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BLOCK PARTY

SAVE THE DATE! The Annual Northside Block Party will be held Monday, August 15th. Now that a date has been set, lots of details will be determined and lots of volunteers needed to make this event a real blessing to the neighborhood. We encourage every single person to participate in some small (or large!) way! We will hold our next planning event Thursday June 16th at 1636 Loomis St. Please come. Please support this event with your prayers, participation, and generous gifts. Last year the party cost ~\$5000. Those expenses are not part of our church budget, and last year were completely covered by generous gifts within the congregation and community. We will be asking area business and churches to join us as we gather the Northside together and work to create a true sense of community. Check your weekly bulletin for updates! Any questions, please contact Stacey Feig at 651-373-1726 or cptmazda@hotmail.com

THANK YOUS!!!

Our congregation has much to be thankful for! We have a talented, vibrant congregation that works together to create meaningful worship and meet the needs of those next to us, and those down the street. We would especially like to thank Charlie Mach for putting up the new hangers nearly 15 feet in the air so that we could enjoy the beautiful Easter banners, Kay Mach for the baptismal napkins, Jonathan Heinz for worship leadership, Laurie Noelke for accompanist scheduling, and all of the folks who helped make the Being Beautiful event possible (Laura Cunliffe, Joan Hendrick, Pam Ball, Karla Korish, Karen Dieringer, Meme Miholavic, Pat Lukwitz, Pari and Kathy Sexauer, Sue Weidemann, Paul Leithold and his driver, and Connie Feig.) A special thanks to Pari Sexauer for making the Clothing Closet and Being Beautiful event accessible to those in wheel chairs and with walkers. When God's faithful people serve, amazing things happen.

Congregational Life



Bonnie Jeranek Congregational Life Committee Chair bonniejeranek@gmail.com 608-784-2996

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.

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LOGGERS NIGHT

Our version of "take me out to the ball game" is "Send a Kid to the Ball Game" and that is Wednesday, June 29. It is also a chance to join friends from Trinity at a Loggers game while providing an opportunity for a neighborhood child and his/her parent/guardian to attend too. SEND A KID TO THE BALLGAME! When you purchase your ticket(s), purchase one or more to give away to a child. Make their day! We

will distribute the donated tickets through Monday Meals or the Children's Clothes Closet. Tickets go on sale June 4 in the narthex. The \$7 tickets will be available for only \$5.00!

SPECIAL EVENTS Birthdays

We want to extend a very a happy belated birthday wish to **Eleanor Servais** who lives in the Village on Cass apartments. On May 12 she was 96 years young! She enjoys playing cards, loves her four children, their spouses, her grandchildren and great grandchildren. She listens to our Sunday radio service as she's unable to travel out, and also enjoys our monthly newsletter. Eleanor, may all the love and joy you shared with others be given back to you on this very special day. Blessings and best wishes for many more birthdays to another "youngster" in our Trinity family. (Apologies for missing the May newsletter).

When I called Art Ford who will be 95 years young on June 29 his opening comment was, "I have had a very blessed life". Art's parents moved from Minnesota to Iowa shortly before he left to serve in the Navy in World War II. It was in Decorah, Iowa that he met the love of his life, Kay, at a dance hall. He served God and his country in the Pacific with his home base being Auckland, New Zealand. But his first duty there was in New Caledonia with the Marines. He said most of his deployment was around ammunition and very large bombs. Because there was no place to take leave during the war he was able to return home 60 days early. He called Kay on a Thursday and asked her to marry him. When she said yes, he said, "How about this week-end?" And that's what



Congregational Life, cont'd

happened. (As an aside, he said their ring bearer is now a Bishop in Arizona.) He began working at Allis Chalmers in La Crosse in 1947 and worked there for 21 years. They joined Trinity in 1947 as well. He and Kay taught Sunday School for 10 years. He retired 12 years later from the City Library where he had been a maintenance man. (His aside here was that, " he has now been retired as long as he worked!") Art has two daughters, Judy Ford and Julie Smith, three granddaughters, and one great grandson. When asked the secret to his long life he said his mother was a good cook, and so was his wife! And, that his genes contribute as well. His grandfather lived to be 98 and his mother 102 and he hopes to set a new record! (Another aside..he has never been in the hospital, except to visit someone). Even when he had to have stitches on his head when he slipped on a ladder and hit the hatch. He went right back to work. He was very happy to have been able to take the Freedom Flight to Washington in 2008 with friends Fred Thiede and Maurice Bogie. He ended our phone call with the way it started, I HAVE HAD A VERY BLESSED LIFE! And we want to wish you many more happy and blessed birthdays.....we'll be watching for that record birthday!!!

ANNIVERSARIES

Bonnie and Jim Jeranek celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary on June 18. They have 5 children (and spouses): Torry and Deb (Red Wing), Paul and Sara (West Salem), Perry (Lancaster, CA), Meredith and Howie McCann (St. Paul), Craig and Megan (Sun Prairie) as well as 12 precious and delightful grandchildren. The family moved to La Crosse in 1983 from Peshtigo, WI. Four of their five children were confirmed at Trinity. Bonnie retired from Western Technical College in 2004 and Jim from specialty foods sales in 2002. They recently moved from La Crosse to Holmen.

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. 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.

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

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The Trinity Family

Can you believe summer is setting in?! I am so happy for the warmth and sun!

You know summer means we see fewer of you at church which affects our finances greatly. First, we sure appreciate your support for Trinity! But, I am hoping you will consider stepping out of your comfort zone and "prepaying" for the summer if you will not be around. Your church could use your support all year long. One of the things I recently was reminded of was something that was in our bulletin a while ago and I believe in the newsletter. It gave "steps" of how our members give in percentages. I was very surprised at how many Trinity family members give nothing to support Trinity. 43% of our congregation gave nothing in 2015 to help Trinity do the work of God and to serve our community. That is 216 members. So I would like to encourage those 216 members. If each of those 216 members gave \$20 a month it would add \$51,840 to help us continue the work we are doing. If each of them gave \$40 a month that is a whopping \$103,680!!! Isn't that amazing! I was shocked when I ran the numbers.

Trinity offers electronic giving and it's easy to sign up. Go to our website at www.trinitylutheranlax.org and on most pages there is a link to sign up. It's easy, convenient and the right thing to do. So I am asking to give what you can, stretch a bit and support the great work happening at Trinity. Which I am sure you all read about in my last newsletter article. If you didn't read some of it, it's the next paragraph! Iol

One of the messages Pastor Erik has been trying to help us understand is serving the community, which we do pretty well. We all think about the things we do and are happy we do the Monday Meals, the Food Pantry, Clothes Closet but do we serve the Northside like we used to? Do we invite our neighbors to join our church? This is their neighborhood and do they feel welcome? That's when that part of his message hit home with me when I realized how maybe Trinity isn't as neighborhood friendly as we thought. We do a great "Block Party" but how do we invite them to our Trinity family and share the good word and encourage them to worship with us each Saturday or Sunday. I am looking for answers from you the congregation. It's not any one person's job. It's all of ours. I do know that more ideas are better than 1 or none. Please send your ideas on inviting our neighbors to Trinity to me, sue@illumin8marketing.com. I WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU! You are our rock stars and I know you have good ideas!!

PS...I didn't hear from anyone! Send me your thoughts!

Thank you for being a member of the Trinity Family! Sue Weidemann

Etc...

ENDOWMENT COMMITTEE NEWS

The TLC Endowment Committee is happy to share some exciting news. Thanks to the generosity of nine of our Trinity families, we have met our challenge of raising \$1000 to match a gift of \$1000 from the Infaith Community Foundation. As a result, we have grown the Endowment Fund by \$2000 to benefit TLC Church projects in the future. There is a possibility that a similar challenge grant will be available in 2017. More information will be shared with TLC Parishioners in the future. For more information on how you can help the TLC Endowment Fund, please contact the Church office or any of the members of the Endowment Committee.

June 2016

Communion every service, every week

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 10a-3p Blood drive	2	3	5:30 Worship- Graduate Blessing Logger tickets available in the Narthex
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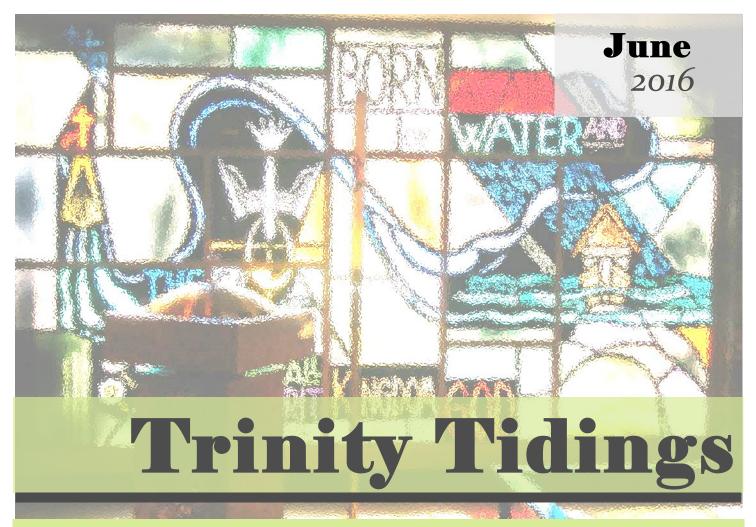
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PS...I didn't hear from anyone! Send me your thoughts!

Thank you for being a member of the Trinity Family! Sue Weidemann

Etc...

ENDOWMENT COMMITTEE NEWS

The TLC Endowment Committee is happy to share some exciting news. Thanks to the generosity of nine of our Trinity families, we have met our challenge of raising \$1000 to match a gift of \$1000 from the Infaith Community Foundation. As a result, we have grown the Endowment Fund by \$2000 to benefit TLC Church projects in the future. There is a possibility that a similar challenge grant will be available in 2017. More information will be shared with TLC Parishioners in the future. For more information on how you can help the TLC Endowment Fund, please contact the Church office or any of the members of the Endowment Committee.

June 2016

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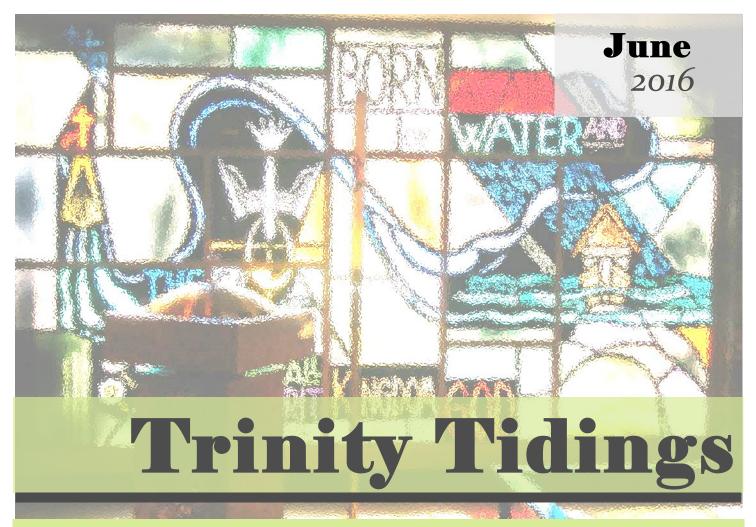
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SUMMERTIME WORSHIP

Summer worship times will remain the same, and COMMUNION will be served at every service throughout the summer. The worship will focus on GATHERING God's people together, the WORD, the MEAL, and the SENDING disciples out to their mission fields. We will be using the Revised Common Lectionary, and also the Narrative Lectionary, to guide our scriptural selections.

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Welcome to Summer! June is here and people everywhere are celebrating warmer temps, green grass and that relaxed non-winter feeling. It's like Easter and the gifting of the promised Holy Spirit at Pentecost...new life happens again! It's great to see so many smiles on people's faces these days.

And this summer, congratulations are in order once again. Last year at this time we celebrated how God was working through Trinity to make a difference in our neighborhood, and this year, we have an amazing update. You, the people of Trinity, are continuing to make a difference in our community, to the glory of God. Congratulations!

In this season of Pentecost, one of our Lectionary texts is the Apostle Paul's letter to the Colossians, and in chapter 3:17 he says: "¹⁷And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him." It's a call from Paul to live our lives in response to the amazing gift of grace given to us in Jesus the Christ. Living our lives for Jesus is being the church in the world. A church that makes a difference in its community is one that truly loves God. We're seeing signs of that Love at Trinity!

Weekly, at Monday Meals, over 100 people regularly gather for a meal, conversation and caring community. From the Heart Food Pantry is serving 600+ people a month these days. The Northside Kids Clothes Closet provides shoes and clothes for bunches of kids in our neighborhood. The La Crosse Area Family Collaborative has the Neighborhood Social Worker working out of an office at our building. Those are just some of the things happening at 1010 Sill street these days! When we asked the congregation to tell us where they serve God outside of the church building, the responses were overwhelming, showing that the people of God who call Trinity their home serve all over the neighborhood and region. The church council recently completed a leadership book study of the book 'Kingdom Come' by Reggie McNeal, and are making plans to implement concepts learned, all to the glory of God in our world today. Colossians 3:17 is being played out right here, right now. Praise be to God!

Great things are happening, and God is continuing to bless Trinity as we step out to care for our neighbors. Thanks to all who make it happen – and a challenge goes out to all who call Trinity their church to dream big and step out into caring for our neighbors in additional ways. The church truly is the people of God, living out Colossians 3:17 in their lives. Love God, Love our Neighbor, Serve the World....congratulations, church!

In Christ, Pastor Erik

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

Love Thy Neighbor jar for June – The La Crosse County Humane Society

Featured item for **From the Heart Food Pantry**: **Ketchup & Mustard.** As always, anything given to the food pantry is much appreciated.

EMERGENCY SHELTER

Trinity Lutheran Church is now an approved site to be used as an Emergency Shelter should the need arise. The American Red Cross will organize and coordinate such a shelter, however they do offer training for anyone interested in helping. Training would include a Shelter Fundamentals On-line component that is about 2 and 1/2 hours. This would be followed by a hands on exercise that would be about a 5 hour training. We welcome and encourage anyone interested, to consider participating in the training. If you would like your name added to the list as a possible training participant, please contact Julie Thoftne at 783-0443 or 317-5854. We are working out the details for the on line training and will soon secure a training date at Trinity. Thank you!

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MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

You will have an opportunity to help with a Habitat For Humanity build on Saturday, October 8th. Watch this space for more details as October approaches!



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TLC is hosting a blood drive on Wednesday, June 1st, from 10am-3pm. Call Julie Thoftne at 783-0443 to schedule an appointment or we do accept walk-ins.

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Community Service

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. It's a great way to love our neighbors as Christ has loved us.

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Love God, Love your Neighbor, Serve the world. God calls each of us to live our lives in this way. Every time we love our neighbor, we love God. Every time we serve the world, we love God! It is, in fact, a way that we worship the God who created, redeemed, and sanctified us. And the Trinity congregation has been loving God well!

Please check out the map in the narthex to see just how many ways and in how many places Trinity is worshiping God through love and service! When we share the love of God through service to others, we help "thy kingdom come."

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 or neighbors. Please contact Stacey Feig at 651-373-1726.

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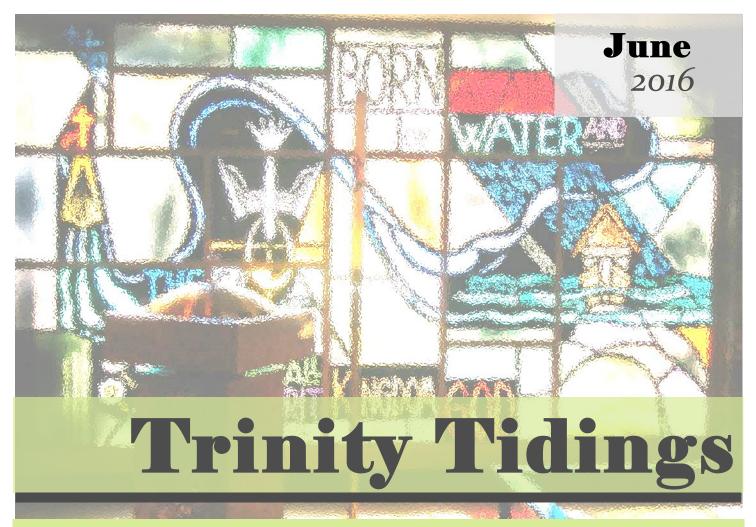
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SUMMERTIME WORSHIP

Summer worship times will remain the same, and COMMUNION will be served at every service throughout the summer. The worship will focus on GATHERING God's people together, the WORD, the MEAL, and the SENDING disciples out to their mission fields. We will be using the Revised Common Lectionary, and also the Narrative Lectionary, to guide our scriptural selections.

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Welcome to Summer! June is here and people everywhere are celebrating warmer temps, green grass and that relaxed non-winter feeling. It's like Easter and the gifting of the promised Holy Spirit at Pentecost...new life happens again! It's great to see so many smiles on people's faces these days.

And this summer, congratulations are in order once again. Last year at this time we celebrated how God was working through Trinity to make a difference in our neighborhood, and this year, we have an amazing update. You, the people of Trinity, are continuing to make a difference in our community, to the glory of God. Congratulations!

In this season of Pentecost, one of our Lectionary texts is the Apostle Paul's letter to the Colossians, and in chapter 3:17 he says: "¹⁷And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him." It's a call from Paul to live our lives in response to the amazing gift of grace given to us in Jesus the Christ. Living our lives for Jesus is being the church in the world. A church that makes a difference in its community is one that truly loves God. We're seeing signs of that Love at Trinity!

Weekly, at Monday Meals, over 100 people regularly gather for a meal, conversation and caring community. From the Heart Food Pantry is serving 600+ people a month these days. The Northside Kids Clothes Closet provides shoes and clothes for bunches of kids in our neighborhood. The La Crosse Area Family Collaborative has the Neighborhood Social Worker working out of an office at our building. Those are just some of the things happening at 1010 Sill street these days! When we asked the congregation to tell us where they serve God outside of the church building, the responses were overwhelming, showing that the people of God who call Trinity their home serve all over the neighborhood and region. The church council recently completed a leadership book study of the book 'Kingdom Come' by Reggie McNeal, and are making plans to implement concepts learned, all to the glory of God in our world today. Colossians 3:17 is being played out right here, right now. Praise be to God!

Great things are happening, and God is continuing to bless Trinity as we step out to care for our neighbors. Thanks to all who make it happen – and a challenge goes out to all who call Trinity their church to dream big and step out into caring for our neighbors in additional ways. The church truly is the people of God, living out Colossians 3:17 in their lives. Love God, Love our Neighbor, Serve the World....congratulations, church!

In Christ, Pastor Erik

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

Love Thy Neighbor jar for June – The La Crosse County Humane Society

Featured item for **From the Heart Food Pantry**: **Ketchup & Mustard.** As always, anything given to the food pantry is much appreciated.

EMERGENCY SHELTER

Trinity Lutheran Church is now an approved site to be used as an Emergency Shelter should the need arise. The American Red Cross will organize and coordinate such a shelter, however they do offer training for anyone interested in helping. Training would include a Shelter Fundamentals On-line component that is about 2 and 1/2 hours. This would be followed by a hands on exercise that would be about a 5 hour training. We welcome and encourage anyone interested, to consider participating in the training. If you would like your name added to the list as a possible training participant, please contact Julie Thoftne at 783-0443 or 317-5854. We are working out the details for the on line training and will soon secure a training date at Trinity. Thank you!

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

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

You will have an opportunity to help with a Habitat For Humanity build on Saturday, October 8th. Watch this space for more details as October approaches!



BLOOD DRIVE

TLC is hosting a blood drive on Wednesday, June 1st, from 10am-3pm. Call Julie Thoftne at 783-0443 to schedule an appointment or we do accept walk-ins.

KIDS' SUMMER LUNCHES



We are looking for volunteers to help with preparing summer lunches for community children. TLC will prepare lunches in the morning on three different dates. We will need 8-10 people on each date. The dates are Wednesday June 8th, Friday July 29th, and Wednesday August 17th. We currently have one person scheduled on each date, so we need several more volunteers. It's a fun activity that takes place at the Salvation Ar-

my, and usually takes about a couple of hours. Call Julie Thoftne at 783-0443 if you're able to help. Please consider helping to keep our community children fed this summer!



Community Service

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. It's a great way to love our neighbors as Christ has loved us.

Living our Faith

Love God, Love your Neighbor, Serve the world. God calls each of us to live our lives in this way. Every time we love our neighbor, we love God. Every time we serve the world, we love God! It is, in fact, a way that we worship the God who created, redeemed, and sanctified us. And the Trinity congregation has been loving God well!

Please check out the map in the narthex to see just how many ways and in how many places Trinity is worshiping God through love and service! When we share the love of God through service to others, we help "thy kingdom come."

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 or neighbors. Please contact Stacey Feig at 651-373-1726.

Being Beautiful Together

"You are beautiful"...For some women, they hadn't heard that in a very long time, if ever... But the Being Beautiful Together event provided an opportunity for them to hear and believe that declaration. God thinks they are beautiful. Our guests got clothing, but also experienced the unconditional love of God as they interacted with our volunteers. They were met with compassion, treated with respect, and given genuine care. The group shared laughter, tears, a runway fashion show, prayers, and hugs as women from the community were touched by God's grace and offered hope through some jeans, skirts, shoes, outfit coordination, and the interactions between guests and volunteers. Two guests proudly changed into their new outfits and left singing. Lives were touched, both guests and Trinity volunteers. And Jesus smiled!! YOU ARE BEAUTIFUL!

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Welcome! Nice to see you! Glad you could join us today! Here is a bulletin! These may seem like simple things, but they can really make an impact as a person enters Trinity's doors for worship. Whether they have been coming for years or this is their first visit, a warm welcome sets the tone for worship and is a great example of God's grace in action. If you would like to provide that kind of welcome to others at Trinity, please consider signing up as an usher. If you have questions, we can answer them and get you set to go. Please consider signing up in the Usher book in the narthex and help everyone who worships at Trinity feel like family.

FOR OUR 2016 GRADUATES-SAVE THE DATE!

All Graduates of the Class of 2016 (high school, college, or technical programs) will be acknowledged, prayed for and offered a blessing at the Saturday June 4th 530pm and Sunday June 5th 830am services. Please come and be recognized if you graduated this year. Congregation: Please pray for all graduates as they enter the next stage of their life journeys. Please pray for their families as each graduation brings some change, and please pray for all students as they prepare for summer break.

BLOCK PARTY

SAVE THE DATE! The Annual Northside Block Party will be held Monday, August 15th. Now that a date has been set, lots of details will be determined and lots of volunteers needed to make this event a real blessing to the neighborhood. We encourage every single person to participate in some small (or large!) way! We will hold our next planning event Thursday June 16th at 1636 Loomis St. Please come. Please support this event with your prayers, participation, and generous gifts. Last year the party cost ~\$5000. Those expenses are not part of our church budget, and last year were completely covered by generous gifts within the congregation and community. We will be asking area business and churches to join us as we gather the Northside together and work to create a true sense of community. Check your weekly bulletin for updates! Any questions, please contact Stacey Feig at 651-373-1726 or cptmazda@hotmail.com

THANK YOUS!!!

Our congregation has much to be thankful for! We have a talented, vibrant congregation that works together to create meaningful worship and meet the needs of those next to us, and those down the street. We would especially like to thank Charlie Mach for putting up the new hangers nearly 15 feet in the air so that we could enjoy the beautiful Easter banners, Kay Mach for the baptismal napkins, Jonathan Heinz for worship leadership, Laurie Noelke for accompanist scheduling, and all of the folks who helped make the Being Beautiful event possible (Laura Cunliffe, Joan Hendrick, Pam Ball, Karla Korish, Karen Dieringer, Meme Miholavic, Pat Lukwitz, Pari and Kathy Sexauer, Sue Weidemann, Paul Leithold and his driver, and Connie Feig.) A special thanks to Pari Sexauer for making the Clothing Closet and Being Beautiful event accessible to those in wheel chairs and with walkers. When God's faithful people serve, amazing things happen.

Congregational Life



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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.

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LOGGERS NIGHT

Our version of "take me out to the ball game" is "Send a Kid to the Ball Game" and that is Wednesday, June 29. It is also a chance to join friends from Trinity at a Loggers game while providing an opportunity for a neighborhood child and his/her parent/guardian to attend too. SEND A KID TO THE BALLGAME! When you purchase your ticket(s), purchase one or more to give away to a child. Make their day! We

will distribute the donated tickets through Monday Meals or the Children's Clothes Closet. Tickets go on sale June 4 in the narthex. The \$7 tickets will be available for only \$5.00!

SPECIAL EVENTS Birthdays

We want to extend a very a happy belated birthday wish to **Eleanor Servais** who lives in the Village on Cass apartments. On May 12 she was 96 years young! She enjoys playing cards, loves her four children, their spouses, her grandchildren and great grandchildren. She listens to our Sunday radio service as she's unable to travel out, and also enjoys our monthly newsletter. Eleanor, may all the love and joy you shared with others be given back to you on this very special day. Blessings and best wishes for many more birthdays to another "youngster" in our Trinity family. (Apologies for missing the May newsletter).

When I called Art Ford who will be 95 years young on June 29 his opening comment was, "I have had a very blessed life". Art's parents moved from Minnesota to Iowa shortly before he left to serve in the Navy in World War II. It was in Decorah, Iowa that he met the love of his life, Kay, at a dance hall. He served God and his country in the Pacific with his home base being Auckland, New Zealand. But his first duty there was in New Caledonia with the Marines. He said most of his deployment was around ammunition and very large bombs. Because there was no place to take leave during the war he was able to return home 60 days early. He called Kay on a Thursday and asked her to marry him. When she said yes, he said, "How about this week-end?" And that's what



Congregational Life, cont'd

happened. (As an aside, he said their ring bearer is now a Bishop in Arizona.) He began working at Allis Chalmers in La Crosse in 1947 and worked there for 21 years. They joined Trinity in 1947 as well. He and Kay taught Sunday School for 10 years. He retired 12 years later from the City Library where he had been a maintenance man. (His aside here was that, " he has now been retired as long as he worked!") Art has two daughters, Judy Ford and Julie Smith, three granddaughters, and one great grandson. When asked the secret to his long life he said his mother was a good cook, and so was his wife! And, that his genes contribute as well. His grandfather lived to be 98 and his mother 102 and he hopes to set a new record! (Another aside..he has never been in the hospital, except to visit someone). Even when he had to have stitches on his head when he slipped on a ladder and hit the hatch. He went right back to work. He was very happy to have been able to take the Freedom Flight to Washington in 2008 with friends Fred Thiede and Maurice Bogie. He ended our phone call with the way it started, I HAVE HAD A VERY BLESSED LIFE! And we want to wish you many more happy and blessed birthdays.....we'll be watching for that record birthday!!!

ANNIVERSARIES

Bonnie and Jim Jeranek celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary on June 18. They have 5 children (and spouses): Torry and Deb (Red Wing), Paul and Sara (West Salem), Perry (Lancaster, CA), Meredith and Howie McCann (St. Paul), Craig and Megan (Sun Prairie) as well as 12 precious and delightful grandchildren. The family moved to La Crosse in 1983 from Peshtigo, WI. Four of their five children were confirmed at Trinity. Bonnie retired from Western Technical College in 2004 and Jim from specialty foods sales in 2002. They recently moved from La Crosse to Holmen.

KNOW SOMEONE CELEBRATING SOMETHING?

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

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