

Trinity Weekly Tidings For April 25, 2021

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

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In Loving Memory - The peace lily at the front of the altar is given in loving memory of Jon Bolstad from Dave, Maryann, Michelle, & Emily. This year is the 10th anniversary when he lost his valiant fight with cancer. For all who got to know & love Jon, he lit up the room & had the most infectious smile. His beloved memory will always live on as his family honors him every year with a special gift to our youth fund towards camperships. We thank them from the bottom of our hearts!

"I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith."

2 Timothy 4:7

Office Staff - Our staff is working in the office 9:00 am - 2:00 pm. If you need to access the church building, the doors are open; however, there is a sign in and sign out sheet that we ask you to fill out. If need be, we want tracking information. Thank you!

Worship Services - Trinity is open for in-person worship services up to 50 worshipers in the Sanctuary and up to 20 overflow worshipers in the Narthex/Fellowship Hall. In-person worship is at 9:00 a.m. Seating will be by reservation through the church office, stating how many persons are in your party. **Reservations should be made by noon on Fridays** prior to the Sunday service. Families will be seated together without physical distancing. Family groups will be properly distanced. Communion will be pre-packaged and distributed at the end of worship. There will be no live singing by the congregation. We ask that you maintain physical distancing during, before, and after service fellowship opportunities.

SAVE THE DATES!!

Sunday, May 2: Affirmation of Baptism (for our 9th grade FF students)

Sunday, May 23: Graduate Sunday (to honor our HS graduates)

Details have yet to be worked out. Pastor Mark & Michelle will be in touch as plans are finalized for these special, milestone events in our young people's lives!

La Crosse Area Synod Leadership Opportunities!

Trinity Lutheran Church is a congregation that truly understands what it means to be part of the larger church. We enjoy working with folks from other congregations in our synod and we provide leadership in our synod's ministries. As we prepare for our upcoming synod assembly, there are some positions open for leadership in our synod, from members of the East Conference, of which Trinity is part. Here are some opportunities:

- Lay member of the Synod's Mission Support Committee
- A Lay male member to serve on the Synod Council
- Lay member to serve on the Synod's Endowment Committee
- Member to serve on the Synod's Nominating Committee

If you would like to know more about these leadership roles, please contact Pastor Mark.

2021 Bishop Election Candidates – The La Crosse Area Synod’s Assembly this year is a very important one. We will be electing a new bishop. To find out more information on the pastors who have been nominated, and to find out more information on the process of electing a bishop please visit: **BISHOP ELECTION PAGE**

RETURNING TO TRINITY

The last MCHD report I received is from Thursday, April 22. The 7-day new case rolling average is 10/100k (yellow). The main entrance will be unlocked during regular office hours (M-F 9 am-2pm) while risk levels remain at yellow for new cases. Visitors will be asked to sign in and out to assist in tracking (if needed). The change will be addressed at the April council meeting as an amendment to the return plan.

Trinity will begin in-person services with up to 50 worshipers in the sanctuary starting on Palm Sunday, March 28. Seating will be by reservation thru the church office, stating how many persons are in your party. Families will be seated together without physical distancing. Family groups will be properly distanced. Communion will be pre-packaged and distributed at the end of worship. There will be no live singing by the congregation. We ask that you maintain physical distancing during before and after service fellowship opportunities.

Our mitigation practices of masking, physical distancing, sanitize after use, wash your hands, and “*Please stay home if you are feeling ill*” remain in place. We ask that you review the covid documents on our website; tlcsparta.wixsite.com/trinity. We ask for your continued patience.

Consumption of food and beverages during inside group activities remains prohibited.

Group activities will be limited by the posted capacity of each room. Please limit your use of indoor spaces to 2 hours per day.

Rooms in the Education building are now available at rated capacity for 2 hour sessions when the windows can be opened for cross ventilation. The Heritage Room continues to be restricted because of limited air circulation.

A reminder that if the Covid risk factors in Monroe County rise, we will restrict access appropriately.

Contact the office to establish meeting times and locations. Each group is responsible for coordinating access to the building as well as observing all mitigations and sanitation protocols. Each group wishing to use the building must have a person present during the activity that has been trained in our mitigations and protocols.

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

Les Stanley, President

Jim Moorhead, Return Committee Chairperson

Trinity Lutheran Scholarship Applications Due April 25, 2021

Trinity Lutheran Mission Endowment Fund offers scholarships to confirmed Lutherans who are members of Trinity. April 25th is the application deadline for 2021 scholarships from the Mission Endowment Fund. Applications are available in the office for 2021 high school graduates, or currently enrolled technical college and university/college students who will be enrolled in 2021/ 2022 school year. You may also email a request for the application by contacting Myrt (office@tlcsparta.org or 608-269-5081).

Students currently attending or planning to attend a post-secondary institution including one or two year programs at a technical college, or a 4 year degree program at a university or college are eligible to apply. The application includes the one page Mission Endowment form; your most current high school or postsecondary transcript; and a letter of recommendation from a non-relative community member.

Trinity members are invited to encourage our graduating high school students and enrolled college students to return the application materials to the church office by April 25th. Each year a portion of earnings from the Mission Endowment Fund is allocated for Trinity members continuing postsecondary education. The scholarship is one way your gift to the Trinity Mission Endowment Fund keeps giving. For more information about the Trinity Mission Endowment Fund contact Mark Baltz, Chair, Mission Endowment Committee (m.g.baltz@charter.net)

PRAYER CONCERNS

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

HELP NEEDED - Help from one or two people to pull weeds on our church grounds. We have two areas left and need volunteers to help. The areas are mulched and only have to be checked about twice a month for weeds that come up—probably a half-hour job a month, but we need someone who will do it! Please call Jean Hays, 269-6121, to say “Yes!”.

Thank you to Milt Armstrong, Eldie Erickson, Paul Oswald, Mary Ann Bolstad, Mary Herrman, Shawn Stoffregen, Diane Dammen and Al Jenkins who are already volunteers in taking care of our grounds.

Quilters – Next week, April 26-30, we will quilt every day, M-F, 8:30-10:30, in the Ed Building. You need to enter through the main door and sign in and out. The sheet is outside of the church office. Thank you!

BLOOD DRIVE – Donate blood and save a life! Trinity is having a blood drive on Monday, April 26th and Tuesday, April 27th. Please contact Karen Edwards to sign up for an appointment to donate, 269-5243.

CAN ANYONE USE THIS? We have someone willing to give away a twin size adjustable bed, which includes massage and wave. If anyone is interested, contact Kim Flock - tkflock@hotmail.com or Myrt - office@tlcsparta.org or 269-5081.

Youth & Family Announcements for the week of April 25, 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: thehyattfive@gmail.com for additional information.



Trinity Lutheran

Drive Thru

**May 16th
2021**

**11:00 am
until gone**

\$10 per plate:
½ Chicken
Beans
Coleslaw
Roll

**CHICKEN-Q
&
BAKE SALE**

**Lions Club
Shelter in
Memorial
Park**

SPARTA, WI

Calling all Trinity bakers! We are in need of some homemade goodness for our upcoming Chicken Q & Bake Sale Fundraiser on Sunday, May 16. If you would like to donate, please pre-package with 6 goodies on a plate. You are welcome to donate however many you would like. Please drop them off at Trinity by 9:00 a.m. on Sunday, May 16. If that time does not work for you, or if you have any additional questions, please reach out to Michelle (343-0324) so other arrangements can be made. Thank you so much for your support! Funds raised will help with camp scholarships for our kiddos this summer!



Summer Camp 2021 Online Registration is OPEN!

We have exciting new programs as well as beloved favorites—be sure to check out our summer brochure or the program descriptions on our website.

Follow the link button below to visit our Summer Programs page.

As vaccines are delivered nationwide, safety practices are followed, medical knowledge increases, and camp programs and facilities are adapted, we are confident in moving forward with plans for summer Bible camp. Youth and families will benefit from camp now more than ever!

We are blessed that Trinity will be able to offer \$200.00 scholarships to help offset the cost of camp! There will also be fundraising opportunities available, & more details will come on that.

We hope YOU can join us at camp this summer. As usual, all deposits and payments are refundable up until June 1, 2021 and possibly beyond depending on Covid-19.

After you register for camp, please let Michelle know so she can keep an accurate and updated list.

sugarcreekbiblecamp.org

We can't wait to see you again!



Camp Sponsorships

Our Youth & Family Ministry Team is reaching out to you - our Trinity family asking for your help. We are in need of sponsors for our kids going to camp this summer. Times are tough (as we all know), but we don't want our precious kiddos to miss out on these opportunities that help them grow in their faith in so many ways. We have 2 different camps that offer faith-filled summer experiences - Sugar Creek Bible Camp & FCA (Fellowship of Christian Athletes), & both of these camps are near & dear to my heart! I cannot say enough on how these 2 camps have helped mold & shape our young people along their faith journey now & into the future. I have seen firsthand all of the growth & positivity that comes from their experiences. It truly fills my heart just how life-changing these camps are in so many ways! An average week at camp is \$400, & it is worth every penny! Would you please prayerfully consider how you might be able to help - full scholarship, half scholarship (\$200), quarter scholarship (\$100), or any amount you feel in your heart that you are able to give. EVERY single donation counts! If you are able to

donate or have any additional questions, please reach out to Michelle. Thank you from the bottom of our hearts for your love, support, & prayers towards these amazing & beloved children of God!



FCA Camp

New dates! New location!

Wednesday, June 30 - Saturday, July 3, University of Northwestern, St. Paul, MN

COVID safety practices are in place, & it promises to be a powerful, faith-filled camp experience!

Registration is open. For registration and FAQ's, visit: Wisconsinfca.org/sportscamp.

We are blessed that Trinity will be able to offer \$100.00 scholarships for all of our kiddos going to camp!

In addition, our WI FCA Chapter will be giving a \$100.00 scholarship.

When you register, please be sure to use this code to receive the scholarships: TRIN200. After you register for camp, please let Michelle know so she can keep an accurate and updated list.

We are also in the process of working out transportation arrangements. At this time, we are hopeful that we can travel by coach bus to & from camp. More details will be shared as we figure out departure times, lunch plan, etc. We may need an extra adult to ride the bus, & Michelle will be in touch about that. Thank you for your patience & understanding as we plan to make camp so memorable for our kiddos!

If you have any further questions, please contact Michelle at (608) 343-0324 or thehyattfive@gmail.com.