**January 18, 2021 Update**

Today is Martin Lutheran King Jr. Day; a day which we celebrate a man who strove for equality and justice, and gave his life for that cause.

Martin Luther King Jr. is remembered as an American prophet of justice among races and nations, a Christian whose faith undergirded his advocacy of vigorous yet nonviolent action for racial equality. A pastor of churches in Montgomery, Alabama, and Atlanta, Georgia, his witness was taken to the streets in such other places as Birmingham, Alabama, where he was arrested and jailed while protesting against segregation. He preached nonviolence and demanded that love be returned for hate. Awarded the Nobel Peace Prize in 1964, he was killed by an assassin on April 4, 1968.

Dr. King was a faithful follower of Jesus Christ and he wrote this prayer that speaks to us today:

God, we thank you for the inspiration of Jesus. Grant that we will love you with all our hearts, souls, and minds, and love our neighbors as we love ourselves, even our enemy neighbors. And we ask you, God, in these days of emotional tension, when the problems of the world are gigantic in extent and chaotic in detail, to be with us in our going out and our coming in, in our rising up and in our lying down, in our moments of joy and in our moments of sorrow, until the day when there shall be no sunset and no dawn. Amen.

- The Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

**Annual Meeting Update:**

Because of the ongoing extremely high public health risk arising from the ongoing Covid 19 pandemic, Trinity’s annual meeting will be held remotely on January 31, 2021 at 11 am. We will make the annual report available in hard copy and by electronic means. If you have internet capability, participation is pretty straightforward. You can also participate with a conventional phone by dial-up.

**January 12, 2021**

**Trinity Lutheran Church**

**Resolution Declaring an Emergency for the purpose of holding a remote annual meeting**

**The ongoing public health risks arising from the Covid 19 pandemic in Monroe County Wisconsin prevents Trinity Lutheran Church of Sparta Wisconsin from safely conducting its required annual meeting on January 31, 2021 in-person.**

**The Council of Trinity Lutheran Church declares an emergency in accordance with Wisconsin code 181.0207. The following emergency bylaws will be in place beginning on January 13, 2021. The end of emergency status will be established by the Council of Trinity Lutheran Church when it is deemed appropriate.**

**Please refer to the Amendments to the Constitution and Bylaws in this annual report. The emergency provisions are C10.08, C11.02, C12.02.a, C12.02.b of the Constitution and C10.01.01.1.d, C10.01.01.02.a thru i.**

We welcome your questions regarding the proposals in the 2020 annual report. Please submit them by E-mail to the office at office@tlcsparta.org, or place them in the drop box next to our main entrance before the annual meeting.

**The Invitation to participate in the annual meeting:**

Trinity Lutheran is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: Trinity Lutheran Annual Meeting

Time: Jan 31, 2021 11:00 AM Central Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89497333023?pwd=VnZYL1ZEcWI2SWF1NEFNRHlpbHJRZz09

Meeting ID: 894 9733 3023

Passcode: 706205

One tap mobile

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 +1 346 248 7799 US (Houston)

 +1 408 638 0968 US (San Jose)

 +1 669 900 6833 US (San Jose)

 +1 253 215 8782 US (Tacoma)

Meeting ID: 894 9733 3023

Passcode: 706205

Find your local number: https://us02web.zoom.us/u/kbcG6jgglu

**To take part in the annual meeting by computer**

-You will need to have a computer or device with a webcam and microphone

-Please copy and paste the URL listed under ‘Join Zoom Meeting’

**To take part in the annual meeting by phone**

-Dial the number for Chicago

-follow the prompts

-have the meeting number and passcode at hand.

**If you would like to practice accessing a Zoom meeting, please contact Pastor Mark Kvale**

 **(****pastor.tlcsparta@gmail.com****, office: 608.269.5081, mobile: 608.487.2030)**

**WORSHIP SCHEDULE**

 9:00 am streaming on Trinity’s Facebook Group Page and on YouTube www.youtube.com—search for Trinity Lutheran Sparta.

 On our website [**www.tlcsparta.org**](http://www.tlcsparta.org)

**PRAYER CONCERNS**

Prayer Concerns: Please take some time to pray to God over these concerns expressed by your sisters and brothers of Trinity Lutheran:

Please pray for the family of Edith Webster, who died last Friday. “Rest eternal, grant her O Lord. And let light perpetual shine on her.”

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

**STEPHEN MINISTRY PRAY**

Dear Jesus, help us to see those who are in need. Help us to listen to their cares and concerns. Help us to reach out with a caring touch and walk with them during their time of trouble. Help us to speak Your words of love and peace. Help others to see You in us.

**SUGAR CREEK**

Summer Camp 2021 Online Registration opens tomorrow! 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](http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=001k3Lo8jwtVKV9hA2dkDyQ9CpxbAvTKXxe28NCI2OU9RQZ-2aRp5IkK5_joMLTtWq4SCY3VvMnsJkYYuND1pFniSHwK6Kdp5lVPWl0UGbGQ7FWj5D0HRPAvLVqJJDeJGQkjCsUWUshzN24i5B7W9fL4S8yp8wE1ouhaliHSlR22Knjm83a9b3Upds_tAGg0yXy&c=mW6OeDu9F0V6LiwPzSAIod6Cy7986WR67nCho5qf73glX371oxFRyQ==&ch=5_F78GEQkqJtv2R5gC4GqAtAtFLS2x7rTknyqEO9kaC7s4VERzPUFw==) page.

As vaccines are delivered nationwide, safety practices are honed, 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 hope YOU can join us at camp this summer. Sign up by March 15

for a free Summer 2021 Sugar Creek T-shirt. As usual, all deposits and payments are refundable up until June 1, 2021 and possibly beyond depending on Covid-19.

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

**FEBRUARY TIDINGS ARTICLES**

**Reminder – Articles for the February Tidings are due to Myrt by no later than Tuesday, January 19th. Thank you!**

**DO YOU HAVE ANYTHING YOU WOULD LIKE INCLUDED IN OUR WEEKLY UPDATES?**

If you do, please email our Administrative Assistant, Myrt, at office@tlcsparta.org.  Or, you can call her at 608-417-9265.