

AUGUST 2018



TRINITY TIDINGS

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

NEWSLETTER CHANGES

This edition of Trinity Tidings will be the last newsletter issued monthly. We will begin issuing a quarterly newsletter beginning with the November 2018 edition. Please watch your bulletin announcements each week for notices during September and October while we work on the new format.

SAVE THE DATE!

The Trinity Call Committee wants you to save the date for a special event in September. The event will take place at the Saturday service September 8th and the Sunday service September 9th. During a social hour following each service, members will be asked for their input, hopes, and wishes of what they want in our next pastor.

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A Message From Your Council President...

Hello Trinity ,

Summer is in full swing and I am guessing that most of you are as busy as I am. Busy with kids/ grandkids activities, vacations, family reunions, and all the activities that the La Crosse area has to offer. And there are many. I hope we are all able to attend and help support these activities so those groups trying to fundraise are successful. Because if they are successful, then each group can share their funds and enthusiasm with the cause they are supporting.

Now to Trinity. We have been blest for the last nine months with an Interim Pastor, Pastor Melinda Pupillo. She came to us in a time when our Pastor had accepted a new calling and moved away. Pastor Melinda, aka "Crazy Grace", was a bright light at a time when we were wondering what was at the end of the tunnel. We have not reached the end of the tunnel yet, but her guidance has really brightened up our journey towards our goal of a full-time Pastor, and a congregation growing in attendance and in its ability to serve our neighbors.

Pastor Melinda has shown us a great deal of compassion, knowledge, kindness; and brought back the smile at Trinity that had become hard to spot. She has also shown us that it is ok to want to attend church and greet our friends there. Sometimes they are old friends, but also new friends that may be visiting our church. She has been teaching us that we can worship God in church, and at the same time follow in Jesus' footsteps by helping our neighbors. Like helping out at Monday's Meals, From the Heart Food Pantry, or our Children's Clothes Closet. And the new Teens Clothes Closet starting up this fall; with the guidance of First Lutheran Church in Onalaska. We are reaching out to more and more people every day in many wonderful ways!

Two of the many things I will miss most about Pastor Melinda are her infectious smile and laughter. She has the ability to bring a smile to almost any face. It is a gift she graciously shares with anyone. And I am sure she did just that when she was doing pastoral visits to some of our Trinity members who cannot come to worship on Saturdays or Sundays. She also spent many hours visiting and sitting with those in the hospital, or mourning the loss of a loved one. Pastor Melinda has made a mark at Trinity that will last a long time. And I think her smile will forever be in our hearts. :)

I think we will all miss Pastor Melinda. I know I will.

Good luck Melinda in your new journey with your husband Greg. Please come and visit us any time you want. We will be waiting with a "Crazy Grace" smile on our faces.

May God bless you and Greg.

Sincerely,

Todd Olson and Your Trinity Family

Social Ministry

Congregational Life

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

LOVE THY NEIGHBOR JAR: August contributions are for **Trinity Northside Neighborhood Picnic**
FROM THE HEART FOOD PANTRY featured item for **August** is **boxed meals (Hamburger Helper, Mac & Cheese, etc.)**

TRINITY NORTHSIDE NEIGHBORHOOD PICNIC

Our annual neighborhood celebration is fast approaching! Trinity will once again team with the La Crosse Area Family Collaborative, as well as First Lutheran Church in Onalaska to bring our neighborhood and congregation together on **MONDAY, AUGUST 13TH FROM 4 TO 7PM**. There will be food, music, children's activities and fun for all. This year's focus will be to promote positive family resources, positive neighborhood interactions, and family empowerment. We are seeking volunteers and people willing to support this worthy event. If you would like to help in planning or with volunteering call Deb Keller at 608.769.2965. If you would like to support with a donation please send your check to Trinity, making sure to mark it "Trinity Picnic". Please continue to keep this event in your prayers!

PERSONAL CARE DRIVE

It seems we all have stocked up on bar or liquid soaps, shampoos, etc. and have them around our homes; as well as extras from hotels we couldn't resist! Please consider donating these unopened items during **SEPTEMBER**; they will be given to our Monday's Meals guests. Who can also resist a great deal at a local store? Please plan ahead then place them in the basket marked Care Drive in the Narthex during the month of September. We know our guests will greatly appreciate it! Please call Nancy Casper, Social Ministry, 608-781-8334 with any questions. THANK YOU!

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Congregational Life
Committee meeting is
AUGUST 8TH at 5:30pm
in the Library

Community Service

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FREE FINANCIAL COACHING

La Crosse County UW-Extension is sponsoring free financial coaching sessions at Trinity every other Tuesday from 9:30am to 12:30pm. Please contact Susan Taylor, AFC at 608.785.6417 or send an email to her at smtaylor@afsc.com for an appointment.

FROM THE HEART FOOD PANTRY

We are always looking for regular and reliable volunteers to assist our guests during the hours the pantry is open. Every Monday night from 5:30 to 7:00 PM and the last Saturday of the month from 10 AM to 1 PM, we are open to serve the needs of our guests. This is a fun and rewarding opportunity to give to those in our community who are in need. Please call the church office for more information and to let us know that you are interested!

NORTHSIDE KIDS' CLOTHES CLOSET

The Northside Kid's Clothes Closet started its summer hiatus on May 28th. During this downtime, volunteers will be periodically bringing in donated stock in preparation for the fall re-opening. Please continue to make your donations of clean, gently used items through the summer months so that the Closet has plenty to offer our neighbors in need!

WELCOME TEEN CLOTHES CLOSET

Trinity extends a warm welcome to **ONALASKA FIRST LUTHERAN'S TEEN CLOTHES CLOSET**. Three upper rooms in the Sunday School Wing have been painted, shampooed and shelved to make room for the Onalaska First Lutheran Teen Clothes Closet. Over 20 volunteers helped make the move on August 1st. We welcome them and look forward to this partnership of serving others!! The Teen Closet will be partnering with Northside Kids Clothes Closet by providing for the needs of Middle and High School youth. **THEY WILL BE OPEN MONDAYS 4:00 TO 6:00 STARTING AUGUST 20TH**. They will also be supporting Trinity's Northside Neighborhood Picnic with shoes for the older kids and lots of volunteers. Thanks First Lutheran. We are excited to team with you!!



August 2018



| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| | | | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 5:30p Worship |
| 5 8:30a Worship | 6 5-6p Monday Meals 5:30-7p From the Heart Food Pantry | 7 9:30a-12:30p Financial Coaching-Susan Taylor 608.785.6417 | 8 5:30p Social Ministry/ Cong. Life Meeting- Library | 9 | 10 | 11 5:30p Worship |
| 12 8:30a Worship | 13 Trinity <<< Northside Neighborhood Picnic 4-7p  | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 5:30p Worship DESSERT SOCIAL |
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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 evening at 5:30pm and Sunday morning at 8:30am. Communion is celebrated at every service. The church office telephone number is (608) 782-6200.

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