

Trinity Tidings

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2015

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



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Mark 12: 28-31 (A Scribe asked Jesus) ‘Which commandment is the first of all?’ ²⁹Jesus answered, ‘The first is, “Hear, O Israel: the Lord our God, the Lord is one; ³⁰you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength.” ³¹The second is this, “You shall love your neighbor as yourself.” There is no other commandment greater than these.’

Hello August! Where did you come from? Seems like only yesterday that we began our summertime celebrations, and now it’s dawning on us that fall is right around the corner. No time to lose! Many of us will be trying to fit in all of those things we’ve wanted to do before summer is over, in hurried anticipation of school starting and lives returning to the hectic routine that September brings with it. So how do we celebrate summer and get ready for the fall all at the same time?

We’re having a Block Party! That’s right! On Wednesday, August 12th Sill street in front of the church will be blocked off, tents will be set up in the parking lots, food and beverages will be plentiful, games and activities for kids will be happening on the lawn, back to school haircuts for the kids, the bands Double Take (our members Paul and Mary Leithold’s band!) and ZAMMEK (Zach Mayer’s band!) will be providing music for us to dance in the street, and our Clothes Closet will be providing shoes to kids in need on the Northside. What a great event! And here’s where you fit in: Come and be the church.

Let me explain.

Jesus’ call is simple. Love God, Love our neighbor. At this event, we’re going to model that for our neighborhood. We’re going to give praise to God by loving our neighbors. How? By getting to know our neighbors in real and tangible ways. If you’re a member of Trinity, I want you to come to this event, have some fun, eat a brat or two, but most importantly, make it a point to get to know someone from the Northside, someone who doesn’t go to Trinity. Introduce yourself, and then extend a hand of discipleship by asking to keep in touch with them throughout the year, until the next Block Party. Then actually keep in contact with them and ask how you can be a blessing to them – love your neighbor, as God has loved you! This is not asking them to come to church. It’s an extension of the church, **you**, into the lives of the people in our neighborhood. Think of it as reversing the arrow – going out rather than asking them to come in. In the end, we want our neighbors to see and feel the love of Jesus that has moved us, the members of Trinity, to serve others. Imagine our neighborhoods buzzing with the news that the Church on Sill Street really cares about our community and the people who live there! That’s what this is all about. And you’re called to be a part of it!

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So let's do it. Let's avoid the temptation to believe that it's someone else's program so we don't have to participate. Let's avoid the temptation to participate but then hang out with those we already know, many of whom we see at worship and events at Trinity. Let's extend the hand and heart of Christ to our neighbors who we don't know and who don't know us. Let's put our faith into action, and have some fun doing it! I look forward to seeing you there – 5-8pm, 1010 Sill Street, Wednesday August 12th 2015.

In Christ, Pastor Erik

Worship



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Trinity council members have recently received a resignation letter from our Senior Choir Director, Jan Thaldorf. Jan has served as Director here for almost 20 years and has been involved with directing choirs for almost sixty-six years! Her dedication and enthusiasm for this art will definitely be missed at Trinity. We would like to celebrate Jan and honor her on August 23rd. As a part of this special morning, the Good News Singers will be performing at the 8:30 service. This small group of singers is a part of the Coulee Gospel group. Then there will be a time between services to thank Jan for her service and also to give her best wishes and blessings as she begins a new life chapter that involves more family time and additional musical opportunities.

There will be a special "Kick Off" for the fall worship schedule at the 8:30 service on September 13. We are currently in "pre-season" strategy planning phase. Stay tuned for details in the weekly bulletins.

Block Party

BLOCK PARTY!

Wednesday
August 12
5:00 to 8:00

Neighborhood Block Party



Jesus called his disciples to Love their neighbors, and challenged them to Let the children come to Him.



This block party is our opportunity to answer both those calls. We will have yummy food, live music, free shoes for children, games, a bouncy house, fun and lots of time to actually connect and get to know our Northside neighbors. (Other exciting and helpful activities are still being coordinated!) We can be the hands and feet of Christ in a world that needs to see God's love in action! Come eat, come volunteer, come dance, come play, come talk with someone you haven't met yet! We have over 100 volunteer slots so we can each do a little to make a BIG difference in our community. Interested in helping or have questions, please call Stacey Feig at 651-373-1726.



Service Groups



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Our From the Heart manager, Gene Rochester, recently had surgery, so the pantry will be making some volunteer adjustments to handle things while Gene is recovering for a few weeks. We ask you all to please keep Gene and his wife, Pat, in your prayers during this time. We would also welcome any strong individuals who might be able to volunteer to do some of the "heavy lifting" when our guests need help getting their groceries to the car on Monday nights, or when we visit Hunger Task Force and stock our Pantry on Wednesday afternoons. Please give me a call at 608-792-9339 and let me know you can help. The pantry is also in need of a newer, reliable mini-van type vehicle to help us with deliveries and stocking each week. If you, or someone you know, could help us out with this, please contact me. We are hoping to find something reliable that is reasonably priced or donated/partially donated. Yes, it is a big need - but nothing is too big for God.

We continue to serve an average of about 30 families per week, including a few deliveries on Fridays to those who can't get out to come to our pantry. We are blessed to be able to serve so many, and we are so grateful for the Hunger Task Force for all that they can provide to us. There are items that are in short supply from HTF and some things they simply do not provide. Your cash donations help us to buy toilet paper and paper towels, and some things that are always in short supply. We also welcome donations of shampoo, toothpaste, dish soap, and other household and personal care products. We have a continuing need for more volunteers, and I can assure you that you, too, will find it a rewarding experience if you could join us on Monday nights to assist the folks with their shopping. It is a wonderful way to connect with more of God's children that we have not yet met and who need our help. Please consider volunteering your time and making new friends. This month's food of the month is **bottled juices**.

Thanks for keeping our pantry and all it's guests and volunteers in your prayers.
Sandy Thompson, director

Monday Meals—Trinity serves the meal August 3rd. Please call Kathi Volden at 783-1184 if you would like to help.

Salvation Army—We will have a personal hygiene drive throughout August. Any and all personal hygiene items are needed, but those especially needed are razors, shaving cream, deodorant and diapers.

The Love Thy Neighbor jar proceeds will also go to The Salvation Army

Coming up:

Sept 17—Chicken Q at Trinity

October 24 & 31—Habitat for Humanity work project

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!

Congregational Life



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Thanks go out to all those who donated tickets for the SEND A KID TO THE BALL PARK, SEND A KID TO THE GAME event on Wednesday June 17! Would you believe over half of the 50 tickets we purchased from the Loggers were donated so a child who might not otherwise get the opportunity was able to experience the excitement of an in-park game! As usual, this congregation stepped up to the plate and gave from the heart. THANK YOU! THANK YOU! This is definitely something we will do again!

Last month we announced there would be no Meatball and Lefse dinner this year because no one had stepped up to take over the coordination. Well, we are happy to announce that the Social Ministry team found a coordinator. Big thanks go out to Kristine Valk for taking it on....of course this is not something she can do alone so we encourage anyone who has helped in the past and those who weren't able to in the past to step up and give her your support.

The BLOCK PARTY menu has been established. In the Narthex is a list of possible food donations needed. Please take time to see if there is something you can contribute. It is coming up fast...AUGUST 12 but we will need to know what is coming in.

A few of us enjoyed gathering for the Concert-In-The Park on July 8, in fact we enjoyed it so much some of the same people and a few others did it again on July 15.

Trinity Lutheran's **Little Free Library** is up and running! Thank you to the Social Ministry committee and the Properties committee. Extra special shout out to Al Borsheim for building this structure for us. Take a Book (or two or three)
Leave a Book (if you can, or return the book when your done)

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Stewardship



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Hang on tight! This one is going to ramble!

Back in June I said that the months of Summer are like a weekend. June is Friday, July is Saturday, and August is Sunday. Well here we are at Sunday. Traditionally a day of rest, but in our modern world a day to prepare for the week ahead it seems. So what does that mean to us as a church. Well... September is Monday right? The start of the week and the start of the church year from a function and program viewpoint. So are we resting this August or getting ready for the rest of the year? A little bit (Ok, a Lot) of both! As you all know we are having the annual Block Party on Aug. 12th. That is relaxing, but it is also a bunch of work for those putting it on. All of the various committees are busy working on steering this Ship, the S.S. Trinity, on a right and bright course for the future. I know that as the Stewardship group we are supposed to be focused on how we are going to fund our voyage, but if you have read any of our previous messages you know that we are concerned with more than just Financial Stewardship. I believe I started out by explaining that true Stewardship is keeping things together while the Captain (Jesus, in this metaphor) is away. Ok. SO how do we do that? Yes giving of your monetary resources to the church is an important way to help keep it together, but do you know what is even more important? You. Just You, and your Time. We all have so much to give. "Everything that you do for the least of these you do to me." Sound Familiar?

So jump on board, become a deckhand, hoist the mainsail, and let's get this ship going in the right direction...right out to the people that need it most. That's what we need. That's Stewardship.

Aye, Aye, Captain!

Like how I tied that all together?

Feel free to contact me and we WILL get you involved.

Enjoy your Sunday! The real work is yet to come.



Children, Student & Family Ministries



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What About Wednesdays?

Discussion is underway, making big plans for our youth this fall. One piece we are strongly considering is moving from a Sunday "Sunday School" time with the kids to gathering on Wednesday evenings instead. We'd really like your feedback on whether you feel this would be a positive change for your family. We've heard that weekends have become increasingly busy with sporting events and other activities. We've also heard that this would allow more flexibility for families to choose which worship service they will attend. The timeframe is not set, but we're looking at times between 6:00 and 7:30 p.m. PLEASE take a moment to tell us your thoughts on this if you haven't already. You can contact any member of the Parish Education Committee or the church office:

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We're hoping to make our final decision in the next few weeks so any feedback would be appreciated by August 3rd. Thanks for your thoughtful consideration. It could be very exciting!

Confirmation will also be starting up in the fall. For these families, details will be coming as soon as schedules are finalized.

Can't wait to see some of you that we've missed connecting with over the summer to see how Christ has been in Action in your lives!



Council

There will be a congregational meeting on Sunday, August 9 at 9:30 to talk about finances and endowment.



August 2015



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			9:30 VIP		Office Closed	1 5:30 Worship (C)
2 8:30 Worship (C)	3 9:00 TOPS 5-6 Monday's Meals 5:30 From the Heart 7 Women's Bible Study	4 5:30 Social Ministry 7 Boy Scouts	5	6	7 Office Closed	8 5:30 Worship
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23 8:30 Worship 30	24 9:00 TOPS 31	25 7 Boy Scouts	26	27	28 Office Closed	29 10-2 From the Heart

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Sunday 8:30am (indoors)

Sunday 10:30 on 2nd Sundays (Aug 9, outdoors)

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