Trinity Weekly Tidings For June 28, 2020

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

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From Pastor Mark Kvale

Good Morning, Sisters and Brothers in Christ!

Please join us for **Worship on Sunday!** We will be live-streaming worship at **9 am** on Trinity's Facebook Group's page. We will also be recording worship and will have available to access on our website shortly after. **(www.tlcsparta.org)**

This Sunday, our music leaders will be Tony Gasner and Ann Kvale, and our worship leaders will be three of our soon-to-be seventh graders! (Thanks, Wyatt, Izzy, and Elexa!)

You can also join us for Worship on Sunday at 10:07 am, and devotions on Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 1:07 pm **over the phone!**
Here is how it's done: to join in our call, please dial the number listed below, when prompted, provide the access code followed by the #. Dial-in number (US): (978) 990-5185 Access code: 5984240#
To listen to a recording of our Sunday worship, or our Monday, Wednesday, and Friday Devotional:
Call Playback Number: (978) 990-5096 Access Code: 5984240#
Reference numbers to access recordings: 1, 2, or 3.

Study of the Book of Acts: Pastor Mark will be starting this study in two weeks! A number of folks have indicated that they would like to participate, but there is still time to sign up! Please email Pastor Mark at pastor.tlcsparta@gmail.com

We are also planning a reading group for Bonhoeffer's *Life Together.* More information coming soon!

Prayer Concerns: Please take some time to pray to God over these concerns expressed by your sisters and brothers of Trinity Lutheran.

We pray for Chris Vetters (spouse of our former Administrative Assistant, Lori Vetters
We pray for Scott Schure.
We pray for the family of MaryAnn Rader.
We pray for: Jana Fortuna and her family on the death of Jana's sister, Tammy: Warren Isbell, who is back at Morrow Home following a short stay in the hospital: Pastor Luther Larson: Stan Bernette: Donna Kastberg: and for the family and friends of Tony Koopman.

If you have any prayer concerns, please contact Pastor Mark pastor.tlcsparta@gmail.com or Jonelle Intihar, our prayer group coordinator) jonelle@theintihars.com

Morning Prayer: We have been gathering for Morning Prayer on Tuesday and Thursday mornings at 8am on Trinity's Zoom Meeting. If you would like to join us, please email Pastor Mark (pastor.tlcsparta@gmail.com) and he will send you an invitation. We would love to see you!

All Kinds of Resources are available in our resource center, right outside the front door of our building. In it you will find the latest editions of the **Living Lutheran** magazine, **Christ in our Home** devotional, past **bulletins, sermons, newsletters, etc. Help yourselves!**

Those who do not have email or internet: I am asking all of you to please check in with your family members and friends who are members of Trinity who do not have email. Ask how they are doing, if there is anything they need, and ask in what ways they feel we can help them keep connected with the congregation. Please let Pastor Mark, or any of our leaders know, and let everyone know about our telephone worship and devotionals.

Help Available!
The Bread Basket Ecumenical Food Pantry, located at 114 N. Water St. in Sparta, is open from 10 am to Noon on Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays and again on Tuesday Evenings from 5-7 pm. **All with a need for food are welcome!**

Trinity Lutheran Helping Hands
We have established a fund meant to help our members who are in financial difficulties. If you, or someone in our congregation is in some help, please contact Pastor Mark (608.487.2030 or pastor.tlcsparta@gmail.com) for more information.

Exciting News! If you drive past the church building, you will notice some scaffolding. Work has begun on the planned repair of our stonework and moisture-related problems. This undertaking is one of our goals for this year.

30 Days of Prayer: A number of our members are offering a daily scripture reading and a prayer. You may see them offered on our Facebook group page. Here is the prayer we offer each day:

A Prayer for the Power of the Spirit among the People of God
God of all power and love, we give thanks for your unfailing presence and the hope you provide in times of uncertainty and loss. Send your Holy Spirit to enkindle in us your holy fire. Revive us to live as Christ's body in the world: a people who pray, worship, learn, break bread, share life, heal neighbors, bear good news, seek justice, rest and grow in the Spirit. Wherever and however we gather, unite us in common prayer and send us in common mission, that we and the whole creation might be restored and renewed, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

A reminder: The building continues to be locked. The staff of Trinity is working from home. The mail and phone messages are checked a few times a day by Pastor Mark.

Located outside of the main door is a **Resource box.** In it you will find bulletins, newsletters, bible studies and bibles, and other helpful items. If you, or someone you know can use these items, please, help yourselves! We ask that you wipe the handle clean as you leave.

Pastor Mark Updates – Remember to check your email and our website often as Pastor Mark sends an update every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday. Stay tuned and stay safe.

Offering Opportunities

Thank you to all who have continued to support our mission at Trinity. Our good work has carried on. While we have not had the opportunity to contribute through the passing of the plate, the following options are available to us:

1. **Simply Giving** - Automated giving with Simply Giving via a transfer from your savings or checking account to Trinity's bank account. To start, please complete the Simply Giving form located on our website https://tlcsparta.wixsite.com/trinity/copy-of-give. Please sign the form, take a picture of the form, and also take a picture of a voided check and email both pictures to office@tlcsparta.org. In addition, you can mail your Simply Giving form to Trinity (address below) or to Myrt, Trinity's administrative assistant, at Mary Holte, 302 Ulland Ave., Westby, WI 54667.

2. **Check** - Mail your check to the Trinity Lutheran Church, 612 N. Water St., Sparta, WI 54656

3. **GivePlus** - Online giving is available through GivePlus. The link is available through our website. https://tlcsparta.wixsite.com/trinity/give

4. **GivePlus Mobile** - Download the GivePlus mobile app from the App store (Apple) or Google Play (Android) https://giveplushelp.vancopayments.com/images/GivePlus_Mobile_How_it_work.pdf

5. **Text by GivePlus** - Send a text with your donation amount to 844-554-1086. Within a few minutes, you'll be sent a text with a link to register. Click on the link and enter your cardholder name and debit or card information. Once your registration is complete, you will receive a text verification and a receipt of your donation via e-mail.

   Bear in mind, any of these electronic/Internet automatic methods can be changed at any time and you can go back to giving in person when you choose to do so.