

Trinity Weekly Tidings For April 11, 2021

"God's Love - Our Hearts - God's Work - Our Hands"

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Office Staff - Our staff is working in the office 9:00 am - 2:00 pm. If you need to access the church building, the doors are open; however, there is a sign in and sign out sheet that we ask you to fill out. If need be, we want tracking information. Thank you!

Worship Services – Trinity is open for in-person worship services up to 50 worshipers in the Sanctuary and up to 20 overflow worshipers in the Narthex/Fellowship Hall. Seating will be by reservation through the church office, stating how many persons are in your party. Families will be seated together without physical distancing. Family groups will be properly distanced. Communion will be pre-packaged and distributed at the end of worship. There will be no live singing by the congregation. We ask that you maintain physical distancing during, before, and after service fellowship opportunities.

On April 11th there will be an in-person worship at 9:00 a.m. Again, please call the church office if you would like to attend in-person worship so that Myrt can track the attendance numbers and limit the amount of people in attendance. Thank you!

SAVE THE DATES!!

Sunday, May 2: Affirmation of Baptism (for our 9th grade FF students)

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

Details have yet to be worked out. Pastor Mark & Michelle will be in touch as plans are finalized for these special, milestone events in our young people's lives!

La Crosse Area Synod Leadership Opportunities!

Trinity Lutheran Church is a congregation that truly understands what it means to be part of the larger church. We enjoy working with folks from other congregations in our synod and we provide leadership in our synod's ministries. As we prepare for our upcoming synod assembly, there are some positions open for leadership in our synod, from members of the East Conference, of which Trinity is part. Here are some opportunities:

- Lay member of the Synod's Mission Support Committee
- A Lay male member to serve on the Synod Council
- Lay member to serve on the Synod's Endowment Committee
- Member to serve on the Synod's Nominating Committee

If you would like to know more about these leadership roles, please contact Pastor Mark.

2021 Bishop Election Candidates

On Sunday, March 14 the voting members of this year's synod assembly met to nominate candidates for a new bishop. Please keep them in your prayers leading up to the election June 11-13.

2021 BISHOP ELECTION CANDIDATES

(In alphabetical order by last name)

Rev. Meg Eiben Hoversten
Rev. Elizabeth "Libby" Howe
Rev. Felix Malpica
Rev. Steve E. Meyer
Rev. Becky Piper
Rev. Anna Sorenson
Rev. Becky Swanson

RETURNING TO TRINITY

The last MCHD report I received is from Thursday, April 1st. The 7-day new case rolling average is 5.6/100k (yellow). The 7-day rolling average positive test rate is 10.0 (green). The main entrance will be unlocked during regular office hours (M-F 9 am-2pm) while risk levels remain at yellow for new cases. Visitors will be asked to sign in and out to assist in tracking (if needed). The change will be addressed at the April council meeting as an amendment to the return plan.

Trinity will begin in-person services with up to 50 worshipers in the sanctuary starting on Palm Sunday, March 28. Seating will be by reservation thru the church office, stating how many persons are in your party. Families will be seated together without physical distancing. Family groups will be properly distanced. Communion will be pre-packaged and distributed at the end of worship. There will be no live singing by the congregation. We ask that you maintain physical distancing during before and after service fellowship opportunities.

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. We ask that you review the covid documents on our website; tlcsparta.wixsite.com/trinity. We ask for your continued patience.

Consumption of food and beverages during inside group activities remains prohibited.

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

Rooms in the Education building are now available at rated capacity for 2 hour sessions when the windows can be opened for cross ventilation. The Heritage Room continues to be restricted because of limited air circulation.

A reminder that if the Covid risk factors in Monroe County rise, we will restrict access appropriately.

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 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

Trinity Lutheran Scholarship Applications Due April 25, 2021

Trinity Lutheran Mission Endowment Fund offers scholarships to confirmed Lutherans who are members of Trinity. April 25th is the application deadline for 2021 scholarships from the Mission Endowment Fund. Applications are available in the office for 2021 high school graduates, or currently enrolled technical college and university/college students who will be enrolled in 2021/ 2022 school year. You may also email a request for the application by contacting Myrt (office@tlcsparta.org or 608-269-5081).

Students currently attending or planning to attend a post-secondary institution including one or two year programs at a technical college, or a 4 year degree program at a university or college are eligible to apply. The application includes the one page Mission Endowment form; your most current high school or postsecondary transcript; and a letter of recommendation from a non-relative community member.

Trinity members are invited to encourage our graduating high school students and enrolled college students to return the application materials to the church office by April 25th. Each year a portion of earnings from the Mission Endowment Fund is allocated for Trinity members continuing postsecondary education. The scholarship is one way your gift to the Trinity Mission Endowment Fund keeps giving. For more information about the Trinity Mission Endowment Fund contact Mark Baltz, Chair, Mission Endowment Committee (m.g.baltz@charter.net)

PRAYER CONCERNS

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

Youth & Family Announcements for the week of April 11, 2021

God is good all the time! All the time God is good!

**You are “fearfully and wonderfully made.” You are a beloved & precious child of God.
You matter! You belong! You are loved! God created you on purpose for a purpose!**

Please talk to Michelle face-to-face; by phone at 269-5081; call/ text at 343-0324;
e-mail at: thehyattfive@gmail.com for additional information.

FCA (Fellowship of Christian Athletes) Summer Sports Camp (grades 7 – 12)

New dates! New location!

Wednesday, June 30 - Saturday, July 3, University of Northwestern, St. Paul, MN



LOTS of details have yet to be worked out, but COVID practices are in place, & it still promises to be a powerful, faith-filled camp experience! Registration is open. For registration and FAQ's, visit: Wisconsinfca.org/sportscamp.

We are blessed that Trinity will be able to offer \$100.00 scholarships for all of our kiddos going to camp! Our WI FCA Chapter also gives a \$100.00 scholarship.

Also, when you register, please 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.
Thank you!

If you have any questions regarding registration, please contact Michelle at (608) 343-0324 or thehyattfive@gmail.com.

CAN YOU HELP?

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.

Please reach out to Michelle once you get registered for camp, or if you have any additional questions/concerns. updated list. Thank you!

sugarcreekbiblecamp.org

We can't wait to see you again!

SAVE THE DATE!! SUNDAY, MAY 16

“Drive Thru” Chicken Q & Bake Sale Fundraiser

Lions Club famous charcoal chicken!

It will be held at the Lions Club shelter in Sparta's Memorial Park

11:00 a.m. - gone! Limited deliveries will be available for our elderly & homebound within city limits

\$10 includes 1/2 chicken, beans, coleslaw, & a roll

Homemade baked goods will be available for purchase

Money raised will help with FCA (Fellowship of Christian Athletes) & Sugar Creek Camp scholarships

