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## May 12, 2021 Update

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### Worship Services:

Please join us for worship at 9:00 am on Sundays. Seating capacity for worship is 70 persons. We ask that you maintain physical distancing before, during, and after service. Advanced reservations for seating are suspended for now.

**Worship in the Park**—On May 23 there will be Worship in the Park with two worship services—one at 9:00 am and one at 10:30 am. Please bring your own lawn chairs. Also, please be considerate of others and continue to practice social distancing of 6' apart. Thank you! Mark your calendars for future Worship in the Park dates—June 27th, July 25th, and August 22nd—two worships—one at 9:00 am and one at 10:30 am. **Please join us for these beautiful outdoor worship services.**

### Prayer Concerns:

If you have any prayer concerns, please contact Pastor Mark at [pastor.tlcsparta@gmail.com](mailto:pastor.tlcsparta@gmail.com) or Jonelle Intihar, our prayer group coordinator, [jonelle@theintihars.com](mailto:jonelle@theintihars.com) (we will post prayer requests for 2 weeks unless we hear otherwise). Thank you!

### Stephen Ministry Prayer:

Father, we ask that the caring relationships of our Stephen Ministers may be a place of Your love and healing in action.

### Weekly Updates:

Contact Myrt in the church office, Tel. (608) 269-5081 or Email: [office@tlcsparta.org](mailto:office@tlcsparta.org) with any news, thank-yous, upcoming events, etc. that you would like included in the weekly updates.

### SAVE THE DATE!!!

**Sunday, May 23:** Graduate Sunday  
(to honor our HS graduates)



## Returning to Trinity

New daily confirmed cases reported within Monroe County as an average over the last 7 days and rate per 100,000 population: **6.0**

Our mitigation practices of masking, physical distancing, sanitize after use, wash your hands, and *“Please stay home if you are feeling ill”* remain in place. You can review the covid documents at [tlcsparta.wixsite.com/trinity](https://tlcsparta.wixsite.com/trinity). We ask for your continued patience.

**We ask that you continue to wear masks for all indoor group activities until the risk status in Monroe County reaches Green (7 day rolling average <1/100k).** We ask this for two reasons; out of an abundance of caution, and to show that Trinity cares about the health and safety of all.

Seating capacity for worship is 70 persons. We ask that you maintain physical distancing before, during, and after service. Advanced reservations for seating are suspended for now.

The kitchen is open for cooking. Consumption of food and beverages *indoors* during group activities remains prohibited until the risk status reaches green.

Group activities will be limited to the posted capacity of each room. Please limit your use of indoor spaces to 2 hours per day.

The Heritage Room with its limited air circulation is restricted to 1-hour sessions for groups up to 10 persons. Rooms in the ed building are open. Open windows to allow for cross ventilation.

Contact the office to establish meeting times and locations. Each group is responsible for coordinating access to the building as well as observing all mitigations and sanitation protocols. Each group wishing to use the

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building must have a person present during the activity that has been trained in our mitigations and protocols.

If you have questions, please contact Jim Moorhead, 608-633-3658.

Les Stanley, President  
Jim Moorhead, Return Committee Chairperson

## Christ in Our Home

The July, August, September 2021 edition has arrived. They are on the table by the church office and there are also some in the outside resource box. Pick up a copy today.

## **2021 Bishop Election Candidates:**

The La Crosse Area Synod's Assembly this year is a very important one. We will be electing a new bishop. To find out more information on the pastors who have been nominated, and to find out more information on the process of electing a bishop please visit:

[BISHOP ELECTION PAGE](#)

## PLEASE JOIN TRINITY'S BARN RAISERS

Raising a barn is a tremendous undertaking, physically, mentally, and spiritually demanding, and I imagine, totally exhilarating! I've never done it; have you? But, we have a chance to vicariously raise some barns in response to the La Crosse Area Synod's Family Farm Project. **Team Trinity can do it!**

Our synod's 2020 Family Farm Project has been extended into 2021 due to the pandemic, with a minimum congregational goal of \$715 per barn. The ELCA's Good Gifts catalog includes a cow, two goats, two pigs, a dozen chickens, seeds, tools and agricultural training in a "Family Farm" package. How incredibly amazing it would be for a farmer in a third world country to receive this present from us, the people of Trinity Lutheran Church. This initiative is in response to ELCA's World Hunger commitment to helping and supporting small family farmers around the globe.

In 2020 the United Nations called for a world-wide focus for the next 10 years on strengthening family farms. The U.N. World Food Programme was awarded the 2020 Nobel Peace Prize for its efforts in **combating hunger**, for its contribution to **bettering conditions for peace in conflict-affected areas** and for **acting as a driving force in efforts to prevent the use of hunger as a weapon of war and conflict**. The #1 driver of hunger on the planet is man-made conflict. Conflict tears families apart, forces entire communities from their homes, destroys infrastructure and disrupts food production. It's a vicious force, and one that's pushed 88 million innocent civilians to the most extreme levels of hunger imaginable. **80% of those affected are children.**



As U.N. World Food Programme Executive Director David Beasley says: "Wars and conflicts are driving hunger in a way we've never seen before. Man made conflict is driving instability and powering a destructive new wave of famine that threatens to sweep across the world. The toll being paid in human misery is unimaginable. Beyond the immediate crisis, we need to invest in peace, so that in the future, desperate families are not forced to the brink of survival by the bullet and the bomb." By promoting peace and ending violent conflict, the world could save billions of dollars in humanitarian food assistance costs, and millions of lives every year.

So it seems that hunger and peace are intertwined. My financial contribution won't provide peace, but it will affect the starvation I see played out in so many African countries, most of which are deeply involved in conflict. I want my money to provide food for the hungry; not bullets for the guns. Trinity's support of the La Crosse Area Synod Family Farm Project will help put a small dent in alleviating the hunger of, if not millions, at least hundreds of people, and that is worth our support.

Become a **Trinity Barn Raiser** by sending your contribution to the office or putting it in an envelope and dropping it off at church. **Together we can do more!**



## Youth & Family Ministry

### FCA Camp

New dates! New location!

Wednesday, June 30 - Saturday, July 3,  
University of Northwestern, St. Paul, MN  
COVID safety practices are in place, & it  
promises to be a powerful, faith-filled camp  
experience!

Registration is open. For registration and  
FAQ's, visit: [Wisconsinfca.org/sportscamp](http://Wisconsinfca.org/sportscamp).

We are blessed that Trinity will be able to  
offer \$100.00 scholarships for all of our kiddos  
going to camp!

In addition, our WI FCA Chapter will be  
giving a \$100.00 scholarship.

When you register, please be sure to use this  
code to receive the scholarships: TRIN200.  
After you register for camp, please let Michelle  
know so she can keep an accurate and updated  
list.

We are also in the process of working out  
transportation arrangements. At this time, we  
are hopeful that we can travel by coach bus to  
& from camp. More details will be shared as  
we figure out departure times, lunch plan, etc.  
We may need an extra adult to ride the bus, &  
Michelle will be in touch about that. Thank  
you for your patience & understanding as we  
plan to make camp so memorable for our  
kiddos!

If you have any further questions, please  
contact Michelle at (608) 343-0324 or  
[thehyattfive@gmail.com](mailto:thehyattfive@gmail.com).

## Youth & Family Ministry



Our Youth & Family Ministry Team is reaching out to  
you - our Trinity family asking for your help. We are in  
need of sponsors for our kids going to camp this  
summer. Times are tough (as we all know), but we  
don't want our precious kiddos to miss out on these  
opportunities that help them grow in their faith in so  
many ways. We have 2 different camps that offer  
faith-filled summer experiences - Sugar Creek Bible  
Camp & FCA (Fellowship of Christian Athletes), & both  
of these camps are near & dear to my heart! I cannot  
say enough on how these 2 camps have helped mold  
& shape our young people along their faith journey  
now & into the future. I have seen firsthand all of the  
growth & positivity that comes from their experiences.  
It truly fills my heart just how life-changing these  
camps are in so many ways! An average week at camp  
is \$400, & it is worth every penny! Would you please  
prayerfully consider how you might be able to help -  
full scholarship, half scholarship (\$200), quarter  
scholarship (\$100), or any amount you feel in your  
heart that you are able to give. EVERY single donation  
counts! If you are able to donate or have any  
additional questions, please reach out to Michelle.  
Thank you from the bottom of our hearts for your  
love, support, & prayers towards these amazing &  
beloved children of God!



**Summer Camp 2021  
Online Registration is OPEN!**

We have exciting new programs as well as beloved favorites—  
be sure to check out our summer brochure or the program descriptions on our website.

Follow the link button below to visit our Summer Programs page.

As vaccines are delivered nationwide, safety practices are followed, medical knowledge increases, and camp programs and facilities are adapted, we are confident in moving forward with plans for summer Bible camp. Youth and families will benefit from camp now more than ever!

We are blessed that Trinity will be able to offer \$200.00 scholarships to help offset the cost of camp! There will also be fundraising opportunities available, & more details will come on that.

We hope YOU can join us at camp this summer. As usual, all deposits and payments are refundable up until June 1, 2021 and possibly beyond depending on Covid-19.

After you register for camp, please let Michelle know so she can keep an accurate and updated list.

[sugarcreekbiblecamp.org](http://sugarcreekbiblecamp.org)

**We can't wait to see you again!**

**Quilters—Join us—**A call goes out to anyone who likes to quilt or would like to try. You don't need to know "how" to sew. You need to be friendly and like to be busy. We currently quilt M-F from 8:30-10:30 am (unless we run out of supplies) in the Ed Building. Enter through the main door by the church office and sign in. You don't need to call—just show up!

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**Geranium Plants**

Please consider purchasing a geranium plant for planting in our outdoor space like we did last year. This can be a way we share our constant love for others throughout the community all spring, summer and fall. Plants can be ordered in honor of or in memory of a loved one. Monetary donations may also be given for the local food pantry in honor of or in memory of a loved one. The cost is only \$5.30 per geranium.

To order, either email Myrt at [office@tlcsparta.org](mailto:office@tlcsparta.org) or call Myrt at the church office 269-5081 with the number of geraniums you would like to purchase and who they are in honor of or in memory of. **All orders must be placed by no later than May 13, 2021. (Please note that I have changed the date to May 13 as I will be out of the office on Friday, May 14).** Your payment can be sent directly to Trinity Lutheran Church, 612 N. Water Street, Sparta, WI 54656. On the memo portion of your check please notate "For geraniums".

**Thank you for participating in this event and making our outdoor space come alive!**





SAVE THE DATE! Students in current grades 7-11 are invited to be part of this awesome experience! The Gathering staff is working really hard to make this event happen through COVID safety protocols, etc. Michelle is going to have a meeting early summer for those interested, & more information will be coming your way. There has been lots of communication with the Gathering office, & if a final decision can be made by the summer about the status of the 2022 Gathering, they will let us know. We all have learned to be patient in the process of this uncertainty. In the meantime, please check out this link for all of the most current, updated information: [www.elca.org/gathering](http://www.elca.org/gathering)

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## **Sparta Free Rummage Sale**

Hello! My name is Dawn Schmeckpeper and I am a school bus driver with Southwest Bus here in Sparta.

We know that many families in our community have been struggling from the impacts of Covid 19. That is why we will be having a free rummage sale for the community on Saturday, May 22, from 8 am to 4 pm at the Southwest Bus Garage.

I am reaching out to local churches for 2 reasons. The first is to see if any in your congregation would like to donate items for the rummage sale. If anyone is interested, please either send an email to [dawnschmeckpeper@gmail.com](mailto:dawnschmeckpeper@gmail.com) or call/text me at 608-799-7846.

The second is to ask you to let people know about the event. All are welcome, and all rummage sale items are free.

There will also be a bake sale to help raise funds for 2 of our drivers dealing with cancer. Jerry Nading and Cliff Herman. Jerry is fighting lung cancer and Cliff has a daughter with special needs struggling with cancer. Both are very dear to us and we are trying to help them in any way we can. I believe the bake sale part will be open donations.

Thank you in advance for your help. I look forward to hearing from you.

Dawn Schmeckpeper

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