Trinity Weekly Tidings For February 23, 2020

"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 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!*

LENTEN MID-WEEK LUNCH & WORSHIP – SPARTA MINISTERIAL ASSOCIATION

DATE	LUNCH SITE	SPEAKER
March 4th	United Methodist Church, 210 North Court Street	Pastor Brian Young
March 11th	United Congregational Church, 201 North Water St.	Rev. Jo Glasser
March 18th	Faith Evangelical Free Church, 6644 State Hwy 16	Pastor Loretta Waughtal
March 25th	Trinity Lutheran Church, 612 North Water Street	Father Eric Berns
April 1st	St. John's Episcopal Church, 322 North Water St.	Pastor Mark Kvale

LENTEN SCHEDULE AT TRINITY…..

We will kick off the Lenten Season on **Ash Wednesday, February 26th,** with a Lenten Supper/Mentor Meal hosted by the Youth & Family Team and 4G. They will be serving taco boats starting at 5:00 p.m. followed by Lenten worship at 6:30 p.m. Please make this date on your calendar along with the following dates:

March 4th - 5:00 – 6:15 pm Lent Supper/Mentor Meal – 6:30 pm Worship
March 11th - 5:00 – 6:15 pm Lent Supper/Mentor Meal – 6:30 pm Worship
March 18th - 5:00 – 6:15 pm Lent Supper/Mentor Meal – 6:30 pm Worship
March 25th - 5:00 – 6:15 pm Lent Supper/Mentor Meal – 6:30 pm Worship
April 1st - 5:00 – 6:15 pm Lent Supper/Mentor Meal – 6:30 pm Worship
(last Wednesday supper & worship for Lent)
April 5th - Palm Sunday Breakfast

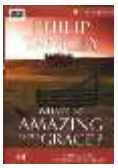
MID-WEEK LENTEN SERIES 2020 – FACES AT THE CROSS

"The central event of the Christian faith is the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. That unitive event of cross and resurrection is the core of the apostolic preaching; it is also the central celebration of the church's liturgy. It is the focus of the church year: Lent prepares for it, and the great Fifty Days are a celebration of it. . . It is one event, seen from two sides; cross and resurrection, each incomplete without the other."[1]

During our mid-week worships during Lent we will be spending time at the cross, using Mark 15 as our guide. In particular, we will be imagining what it must have been like for particular people in this central event; Pilate and the soldiers; Simon of Cyrene; the bandits; Mary, Mary, and Salome; and Jesus himself.

We will be using "Holden Evening Prayer" as our order of worship. Hymn after message; offering brought forward during "Magnificat".

Sanctuary Window Dioramas – During this Lenten season there will be some special displays on the window ledges in the sanctuary. These dioramas were created about forty years ago by altar guild members. You can review scenes from Jesus' life here on earth, scenes leading up to the crucifixion of our Savior and His resurrection, and a time to remember. We invite you to spend a few minutes to view them.



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 March 1st, March 22nd, & March 29th. The sign-up sheet is posted in the hallway of the Fellowship Hall. Please sign up as you are able. Thank you!

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 – Thank you to Trinity's Blood Donors. 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. The past week has been a struggle with illness and yesterday the weather hit the state. The donors at Trinity are the ones needed to over-produce at our drive.

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.

Those for whom we are praying…*Gloria Hague*
Altar flowers were given by Ron & Becky Anderson in memory of Amanda. Thank you!

Youth & Family Announcements for the week of February 23, 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.

THIS Wednesday, February 26 begins our Lenten Season!

Join us on Ash Wednesday for a taco boat meal hosted by our Youth & Family Ministry Team & 4G kiddos! It will be held in the Fellowship Hall, & ALL ARE WELCOME!! Check out the purple DO sheet for ways to help including serving & clean-up as well as items you can donate.

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:

2/26: Ash Wednesday
Lenten Meal: 5:00 – 6:15 p.m. Worship at 6:30 p.m.

Faith Formation (grades 7 – 9) Update:

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 at the end of February!

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

SUGAR CREEK BIBLE CAMP

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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