

# Trinity Tidings

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Trinity Lutheran Church, 1010 Sill St, La Crosse, Wisconsin



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Mark 16 *"Do not be alarmed; you are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has been raised; he is not here. Look, there is the place they laid him. 7 But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him, just as he told you." 8 So they went out and fled from the tomb, for terror and amazement had seized them; and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.*

*Christ is risen! He is risen indeed!*

This is the joyous proclamation of the Christian community this time of year. We dare to believe and proclaim that Jesus of Nazareth is no longer dead, but alive – resurrected by God! It's an amazing proclamation, and it's amazing that we have this to proclaim. What do I mean? Take a look at the Gospel of Mark – the women who were with Jesus at his cross and watched him die were also at his tomb three days later to witness his resurrection. But did you catch their response? "So they went out and fled from the tomb, for terror and amazement had seized them; and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid." Terror. Amazement. Silence. A far cry from our present day Easter celebrations, don't you think?

Yet that is the story of the church, the story of those who would claim the name Christian and follow Jesus. He goes ahead of us, with the promise to meet us as we move forward. And that can be a frightening thing, especially if you don't quite know where you're going or what the future might hold. Like the women at the tomb, we could get fearful and let ourselves be consumed by the unknown – or we could step out in faith and truly trust that Jesus is alive and leading us as we go forward. That's what the women must have done, eventually. Eventually their fear was overcome by faith, for the message of Jesus' resurrection wasn't kept to themselves, but shared with others – coming to us through centuries of the faithful who continue to proclaim the Good News. Christ is risen! He is risen indeed!

So we're challenged to look at the future through the eyes of faith, the eyes of resurrection hope. As a church, as a people, as a community of faith we have a God who is not dead but alive, calling us to meet him in places and in ways we never could have expected. Now it's our turn to hear God's voice speak to us: "Do not be alarmed; you are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has been raised; he is not here. Look, there is the place they laid him. 7 But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him, just as he told you."

Let's go. Let's be the church, together. Christ is risen! He is risen indeed!

Pastor Erik

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# Worship

**Holy Week is upon us –here are ways you are able to participate in this spiritual journey:**

**Thursday, April 2:** Maundy Thursday services will be held 11:00AM and at 7:00PM on April 2.

“Maundy”??

Maundy Thursday can also be referred to as "Holy Thursday". It commemorates the Last Supper when Jesus shared the Passover meal with his disciples. the word “Maundy” comes from the Latin word *mandatum*, meaning “commandment”. Maundy refers to the commands Jesus gave his disciples at the Last Supper: to love with humility by serving one another and to remember his sacrifice.

**Friday, April 3; 5-7:30pm:** Good Friday will be a time for your own self directed, spiritual journey, so come anytime between 5 and 7:30. There will be booklets provided for you to read and reflect on the Stations of the Cross set up in the sanctuary.

Did you know?

The Stations of the Cross is a way for us to remember the last hours of Jesus’ life as he carried his cross from the Hall of Pilate to the site of his execution. It is a meditation of worship and an act of devotion to God. In remembering this event we are making our own journey and confessing our own dependence upon God.

**Sunday, April 5:** We celebrate Jesus’ resurrection from the death of the cross! Sunrise service at 6:30AM. Easter services at 8:30 and 10:30AM

The Choir Anniversary Tour will be at: Trinity Lutheran Church, 1010 Sill Street, La Crosse, WI 608-782-6200 7 p.m. show. **Tickets are free at the door!**

**Come and Celebrate Pastor Erik’s Birthday!**

**GRAMMY®-NOMINATED BAND THE CHOIR TO CELEBRATE 25 YEARS OF ICONIC ALBUM *CIRCLE SLIDE* WITH ONCE-IN-A-LIFETIME TOUR**

*joined by Michael Roe of the 77s on bass and opening set featuring music from the classic 77s album, Pray Naked.*

The Choir is a Nashville-based acclaimed indie rock band that originated in Los Angeles 30 years ago. Since then, the band – still with its original members - has released 15 studio albums for Best Alternative Album.

*Circle Slide* released to widespread critical acclaim. Its moody, dreamlike sound comes alive on memorable tracks like “Restore My Soul,” “A Sentimental Song” and “About Love.”

**All Are Welcome!**





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## Worship cont.

### New 10:30 Sunday Worship Series

#### Messy Spirituality

Have you ever thought to yourself: "I guess I'm not a very good Christian...."?  
Do you feel like:

- \* I don't pray enough
- \* I don't read my bible enough
- \* I don't share my faith enough
- \* I don't love God enough
- \* I'm not committed enough
- \* I'm not spiritual enough

Then this series is for you! What if genuine faith begins with admitting we'll never have our act completely together? Maybe messy disciples are exactly the kind of imperfect people Jesus came to earth for and whose company he actually enjoys – and still does! If you want to find Jesus today, look for him in the midst of burned-out believers, moral misfits, religious incompetents – men and women whose lives are messy! We're going to explore the truths that can set you free from the tyranny of religion, and open our eyes to the deep spirituality of being loved, shortcomings and all, by the God who meets you and transforms you in the midst of a messy and unpredictable life.

Messy – the workshop of the Spiritual Life

Messy Spirituality – The place where our messiness and Jesus meet

Resisting the Resisters – Overcoming the Saboteurs of Spirituality

The Ugliness of Rejection – Paralyzed by our Past

Odd Discipleship – The consequence of a Lopsided Spirituality

Unspiritual Growth – the principles of Erratic discipleship

Little Graces – The Triumph of Tiny living

God's Annoying Love – The irresistibility of Grace

## Service Groups

### From the Heart Food Pantry

I am very happy to announce that our new Logo is finished at last! And it looks wonderful! The attention to detail is incredible. The can weights were added and on one can it also has "no preservatives added" making it look real. Stacey Feig and her daughter Hailee are the two artists that made this happen.

We are getting busier each Monday night. We register between five and ten new people every week. With the pantry being open on Mondays it is also benefitting Monday Meals. The people come for supper and then take food home with them as well.

Again I would like to thank all of you who have made a donation of food or a monetary donation. Without all of you the pantry would not be as successful. I feel the pantry is so blessed because of wonderful people like you! PAT

To donate food to "From the Heart" you may drop it in the bin in the narthex. The food of the month for April is: **cereal**.

FROM THE HEART



FOOD PANTRY

# Service Groups, cont.

Love Thy Neighbor Jar? What's that? A unique giving basket provided at each weekend worship service with money gathered going to different ministries outside of the church each month!

## Social Ministry News

April **Love Thy Neighbor Jar** collection will go to the ELCA Good Gifts program. Examples of what the money can buy is a bicycle ambulance which would transport the sick by bike to the nearest health clinic which can be many miles away, sending a child to school, vaccinations for a child or providing a goat or chicken to a family.

On April 30th Trinity will be providing our second meal for 40 people to the Warming House. We also provide a sack lunch for the guests to take with them the next day. If anyone from Trinity would like to help with this please contact Julie Thoftne at 783-0443.

Be watching for the swimming pool in the Narthex in May. We will be collecting summer toys for foster children. Toys like bubbles, jumping ropes, sidewalk chalk, balls, sand box toys, and any other fun summer toys you would like to donate.

Trinity will be hosting and preparing the Monday Meals on April 13th. Join us for a night of fellowship. Our number of guests continue to grow each week nearing the 100 mark. Definitely God's work in action!

Trinity will be hosting a blood drive on Wednesday May 20th from 1-6 pm. Mark your calendars and we will remind you again next month!

Help us build a "Little Free Library" for the Trinity congregation and neighborhood. We are looking for construction ideas, funds, and a handyman to build it. We'd love your input! Contact Lisa Caya at 792-4721 or email [lisa.caya@cayatax.com](mailto:lisa.caya@cayatax.com)

We thank you for all your generosity and ongoing support !!!

## Donate Your Used Eyeglasses



Spring is right around the corner. As you are cleaning out your drawers, please remember that old eyeglasses can be donated to the Lions Club. There is a box in the narthex for you to deposit eyeglasses. Please help those in need. Thank you





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# Congregational Life

As I write, the windows and doors are open, the kids are outside making happy sounds, the doves are cooing and that means Spring (real weather Spring, not just the date) is almost here! How blessed we are by the seasons God gives us to enjoy, each in it's own way.

Congregational life will soon be taking a break from the kitchen and planning some fun outings for the next few months. Be watching for the announcements. In the meantime, we have one more kitchen event, the last **Sunday Brunch** until fall. So on **Sunday, April 19**, plan to stay and enjoy some time with fellow members of Trinity or guests of Trinity **following 8:30 service**. Or, come early for 10:30 service and do the same! If you see someone new in church the week before invite them to join you on the 19<sup>th</sup>, if you see someone new on the 19<sup>th</sup> invite them to join you! It's all about getting to know people, developing friendships, which leads to caring and being there for others. We do like to give you some ideas for what to bring to share, though you can switch categories if the one assigned to the first initial of your last name doesn't work for you.

A-H Fruit or breakfast salad

I-N Milk, Chocolate milk, or juice (1/2 gallon is plenty)

O-S Egg bake, breakfast casserole, breakfast meat, etc.

T-Z Muffins, rolls, bread, coffee cake, bagels, etc.

**Easter "Baskets":** We plan to deliver Easter Bags to shut-ins just before Easter to remind them, Jesus loves them and so do we!

**Graduate Recognition:** Hey grads, get those pictures sent in to [bonniejeranek@gmail.com](mailto:bonniejeranek@gmail.com) by April 30! Remember to include your name, school, plans after graduation, and parent name(s). If you only have hard copy pictures, place them in an envelope including the information and ask the office to put it in Bonnie's mailbox. God is pleased with you and your accomplishments using the talents you were given and so are we!

**Other Recognition:** We want to join you in celebrating accomplishments, special events and milestones. Please feel free to send them to [bonniejeranek@gmail.com](mailto:bonniejeranek@gmail.com) or drop off an announcement and ask Laurie in the office to put it in Bonnie's mail box.



In that light....**Congratulations** are in order to Joel Cunliffe and Aaron Wuttke on achieving Eagle Scout status. What a lot of hard work and dedication that takes. If you see these fine young men, please shake their hand and acknowledge their achievements.



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## Congregational Life cont.

### Applause! Applause!

Wednesday **Lenten lunches and dinners** are over but a big round of applause goes out to the many who made them possible:

Congregational Life Ministry and the Baked Potato Bar (perfect for a cold winter evening)

Trinity Choir for the Tater Tot Casserole dinner (they cook as well as they sing) Worship and Music Ministry with Sloppy Joe's and fixin's (hearty 'n mmm, mmm good)

Social Ministry's Taco Bar (muy delicioso, gracias!)

Cathy Butterfield and her confirmation students with what else? Pizza Plus (how could you go wrong?)

Stewardship, Personnel, Properties and Evangelism with a good old bratwurst and beans picnic( just when we are waiting for those warm weather get together)

A special thanks goes out to Sandy Thompson, Bernice Arentz and Cathy Butterfield for working *every* Wednesday at 10:00 a.m. to prep, serve and clean-up Lenten Lunches.

All I can say to ALL of you is THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU! Bonnie

**NEXT CONGREGATIONAL LIFE MINISTRY gathering** will be **Monday, April 13** at 7:00 in the library. Join us and help us plan some fun summer outings!

Yours in Christ, Bonnie Jeranek

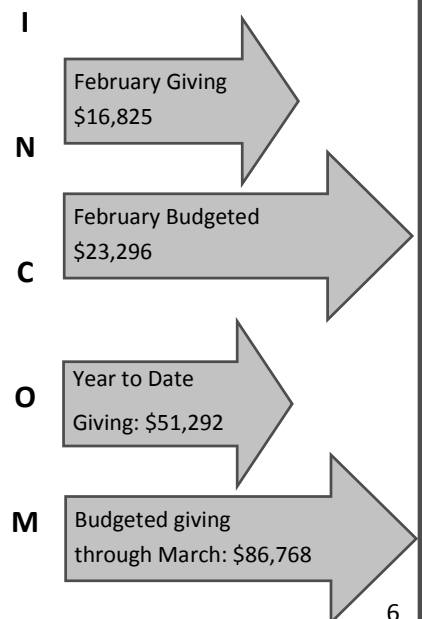
## Stewardship



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Spring is upon us here in Beautiful La Crosse, or as I have always liked to hear it called, God's Country. I'm not sure who came up with that name for our driftless region, but it sure fits. God's Country. Full of God's Work for God's People. Full of the opportunities for all of us to pitch in and help. With Easter just around the corner, please consider how you can help the Church. Your time, energy and of course your financial support are all necessary to get that work done.

We have fallen behind on our budget already this year. I know that we all are feeling the crunch of fewer people giving fewer dollars. Please help us to get out of the hole that we are in, so that Trinity can continue to do God's Work, for God's People, in God's Country.



# Children, Student & Family Ministries



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## Sunday School

The C.I.A. agents (aka Sunday School students) have been learning all about Lent and what the season means. We have also taken on the challenge of starting to learn the books of the bible and the 10 commandments. There are a lot of great things happening in the C.I.A. (Christ In Action) program!

Here are some upcoming dates to remember:

May 3: Confirmation/Affirmation of Baptism

May 10: Mother's Day-4K-5 Kids Sing at 8:30 service

May 17: Last Day of Sunday School-4K-7th Stomp and Praise Band at 8:30 service

**\*\*The kids will not be singing in April**

## JOLT Youth Group

All youth grades 6-12 are welcome to join us Sunday nights from 6-8pm (unless otherwise indicated below). We will be meeting twice a month. Please note the dates below.

4/5 – No JOLT (Happy Easter)

4/12 – JOLT Night (Theme to be Determined)

4/19 – No JOLT

4/26 – JOLT Night (Theme to be Determined)

## Summer High School Service Trip

There is still have space for one high school student on the youth service trip to Kansas City, Kansas from 7/26-8/1/15. We will be doing a community project for part of the time and working with a local service partner the rest of the week. It is a great opportunity to meet youth from other areas of the country and to help a community in need. All youth entering grades 9-12 are eligible to join us. We are hoping to keep the total cost to the students under \$100. Please contact Laura Cunliffe (784-9134 or [cuninlax@gmail.com](mailto:cuninlax@gmail.com)) or leave a message in the church office for information or with questions on the trip. Please include your name, your child's name and a phone number or email address.

## Family Comedy Pillow Fight Night

Thursday, April 16, 6:30 - 8 PM, supper at 5:30 PM

First Lutheran, Onalaska

A little stand-up comedy mixes with practical parenting in this lightning fast evening of fun and learning. In 1-1/2 hours with Dr. Rich Melheim (*Faith Inkubators CEO and speaker at Spring Theological, above*) you'll get:

- A workable plan to help you hold your family together in a few minutes each night.
- A method to add caring communication, nurture and bonding to the end of every day.
- A lot of laughs!

All ages are welcome. Bring a pillow for the closing pillow fight! Come in your PJs and you can register for a prize! **CALL the synod office, 608.788.5000, to register for this fun and FREE family night!** Remember there is a free supper included at 5:30 pm, so let us know when registering if you will not partake in the meal.

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## Area Offerings

### Upcoming Events at Sugar Creek

- Crafters' Retreats - April 30-May 3, September 17-20, and November 19-22
- Fireside Bus Trips – April 29 and May 5
- Yesterday's Youth - April 13, October 5, and December 7
- 3rd-5th Grade Retreat - April 11-12 and November 7-8

For information call Sugar Creek at: 608-734-3113; email at [camp@sgrcreek.org](mailto:camp@sgrcreek.org); or web at [wp.sugarcreekbiblecamp.org](http://wp.sugarcreekbiblecamp.org)  
Sugar Creek Bible Camp... Christ Centered! Spirit Led! Bible Fed!

### Luther College Collegiate Chorale in Onalaska

On Sunday, April 19 at 4:30 PM, Luther College's (Decorah, Iowa) Collegiate Chorale will be performing at First Lutheran Church, Onalaska. Megan Richason, a senior at Luther and the daughter of Jim and Sue Richason, is a member of the choir. Their stop in Onalaska is part of their spring tour which also includes stops in Fort Dodge, Iowa, St. Paul, Minnesota, and Minneapolis, Minnesota. There will be a free-will offering.

## Council Message

### Our Church in a New World

Have you noticed how much the world has changed, even from a few years ago? So much in our society has changed, and it's had an effect on churches across the United States. What does that have to do with Trinity? Come and find out! The Church Council invites you to an informational presentation and discussion about the Christian Church in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century, and what that means for Trinity Lutheran Church and the La Crosse Area Synod. We will be meeting in the Fellowship Hall on Sunday, April 19 after the 830 service. Brunch is served that day, so come and grab a bite to eat and join in the conversation. See you there!

### Trinity Office Hours

Monday-Thursday 8:30-4:30

Friday closed

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(In case of emergency during non-office hours call Pastor Erik Feig at (651-274-6160)

# April 2015



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			<b>1</b> 9:30 Vision Impaired Persons Confirmation  5:30 Parish Ed mtg No Confirmation	<b>2</b> <b>Maundy Thursday</b>  11:00 Worship  7 Worship	<b>3</b> <b>Good Friday</b>  6:30 Men's Bible Study Office Closed  5-7:30 Stations of the Cross	<b>4</b>      No Worship
<b>5</b> <b>Happy Easter</b>  5:30 Worship 8:30 Worship (C) 10:30 Worship (C)  No JOLT	<b>6</b>  9:00 TOPS 4-7Kids' Clothes Closet 5-6 Monday's Meals 5:30 From the Heart 7 Women's Bible Study	<b>7</b>  1:30 Staff mtg  7 Boy Scouts	<b>8</b>    Confirmation	<b>9</b>    	<b>10</b>  Office Closed	<b>11</b>    5:30 Worship
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### **Holy Week Services**

#### **Jesus Enters Jerusalem**

##### **Palm Sunday**

Saturday March 28, 5:30pm

Sunday, March 29, 8:30 & 10:30

#### **Remembering Jesus' Last Meal**

##### **Maundy Thursday**

Thursday, April 2, 11am & 7pm

#### **Stations of the Cross, Self-directed with written guidance**

##### **Good Friday**

April 3, 2015

5:00-7:30—Come at your convenience

#### **NO SATURDAY SERVICE THIS WEEK**

#### **Celebrating Jesus Rising from the Dead**

##### **Easter Sunday**

Sunday, April 5

6:30am Sunrise Service

8:30am Traditional Celebration

10:30am Contemporary Celebration

### **Regular Weekend Services**

Saturday at 5:30pm

Sunday morning at 8:30 & 10:30

Radio Service broadcast on

WKTY AM 580 at 8:30am