

Trinity Weekly Tidings For February 16, 2020

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

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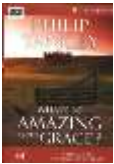
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***Welcome Guests!** We are so happy to see you today! If you are traveling through the area, we wish you Godspeed on your journey. If you live nearby, we hope you will return and worship with us again. If you are looking for a church home, we invite you to make Trinity Lutheran that home. Please sign the guest register located at the entrance into the Sanctuary and/or fill out the yellow card in the pew rack located in front of you, so that we can know who you are. Although you have come as a visitor, we hope that we leave worship as friends!*

Today in worship Christin Gasner is being installed as our new Ministry Coordinator. In the description of this position we heard that:

"As we work to proclaim the Good News of Jesus Christ, the Ministry Coordinator will help connect the gifts, passions, and willingness of members of Trinity Lutheran Church with the ongoing and developing ministries of Trinity Lutheran Church . . ."

We welcome Christin into this new role of ministry!



What's So Amazing About Grace? – If you want to know how amazing grace really is, take a good look at the broken world it heals. Beginning March 1st on Sundays between services, we will explore this topic using a ten-session small group DVD curriculum. This is an interactive group which will cover encounters with radical, life-changing grace. For more information, call Maureen Sullivan @ 269-0999.

Fellowship – Lent suppers are fast approaching. If you have any extra ice cream buckets, please drop them off in the storage room where the freezers are located. Please look for future discipleship opportunities to help during Lent season. This year we will also be using signup genius to help get donations and volunteers for Lent suppers. We appreciate all the help we get from our congregation to make the suppers a great time for fellowship. Fellowship Team

Coffee Fellowship – We have opportunities to serve on February 23rd and March 1st. The sign-up sheet is posted in the hallway of the Fellowship Hall. Please sign up as you are able. Thank you!

Tidings Due Date: Just a friendly reminder that articles for the March Tidings are due to Myrt by no later than Tuesday, February 18th. Thank you!

February 16 – Loose Change Offering Faith In Action

Faith In Action of Monroe County is a non-profit organization that provides volunteers to assist elderly and disabled people in Monroe County for almost 20 years. Volunteers are recruited from the community to help people improve their quality of life and maintain independent living. Our volunteers assist with services such as transportation to medical appointments, delivery of groceries, help with shopping and errands, spring and fall yard cleanup, minor home modifications, friendly visits, welfare checks and assurance, help with letters, forms and companionship.

If you are interested in more information regarding Faith In Action services, or would like to become a volunteer, please call Faith In Action at (608) 372-0939. You may also contact Trinity members, Ann Kvale, Barb Moorhead, or Michael Bonello.

FAMILY PROMISE IS COMING! The first families will arrive at Trinity on Sunday, March 1st. We will need folks to cook, set up and tear down beds, wash the sheets - really anything that you do when you have company in your home. April Butler, the Director of Family Promise in Monroe County will provide a training session to help Trinity members better understand the program and the weekly schedule will be held on Sunday, February 23 after the second service. A light lunch will be served. If you have any questions about Family Promise, please talk to Anita Jensen or Maureen Sullivan.

Women's Clothes Closet – Women's Clothes Closet Chair has reached out to us asking for our help. They are asking for our support to continue this important social ministry to help women in need. It is their mission to provide gently used clothing and accessories at no charge to women with limited income. They do not turn anyone away that needs their help. There are several ways you can support the Women's Clothes Closet, along with praying for the women in need that they serve: a financial gift; donations of gently used clothing, shoes, handbags & jewelry; donations of collected items when you travel to hotels such as shampoo, conditioner, lotion and soap; items such as new undergarments (bras and panties) and socks, or new or gently used mittens, gloves, hats, scarves, winter coats and boots. If you can help, there is a tote near the church office marked "Women's Clothes Closet" where you can place your donations. Thank you for joining this mission to help and serve women in need.

Blood Drive – The theme of the next Trinity Blood Drive is "Giving Warms the Heart". This is especially true during the winter months. Our next drive is on February 24th from 12:00 to 5:00 p.m. and February 25th from 1:00 to 6:00 p.m. All donors will receive a gift from Versiti as a gift for donating. Thanks to our wonderful donors, workers, and Morrow Home for donating cookies. Karen Edwards

Caring for Souls Concert – February 23, 2020 at 2 pm at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, 4141 Mormon Coulee Rd., La Crosse, WI. The speaker will be Renee Splichal Larson, author of the book "A Witness". Renee was married to Ben Larson and were both in Haiti at the time of the devastating earthquake in 2010. This event will be remembering the life of Ben and the many who died in the earthquake 10 years ago but it will also show the hope and new life that is emerging in Haiti. The Central Robed choir, a choir Ben was a member of and other Central choirs will be singing at particular times in the program. There will be a Spaghetti Supper to follow the concert. See the poster on our bulletin boards for more details.

Altar flowers were given by Donna Bassett in memory of Gerry Bassett. Thank you!

Youth & Family Announcements for the week of February 16, 2020

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.

Winter Fun Days at Sugar Creek

Sunday, February 23

ALL ARE WELCOME to join us for a Sunday afternoon of snow tubing, broomball, snow shoeing, wagon rides, and more! We have the tubes and broomball equipment. You can bring cross country skis, ice skates, or your own tubes if you would like. Enjoy a wonderful time together with our church family for the day. We will serve a delicious lunch in the Retreat Center of chili, hot dogs, chips, cookies, cocoa, coffee... Come inside to enjoy lodge time by the fire, play games with friends, or warm up with some creamy, camp cocoa! The cost is \$5.00 per person. Please sign up with Michelle by this Wednesday, February 19, so we can get our numbers to Sugar Creek. We look forward to a fun day in the snow at our beloved Sugar Creek Bible Camp!

SAVE THE DATE!! Wednesday, February 26 begins our Lenten Season!

Join us on Ash Wednesday for a meal hosted by our Youth & Family Ministry Team & 4G kiddos! It will be held in the Fellowship Hall, & ALL ARE WELCOME!! I will be sending out an e-mail for ways to help including set-up, serving, & clean-up as well as items you can donate. This date also marks the start of our MENTOR MEALS. They will run for the following 6 consecutive Wednesdays: 2/26, 3/4, 3/11, 3/18, 3/25, & 4/1. We are looking for “Triple A” adults (authentic, available, affirming) that would be willing to be mentors to our amazing Faith Formation kiddos. Please prayerfully consider taking on this vital role as we build relationships together through face-to-face conversation!☺ Talk to Michelle if you are interested or have any further questions.

SAVE THE DATE!! Saturday, March 14 is the Spring Craft Fair, & it will be held at a new location - Sparta Meadowview School. Check out the February Tidings for more information on how YOU can support this awesome youth fundraiser!



JAM (Jesus & Me/4-years – Grade 5) Update: Families are invited to join us on Wednesday evenings from 5:30 – 7:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. It’s a great place to be together to share in a meal, grow in faith, & honor God through worship! Here is the schedule for February:

2/19: Family Party, 5:30 – 7:00 p.m. (Games, food, & fun!)
2/26: Ash Wednesday
Lenten Meal: 5:00 – 6:15 p.m. Worship at 6:30 p.m.

Faith Formation (grades 7 – 9) Update:

2/19: 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.
2/26: Ash Wednesday/Mentor Meal: 5:00 – 6:15 p.m.
Worship at 6:30 p.m. (attendance is expected)



4G (God, Girls, & Guys R GR8T!/Grades 7 – 12): Come join us on Sunday mornings at 9:15 a.m. in the Youth Room for face-to-face time.☺ Enter into this space with an open mind & heart as we shut off our screens, enjoy breakfast pizza, fellowship, & dig into God’s Word together. You are always welcome to bring a friend! This is the time where we get to BE in the moment in God’s presence in our lives!





Save the dates for FCA Camp! [®]Monday, 6/29 – Thursday, 7/2!!

Visit: **wisconsinfca.org/sports-camp-decorah** for info & camp video
Camp flyers can also be found on the bulletin outside of the Youth Room.

Registration will start online in mid-February!

Stay tuned for a coupon code to receive a scholarship from Trinity!



Dear Camper,

Where can you go swimming, horseback riding, make a s'more, sing by the campfire, play and pray, all in the same place? SUGAR CREEK BIBLE CAMP! Whether it's your first time coming to camp, or your 7th summer, NOW IS THE TIME TO REGISTER!

COMPLETE YOUR REGISTRATION ONLINE OR MAIL IT BY MARCH 15 AND RECEIVE A FREE SUGAR CREEK T-SHIRT!

We have loads of fun activities planned for your week, and there will be an awesome counselor guiding you along the way. Summer staff members are hired because of their commitment to Christ and desire to have fun with campers!

Check out the brochures (found outside of the Youth Room); we have GREAT programs designed just for you! We'd love to have you join us at camp this summer: it will be a week you'll never forget! Sugar Creek is a place for all ages, in all seasons. No matter who you are, we have a program designed for you!

SIGN UP TODAY to ensure your spot! Scholarships will be available. Stay tuned!

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