

Trinity Weekly Tidings For May 14, 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!


*She is clothed with strength and dignity, and she laughs without fear of the future. When she speaks, her words are wise, and she gives instructions with kindness. She carefully watches everything in her household and suffers nothing from laziness. Her children stand and bless her. Her husband praises her: “There are many virtuous and capable women in the world, but you surpass them all!” **Happy Mother’s Day***

 **Summer Schedule** – Starting **Sunday, May 28th** we will be going to one Sunday worship service. This service will be at 9:00 am and will continue through **September 3**. Starting **September 10th** our worship times will return to 8:15 am and 10:30 am. Wednesday worship will begin on **Wednesday, June 7th at 6:00 pm and continues through August 30th**. We hope that you can join us!

Volunteers Needed for Synod Assembly - How would you like to spend time with a great group of people who share your Christian beliefs? We are in need of volunteers for our Synod Assembly, **June 9-11** which is being held in La Crosse this year. Volunteers play an important role in making the Assembly run smoothly, starting with registration on Friday evening and throughout the Saturday and Sunday sessions. This a great opportunity to meet members and clergy from other ELCA congregations in our synod, participate in worship and prayer throughout the three days, and feel the satisfaction of helping the mission of our church. To volunteer or to learn more contact Betty Sacia at (608) 526-3506 or via e-mail: brsacia@yahoo.com.

Loose Change May 21st - Common Grounds Campus Ministry- Loose Change for May will go to the Lutheran Campus Ministry in La Crosse called Common Ground Campus Ministry. This is a ministry of the ELCA inviting all students from the University of Wisconsin-La Crosse, Western Technical College, and Viterbo University on a journey of faith together. They are supported by the congregations of the La Crosse Area Synod and the ELCA, as well as gifts from individuals. **Pastor Ben Morris** serves Common Ground Campus Ministry on the corner of 14th and Pine Street. Through this ministry students have worship, Bible study, and opportunities for many experiences. These experiences include spending January at Holden Village, a retreat center in the Cascade Mountains, spring break accompaniment trip to the Pine Ridge Reservation in South Dakota, and the Free Cookie Wednesday ministry. Please support this program with your loose change!

Matching Funds for College Grants Book Sale - A big THANK YOU to everyone who purchased books, donated books, or made a monetary donation to the Matching Funds for College Grants fund. We raised over **\$486** from the book sale! THANK YOU TRINITY for your generous support of this fund. For the 2016-2017 school year, Trinity has two members that are attending Lutheran colleges and benefited from this program. Tristan Zurfluh (senior), and Caleb Kvale (sophomore) are students at Luther College.

 It's that time of year again. If you would like to play softball in a family friendly setting...come join Team Trinity! We play Tuesday nights in Tomah. Practice Mondays in Sparta. If you turn 12 years of age by August 15th you can play. Boys and Girls wanted! Sign up sheet by the youth room. **First practice is Saturday May 20th 1:00 Butterfest grounds.**

Graduate Sunday – Our Graduation Service will be on **Sunday, May 21**, with graduates being honored at the 10:30 service. Goodies and coffee will be served between services by the Milestones Committee. Letters have gone out to all our high school graduates—**if you did not receive a letter, please contact the church office.** Also, if you have a student who is graduating from college or tech school, please let us know so we can celebrate their important milestone also.

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.

***The carnations given today to all women are given in honor of Mother’s Day.
These are a gift from the JAM Kids! Happy Mother’s Day!***

*Those for whom we are praying...
for Bill Spori, Lee Ostrem, Joyce Swiggum, Alma Beranek,
Bob Devine (Pastor Mark’s step-Father), Michelle Clark,
Harley Jenkins, Linda Hemmersbach and Pauline Haug.*

Youth & Family Announcements for the week of May 7, 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: theyattfive@gmail.com for additional information.

**Happy Mother's Day to all of the BeYOUtiful women that are part of our Trinity family!
We thank God for each & every one of you & all that you mean to us!**

4G will NOT meet today. Be sure to do something nice for your mom, & thank all of the special women in your life!

JAM will meet this Wednesday from 5:30 – 7:00 p.m. with a family party to celebrate our year together! "Wacky Wednesday" is the theme, & everyone is invited to dress in wacky clothes.☺ Our evening together will include, food, games, a project, & lots of FUN! The menu is still being planned, & we will let you know what to bring. Please RSVP to Michelle by tomorrow with how many in your family will be attending our festive night! We hope to see all of your smiling faces there!

Next Sunday, May 21, is our Graduate Sunday! We will be honoring our graduates during coffee hour between services & at 10:30 worship. Come, help us celebrate this special milestone of their lives!

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. Stay tuned for more details!

Houston, we have a Gathering!

Any young person currently in grades 7 – 11 interested in going to the **2018 Houston Youth Gathering** should plan to attend our next meeting this coming Wednesday, May 17th, at 7:00 p.m. You can bring your \$150 deposit to the meeting. If there are financial concerns, please talk to Michelle to make arrangements. Please be assured that we will work it out for you to be able to go to the Gathering!☺ This is an amazing, once-in-a-lifetime opportunity for you, & we want you to be a part of this awesome experience! Keep up with the Gathering at: www.elca.org/gathering.

Sugar Creek Bible Camp, here we come!

26 of our incredible young people have signed up to go to Sugar Creek. 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. 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!

Explorers (entering grades 1 – 5) Wednesday, June 21 & Wednesday, July 12

Come for an exciting one-day adventure at Sugar Creek. Explore camp with games, nature time, crafts, swimming, a pony ride, Bible study, singing, & more! The day runs from 8:00 a.m – 4:00 p.m. Bring some spending money if you would like to shop in our camp store. We are able to offer the day at a discounted rate of \$10 per camper, with lunch & snacks included.☺ Adults are free! Extra drivers will be needed. Please talk to Michelle if you would like to get signed up for this **FUN day** & also any parents that can drive!

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

25 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. 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 FCA, & in addition, you will get a scholarship from Trinity for the remaining \$145 ☺." Our bus is booked, 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 – Sign up for this **FREE** daily devotional! *It's how I start my day with God!*

You are loved unconditionally. God loves you unconditionally. Today, let us trust in this love.

"Now you are coming to him as to a living stone. Even though this stone was rejected by humans, from God's perspective it is chosen, valuable. You yourselves are being built like living stones into a spiritual temple. You are being made into a holy priesthood to offer up spiritual sacrifices that are acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. Thus, it is written in scripture, Look! I am laying a cornerstone in Zion, chosen, valuable. The person who believes in Him will never be shamed. So God honors you who believe. 1 Peter 2:4-7a

Every day that you get up and try your best to love yourself and others as Jesus would, something is happening in you. You may not see it. You may not feel it. You may not understand it. But, you're being built up. Bit by bit. Stone by stone. Day by day. God's goodness is covering your life. It's growing up your soul into the person that God created you to be!

The writer of 1 Peter tells us that Christ is building our lives into spiritual temples—place that put God's love out in the world. No one can be around us without stopping to consider God. We exist as living testimonies. God uses us to build up good things in the world. Our belief in Jesus does this amazing work.—Elizabeth Evans Hagan

God, when I get discouraged remind me that you're working on my life. You're making my life into a living stone, which is telling a great story! Amen.

Believe in God. Believe in Jesus. Trust the Spirit is with you.