

# Trinity Weekly Tidings For September 24, 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...**

09/24	9:00 am 10:00 am	Worship Sunday School & 4G
10/01	9:00 am 10:00 am	Worship with communion Sunday School & 4G
10/08	9:00 am 10:00 am 11:00 am	Worship (congregational meeting Immediately following Sunday School & 4G 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

09/26	5-6 pm	NA Meeting—HR
	5-7 pm	Food Pantry Volunteers
09/27	10:00 am	Food Pantry Volunteers
	6:00 pm	Bell Choir—SR
	7:00 pm	Faith Formation—FH
	7:00 pm	Alleluia Choir—Sanctuary
09/28	5:00 pm	Ladles of Love Meal—FH
	5-6 pm	NA Meeting—HR
09/30	5-6 pm	NA Meeting—HR
10/01	9:00 am 10:00 am	Worship with communion Sunday School & 4G



## **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.

**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.

**Thank you to Judy Schure  
for serving today.**



Dear Prayer Partners,

Please take some time to pray to God over these concerns expressed by your sisters & brothers of Trinity:

Please pray for the family of Dick Day who passed away last Saturday at his home in Prairie du Chien. Dick's sister Jeannette Woods and family were long time members of Trinity.

Please continue to pray for...

Connie Moore who is in hospice in Kansas. Connie is first cousin to Karen Edwards.

Carl & Jo Brueggeman (parents of Krista Perkins) who are both in the hospital.

The family of Mike Dutton as they continue to grieve his passing.

"For the word of the LORD holds true, and we can trust everything he does." (Psalm 33:4)



Please see the insert from the 150th Committee regarding our upcoming celebration in 2024. We need your help and we're asking that you fill out the insert and either place it in the offering plate as it passes or return it to the church office.

Thank you!



**Bell Choir is underway practicing**  
**Please consider using your talents in the Bell Choir. If you can count and know your left hand from your right hand you too can play Handbells. We practice on Wednesday evenings from 6:00 to 7:00 pm in the Shalom Room, and play on the second Sunday of the month. You don't need to be at every practice or every time we play. Come have fun with us. See you on Wednesday evenings.**

### **LOOSE CHANGE OFFERING**

Thank you for your generosity last week for our loose change offering. We collected **\$198.31** for our Trinity Lutheran Church Quilters. Great Job Trinity!!!



**FREE—Tables & Metal Chairs**  
 We have 6 tables and 37 metal chairs free for the taking. First come first serve. They are located outside by the lower garage. Help yourself! If you have any questions or concerns, stop in the church office and talk to Myrt.



## 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:

Sunday, Oct. 1 at 3PM with hosts:  
Steve and Judy Bennett  
550 Dewitt Street  
Sparta

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**

## 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!



## 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 September 24, 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](mailto:thehyattfive@gmail.com)

for additional information

### **Faith Formation (grades 7-9) September/October Schedule**

Sunday, 9/24	Worship @ 9:00 a.m. 4G @ 10:00 a.m.	Sunday, 10/15	Worship at 9:00 a.m. 4G @ 10:00 a.m.
Wednesday, 9/27	7:00—8:15 p.m.	Wednesday, 10/18	7:00—8:15 p.m.
Sunday, 10/1	Worship @ 9:00 a.m. 4G @ 10:00 a.m.	Sunday, 10/22	Worship at 9:00 a.m. 4G @ 10:00 a.m.
Wednesday, 10/4	7:00—8:15 p.m.	Wednesday, 10/25	NO CLASS
Sunday, 10/8	Worship @ 9:00 a.m. 4G @ 10:00 a.m. Tailgate lunch/silent auction fundraiser @ 11:00 a.m.	Saturday, 10/28	Trunk or Treat, 2:00—5:00 p.m. MS/HS Lock-in, 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday, 10/11	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**

**2:00 – 5:00 p.m.**

ALL ARE WELCOME to join us for our Trunk or Treat on Saturday, October 28, from 2:00 – 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! Following trunk or treat, we are planning a FUN lock-in for our young people grades 6- 12. Stay tuned for more details to come!



We are also in the early stages of offering AAW (All Are Welcome) meals on Wednesday evenings. Our hope is to create teams within our Trinity family that would willing to host a meal. We would then try to get into some type of cycle with the meals (taco boats, pizza, BBQ, hot dogs/Mac & cheese, soup), & then keep them going on a rotating basis. An informational meeting is being planned, & that date will be coming out soon.



Please join us and  
help support our  
youth

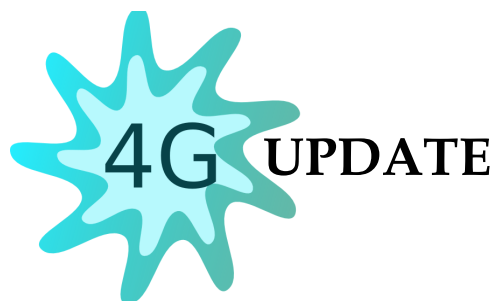


**SAVE THE DATE:** Sunday, October 8!!

Our 2024 Youth Gathering will kick off their **FUN**draising 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!



**Volunteers Needed!** We are hoping to bring back JAM (grades Pre-K – 5) sometime this fall & incorporate an All Are Welcome meal in conjunction with that. Our time together would be 5:30 – 7:00 p.m. We would start with a meal together, & then have the kids break off for Bible time, outside fun, & worship. Please talk to Michelle if you would like to be a part of this planning team as we get jammin for Jesus!



**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!