

Trinity Weekly Tidings For May 7, 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!



Garage Door Opener – The garage door opener is missing. If you borrowed it, please return it to the furnace room or the church office. Thank you!



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!

Second Harvest Mobil Food Pantry Delivery - Next event: **Monday, May 15th at 1800 block of Milwaukee Ave.** For anyone still wishing to volunteer or if you are looking for more information please call the St. Patrick's rectory at 269-2655. Many thanks for your dedication to ending hunger in our community!

Blood Drive – The Blood Drive was another success! We saved 204 lives. Thank you to the helpers, Rita Bernette, Diane Dammen, Janelle Behrens Wood and MaryAnn Bolstad. Also a big thank you to our wonderful donors and the Morrow Home for the wonderful cookies! This is an awesome Trinity outreach.

Annual Book Sale - Please support the Matching Funds Book Sale by buying books or making a donation. The Book Sale is in the hall by the entrance. **Today is the last day of the Book Sale- Bag Sale - \$5 for a bag of books!**

Ushers Needed – We are in of ushers for the 10:30 am service. If you would like to help out, please see an usher or call the church office if you would like to volunteer. Thank you!!

Public Affirmation of Baptism – Today at the 10:30 am worship we will be welcome the following 7 students as they publicly affirm their Baptism – Jake Anderson, Kadon Milne, Myah Kenyon, Laney Schell, Lily Schmitz, Zachary Van Wormer and Cole Wisniewski.

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 peace lily at the front of the altar is given in loving memory of Jon Bolstad from Dave, MaryAnn, Michelle, & Emily Bolstad. It marks the 6th anniversary of losing his courageous battle with cancer. We appreciate that they also gave a donation to help our young people get to camp.

Those for whom we are praying...

For the family and friends of Kathryn "Kathi" Gajewski. Also for Bill Spori, Bob Devine (Pastor Mark's step-Father), Joan Roche, 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! 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.

JAM will meet on Wednesday from 5:30 – 7:00 p.m. We hope to get outside & enjoy God's creation! Kickball, here we come!☺

Faith Formation will have our party on Wednesday starting at 7:00 p.m. 7th grade, please bring some type of snack. 8th grade, please bring a sweet treat. 9th grade, please bring drinks. We look forward to celebrating our year together in faith! We will enjoy food, fellowship, & games together! We hope to see all of your smiling faces there!☺

Save the date for Graduate Sunday on May 21! Our graduates will be honored during coffee hour between services & at 10:30 worship. Come, help us celebrate this special milestone of their lives!

Houston, we have a Gathering!

Any young person currently in grades 7 – 11 interested in going to the **2018 Houston Youth Gathering** can start their fundraising efforts by selling candy bars. Please talk to Michelle to if you would like to pick up a box. Also, please turn in your first NON-REFUNDABLE of \$150. Talk to Michelle if there are any financial concerns, & rest assured that we will work it out for you to be able to go to the Gathering!☺ Once everyone is signed up, we will have a meeting to plan out our timeline together as we prepare for this amazing, once-in-a-lifetime trip for YOU!! Keep up online 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 being finalized, so please stay tuned for them! 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

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 ☺." Help us fill the bus on 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!

Life can feel scattered. When everything else beckons for our attention—schoolwork, jobs, family, sports, and future endeavors—we might push faith aside. But, faith is supposed to be in the center of our lives. In simple daily tasks—reading the Bible, caring for others, eating together, and praying—we are drawn closer to God and to each other.

"The believers devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching, to the community, to their shared meals, and to their prayers. A sense of awe came over everyone. God performed many wonders and signs through the apostles." Acts 2:42-43

What am I devoted to? Devotion implies commitment. Faith lies in the center of life and commitments. The activities of life form the structure, but it is in the day-to-day interactions with God and other people that we have the opportunity to live out our faith.

What could I do to enhance my relationship with God and other believers? Where are my growing points? Do I study to know what God can teach me? Do I know the people in my church? Do I participate in activities like sharing a meal in community? Do I pray? Do I talk about my faith and where God has touched my life? Where is my sense of awe in the works of God? How do I live out my faith in the larger community? Do I stand up in the face of injustice or need or suffering? And, if I lack in any of these areas, what could I do to become stronger and more committed in my faith? Holy God, help me to always live a life of faith. Show me how my faith can grow. Amen.

Remember: Faith IS the essence of life.