

Trinity Weekly Tidings For January 14, 2024

"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!

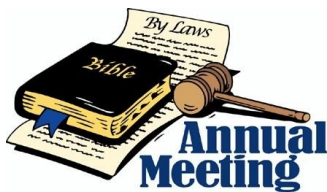
This Week
at Trinity...



01/14	9:00 am 10:00 am	Worship Sunday School
01/21	9:00 am 10:00 am	Worship with communion (communion for homebound) (loose change offering) Sunday School
01/28	9:00 am 10:00 am	Worship Sunday School

01/14	9:00 am	Worship
	10:00 am	Sunday School
	10:00 am	4G-Youth Room
	10:30 am	Fasting Group—SR
01/15	6:30 pm	Mary Circle—SR
01/16	5-6 pm	NA Meeting—HR
01/17	10:00 am	Food Pantry Volunteers
	5:30 pm	All Are Welcome Meal—FH
	6:00 pm	Bell Choir—SR
	7:00 pm	Faith Formation—FH
	7-8 pm	Alleluia Choir—Sanctuary
01/18	8:30 am	Quilting—FH
	5:00 pm	Ladles of Love Meal—FH
	5-6 pm	NA Meeting—HR
01/20	5-6 pm	NA Meeting—HR
01/21	9:00 am	Worship with communion (communion for homebound) (loose change offering)
	10:00 am	Sunday School
	10:00 am	4G-Youth Room

We ask for your continued prayers for Bob & Jenny Lydon who lost their house & all their furry friends in a tragic fire just before Christmas. Many people have reached out asking how they can help. As of now, Visa gift cards as well as Walmart & Hansen's are the most helpful. They can be dropped off in the office during office hours (8:00 - 2:00). They may also be given to Michelle at worship on Sunday morning. Thank you so much for your love, prayers, & support for Bob & Jenny!



**PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDARS
AND PLAN TO ATTEND OUR ANNUAL
MEETING SCHEDULED FOR
JANUARY 28, 2024 AT 10:15 A.M.**

TIDINGS ARTICLES DUE DATE

Just a friendly reminder that articles for the February edition of the Tidings are due to Myrt by no later than **Tuesday, January 23, 2024.**

The Tidings Team will be in on Friday, January 26, 2024 to assemble the Tidings.

rightnow MEDIA

Church Family,

I'm excited to share that our church now has unlimited access to **RightNow Media**—the world's largest streaming library of video Bible study resources. This extensive library has **more than 20,000 videos** taught by leaders like Francis Chan, Jennie Allen, Dr. Tony Evans, and many more. These Bible study videos can be used as part of a group study or for personal devotions, and many series include **free discussion guides and handouts**.

I believe that RightNow Media is a tool that can help you live out your faith in every area of your life—at home, at work, and in your community. In addition to series on books of the Bible, RightNow Media has videos for everyone in your family on a variety of topics like marriage, parenting, personal finances, mental health, and more. There's even a **library just for kids with over 2,000 safe, entertaining videos**. RightNow Media has a free app that's available on all major streaming devices so you and your family can access content anywhere, anytime.

Additionally, over the next couple weeks, staff will be putting together curated lists of our favorite picks on a variety of topics and age levels, that you will be able to directly access through your account. So if 20,000 videos seems intimidating, let us show you where to begin.

We are joining thousands of churches across the world, including many ELCA churches, in taking advantage of this extraordinary resource, with the first year provided through generous individual donations.

You should have already received an email invitation for FREE access to RightNow Media. (If you haven't received it yet, be sure to check your spam or promotions folder.)

To get started, simply click the link in the email, create your free account, and start browsing more than 20,000 inspiring videos. We pray that RightNow Media will be a blessing to you and your family!

If you have any questions or feedback please reach out to me.

~PJ



Can you please serve coffee a Sunday? If so, the sign up sheet is in the narthex where coffee is being served. Pick a Sunday that works with your schedule and sign up. 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 the church office at 608-269-5081.

Upcoming Servers:

January 14: Opportunity to serve
 January 21: Tammy & Connie
 January 28: Brittany & Matt Michalski



Altar Flowers

ALTAR FLOWERS

The 2024 flower chart is up and ready for you to sign up. It is located near the elevator by the church office. Sign up to acknowledge a special occasion or to remember a loved one. Then, you can pay for the flowers, which is only \$15.00, by stopping in the church office, mailing your payment, or simply putting your payment in the offering plate (please be sure to designate on your check that it's for altar flowers). After the service on Sunday, the flowers for your week are yours to take home or donate as you would like. Not only is this a wonderful way to keep our altar area looking beautiful every week, it's a bargain price for flowering plants.
 So...reserve your date(s) today!



Fellowship Meal

**ALL ARE WELCOME at the table!
 JOIN US ON WEDNESDAY EVENINGS!!!**

We are still looking for families/groups to help prepare, serve, or clean up THIS Wednesday, 1/17 & Wednesday, 1/31. Funding is available to help offset the costs of the meals. Here is our menu/schedule through 2/7:

Wednesday, 1/17: Chicken Alfredo
 Wednesday, 1/24: NO meal
 Wednesday, 1/31: Baked Potato Bar
 Wednesday, 2/7: Hot Dogs/Mac & Cheese
 (hosted by Markuson family)

Please reach out to Pastor Josh or Michelle if you are willing & able to serve in any of the above ways to keep these weekly meals going for our Trinity family. Let us know if you have any additional questions about this vital ministry as we come together to gather in fellowship & feed people the way Jesus did!



Dear Prayer Partners,

Our precious prayers are needed.

Please pray for Bob & Linda Kreider as they both struggle with health issues.

Please continue to pray for Adell Morton & her family as they mourn the loss of Adell's grandson, Ty Morton.

Please continue to pray for Bob & Jenny Lydon as they recover from the fire that claimed their house and all their animals.

Please continue to pray for the family of Larry & Lana Zwiefel. Larry lost his sister, Patty Huizenga.

Lord, we ask you to wrap your arms around these families. Help them feel your presence and give them the peace that we cannot even understand.

Youth & Family Announcements for the week of January 14, 2024

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)
January Schedule**



THANK YOU to everyone who supported the Papa Murphy's & Arby's fundraiser for our young people going to the Youth Gathering in New Orleans this summer! We sincerely appreciate you!!

Sunday, 1/14	Worship @ 9:00 4G @ 10:00
Wednesday, 1/17	AAW Meal, 5:30-6:30 pm 7:00-8:15 pm
Sunday, 1/21	Worship @ 9:00 4G @ 10:00
Wednesday, 1/24	FAITH FORMATION Just Move Event
Sunday, 1/28	Worship @ 9:00 4G @ 10:00
Wednesday, 1/31	AAW Meal, 5:30-6:30 pm NO FAITH FORMATION

LENTEN SUPPERS

Our New Orleans Youth Gathering Team of young people, adult leaders, & their families will be hosting the Lenten suppers beginning on Ash Wednesday, 2/14. There will still be many ways for our Trinity family to donate & get involved to make this a team effort! Stay tuned!

MENTOR MEALS

Mentor Meals will be happening once again! Our Faith Formation students will partner with an adult mentor (high school age & above) throughout the Lenten season. We are looking for "Triple A" (authentic, available, affirming) adults to help serve in this rewarding role of walking in faith together. If you are interested, or have additional questions, please reach out to Michelle, & she will give you all of the details. There's no greater sound than the Fellowship Hall buzzing with conversation!