

Trinity Weekly Tidings For October 15, 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...

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

STEWARDSHIP "DID YOU KNOW" PROGRAM

"Did You Know" - Forty four of our Trinity Youth meet for Faith Formation on Wednesday evenings, and are guided by ten adult mentors. Also, twenty eight of our youth along with nine adult chaperones will be attending the 2024 ELCA National Youth Gathering in New Orleans.

OUR COMMUNITY IN CONCERT

Sponsored by the Records and History Committee of
Sparta United Methodist Church

WHO: Local musicians playing instruments, singing or both

WHAT: Our Community in Concert

WHERE: Sparta United Methodist Church in the Sanctuary

WHEN: Saturday, October 21, 2023 from 2-4 pm

WHY: Because we love to see and hear our talented community perform!!!!

This is a free event and light refreshments will be served at the conclusion of the concert

10/15	9:00 am	Worship with communion - Communion for homebound - Loose Change Offering
	10:00 am	Sunday School
	10:00 am	4G—Youth Room
10/16	6:00 pm	SACS Meeting—FH
	6:30 pm	Mary Circle—SR
10/17	5-6 pm	NA Meeting—HR
	6:30 pm	Pack Meeting
10/18	10:00 am	Food Pantry Volunteers
	5:30 pm	AAW Meal—FH
	6:00 pm	Bell Choir—SR
	7:00 pm	Faith Formation—FH
	7:00 pm	Alleluia Choir—Sanctuary
10/19	8:30 am	Quilting—FH
	5:00 pm	Ladles of Love Meal—FH
	5-6 pm	NA Meeting—HR
10/21	5-6 pm	NA Meeting—HR
10/22	9:00 am	Polka Service (Brat lunch for purchase served by TLC Youth-FUNdraiser)
	10:00 am	4G-Youth Room
	10:00 am	Sunday School



Fall Festival

Attention Trinity Women!

Everyone who is interested in helping with our 2023 Fall Festival please come to a planning meeting on **October 22 right after church**. We will be putting finishing touches on what we want that day to be! Please come with ideas and enthusiasm!



PLEASE JOIN US FOR A POLKA SERVICE

Who: Polka Mass-ters
What: Polka Service
When: Sunday, October 22, 2023 @ 9:00 Service
Where: Trinity Lutheran Church
Why: Because it's October

Following the service: Brat lunch for purchase, served by Trinity Lutheran Youth as a FUNdraiser.

**THE PUBLIC IS WELCOME
TO ATTEND**

North Beaver Creek Lutheran Church
invites you to their annual **Lutefisk Dinner**
Join us downstairs...for a real home-cooked
Norwegian meal!

Sunday, October 22
11:00 am-4:00 pm

All you can eat
Lutefisk * Meatballs
Rutabagas * Potatoes * Gravy
Lefse * Cranberries * Pie

Adults—\$20.00
Kids 6-12—\$15.00
Under 6—Free

Bake Sale

W10767 County Road C
Ettrick
4.5 miles east of Beaches Corner
Our 85th Year—Since 1938

FALL RENEWAL IN WESTBY

Greetings, Ladies of Trinity!

Your W-ELCA board has been hard at work putting together a day of informative speakers, great food, interaction and fellowship for you to enjoy. PLEASE join us on Saturday, Oct. 21 from 8:30 a.m.—2:00 p.m. as we gather at Westby Coon Prairie Lutheran Church. Your registration can be made by calling Jodi Anderson at 609-857-3550 and the \$15 fee can be paid at the door. The day will begin with a devotion led by Pastor Alyssa Weaver. Kathleen Jensen will speak on suicide prevention and Ann Wale will share her experience as chaplain for the La Crosse County Jail. The Coon Prairie ladies will have a scrumptious lunch prepared for us and we'll engage in lively discussions during the afternoon group meetings. There will also be a book swap, so bring some books and take new ones home. Come, enjoy, pray, relax and learn!

LOOSE CHANGE OFFERING TODAY

Loose change offering today will benefit the Community Thanksgiving Dinner. Please donate as you are able. Thank you!



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:

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**



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.

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 write your check payable to Trinity Lutheran Church and on the memo portion of your check write "Sugar Creek Horse Project." Thank you!



Altar flowers today
are given by
Ron & Pauline Haug.
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 October 15, 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) October Schedule

Sunday, 10/15	Worship at 9:00 a.m. 4G @ 10:00 a.m.	Wednesday, 10/25	NO CLASS
Wednesday, 10/18	7:00—8:15 p.m.	Saturday, 10/28	Trunk or Treat, 3:00—5:00 p.m. MS/HS Lock-in, 6:00 p.m.
Sunday, 10/22	Worship at 9:00 a.m. 4G @ 10:00 a.m.	Sunday, 10/29	Worship @ 9:00 a.m. NO 4G



SAVE THE DATE! Saturday, October 28

Trinity Trunk or Treat

3:00 – 5:00 p.m.

ALL ARE WELCOME to join us for our Trunk or Treat on Saturday, October 28, from 3:00 – 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!



**SAVE THE DATE for ALL ARE WELCOME
Trinity Nights!**

Wednesday Nights

Food served from 5:30 – 6:30

Games & Bible time

**All of this fun as God's family will take
place in the Fellowship Hall.**

We hope to see you there!

**Please talk to Michelle if you'd like to help
with set-up, serving food, or clean-up.
Many hands make less work!**

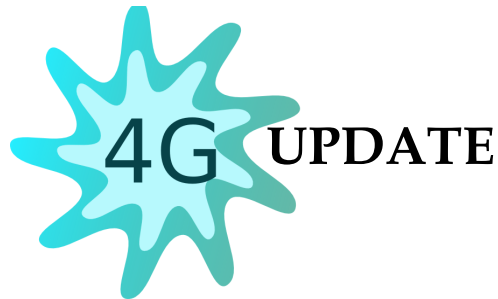
YOUTH LOCK-IN



High School/Middle School Lock-in

Saturday, October 28

ALL young people in grades 6 – 12 are invited to come be a part of a fun & exciting lock-in being planned just for YOU! ALL the fun will start at 6:00 p.m. & end after 9:00 a.m. worship on Sunday. There will be food, games, movies, worship, planning a skit for Sunday's worship, friends, & FUN! If you are not able to come until later, that is fine, too, but be sure to communicate that with Michelle or Pastor Josh. The sign-up sheet is found outside of the Youth Room. Feel free to invite a friend! We ask that you sign up by Sunday, October 22, so adequate plans can be prepared for food, etc. A few extra adults will be needed for this event, so if you could give of your time for a few hours, that would be great! Again, talk to Michelle or Pastor Josh if you can help. We are so excited to have this awesome event for our amazing youth!



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!



A HUGE shout out to ALL that were involved in any way to make our tailgate lunch/silent auction such a great success! A special thank you to our "Triple A" (authentic, available, affirming) for all of their extra help in the planning, behind the scenes, & "day of" work. Our amazing kiddos did an incredible job seeking donations & help throughout the day with their big smiles & servant hearts! We are very grateful to the many businesses that invested in us. We appreciate our Trinity family & community for your support of this fundraiser. Many hands & hearts came together to help us rejoice & be glad in this day that the Lord made for us! We are deeply blessed by all of you! Please continue to pray for us as we continue our journey together to the 2024 New Orleans Youth Gathering!