

Trinity Weekly Tidings For July 18, 2021

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

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

Worship This Summer:

This summer will provide us at Trinity with wonderful opportunities to gather for worship!

Sundays this Summer

We will continue to gather for worship on Sundays at 9 am, either physically in the sanctuary, or online. For those who worship in the sanctuary, although masks will not be required for worship, we are recommending that if someone in your pew is masked, that you politely do likewise. We will also be streaming worship on Trinity's Facebook Group page and on YouTube (Trinity LutheranSparta).

Fourth Sundays in June, July, and August

On the fourth Sundays in the summer, we will gather for worship at the Evans Bosshard Park Bandshell. There will be two worship opportunities at 9 am and 10:30. Worship will be led by the Worship Team. Please bring your own chair!

Wednesdays in the Courtyard

We will gather for a wonderful and informal time of hearing God's Word, praying, and singing God's praise at **6pm in the Courtyard at Trinity**. Please bring your own chair and yourselves as we pause in the midst of our busy weeks to breathe, pray, and worship a loving God who comes as Jesus Christ!

Prayer Concerns:

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Please pray for the family and friends of Carla Wegner who passed away on Tuesday, July 6th. "Rest eternal, grant her, O Lord. And let light perpetual shine on her."

If you have any prayer concerns, please contact Pastor Mark at pastor.tlcsparta@gmail.com or Jonelle Intihar, our prayer group coordinator at Jonelle@theintihars.com (we will post prayer requests for 2 weeks unless we hear otherwise. Thank you!

RETURNING TO TRINITY:

As has been the case for the past 16 months, the Covid status of Monroe County dominates my input to the updates. With the new case rate finally dropping to safer levels, vaccinations continuing, and the CDC recommendation for vaccinated persons, we have attained GREEN status. The Covid 7-day rolling average of new cases on July 16 is 1.9/100k for Monroe County.

When Trinity is in green status (Monroe County new case 7 day rolling avg/100k at 5 or less), our indoor gathering guidelines are:

- Masks are not required for fully vaccinated individuals.
- Masks are recommended for individuals who are not fully vaccinated.
- If persons sitting near you at an indoor gathering are masked, please consider also wearing a mask to demonstrate your respect and care for others.
- Gathering size limits are suspended.
- Sanitizing protocols are suspended.
- The kitchen is open and indoor dining is permitted.

The Covid status will be set each Monday for that week based on updated new case data.

If you have questions, please contact Jim Moorhead, 608-633-3658.

Les Stanley, President

Jim Moorhead, Return Committee Chairperson

Quilters—Join us—A call goes out to anyone who likes to quilt or would like to try. You don't need to know "how" to sew. You need to be friendly and like to be busy. We currently quilt Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 8:30-10:30 am in the Ed Building. Enter through the main door by the church office. You don't need to call—just show up!

Also, the quilters are in need of sheets; **no white or knit**. Please check your linen closets and if you find some that you can give up, please drop them off at the church—612 North Water Street, Sparta. Thank you!

DVD & Portable Players Available for Worship—If you do not have internet and would like a DVD of the worship service, please contact the church office and talk to Myrt—269-5081. We will provide you with the DVD as well as a portable player to use.

BLOOD DRIVE – Trinity held another successful blood drive on June 28th and 29th. Day 1 we collected 84 units and on Day 2 we collected 77 units for a total of 161 units. Trinity donors will help 483 individuals. Glory Halleluiah!!!

Youth & Family Announcements for the week of July 18, 2021

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: theyhyattfive@gmail.com for additional information.



SAVE THE DATES!! Sunday, July 18 and Sunday, August 22

God's Family: ALL are Welcome of ALL ages!

After the 9:00 service on Sunday, July 18, we will gather in the courtyard for a time of food, fellowship, FAITH5, & fun! There will be more details to come, but breakfast pizza will be provided. Please stay tuned!

Sunday, August 22 will be our “Back to School” kickoff! Join us for worship at 9:00 or 10:30 in Evans Bosshard Park. We will have a blessing on our backpacks & school supply drive. In addition, we are going to celebrate our upcoming fall programming – Sunday School, JAM, 4G, & Faith Formation. Following 10:30 worship, boxed lunches & drinks will be provided. From there, we will have stations of games, projects, Bible activities, & prayer different projects for ALL ages of our Trinity family. Come, help us celebrate this day God has made just for us!



“Trinity Cares” Back to School Drive

Plans are underway to start our annual school supply drive the middle of this month. There will be many ways for you to get involved, & more details will be coming through e-mail updates, bulletin announcements, church website, & Facebook. Please reach out to Michelle if you would like to help & be part of this worthy, rewarding, & much needed cause for our brothers & sisters in Christ.



Every three years, 30,000 high school youth and their adult leaders from across the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America gather for a week of faith formation known as the ELCA Youth Gathering. Through days spent in interactive learning, worship, Bible study, service and fellowship, young people grow in faith and are challenged and inspired to live their faith in their daily lives.

The Gathering consists of four program areas: Interactive Learning, Synod Day, Service Learning and Mass Gathering. Congregational groups will be assigned to a rotation schedule to experience Interactive Learning, Synod Day and Service Learning.

[Interactive Learning](#) is a space for participants to engage and be immersed in the life and breath of the church, the community of God. Through a variety of mediums, participants will engage in learning opportunities that support the mission of the Gathering and its theme, and that lift up partner organizations or groups, all in the Minneapolis Convention Center.

[Synod Day](#) is when you will gather with congregations in your geographic area for worship, conversation, communion, music and learning about how boundless our God really is. In the past, Synod Day was held in hotel ballrooms; however, for this cycle we are excited to be hosted by local congregations. Participants will be transported with their synods to their host congregation for this program day.

[Service Learning](#) is an opportunity to take part in the Twin Cities' great story and live out our Lutheran faith by being God's hands and feet in the community. Participants will be able to work alongside our neighbors in the Twin Cities and share meaningful conversations with them. Participants will be transported to their Service Learning site that morning.

[Mass Gathering](#) is a time for all our Gathering participants to gather and experience church at U.S. Bank Stadium. This provides a unique experience for participants to come together to sing, dance, pray, learn and ponder their faith. On Saturday, everyone will come together for worship, blessings and safe travels as well as an opportunity to share communion with 30,000 other people.