

Trinity Weekly Tidings For December 3, 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...



12/03	9:00 am	Worship with communion
12/10	9:00 am	Worship with communion
12/17	9:00 am	Children's Christmas Program
12/24	9:00 am 3:00 pm 9:00 pm	Worship with communion Christmas Eve w/communion Christmas Eve w/communion
12/25	9:00 am	Christmas Day worship
12/31	9:00 am	Worship (Lessons & Carols)



CHURCH DIRECTORIES

The church directories are in. If you participated by taking your photo with Harman Studios, or submitted a photo to have included in the directory, please see Donna Boland and Jo Ellen Siver on your way out today and pick up your copy.

MISSING BOOK

The book *"Speaking the Truth in Love"* is missing from the Stephen Ministry display table. If anyone knows where it might be, please let Jan Jenkins know. Thank you!

Tel. (608) 633-0512

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12/03	9:00 am	Worship with communion
	10:00 am	Sunday School
	10:00 am	4G-Youth Room
	10:30 am	Advent Book Discussion-SR
12/04	5:30 pm	Education & Youth & Family Meeting
	6:00 pm	Mary Circle at Kathy Peterson's
	6:00 pm	SACS—FH
12/05	9:00 am	Ladies Breakfast at Don's Restaurant
	5:00 pm	Personnel Meeting
	5-6 pm	NA Meeting—HR
	6:30 pm	Adult with Scouts Meeting
12/06	10:00 am	Food Pantry
	1:45 pm	Rolling Hills Worship/Communion
	5:30 pm	All Are Welcome Meal—FH
	6:00 pm	Bell Choir—SR
	7:00 pm	Faith Formation—FH
	7:00 pm	Alleluia Choir—Sanctuary
12/07	8:30 am	Quilting—FH
	5:00 pm	Ladles of Love Meal—FH
	5-6 pm	NA Meeting—HR
	6:15 pm	Troop Meeting Adults & Parents
	6:30 pm	Music & Worship Meeting—SR
12/09	5-6 pm	NA Meeting—HR
12/10	9:00 am	Worship with communion (Youth Bake Sale)
	10:00 am	Sunday School
	10:00 am	4G—Youth Room



Fellowship Meal

Can YOU help?

JOIN US ON WEDNESDAY EVENINGS!!!

AAW (All Are Welcome) meals are in need of more teams to continue to serve these weekly meals. Our hope is to create these teams within our Trinity family that would be willing to host a meal. It can be a family partnering with another family, a group of friends, etc. 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. Please reach out to Pastor Josh or Michelle if you would be willing to help coordinate & lead a team. Here is our schedule for November & December

Wed., 12/6	Open—Hot Dogs & Mac & Cheese
Wed., 12/13	Youth—Potluck (TBA)

STEWARDSHIP "DID YOU KNOW" PROGRAM

Did you know...The La Crosse Area Synod forwards 46% of the Mission Support funds to ELCA Churchwide ministries. Locally, our Synod provides congregational support, lay leader development support, clergy support, and engages in social justice work.

Christ in Our Home

We have received the January, February, March 2024 edition of Christ in Our Home and copies are on the table near the church office. Please pick up a copy on your way out today.

Altar flowers today are given by Jolene Breitenfield in Loving Memory of her parents, Donald & Florence Breitenfield and her brother, Jerry Breitenfield.
Thank you!

ANNUAL Report

It's that time again...our Annual Meeting is fast approaching. The office is going to need reports for the Annual Report **by no later than December 29, 2023.**

If you have questions, please feel free to call the church office. Thank you!

The annual meeting will be on **Sunday, January 28, 2024.**



THANK YOU!!!

Many thanks for all who helped "deck the halls" of Trinity! Many hands made putting up the Christmas decorations go quickly. Trinity looks very festive! Thanks again!



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

Dear Prayer Partners:

Your prayers are requested for Dave Olson. He has been sick for a couple of weeks at home and is currently at Gundersen with a possibility of going to a rehab unit afterwards. Please pray for peace and healing for Dave.

Also please pray for Gary Hibbard, the brother to Karen Edwards, as he prepares for major surgery.

If you have any prayer concerns, please contact Jonelle Intihar, our prayer group coordinator, jonelle@theintihars.com. Thank you!



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.

UPCOMING SERVERS:

December 3—Matt & Brittany Michalski
December 10—Opportunity to serve
December 17—Sunday School Families

A HOLIDAY CELEBRATION

You are invited to attend the latest S.U.M.M.I.T. Spirits production of *The Charitable Sisterhood Christmas Spectacular*. Revisit the Second Trinity Victory Church as Bea, Lorraine, and the rest of the cast try to discover who stole baby Jesus! This is playwright Bo Wilson's sequel to *The Charitable Sisterhood of the Second Trinity Victory Church*.

Performances will be at the United Methodist Church, 210 N. Court Street; however, please use the K Street entrance. Times are Dec. 1, 2, 8, and 9 at 7 p.m. and Dec. 3 and 10 for a 1:30 matinee. Tickets are: Adults -\$13, Seniors, Students and Military \$10 and children under 10 FREE.

We hope you are able to join us as we usher in the Christmas season.

Thank you so much for helping us promote family entertainment in Monroe County.
Christmas blessings!
S.U.M.M.I.T. Spirits Theater Group

**Join us for a Festive
Community Christmas Dinner!**

Menu

Indulge in the richness of gourmet meatballs with savory gravy, relish the creaminess of mashed potatoes, enjoy the perfect balance of sweet and tangy with our glazed carrots. Pair these delights with freshly baked bread rolls adorned with whipped butter and zesty cranberry sauce. Cap off your meal with an exquisite selection of assorted desserts that promise to satisfy every sweet tooth.

Activities: Take a photo with Saint Nick (4:30—5:30 pm); Christmas Games, Christmas Quiz. Carol Singing Competition with Cash Prizes: 1st Place: \$100-2nd Place: \$50-3rd Place \$25 (Only 10 spots available. First come, first served. Contact us to secure your spot!)

Date: December 9, 2023 Time: 4:30-7:00 pm

Location: 322 N. Water St., Sparta

Cost: General:\$15/Kids (6-12 years) \$7/Under 5: Free

For ticket reservations and competition entry, please contact us at stjohnsepiscopalechurch5@gmail.com
608-269-6103 <https://christmasfeast.eventbrite.com>



Youth & Family Announcements for the week of December 3, 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 for additional information

Faith Formation (grades 7-9) December Schedule

Sunday, 12/3	Worship @ 9:00 4G @ 10:00	Wednesday, 12/20	NO Faith Formation
Wednesday, 12/6	7:00-8:15 pm	Sunday, 12/24	Worship @ 9:00 NO 4G Christmas Eve Worship @ 3:00 p.m. & 9:00 p.m.
Sunday, 12/10	Worship @ 9:00 4G @ 10:00	Monday, 12/25	Christmas Day Worship at 9:00 a.m. Happy Birthday, Jesus! Merry Christmas!
Wednesday, 12/13	Christmas Celebration (TBA)	Wednesday, 12/27	NO Faith Formation
Sunday, 12/17	Worship @ 9:00 4G @ 10:00	Sunday, 12/31	Worship @ 9:00 NO 4G

Sunday, December 10 &

Sunday, December 17

**Christmas Sweet Treats, here we come!
Our Youth Gathering Team will be
hosting a Christmas Bake Sale Fundraiser
on Sunday, December 10 & Sunday,
December 17. It will be held each Sunday
after 9:00 a.m. worship services in the
hallway outside of the main office as well as the
Youth Room. If you would like to donate any
goodies for the Bake Sale, please let Michelle
know. We are asking that everything be pre-
packaged on plates of 6 or 12 items. Thank you
for your continued support!**

**Coins Because We Care – Sparta Backpack
Program**

Check out Ella’s cool sign outside of the main office, and if you are able, grab a stocking off the line. Fill the stocking of ONLY coins, & get creative with how you do it. As God blesses us, let’s be a blessing to others as he has called us! Return your stocking by Sunday, December 17th. Remember that each coin makes a BIG difference as we reach out working together to love & take care of ALL of God’s beloved and precious children! ALL coins collected will go to support the Sparta Backpack Program. This program serves 170+ food challenged kids in grades K-4 on the weekends. Thank you for “digging” deep in your heart to love up our precious kids & make sure their bellies are full! Please reach out to Michelle with any questions.



Trinity Cares Giving Tree

**God’s Love—Our Hearts. God’s Work—Our
Hands.**

Our annual tradition of our “Trinity Cares” Christmas Giving Tree is up. This special tree is full of nativity scene tags representing families in our community that could use a “hand up” this Christmas season. They are also symbolic as a reminder of the true meaning of the beautiful miracle of Jesus' birth! How can we all become more like Jesus? How can we keep our light shining for Him? Please be kind, take one or more tags, & enjoy the feeling of being a blessing to shop for the item(s) requested. Return it—UNWRAPPED—to the tree area. Not a shopper? Feel free to drop off a monetary donation, & let our Trinity Youth do the shopping for you. There are tags that request gifts cards, & those should be returned to the main office. Please be sure to attach the original tag with your gift for easier sorting. In order to give our youth time for wrapping presents to get them out for delivery before Christmas, we would appreciate ALL gifts to be returned by Monday, December 18th. Thank you for reaching out with loving hearts & helping hands to model Jesus & His love for all of us!

