

Trinity Weekly Tidings For October 22, 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...**

10/22	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" - In 2022, the Shalom Circle assembled 70 baby care kits, and this year 61 baby care kits have been assembled. The kits are combined with the quilts made at Trinity and shipped to a Lutheran World Relief warehouse.

LOOSE CHANGE OFFERING

Thank you for your generosity last week for our loose change offering. We collected **\$347.36** for the Community Thanksgiving Dinner.
Great Job Trinity!!!



TIDINGS DUE DATE

Do you have anything you would like to include in the November newsletter? If so, articles are due to Myrt by no later than noon on **Tuesday, October 24th.**
Thank you!

10/22	9:00 am	Polka Service (Brat lunch for purchase served by TLC Youth-FUNdraiser)
	10:00 am	4G-Youth Room
	10:00 am	Sunday School
10/24	Noon	Tidings articles due to Myrt for the November Edition
	5-6 pm	NA Meeting—HR
	5-7 pm	Food Pantry Volunteers
	6:30 pm	Adult with Scouts Meeting
10/25	10:00 am	Food Pantry Volunteers
	6:00 pm	Bell Choir—SR
	7:00 pm	Alleluia Choir—Sanctuary
		NO FAITH FORMATION on 10/25
10/26	5:00 pm	Ladles of Love Meal—FH
	5-6 pm	NA Meeting—HR
10/27		Tidings Team to assemble November Tidings
10/28	3-5 pm	Trunk or Treat
	5-6 pm	NA Meeting—HR
	6:00 pm	MS/HS Lock-in
10/29	9:00 am	Worship
	10:00 am	Sunday School



Fall Festival

Attention Trinity Women!

Everyone who is interested in helping with our 2023 Fall Festival please come to a planning meeting on **October 22 right after church**. We will be putting finishing touches on what we want that day to be! Please come with ideas and enthusiasm!



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**

ALL ARE WELCOME Trinity Nights will resume on:

Wednesday, 11/1

We are looking for teams to help provide, serve, & clean up for "all are welcome" meals each week. The following dates are still available: November 1, November 8, November 29, & December 6. Please talk to Pastor Josh or Michelle if you are interested in helping out with this ministry opportunity.

Food served 5:30 – 6:30, games, Bible time, fellowship

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

We hope to see you on Wednesday evenings to be fed, enjoy face-to-face conversations, & have some fun!

FALL RENEWAL IN WESTBY

Greetings, Ladies of Trinity!

Your W-ELCA board has been hard at work putting together a day of informative speakers, great food, interaction and fellowship for you to enjoy. PLEASE join us on Saturday, Oct. 21 from 8:30 a.m.— 2:00 p.m. as we gather at Westby Coon Prairie Lutheran Church. Your registration can be made by calling Jodi Anderson at 609-857-3550 and the \$15 fee can be paid at the door. The day will begin with a devotion led by Pastor Alyssa Weaver. Kathleen Jensen will speak on suicide prevention and Ann Wale will share her experience as chaplain for the La Crosse County Jail. The Coon Prairie ladies will have a scrumptious lunch prepared for us and we'll engage in lively discussions during the afternoon group meetings. There will also be a book swap, so bring some books and take new ones home. Come, enjoy, pray, relax and learn!

(This is being included as these announcements go out on Friday, October 20th)



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 write your check payable to Trinity Lutheran Church and on the memo portion of your check write "Sugar Creek Horse Project." Thank you!



Youth & Family Announcements for the week of October 22, 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, 10/22	Worship at 9:00 a.m. 4G @ 10:00 a.m.	Saturday, 10/28	Trunk or Treat, 3:00—5:00 p.m. MS/HS Lock-in, 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday, 10/25	NO CLASS	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!



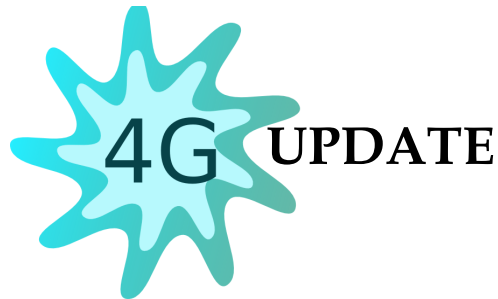
YOUTH LOCK-IN



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!



A HUGE shout out to ALL that were involved in any way to make our tailgate lunch/silent auction such a great success! A special thank you to our "Triple A" (authentic, available, affirming) for all of their extra help in the planning, behind the scenes, & "day of" work. Our amazing kiddos did an incredible job seeking donations & help throughout the day with their big smiles & servant hearts! We are very grateful to the many businesses that invested in us. We appreciate our Trinity family & community for your support of this fundraiser. Many hands & hearts came together to help us rejoice & be glad in this day that the Lord made for us! We are deeply blessed by all of you! Please continue to pray for us as we continue our journey together to the 2024 New Orleans Youth Gathering!