

Trinity Weekly Tidings For October 8, 2023

"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 so that we can know who you are. Although you have come as a visitor, we hope that we leave worship as friends!

A BIG THANK YOU to all who helped lead worship today!



This Week
at Trinity...

10/08	9:00 am	Worship (congregational meeting immediately following worship)
	10:00 am	Sunday School & 4G
	11:00 am	Youth Fundraiser tailgate lunch & silent auction
10/15	9:00 am 10:00 am	Worship with communion Sunday School & 4G
10/22	9:00 am 10:00 am	Worship (Polka Service) Sunday School & 4G
10/29	9:00 am 10:00 am	Worship Sunday School

STEWARDSHIP "DID YOU KNOW" PROGRAM

"Did You Know" - Trinity's Prayer Shawl group, also known as the Yarn Benders, create a variety of over 30 prayer shawls, lap robes, and infant wraps each year. In addition, they have created dozens of chemo caps, infant sweaters with hoods or hats, and even use bits of donated yarn to make cozy mats for an area cat rescue.

10/10	5-6 pm	NA Meeting—HR
	6:30 pm	Church Council—SR
	6:30 pm	Den Meeting
10/11	10:00 am	Food Pantry Volunteers
	2:00 pm	Morrow Home Worship/Communion
	5:30 pm	All Are Welcome Meal—FH
	6:00 pm	Bell Choir—SR
	7:00 pm	Faith Formation—FH
	7:00 pm	Alleluia Choir—Sanctuary
10/12	9:00 am	Prayer Shawl Ministry—HR
	10:00 am	Joy Circle—SR
	10:00 am	150th Committee Meeting—Narthex
	1:30 pm	Shalom Circle at MaryCrest
	5:00 pm	Ladles of Love Meal—FH
	5-6 pm	NA Meeting—HR
10/14	7-11 am	LWR Semi Trailer Loading at Good Shepherd in La Crosse
10/15	9:00 am	Worship with communion - Communion for homebound - Loose Change Offering
	10:00 am	Sunday School
	10:00 am	4G—Youth Room

Proposed Trinity Constitution Changes

The council approved and recommends approval of the following amendments to the Constitution to be voted on at a special congregational meeting on **October 8th** immediately following the worship service.

The proposed recommended changes are:

C10.09 "Ex officio" as used herein means membership with full rights of voice and vote unless otherwise expressly limited.

C13.01 The officers of this congregation and the pastor shall constitute the Executive Committee.

C13.10 The pastor of this congregation shall be ex officio member of all committees of this congregation and as an advisory member of the Nominating Committee. The president of this congregation shall be ex officio a member of all committees of this congregation except the Nominating Committee. In the absence of the president, the vice president may assume this role.



PLEASE JOIN US FOR A POLKA SERVICE

Who: Polka Mass-ters

What: Polka Service

When: Sunday, October 22, 2023 @ 9:00 Service

Where: Trinity Lutheran Church

Why: Because it's October

Following the service: Brat lunch for purchase, served by Trinity Lutheran Youth as a FUNdraiser.

**THE PUBLIC IS WELCOME
TO ATTEND**



Welcome to the family Zayda Marie Holliday. Zayda is the daughter of Dakota & Kadie Holliday. Zayda's sponsors are Derek & Whitney Von Ruden. Please join us in congratulating Zayda and her parents and sponsors on her baptism this morning.



OFFERING ENVELOPES

Do You Really Need Offering Envelopes?

Thanks to everyone who responded to the bulletin insert. The inserts will be included one more Sunday to give everyone an opportunity to respond. Please respond only if you currently receive Offering Envelopes. If you currently receive envelopes for your children that you don't want, please respond to the insert and provide the name of the member who no longer wants to receive the envelopes. The church office has no way of knowing that you don't want the envelopes if you don't tell them.

The council is exploring ways to reduce the budget. We would like to know if the church members would be willing to use their own envelopes instead of the printed Offering Envelopes. Our last order was for 314 members Offering Envelopes. The Offering Envelopes cost between \$1064 to \$1872 per year. In the last 5 years the Offering Envelopes cost \$7476.

Many churches have stopped using offering envelopes. We have saved money because many people have switched to electronic giving. We're not asking you to switch to electronic giving if you prefer to use a check or cash, but we are asking if you would be willing to use your own envelopes. You could put your giver number and name on the envelope.

The council would like to know if you would be willing to stop using the expensive Offering Envelopes. There will be an insert in Sunday's bulletin asking for your opinion.



Cottage Meetings

A thank you goes out to the Matt & Brittany Michalski, Dennis & Carol Glaman, Ken & Tammy Barclay, and Kelly Funk & Cynthia Lockington for hosting in August and September.

The cottage meetings have been a nice informal gathering of individuals, couples, the hosts and Pastor Josh. The hosts provide coffee and a dessert. The informal settings give Pastor Josh a chance to visit and get to know church members.

The sign-up sheet is located in the church narthex. **We still have openings for members to sign-up.** The cottage meetings are scheduled on the following dates:

Saturday, Oct. 21 at 2PM with hosts:
Blaine and Stacy Markuson
618 N Chester Street
Sparta

Monday, Oct. 30 at 6:30PM with hosts:
Scott and Connie Jerome
708 Goodman Street
Sparta

Sunday, November 12 at 3PM with hosts:
Larry and Nila Larson
1919 Julie Avenue
Sparta

PLEASE SIGN UP ON A DATE THAT WORKS WITH YOUR SCHEDULE



WE NEED SERVERS. The sign up sheet will be in the narthex where coffee is being served. Please pick a date that works with your schedule and sign up to serve. The coffee is provided, all you have to do is make the coffee, provide a treat of your choice, and clean up after coffee hour. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact either the church office at 608-269-5081 or Sarah Tripp at 608-269-0000.

Sugar Creek Bible Camp Horse Project



Sugar Creek is once again doing the Horse Project for \$20.00 per square. Your donation helps as follows:

Faith & Life Skills:

Your gift empowers kids at Sugar Creek! For many, horses are a big part of this. Riding on trails, caring for animals, grooming, or simply petting a horse while hiking by—youth build empathy, kindness, courage, discipline & joy...strengths that come home to church. Only \$20 (one block on the horse) gives more kids fun, safe adventures at your camp. It means horse rides and ALL your Bible camp programs are part of your faith in action.

Thank you for giving this rare chance to grow faith & life skills in ways that last a lifetime. Your generosity keeps Bible camp open to all. From our 4-legged teammates, thanks for being a real “NEIGH-bor!” to the horses...and to your kids they love.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GIFT!

If you would like to donate to this awesome project, the sign up sheet is on the bulletin board directly across from the church office. Write your name on any square (\$20.00 per square) and then on the memo portion of your check write “Sugar Creek Horse Project.” Thank you!



Altar flowers today
are given by Steve & Judy
Bennett in Honor of
Tootie Bennett's birthday.
Thank you!

STEWARDSHIP QUESTIONNAIRE

Below is a questionnaire from the Stewardship Committee that they are asking you to fill out and return. There are also copies of this questionnaire in the pews for your ease in filling it out. You can fill it out today and drop it in the offering plate as it passes, or take it with you, think about it, and return it to the church office. The Stewardship Committee would like to thank you in advance for taking the time to fill this out.



Let's Dream

If Trinity had no money worries and all available resources, what ministries or programs would you recommend we begin, restart or strengthen and why?

Ministry/Program

Why?

1) _____

2) _____

3) _____

Youth & Family Announcements for the week of October 8, 2023

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;

email at: thehyattfive@gmail.com

for additional information

Faith Formation (grades 7-9) October Schedule

Sunday, 10/8	Worship @ 9:00 a.m. 4G @ 10:00 a.m. Tailgate lunch/silent auction fundraiser @ 11:00 a.m.	Sunday, 10/22	Worship at 9:00 a.m. 4G @ 10:00 a.m.
Wednesday, 10/11	7:00—8:15 p.m.	Wednesday, 10/25	NO CLASS
Sunday, 10/15	Worship at 9:00 a.m. 4G @ 10:00 a.m.	Saturday, 10/28	Trunk or Treat, 2:00—5:00 p.m. MS/HS Lock-in, 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday, 10/18	7:00—8:15 p.m.	Sunday, 10/29	Worship @ 9:00 a.m. NO 4G



SAVE THE DATE! Saturday, October 28

Trinity Trunk or Treat

3:00 – 5:00 p.m.

ALL ARE WELCOME to join us for our Trunk or Treat on Saturday, October 28, from 3:00 – 5:00 p.m. There will be sign up sheets for a variety of ways on how you can get involved (decorating your trunk, donating candy, helping with a station, etc.) in this spooktacular event!



SAVE THE DATE for ALL ARE WELCOME Trinity Nights!

Join us as we kick off on Wednesday, October 11th

Food served from 5:30 – 6:30

Games & Bible time

All of this fun as God's family will take place in the Fellowship Hall.

We hope to see you there!

**Please talk to Michelle if you'd like to help with set-up, serving food, or clean-up.
Many hands make less work!**



Please join us and
help support our
youth



JOIN US TODAY!!!!

Our 2024 Youth Gathering will kick off their FUNdraising with a Tailgate Lunch & Silent Auction of themed baskets following 9:00 a.m. worship. There may be a few surprises, too! Please join us to show your support for our incredible young people making the journey to New Orleans next summer with 30,000 of God's beloved & precious children for this heart for Jesus, faith-filled, life changing, once-in-a-lifetime experience!

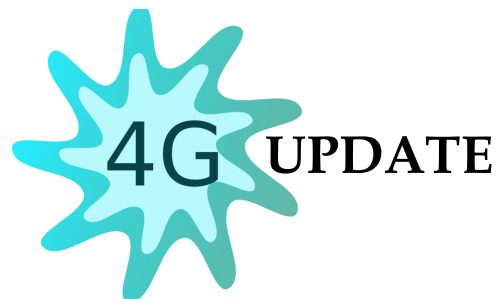
YOUTH LOCK-IN



High School/Middle School Lock-in

Saturday, October 28

ALL young people in grades 6 – 12 are invited to come be a part of a fun & exciting lock-in being planned just for YOU! ALL the fun will start at 6:00 p.m. & end after 9:00 a.m. worship on Sunday. There will be food, games, movies, worship, planning a skit for Sunday's worship, friends, & FUN! If you are not able to come until later, that is fine, too, but be sure to communicate that with Michelle or Pastor Josh. The sign-up sheet is found outside of the Youth Room. Feel free to invite a friend! We ask that you sign up by Sunday, October 22, so adequate plans can be prepared for food, etc. A few extra adults will be needed for this event, so if you could give of your time for a few hours, that would be great! Again, talk to Michelle or Pastor Josh if you can help. We are so excited to have this awesome event for our amazing youth!



ALL young people in grades 7 - 12 are invited to come be a part of 4G (God, Girls, & Guys are GR8T) on Sunday mornings. Join us for worship at 9:00 a.m., & stick around for 4G in the Youth Room from 10:00 - 11:00 a.m. Join us for breakfast pizza, Bible time, & intent, face-to-face time. Be bold, & invite a friend! Please reach out to Michelle if you have any questions. Can't wait to see your smiling faces on Sundays after worship.
God is good, & you are loved beyond measure!