](mailto:pastorkvale@gmail.com) Hey! It's summer! Go have fun! Go worship and offer your praise to God!

**Scholarship Opportunity** -Trinity Lutheran Mission Endowment Committee is accepting applications for scholarships. Eligible students must have successfully completed one or more years at any accredited college or technical school and be enrolled for the following year. The deadline for applications will be **July 31, 2017**. Application forms are available in the church office and at the information table in the foyer.

*Those for whom we are praying...*

*For Ed Peterson, Gary Peterson, John Lydon (Bob Lydon's father), Shirley Hobson, Joyce Swiggum, Eleanor Hansen, Alma Beranek, Michelle Clark, Linda Hemmersbach and Pauline Haug.*

*Altar flowers were picked up by Laurel Brandt*

## Youth & Family Announcements for the week of June 4, 2017

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

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.

You are BEAUTIFUL because you are fearfully and wonderfully made.  
You are enough! You are loved!

**SAVE THE DATES!! Sunday, June 25; Sunday, July 23; & Sunday, August 27** Our JAM families would like to invite the congregation to join us on the above Sundays after worship (around 10:00ish - ?) for a potluck, fellowship, & games in the park. On Sunday, June 25<sup>th</sup> we'll gather in the Fellowship Hall for breakfast pizza. Please bring a dish to pass to go along with that. From there, we'll have inside or outside games. Join the fun with our church family!

**DATE CHANGE!! Save the date for Friday, June 30!! It's going to be Family Day at Mt. Olympus Water & Theme Park in Wisconsin Dells! Tickets are only \$10, & the price will include lunch. There will be more details to come, but please sign up with Michelle by Friday, June 16 with how many tickets you need. Join us for a fun day with our church family!**

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

So far, 26 of our incredible young people have signed up to go to Sugar Creek. Space is still available, so join them by signing up today! Registration forms can be found outside of the Youth Room. 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 Wednesday, June 21 & Wednesday, July 12, & details are found in the article below. Grab a friend, & get registered NOW for the week that works best for you! Every young person will get a \$250 scholarship from Trinity through fundraising, donations, & Thrivent Choice. Woo hoo! We are SO grateful to our very generous congregation! Help us reach our goal of sending 50 amazing young people to camp!

**FCA (Fellowship of Christian Athletes) Camp/grades 6 - 12**

So far, 30 of our awesome young people will be heading to FCA Camp from **Monday, June 26 - Thursday, June 29**, on the beautiful Luther campus in Decorah, IA. Space is still available just for YOU!! Check out the website at: [www.fcacamps.org](http://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." All of you will receive a \$100 scholarship from NW WI FCA, & in addition, you will get a scholarship from Trinity for the remaining \$145 ☺." We have a bus confirmed, so help us fill it for our journey to camp!

As always, additional scholarships are available for ALL kids wanting to go to either camp! We want every young person to get to experience camp, & if you want to go to camp, please know that our amazing, supportive congregation WILL get you there!

[www.d365.org](http://www.d365.org) – Sign up for this FREE daily devotional! It's how I start my day with God!

*The Holy Spirit is ever present. The Spirit walks on either side of us, supports us from behind, lightens our load underneath, and blazes the journey ahead.*

*Today, remember the presence of God's Spirit as we celebrate Pentecost—the birthday of the Church. It was still the first day of the week. That evening, while the disciples were behind closed doors because they were afraid of the Jewish authorities, Jesus came and stood among them. He said, "Peace be with you." After He said this, He showed them his hands and his side. When the disciples saw the Lord, they were filled with joy. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father sent me, so I am sending you." Then He breathed on them and said, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive anyone's sins, they are forgiven; if you don't forgive them, they aren't forgiven." John 20:19-23*

*At the conclusion of every worship service at the church where I serve, the pastor extends this invitation: "The peace of Christ be with you!" And our response is: "And also with you!" These words of welcome are more than a friendly greeting. They are the affirmation of the constant presence of God's spirit in my life, your life, and our faith communities.*

*John writes that the disciples were in hiding in fear from the Jewish authorities and possible persecution. Yes, Jesus appears to offer them peace and anoints them with the Holy Spirit. The peace Jesus shares with the disciples is not merely the peace of harmony or agreement. It is rather an invitation to share in the ministry and mission of Jesus and his call of reconciliation, welcoming the stranger and including the outcast, and justice for those oppressed.*

*Living out the radical vision of God's kingdom cannot be done in our own power. You and I must be willing to be breathed on... and "receive the Holy Spirit." –Tom Baynham*

*God of Wind and Spirit, continue to encourage me not to live in a spirit of fear but with the fresh breath and anointing of your Holy Spirit. Amen.*

*Holy Spirit, living breath of God, breathe new life into my willing soul. Give me passion for your purity; Holy Spirit, breathe new life in me.*