

Trinity Tidings

July
2015

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



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Lead Pastor

Galatians 5:13-14 (The Message) It is absolutely clear that God has called you to a free life. Just make sure that you don't use this freedom as an excuse to do whatever you want to do and destroy your freedom. Rather, use your freedom to serve one another in love; that's how freedom grows. For everything we know about God's Word is summed up in a single sentence: Love others as you love yourself. That's an act of true freedom.

There's something wonderful about summer. The weather changes to bring warm sunshine, the flowers bloom and people are outside with smiles on their faces. School is out, families take vacations, and the golf courses are full. It's a beautiful time of year!

July also gives us the opportunity to celebrate freedom. July 4th is our national celebration of freedom, and we'll all be singing The Star Spangled Banner as we watch the glorious fireworks displays that will paint the dark skies across our great land. We'll pause to reflect on the amazing freedoms we have as Americans, and what it cost to secure those freedoms. It's one of my favorite national holidays – how about you? Along those lines, we as Christians, celebrate freedom too – a freedom given to us in Christ Jesus, our Lord, who has set us free from sin, death and the power of the devil. We are gifted with this freedom through faith, and each and every day is a day we live free, live free in the love and grace and mercy of Jesus. There's a lot to celebrate! This freedom has a purpose to it. It assures us of our eternal salvation, certainly, but it doesn't stop there. Our Christian freedom turns us inside out. Following Christ's example, we who call ourselves Christians use our freedom to serve others. As the Apostle Paul reminded the Christians in Galatia, our freedom is to be used in service to others. Our lives have an outward focus, and so does our church. What does church life look like? Service to others. Why? Because we're free!

There's a lot to do in service to others on the Northside. Our call as a church is to use our freedom in Christ to serve our neighbors – to love others as we love ourselves, to love others as Christ has loved us. Let's join in the celebration of being a church that serves, and pledge ourselves to using our freedom to share the love of Jesus with our community. You can start by inviting your neighbors to the Northside Neighborhood Block Party on August 12th, 5-8pm, on Sill street right out front of the church. Pick up a flyer from the church office and walk your neighborhood, have a conversation and create community. The event is free, and so are you! Let's serve our Lord by serving others. It's a Summer of Celebration!

In Christ,
Pastor Erik

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Worship

Summertime in our world gives us so much to be thankful for and opportunities to worship our Lord! We can offer praise and thanksgiving when we spend time with those we love, when on vacations and enjoying all things outdoors. It also is meaningful to gather together with others that share our beliefs in our Triune God. Summer services at Trinity are 5:30 Saturday evenings and 8:30 Sunday mornings. On July 12 and on August 9, Second Sundays of Summer will continue at 10:30 AM on the lawn at Trinity (if inclement weather, service will be indoors). Following these services can be opportunity for food and fellowship!

A special thank you to Jonathan Heinz, Amy Heinz, and Scott Hagen for leading our worship services the times Pastor Erik has to be gone.

As summer is winding up, we are also looking and planning for fall. Keep watch for information on "Trinity's Fall Kick Off" on September 12 and 13, when we will resume the three services each weekend.

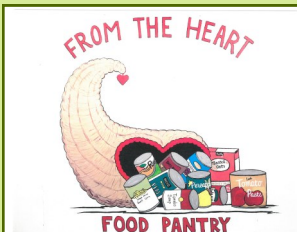
Service Groups

The Holy Spirit is working in marvelous and exciting ways at the From The Heart Food Pantry! We are serving record numbers of guests every Monday night; Manager Gene Rochester is kept extra busy with special needs deliveries every week; and our hardworking, dedicated volunteers are sharing time stocking shelves every Wednesday afternoon, and assisting our guests each Monday night. Whew!!!! Yes, the pantry has grown by leaps and bounds in the past few months, and although it is wonderful to be a part of all these exciting opportunities unfolding right before our eyes, it is challenging to realize the numbers of folks in our community who cannot afford enough food for their households.

I know that all who are currently volunteering would say that they truly enjoy working with our guests, and that they are making new friends every week. And how do I know that? Because they keep coming back! They are with us each and every week to do God's work with broad smiles for all our guests, and hearts that are open to whatever God is calling them to do. I am so grateful for each and every one of them – and proud to call them my friends.

How about you?? Why not you?? We are always in need of more friends who have the hearts and hands to become a part of this blessed opportunity. We consistently welcome 40+ guests/families every Monday night, and the last Saturday of every month. We would like to get to know all of our guests even better by spending more quality time with them. This will take you . . .and you . . . and yes , even you. Please join us. It is fun . . it is challenging . . . it is rewarding. Is God calling you to be more of what someone else needs?

And don't forget we always need more non-perishable food donations. This month our most needed item is - **canned meals**. Thank you, and God Bless you.
Sandy Thompson, Director – From the Heart Food Pantry



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Service Groups, cont.

The **Love Thy Neighbor Jar** for July will be for Freedom Honor Flight. This La Crosse – based organization flies our veterans to Washington D.C. to visit the memorials that stand in their honor.

The Salvation Army delivers **sack lunches** to kids in low income areas during the summer, so the kids can receive one nourishing meal each day. We are looking for people to help make these lunches on July 15 from 9:45-11:45. If you can help, please call Mary Lathrop at 781-8999.

Trinity will host the **blood drive** July 21st from 1-6pm. If you can donate and would like to sign up ahead of time, please call Julie Thoftne at 783-0443. Trinity has participated in blood drives since 2007, has hosted 15 times, drawn 536 units, and saved 1,608 lives.

A drive for **personal hygiene items** for the Salvation Army will be in August. Details will be in the August newsletter.

Our **Little Free Library** has been built and will be installed soon. We will dedicate this at the Block Party.

Trinity will serve **Monday Meals** August 3rd. If you could help with this or if you are willing to greet our guests on any Monday from 4-6pm, please call Kathi Volden at 783-1184.

The HALOs summer toy drive was very successful. Thank you all for your generosity.

Plans are in the works for a **Chicken Q** to be held at Trinity on September 17, with more info to come.

Block Party

Neighborhood Block Party – Save the Date!

It's almost time for our annual Northside Neighborhood Block Party, this year even better than the past! We'll block off Sill street between Charles and Kane, set up tents to cover both parking lots, set up tables and chairs, serve a free meal of brats, potato salad and all the fixings, have games for the kids (including a bounce house!), the band Double-Take will be helping us dance in the street, and we'll be giving away a new pair of tennis shoes to any child/youth who needs a pair for the new school year! Last year over 500 of our neighbors participated, and we anticipate an even larger crowd this year. Come and join in on the fun! Better yet, grab an invitation from the church office and invite your Northside neighbors to come with you! Want to volunteer to help? Contact the church office at 782-6200 and we'll get you on a team. Want to donate to the cause? Great, you can do that too! It's a great event that you won't want to miss. Mark your calendar for Wednesday, August 12th from 5-8 pm. More information will follow in the bulletins at worship, our website www.trinitylutheranlax.org, and on Facebook (Trinity Lutheran Church – ELCA). Everyone is invited and it's all free! Come and be community and let's celebrate our Northside neighborhood. Questions? Contact the church office or talk to Pastor Erik. You won't want to miss it!

Thank you to all who contributed to the Love Thy Neighbor Jar in April. We were able to purchase the following:
1 bicycle ambulance,
2 vaccinations for a child,
4 mosquito nets,
2 send a girl to school,
2 school supplies, and
2 health care for a child.

BLOCK PARTY!

Wednesday

August 12

5:00 to 8:00

Congregational Life



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Save Wednesday, July 8! Concert-in-the Park outing in Riverside Park

We have another great deal....this time, two concerts, one evening!
First at 6:30 p.m. hear the 132nd Division Wisconsin National Guard Band
AND

Then at 7:30 p.m. hear the La Crosse Concert Band with guest Conductor Mark Lakman (Logan High School Band Director) Theme: Celebrations!
PLEASE JOIN Trinity at the concert...just look for the neon green sign. Join us no matter what time you arrive!

Bring your own picnic dinner and we'll supply water and cookies!

Remember a lawn chair or blanket.

Don't forget to sign up in the Narthex so we have some idea how many cookies and waters we might need.

TRANSPORTATION OPTIONS (parking is a problem with all the downtown construction)

- 1) RIDE SHARE. Meet at Trinity in the parking lot at 5:30 for 5:45 sharp departure. (if you are willing to drive please indicate so on the sign-up sheet in the narthex).
- 2) SHUTTLE BUS. The school bus shuttle leaves Shopko North on Rose Street at 6:30 and Festival Foods on Copeland at 6:45.
- 3) Drive yourself. Better plan on getting there early because with the earlier concert the parking will fill quickly.

Rain Date: July 15

Golf, Bowling, or Cards

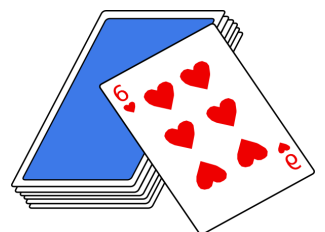
Join Trinity members for an afternoon of golf, bowling or cards at Coulee Golf Bowl in Onalaska on Sunday, July 26 from 2:30-5 p.m.

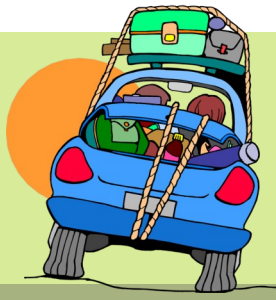
Cost for nine holes of golf is 15.50 plus tax for walking or 23.50 plus tax with a card.

Bowling is \$6 for 3 games and shoes.

Cards - your choice for free!

Sign up sheet for all will be in the narthex until July 5 or contact Barbara Saiz at 608-317-9026!





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| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| | | | 1 9:30 VIP 5:30 Worship & Music | 2 | 3 Office Closed | 4 Independence Day 5:30 Worship (C) |
| 5 8:30 Worship (C) | 6 9:00 TOPS 5-6 Monday's Meals 5:30 From the Heart 7 Women's Bible Study | 7 5:30 Social Ministry 7 Boy Scouts | 8 6:30 Concert in the Park | 9 | 10 Office Closed | 11 5:30 Worship |
| Mobile Meals | | | | | | |
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| 26 8:30 Worship Golf, Bowling & cards at Coulee Golf | 27 9:00 TOPS 5-6 Monday's Meals 5:30 From the Heart | 28 7 Boy Scouts | 29 | 30 | 31 Office Closed | |

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WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Summer Schedule

Saturday 5:30pm (indoors)

Sunday 8:30am (indoors)

Sunday 10:30 on 2nd Sundays (July 12, Aug 9, outdoors)

Radio Service Broadcast at 8:30am
on WKTY AM 580

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