

Trinity Weekly Tidings For March 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!

Feel The Breeze – That’s the fresh air of us approaching the finish line on our furnace fund, we currently are only \$450 away from fully funding the 5 new furnaces! The entire congregation has done a terrific job of supporting this project in a real team effort to reach this point and hopefully we will finish up in the next week or two. Thanks to all of you! Bill McClain

Help Wanted...The three evergreen trees on an edge of the parking lot have a disease and should be taken down. We need one or two people to work with Eldie Erickson on this on any date that all can make. He has a chain saw and trailer so you can help if you have more of that equipment or not. Call Eldie or the Office if you can help and also if you have the name of someone to grind the stumps. Thank you.

Brigadier General John C. Hanley, Retired, to speak at Scouting Luncheon - John C. Hanley, Eagle Scout & Brigadier General, U.S. Army, Retired will be the featured speaker at the Sparta Friends of Scouting complimentary luncheon at The Oasis on Thursday, March 30th beginning at noon. Reservations are required for this Scouting fundraising luncheon. General Hanley recently relocated to La Crosse to be closer to his family. He has much experience in Scouting. John received his commission as a 2nd Lieutenant in the U.S. Army after completing ROTC as a Distinguished Military Graduate and receiving his bachelor’s degree from St. Norbert College. During his Army and Army Reserve career, he has commanded units at various levels and has served overseas to include Operations Desert Shield and Desert Storm.

Also speaking on “What Scouting means to me.” will be Patrick Frisk of Boy Scout Troop 67. Patrick is an 8th grade student at Innovation STEM Academy at Meadowview School. He began Scouting as a Tiger with Pack 67, and currently is a Senior Patrol Leader of Troop 7 in Sparta. Sparta currently has almost 400 youth members and adult leaders. Members of the Sparta Friends of Scouting Committee include, Michael Bonello, John Burke, Doug Dengel, Clark Garthwait, John Hendricks, Bob Hess, Bill McClain, Michelle Rademan, Tom Smith, and Steve Thiry. For reservations and/or supporting Sparta Friends of Scouting, please call Morrow Home Community at 269-3168.

The Sparta Ministerial Association is again hosting a noon time lunch and worship during the season of Lent. We gather for a simple meal, and then have a time of worship and prayer. Please join us on March 29 at Trinity.

Annual Book Sale - The Matching Grants for College Fund committee is planning it’s 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! You can also donate your empty aluminum cans in the can cage in the parking lot to benefit this fund.

Triennial Gathering July 13 – July 16, 2017– Ladies don’t forget to register for the Triennial Convention go to www.welcatg.org/registration-2017. WELCA Synod has a bus going up on **Thursday, July 13 and returning on Sunday, July 16**. Please see Crosswinds or our monthly Tidings for details. Both of these publications can be found on our Trinity website.

Loose Change – Thank you for opening your heart and your wallet for our Loose Change offering last week. We were able to collect \$205.35 for the St. Clare Mission! Thank you for making a difference.

Trinity’s Newest Addition – Please join us in welcoming ‘little’ Lucas Alan Swenson to our church family. Lucas was born on Sunday, March 19 weighing in at 10 lbs. 1oz and 23 inches long!! Congrats to Mom and Dad, Kate and Kyle Swenson.

Thank You! - I would like to thank Joanne Benning, Judy Schure, Maureen Sullivan, Jean Hays, Anita Jensen, Marie Grewal, Barb Moorhead, Jan Jenkins, Connie Slotten, Althea Stanley, Edie Habegger, Audrey Zebell and the Hyatt girls and anyone else we might have missed, for their willingness to bring cookies to support the campus ministry of Common Ground. The cookies were delivered and greatly appreciated! Sincerely, Kathleen Sumrall.

Rewarding Opportunity – Parish Ed is looking for people to join their team. If you are interested please call Anita Jensen or Mary Herrman.

Children’s Library – If your child has checked out one of the really cool books from our children’s library; please make sure that they return these books so that other children can enjoy them. Thank you!!

Those for whom we are praying...

For the family and friends of Ryan Mutschler. Also for Jack Benning, Austin Zwiefel, Pauline Haug, Ed Peterson Amy Mosley Erickson, and Linda Hemmersbach. Altar flowers were picked up by Gary and Carol Haskins.

Youth & Family Announcements for the week of March 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 for additional information.

Faith Formation Students & "Triple A" Adult Guides: Just a reminder that ConFest is TODAY from 1:00 – 4:00 p.m. here at Trinity. It's going to be a great day meeting other young people & their adult leaders from our East Conference. Here is the schedule:

Meal: 1:00 p.m.

Service Project: 2:00 – 3:00 p.m.

Worship: 3:00 p.m.

On our way: 4:00 p.m.

Palm Sunday Breakfast, April 9

Bring your family! Bring your friends!

9:00 – 11:00 in the Fellowship Hall

We will have our annual **EGG HUNT** for our young friends up to grade 5 following our 10:30 worship service on Palm Sunday. Older youth will be needed to help hide the eggs. As long as the weather cooperates, the hunt will be held outside on the church property. If not, the hunt will move to the Fellowship Hall & Ed Wing. Either way, it's the day the Lord has made, so let us rejoice & be glad in it!

Sugar Creek Bible Camp, here we come!

Summer Camp Catalogs can be found outside of the Youth Room, & all of the important information is found 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! Grab a friend, & get registered NOW for the week that works best for you! 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. 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." 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 fundraiser: Sunday, April 9 (Palm Sunday Breakfast & Egg Hunt). We are also going to sell candy bars as an individual fundraiser. Please let Michelle know if you would like to participate in either of these fundraisers to help towards your camp costs. We want every young person to get to experience camp, & if you want to go to camp, please know that our awesome, supportive congregation WILL get you there!