

Trinity Weekly Tidings For March 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!

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 the following dates at noon at these congregations:

March 8: United Methodist Church

March 15: United Church of Christ

March 22: St. John's Episcopal Church

March 29: Trinity Lutheran Church

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.

The Story of Ruth – Summit Spirits' is going to be putting on the production of “The Story of Ruth”. Performance dates are March 9-12. Evening performances are at 7:00 pm with a Sunday matinee at 1:30 pm. Tickets are as follows – Adults-\$10 Students - \$3.00 Senior and active duty military - \$5.00. For questions please call the United Methodist Church 269-6949.

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

This is Hot Stuff...As of February 28th we have received \$21,858 towards our Furnace Fund or 87.4% of our new \$25,000 goal! With due diligence and your support we should be able to reach our goal by mid-March, well ahead of our original goal of Easter Sunday. Your support has been outstanding and is much appreciated! Bill McClain

Common Ground Support - The ELCA has a very active and wonderful ministry on our campus in La Crosse. To continue to support Common Ground, Trinity Lutheran Church Women are making 500 cookies to be given out on March 22. What kinds of cookies? Well, keeping in mind allergies that are common, I would suggest sugar, oatmeal raisin or chocolate chip.

Would you please consider baking a couple dozen cookies to be **delivered to Trinity by March 20th**? Sign up sheets are located in the foyer. Thank you for your support, Kathleen Sumrall

Bikes, Bikes and More Bikes...The temps are going to be warming up and kids are getting anxious about riding bikes. If your kiddo is in need of a bike, we know just the place to go! Bernie has made it a mission to take unwanted bicycles, fix them up and then give them a new home! He has many bikes to choose from. If you are interested please call Bernie at 608-269-3426.

Ladies Mark Your Calendar- March 16 at 12:00 pm it is the Annual Meeting/Potluck of the TLCW. Join us for quilting or not. Come for the potluck and stay for our annual meeting. Do you work? Come for the meal, and stay for as long as you can. It is important that you come!

Attention Bakers -Thank you so much for bringing homemade food for our church functions. Your willingness to share is a blessing. On the pew located at the West entrance, there are some really nice cake pans and pie plates. Would you please take a look and take the items that belong to you? It would be a shame to end up buying it back at a yard sale. ☺ - Kathleen Sumrall

Those for whom we are praying...

For Sydney Haag (granddaughter of Kathy Haag), Sally Simpson (daughter of Dorothy Peterson), Nolan Thesing, and Stefhanie Greenwell.

Altar flowers were picked up by Dennis and Carol Glaman. On February 26 the altar flowers were given by Dennis and Carol Glaman in honor of our new members. Welcome to the Trinity family!

Youth & Family Announcements for the week of March 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.

THANK YOU to EVERYONE who donated towards the Ash Wednesday meal & Spring Craft Fair. The food donations were very much appreciated! Thank you to the team that set up, served the meal, & cleaned up after worship. Many hands made less work to get the job done!☺ Also, thank you to our adult & youth volunteers that served with a smile at the Craft Fair. In addition, thanks to all of the kids that helped make the awesome posters! I would love to list all the names that helped with any of the above, but I fear I would forget someone. Please know that we are SO blessed by all of YOU!!

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, & get registered online. Otherwise, the paper camp brochures can be found outside of the Youth Room. 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. 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: Wednesday, March 8 (Lenten Supper); Sunday, April 9 (Palm Sunday Breakfast & Egg Hunt). We may try to do an individual fundraiser, too, & there will be more details to follow on that. If you want to go to camp, our awesome congregation WILL get you there!