

JANUARY—MARCH 2020



TRINITY TIDINGS

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

2020 LENT AND EASTER SCHEDULE

ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE

February 26th, 6:30pm

LENTEN MIDWEEK WORSHIP SCHEDULE

11:00pm Service

LUNCH TO FOLLOW-SOUP AND SANDWICHES OR BREAD

THEME: BODY OF CHRIST

2020 HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

- ♦ April 4-5 — *Palm Sunday* — Sat-5:30pm
Sun-8:30am
- ♦ April 9 — *Maundy Thursday* — 6:30pm
- ♦ April 10 — *Good Friday* — 12:00 noon
- ♦ April 11 — no Saturday service
- ♦ April 12 — *Easter Sunday*
Sunrise service — 6:30am
Festival Service — 8:30am

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A Message From Your Council President...

Hello Trinity Family,

I hope everyone had a great Christmas! It sure is nice during the holidays to see families together at church. We get to see the family members that maybe moved to another city, or state. Maybe you get to talk with an old classmate you haven't seen since last year, or a confirmation classmate, and you talk about the "old days". Maybe you just sit in church and watch how the families have grown up and now bring in their children and grandchildren. It's a wonderful time of the year!

Trinity Lutheran Church goes back a long time. Over 125 years. What do you think it was like for those first families? Getting a new church started; starting up a Sunday School; finding a Pastor; putting down a foundation for a new Lutheran church. Kind of sounds like us right now, doesn't it? There are cycles that happen in almost everything. Trinity is now in the part of the cycle where we have a core membership, but not a huge congregation. But that is changing. I have noticed some new people at our services the last few weeks. Some may want to join Trinity, and some may be checking out many churches to see which one fits their family. I hope we can help them find the right church for their family.

We used to go outside our walls to do outreach for the community. But now our community comes inside the walls of Trinity. Some years ago we started a neighborhood block party, now it is a full blown community gathering for all of our neighbors and community members. A small Children's clothes closet has become a destination for families with children and teenagers. A couple of churches serving a free meal to neighbors has become about 10 churches alternating to volunteer serving over 120 people each Monday. And a food pantry that has become so vibrant that they need to use our whole stage downstairs to serve our neighbors in need of some food. And the County of La Crosse came to us and asked if they could have social workers in our building to be near some of the people they serve.

Wow!!!! The amount of outreach we do for our neighborhood has turned into outreach for our community. Yes, we get help from other churches, businesses, individuals, non-Lutherans, and non-Christians. But that just proves that we are continuing a solid foundation for the future of Trinity. Be proud! We are doing a great job of making sure the foundation started over 125 years ago stays solid. For our own congregation and our families. For the future families with or without children, and those that do not attend our services. They still come for our outreach, and that is what we are about. Treating everyone the same as Jesus would treat everyone.

With respect.

Your friend in Christ,
Todd A. Olson

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!

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Social Ministry/

Congregational Life

FROM THE HEART FOOD PANTRY

January: Paper Products

February: Cereal

March: Fresh or canned fruit

LOVE THY NEIGHBOR JAR

January: Sunday School Program

February: Hunger Task Force

March: TLC Monday Ministry

LOVE THY NEIGHBOR JAR

In November, the LTNJ collected for our Northside Police Liason. Per their request, the money was used to buy gift cards for a local business, we chose Kwik Trip because it has a nice variety of food stuffs and is easily accessible to all. The police will use these cards to give to people as they interact with them to help build rapport and good will.

MONDAY MEALS/COMMON GROUND

Trinity, along with 6 other La Crosse churches, are serving at least 150 persons at supper each Monday night, many of them being young children. Starting in January, there will be a representative from Common Ground from UW-L who will organize time and activities for those children while they are here.

FIRST LUTHERAN TEEN CLOTHES CLOSET

For the last year or so, The Teen Closet from First Lutheran in Onalaska, has had their closet here at Trinity. They have done a beautiful job here. Their area really looks like a boutique and makes a great place for young women to "shop". These ladies are very excited about the success they have had here. They report that in Onalaska, they served about 10-12 women a month, but here are serving that same number each week. Much thanks and praise for all their work to serve the young women in our community.

MONDAY MEALS

Trinity will be hosting Monday Meals on February 3rd and March 16th. If you are able and would like to help with this, usually from about 5-7pm, please call Kathi Volden at (608)519-2522.

Social Ministry

Congregational Life...cont'd

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***Social Ministry/
Congregational Life
Committee meetings
are held at 5:30p on
the second Wednesday
of the month in the Li-
brary.***

***The next meeting
dates are:
January 8th
February 12th
March 11th***

GOOD NEWS, SUNDAY SCHOOL IS BACK!

TLC is offering a Sunday School Program beginning January 5th. This will be a kick off Sunday with a meet and greet, program overview and refreshments. All teachers will be there to meet children and help answer questions. Parents are asked to accompany their children to the Nelson Faith Center, first floor, education wing, following the 8:30 service. Classes will start on January 19th.

SUNDAY SCHOOL DETAILS:

When: 1st and 3rd Sundays each month

Where: Second floor classroom, education wing.

Time: Immediately following the Children's Sermon with completion around 9:45 am.

Curriculum: Sparkhouse

Teachers: Three Rotating Teams

Leah and Luke Achterberg

Nick and Jamie Weber, Julie Weber

Sarah Bradle and Julie Thoftne

Music/ Kay Mach and Jane Haskins

Ages: 3 yrs old through 8th grade

Information/ Questions, please contact:

Leah Achterberg- 859.327.7867 or Leah.m.achterberg@gmail.com

Julie Thoftne-608.317.5854 or jthoftne@charter.net



SUNDAY FELLOWSHIP

FELLOWSHIP & COFFEE SOCIAL: January 5, February 2, March 1

POTLUCK FELLOWSHIP BRUNCH: January 19, February 16, March 15

Community Service

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Contact Us...

Church office
608.782.6200
office@trinitylutheranlax.org

Mon: 9-1 Wed-Fri: 9-2
Tues: closed

Todd Olson
608.385.9500
tolsondist4@gmail.com

Pastor Roger Grow
715.299.4147
pastorroger@trinitylutheranlax.org

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!

MONDAY MEALS

Trinity Lutheran and Bethel Lutheran will be alternating 9 dates to serve Monday's Meals. Trinity is scheduled to prepare the meal on February 3rd and March 16th this quarter. Bethel will serve March 30th. If you would like to volunteer, contact the church office...608.782.6200 or office@trinitylutheranlax.org

JACEY'S TOY BOX

Two upper rooms in the Sunday School Wing have been prepared to display gently used donated toys, books and games for the younger members of our Northside neighborhood. The Toy Box is open **MONDAYS 4:00 TO 6:00PM.**

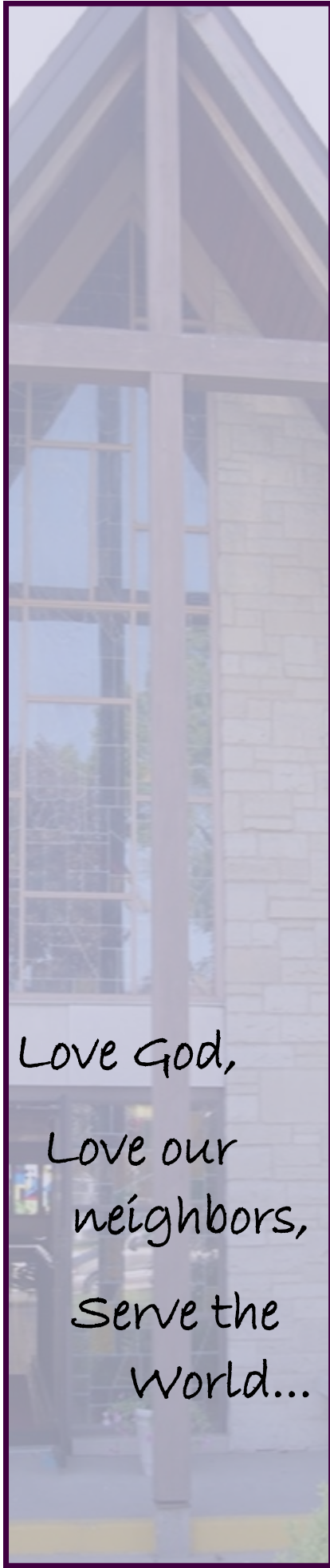
TEEN CLOTHES CLOSET

Three upper rooms in the Sunday School Wing are being used for another essential community service—the Onalaska First Lutheran Teen Clothes Closet, partnering with Northside Kids Clothes Closet by providing for the needs of Middle and High School youth. They are open **MONDAYS 4:00 TO 6:00.**

NORTHSIDE KIDS' CLOTHES CLOSET

The Northside Kid's Clothes Closet is open and ready to service our neighborhood children. The Closet is restocked, reorganized and our inventory is ever-increasing as we continue to be a successful resource for families in need. If you know a family who could use some help, spread the word! We're open on **MONDAYS FROM 4:00-6:00 PM.**

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THANK YOU!

To the following volunteers who have always been so willing to say “yes”. The Mobile Meals have been delivered in some bad weather during the winter months—bad snow and ice conditions—but they have been real troopers!

Also—

To the following volunteers who helped at Bethany Riverside. It is such a joy to help the residents play Bingo Card—and on some occasions help feed them their treats—They are all so very grateful! The Birthday Party is the highlight of the month—a special decorated birthday cake and gifts for the residents with September birthdays. We have Nell Martell playing the piano—all the oldies with a sing-along. It is such a joy to see them participate.

Again, thank you for making my job easier by saying yes when I call. You’re all very special to me.

God’s blessings,
Joanne Thoftne



MOBILE MEALS

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| Dick & Dorothy Poellinger | Pat & Bonnie Korish |
| Vern & Marie Dahl | Karen Marson |
| Bill & Jeanne Beeler | Kurt & Cathi Berger |
| John & Sharon Kiesling | Cal & Joan Hendrick |
| Charlie & Kay Mach | Peter & Jean Smith |
| Mary Briggs | Sue Knorr |
| Shirley Schomberg | |

BETHANY RIVERSIDE SEPTEMBER VOLUNTEERS
BINGO EVERY TUESDAY—LAST THURSDAY BIRTHDAY PARTY

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| Kathi Volden | Kathy Runnigan |
| Geri Hefti | Pat Rank |
| Sue Swim | Shirley Schomberg |
| Kay Mach | Joan Hendrick |

January 2020



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3	4 5:30p Worship
5 8:30a Worship  7p Boy Scouts	6 4-6p Kids Clothes Closet/ Teen Closet 4-6p Jacey's Toy Box 5-6p Monday Meals 5:30-7:00p From the Heart Food Pantry	7 10:30a Worship & Music meeting	8 5:30p Social Ministry/Cong. Life Meeting-Library	9	10	11 5:30p Worship
12 8:30a Worship 7p Boy Scouts	13 4-6p Kids Clothes Closet/ Teen Closet 4-6p Jacey's Toy Box 5-6p Monday Meals 5:30-7:00p From the Heart Food Pantry 6p Church Council meeting	14	15	16	17	18 5:30p Worship
19 8:30a Worship POT LUCK FELLOWSHIP BRUNCH  7p Boy Scouts	20 4-6p Kids Clothes Closet/ Teen Closet 4-6p Jacey's Toy Box 5-6p Monday Meals 5:30-7:00p From the Heart Food Pantry	21	22	23 6p Church Council meeting	24	25 10a-1p From the Heart Food Pantry 5:30p Worship
26 8:30a Worship 7p Boy Scouts	27 4-6p Kids Clothes Closet/ Teen Closet 4-6p Jacey's Toy Box 5-6p Monday Meals 5:30-7:00p From the Heart Food Pantry	28 6p Logan/Northside Neighborhood Group	29	30	31	

February 2020



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Trinity Tidings is the quarterly 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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