

Trinity Tidings is a monthly newsletter of Trinity Lutheran Church, 1010 Sill Street, La Crosse, Wisconsin 54603. All visitors are welcome to worship with us each Saturday at 5:30 p.m. and Sunday mornings at 8:30 & 10:30. Communion is on the first and third Sundays of the month and the associated Saturday. Lead Pastor is Erik Feig. The church office telephone number is (608) 782-6200.

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# April 2016

| Sunday   | Monday   | Tuesday                           | Wednesday  | Thursday  | Friday    | Saturday                      |
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|  |  |                                   |  |   | <b>1</b>  | <b>2</b><br>5:30 Worship (C)  |
| <b>3</b><br>8:30 Worship (C)<br>10:30 Worship (C)            | <b>4</b><br>9 TOPS<br>4 Kids' Clothes Closet<br>5-6 Monday Meals<br>5:30 From the Heart<br>6:30 Bell Choir     | <b>5</b>                          | <b>6</b><br>6:00 C.I.A.<br>6:45 Confirmation<br>7 Choir  | <b>7</b>  | <b>8</b>  | <b>9</b><br>5:30 Worship      |
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| <b>24</b><br>8:30 Worship<br>10:30 Worship                   | <b>25</b><br>9:00 TOPS<br>4 Kids' Clothes Closet<br>5-6 Monday Meals<br>5:30 From the Heart                    | <b>26</b>                         | <b>27</b><br>6:00 C.I.A.<br>6:45 Confirmation<br>7 Choir | <b>28</b>   | <b>29</b> | <b>30</b><br>5:30 Worship     |

# Council President's message



Sue Weidemann  
Council President  
608-790-1862

## The Trinity Family

Joy to our Trinity Family! We have a Vice President for Church Council! We are happy to announce Todd Olson has agreed to step up and into the position of Vice President. We're excited to have him serve in this role, and ask for your prayers for him and all the leaders on Church Council.

We did not have a council meeting in March due to the busy Easter schedule but I did want you to know your council is working on the future of Trinity. We are reading, listening and learning about how to deal with our current reality and how to plan for our future. I wish we could find a magic pill, but we know it's going to take work. Work from all us so I hope you are on board with helping to heal, grow and befriend our Trinity family and our neighbors.

We know Trinity is not ever going to be the Trinity of the 60's to the 90's but we also know this is family and family sticks together. If I know one thing about our church and growing up on the Northside (which is where a good portion of our church congregation originated from as well) we know we are proud, we know how to come together and we certainly know how to make a difference. Look at the wonderful things we have done!

So reach out to your neighbors, friends and those who may have left Trinity and invite them to come and join you for songs, fellowship and the message of our Lord and Savior. I am sure you have heard the saying many hands make light work. If we all work together our load will be lighter to spread the good news and to help all those who need our help.

Thank you for being a member of the Trinity Family!

Sue Weidemann

*A quote borrowed from our friend Scott Mahovlich, It's a great day to be a "Trinity Member!"*

## Etc.

### In The Narthex!

Each week we try to have news, sign-ups, coffee and cookies in the narthex. We encourage you to socialize with your Trinity Family and check out the opportunities we offer. Every time you volunteer, you help your neighbor and they feel blessed.

### Giving Statements

If you would like to receive a statement of your giving for 2015, please email the office at: [office@trinitylutheranlax.org](mailto:office@trinitylutheranlax.org) and one will be emailed to you. If you are unable to receive one via email you may call the office to have one printed, then stop in and pick it up.

# Congregational Life



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## **FAMILY GAME DAY, Sunday, April 10, 1:00-3:00.**

This means the Trinity Family, so if you are a family of 1 or 10, it doesn't matter. Take the opportunity to play some board games, and have some fun with other members. We do ask you to sign up on the sheets in the Narthex on April 2/3 or 9/10. so we have some idea how many to expect. Popcorn, soft drinks, coffee will be available at no cost. Just an afternoon of fun and relaxation.



## **ATTENTION TRINITY 2016 GRADUATES!**

Let us celebrate your accomplishments with you! Graduate pictures will be published in the May newsletter IF you submit your picture and graduate information electronically to [bonniejeranek@gmail.com](mailto:bonniejeranek@gmail.com) by April 4, 2016 indicating Trinity Graduate in the subject line. Please include the following information: Graduates Name, Parent(s)/Guardian(s) name(s), school /college graduating from, your plans following graduation.

Remember, the deadline for submitting this information is April 4.

## **KNOW SOMEONE CELEBRATING SOMETHING?**

Let us know what's happening in your life or the life of someone you love by dropping the information off at the office or emailing it to the Trinity Office: [office@trinitylutheranlax.org](mailto:office@trinitylutheranlax.org). We will announce it in the newsletter as well as on our website, and Facebook page. It is a great opportunity for us to learn more about each other and allow us to honor those who are celebrating a special event. Remember it is a gift from God whether we are using the talents he's given us or celebrating the life he has given us. Let us all rejoice with you on special birthdays, anniversaries, job promotions, births, new jobs, graduations etc.

## **COMING SOON TO TRINITY:**

There will be a little hiatus in May but then in June, we will begin the Concert-in-the-Park gatherings, and on June 29 will have our Send a Kid to the Ball Game drive as well as Trinity night at the game. Later in summer a golf outing. Be watching.

**CONGREGATIONAL LIFE MINISTRY** meets the 4th Monday of the month at 6:00 p.m

## **PART TIME CUSTODIAN WANTED**

We are searching for someone who can help fill our needs for a part time custodian. If interested, please contact the church office for more information.

# Worship & Music

## LENT/HOLY WEEK AND EASTER THANK YOU



Stacey Feig  
Worship & Music

### MAKE A JOYFUL NOISE!

Trinity has been blessed with many talented musicians, and we want to thank everyone involved for enriching our Lenten/Easter worship experiences. Jane Haskins, Laurie Noelke, Trina Schlifer, Jenny Olson, Paul and May Leithold, Chloe and Faith Liethold, Zac Mayer, Jacey Schumacher, Jonathan Heinz, Joan Hendricks, Kay Mach, Stacey Feig, Drew Saiz, the Trinity Choir: Director: Jeanluc Rondreux, Sopranos: Joanne Thoftne, Kathi Volden, Cathy Runningen, Mary Reget, Joan Hendrick, Altos: Kay Mach, Lori Leverenz, Barbara Saiz, Julie Weber, Trina Schlifer, Tenors: Steve Dewald, Bob Erickson, Bass: Jonathan Heintz, Bill Schilla, Accompanist: Jane Haskins; the Bell Choir: Director Robyn McDevitt, Sean McDevitt, Bev and Bill Schilla, Susan Knorr, Mary Briggs, Kathy Sexauer, Anna George, Tiffany Olson, Deb Murr, Karla Korish and the Palm Sunday Jazz musicians: Paul Erickson- banjo, Gary Urness- trumpet, Mark Glasel- trombone.

We also want to thank all the people who have set up and torn down for each service and those who helped decorate the sanctuary. We simply couldn't do what we do without you! If we've missed someone, we apologize sincerely, but please extend to them our genuine thanks for sharing their talents with us and making this season spectacular! Blessings abound!

## Christ is risen! He is risen indeed!

### CONFIRMATION NEWS

Save the date: Sunday, May 1, 2016. On that day, we celebrate with our 9th grade Confirmands as they Affirm their Baptism at the 10:30 am worship service. For those being confirmed, a reminder that you'll be making your stole on Wednesday, April 20th during class time, and will need your baptismal date to put on your stole. Please keep these Confirmands and their families in your prayers as they take this important step in their faith life and discipleship journey with Jesus!

### SUMMER WORSHIP TIMES

Summer Worship Times will continue to be Saturday 5:30pm, Sunday 8:30am, and Sunday 10:30am. Because so many people travel during the summer months, we will be offering holy communion every service, so that each time people worship they can experience the grace of Christ through the bread and wine. There may be occasional outdoor worship at the 10:30 time.





# Service Groups, cont.

## Volunteer Opportunities

The La Crosse Area Family Collaborative Community-Based Social Worker, who recently opened an office at Trinity Lutheran Church and Northside Elementary, could use our help. As Isaac Hoffman works with our neighbors on the North Side, there are many opportunities for us to enter in with the love of Christ. Please consider being on his occasional volunteer list. If a need arises, he will call those people who have said yes to see if they are available. The more folks on the list, the better we share the love of Christ and make a real difference in the lives of our neighbors. Please contact Stacey Feig at 651-373-1726.

## Special Thanks!



### Thank you Mark!

Mark Mitchell, our church custodian, is moving on. We wish him well and want to send a big **thank you** out to him for all he has done for the Trinity Family. Mark has been there to clean up after many events, children, families, weddings, funerals and other fellowship moments. He's gone over and above to care for our facility and grounds, and we're really going to miss him. Please keep him in your prayers and when you see him, thank him for his years of faithful service!



### Thank you Laurie!

The face of Trinity is changing...Laurie Hilden, our church secretary, has accepted a new fulltime position elsewhere. Laurie is already at her new position and she is already missed. We wish the best for her and thank her for the many newsletters, bulletins, genuine care for our family of faith and friendly smiles! Please keep her in your prayers and when you see her, thank her for her years of faithful service!

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, cont.

### Love Thy Neighbor jar for April – ELCA Good Gifts

Featured item for **From the Heart Food Pantry: Mayo/Miracle Whip**. As always, anything given to the food pantry is much appreciated.

### Little Free Library

The Little Free Library that is near the southwest entrance to the church building is being well utilized, and so much so that we are in need of more books! If you have books that you are willing to share, please stop by and place them in the Little Free Library, and maybe find one or two from someone else to enjoy!

**Social Ministry Meeting**  
**April 12, 530pm**



## Service Groups

### Monday Meals

In the regular rotation of congregations who serve at a Monday Meals, Trinity serves 7 times per year. Among those who are a part of that ministry are Social Ministry, Congregational Life, and Pastor Erik. If this is something you are interested in please call the church office or send an email to [pastorerik@trinitylutheranlax.org](mailto:pastorerik@trinitylutheranlax.org). It's a great way to love our neighbors as Christ has loved us.

### Living our Faith

Trinity is a church filled with people who love Christ, love their neighbor, and serve the world. We would like to encourage each person to tell us where you are already engaged as a volunteer (school, senior center, library, human society, taking friend to grocery store, etc...) Sheets will be available at the back of the sanctuary each week during the early spring, or you can call the church office and let us know. We would like to create a "Where Christ's love is being shared" board so you can visually see how the Trinity family has always been working to make a difference in their community. Questions? Contact Stacey Feig at 651-373-1726 or [cptmazda@hotmail.com](mailto:cptmazda@hotmail.com)

# Social Ministry

## EMERGENCY SHELTER

Did you know in Wisconsin 6 shelters were opened last year in Green Bay, Madison, Milwaukee, and Platteville. La Crosse last opened shelters 6 years ago for the tornado. There have been some brief sheltering more recently ( a few hours) for warming and evacuations locally.

Social Ministry has been thinking about TLC becoming an Emergency Shelter for the past couple years. In November this past year social ministry met with Dan Schreiter with the La Crosse Area Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster to explore the idea of sheltering. We learned the process to move forward and contacts for helping with the process. It was brought to the council in December of last year and was approved to move forward. The American Red Cross Coordinates sheltering so we met with John Halverson a Red Cross Volunteer for a walk through survey of the facility in January. Discussed again at Social Ministry and Council. Met a second time with John and finalized an Emergency Shelter agreement. The Red Cross will coordinate and staff any and all sheltering that might occur at TLC. TLC volunteers will assist as able. Training is available for those interested in helping. Be watching for more information on this as we will be offering some training soon.

"So, warmly welcome each other into the church , just as Christ has warmly welcomed you; then God will be glorified. " Romans 15:7



## SEWING FOR JESUS

First Free Church, 123 Mason St in Onalaska is hosting sewing events to make sustainable hygiene kits used by young women in Uganda. These kits are distributed by the organization Days for Girls International - imagine, for these young women, not being able to go to school because you have your period and have no supplies to use - due to this program, the absence of girls from school has declined from 36% to 8%! On April 17th, a group from Trinity is going to meet at 12:40 at church, and will carpool to First Free to volunteer from 1:00 - 4:00. If you are a sewer, bring your own machine, and even if you can't sew a stitch, there is help needed cutting material, assembling kits, packaging, etc. - something for everyone no matter your skill set. Please join us for this fun, impactful event - meet at church at 12:40 or meet at First Free at 1:00 - the more the merrier! Any questions, please call Karen Dieringer - 608-397-0412.

## Annual Block Party

It's never too early to begin planning, and we're looking ahead to the annual Block Party in August! If you'd like to be a part of the leadership team, please contact Pastor Erik at 651-274-6160. Summer is almost here!



# Pastors Erik's *Update*

**Erik Feig**  
**Lead Pastor**



John 20:19-22 NRSV

*20:19 When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." 20:20 After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. 20:21 Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." 20:22 When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit."*

Welcome to April, and the continuing celebration of Easter! Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again! It's a powerful story, and an empowering one for those who follow Jesus. Yet even in those first days of Jesus resurrection, his disciples remained in fear. Locked up tight, fearful of what might happen, fearful of the future, even with Jesus alive and not in the tomb. They were unable and unwilling to share the joy. How could this happen? Are we like the disciples? Are we locked up tight in ourselves and our schedules, so much so that we haven't shared the good news with our friends and neighbors? The good news is that Jesus meets us there, and gives us the Holy Spirit, the power to focus not on ourselves but on others. God has done the unimaginable – and now we who have received this good news are charged with going and telling the world what God has done in Jesus Christ! Go and tell! Go and tell! Go! Go! Go!

That's the deal. Go. Because Christ is raised from the dead, we go and share the good news with everyone in our lives, in the places we work, play and live. Our call is not simply to go to church. Our focus is outward, to the world. Go and tell. One of the best ways to do that in today's culture is through service. We serve others, showing people the love of God and proclaiming that Christ is alive in us! Service is not a church program, but a way of living. We do the things that Jesus did for the people around us. Why? In response to what Jesus has done for us! We're resurrection people! Imagine Trinity Lutheran, its people and its buildings, serving others needs in our community. Imagine loving our neighborhood, knowing our neighbors and asking them how God can bless them! Imagine the church not being for members but for the world! That resurrection vision has started to take hold at Trinity, and we're seeing the work of Jesus happen right before our eyes. It's starting to make a difference in our neighborhood and community. It's what happens when Jesus' disciples take the lock off the door and venture out in faith. It's what happens when people see themselves as being the church, not simply going to church! Our call is to Love God, love our neighbor and serve the world. Imagine church happening wherever you are, serving and loving others with the love of Jesus. Imagine the resurrection from the dead!

That's the good news! But maybe that's not your expectation. Maybe you're expectation is simply to go to church, get your religious goods and services there, and call it good. Guess what? Surprise! Christ has been raised, and that changes everything. Our outlook is outward. Go and tell, and speak God's love through serving our world. Can you hear Jesus calling your name? The Northside is anxious to hear from you – let's go! Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again!

*In Christ, Pastor Erik*



**April**  
2016

# Trinity Tidings

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## **Sunday Brunch, April 17.**

We gather as community in the fellowship hall at church, beginning at 9:30am for brunch and conversation. No cost other than bringing a dish to share. It's a great way to spend some time getting to know others in the congregation. It's always an enjoyable hour. Not sure what to bring? Here are some suggestions, just check the first letter of your last name or bring what is comfortable for you. Everyone is welcome!

- T-Z** Egg bake, breakfast casserole or breakfast meat, etc.
- A-H** Muffins, rolls, bread, coffee cake, etc.
- I-N** Fruit, or breakfast fruit salad, etc
- O-S** Milk, chocolate milk, or juice, etc.

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