

June 2017



Trinity Tidings

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

BLOOD DRIVE

Tuesday **JUNE 6TH** will be the first of two blood drives held at TLC. We are going back to our previous time schedule of 1pm- 6pm in an effort to increase the number of donors. Blood donations have been declining year after year, and summers always bring increased need. Lunch is provided and there will be a donor drawing of a small gift card to a local north side business! Please consider giving the gift of life as there is a great need! Be watching for fliers and posters with details on how to schedule an appointment to donate or come as a walk-in! Every donor who books an appointment or comes in to attempt donation will receive a Marcus Theater movie ticket as a thank you. Call Kathi Volden 783-1184 or Julie Thoftne 783-0443 with questions. We welcome Bonnie Korish, who will be helping co- chair future blood drives.



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Pastor Erik's Update

Erik Feig
Lead Pastor



1 Corinthians 8:6

⁶ yet for us there is but one God, the Father, from whom all things came and for whom we live; and there is but one Lord, Jesus Christ, through whom all things came and through whom we live.

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.

June brings many things, one of which is the celebration called 'Father's Day', happening this year on June 18. While many of us will be celebrating our earthly fathers, I want to encourage you to take some time to reflect on our heavenly Father too.

Author and Pastor Rick Warren has this to help us in our Father's Day faith journey: *In the thousands of years covered in the Old Testament, God is called "Father" only seven times. People just didn't think of God as Father. They thought of him as other kinds of things — creator, almighty one, etc. But they didn't think of God as Father. Then Jesus came along and said this is how you're to pray: Call him Father. Jesus uses the expression more than 150 times to refer to God.*

What he's doing is exploding all the stereotypes. God is not the angry tyrant. God is not the cosmic cop. He is not the universal killjoy. He is not the impersonal force. God is a person, not a power. God is a personal God. He has the ability to have a relationship with us, and he created you with the ability to have a relationship with him.

How amazing it is to have a God who loves us and desires to be in relationship with us! A perfect love, a divine love, a love that comes only from God our Father. No matter how our relationships are with our own fathers here on earth, we are loved by our God who created us and gave his life for us that we could live. Praise be to God!

Take some time this June to give thanks to God for all the Fathers in your life, and especially for the Father who is Divine, our God. Blessings to you in your journey of faith.

*In Christ,
Pastor Erik*

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!

Social Ministry

Love Thy Neighbor jar for June—TLC Helping Hands Fund

From the Heart Food Pantry—featured item for June: **Mustard and ketchup.**

There is also a need for your empty egg cartons...but as always, anything given to the food pantry is much appreciated!

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TLC HELPING HANDS FUND

Are you unsure about what the Helping Hands Fund here at Trinity does? This is a slush fund with money available to help people in need of a small emergency financial assist.

MONDAY MEALS

Our Church Council will be serving Monday Meals on June 12th. If you would like to help prepare or serve the meal or help with clean-up afterwards, contact any Council member.

REMINDER

Choir practice has been suspended for the summer. The choir will resume weekly practice beginning Wednesday, September 6th.

FEED THE KIDS SUMMER LUNCH PROGRAM

Do you enjoy laughing and having a good time with friends while helping feed children? Then please join us this summer making lunches for our neighborhood children. We'll be making lunches at the Salvation Army on Wednesday, June 7th and Wednesday, August 23rd from 9:45-11:30. We will need 8-10 volunteers on each date. We've helped with this program for several years as it provides a great service to our community and is always a good time! Please call Julie Weber at 608-397-3209 if you are able to help on either or both dates. Thank you!

Social Ministry Committee meeting is June 13th at 5:30pm in the Library



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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 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. The 2017 schedule for Trinity is all set, mark your calendars for the remaining dates this year: **JUNE 12TH, JULY 24TH, SEPT 11TH, AND DECEMBER 4TH**. If you can volunteer on any of these dates please let us know!

FREE FINANCIAL COACHING

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

MOBILE MEALS

Mobile Meals is scheduled to make meal deliveries the week of June 11th through 17th. If you'd like to help out, please contact Joanne Thoftne for more information.

Clothes Closet Reflections

Wow!! What a year!! As we reflect on our past year at the Clothes Closet, we see we have so much to be thankful for and want to thank the Trinity family for all they do to support this hands on ministry within our neighborhood. Did you know.....

..the Clothes Closet had almost 1,000 children in need of clothing pass through its doors this past school year?

..the Clothes Closet provided almost 200 pairs of back to school shoes for families in need?

..the Clothes Closet teamed with neighborhood social workers and the local schools to meet basic and emergency needs of kids within our very own neighborhood and community?

..the Clothes Closet has teamed with La Crosse County Emergency services to help numerous La Crosse area families

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who have experienced emergency situations like fires, domestic abuse and homelessness clothe their children?

..the Clothes Closet along with Monday's meals, the From the Heart Food Pantry and the Neighborhood Social Work Program have established Trinity as a Lighthouse within our neighborhood?

..a partnership with First Lutheran Church in Onalaska has been established so that kids birth to high school in our neighborhood have support in meeting clothing needs?

..the Clothes Closet is funded by grants, organizations and donations outside of the Trinity operating budget?

Who would ever have thought a little basement closet would grow to serve so many!! We give thanks to God and the Trinity family for supporting this ministry. It is making a difference in our neighborhood and community. We also give thanks to the volunteers that work to make it happen. A special thank you goes out to Pastor Erik for cheerleading this cause and to Bill and Bev Shilla who work tirelessly each week to keep the closet doors open.

Respectfully Yours,
Deb Keller

P.S. We would love you to be a part of the Clothes Closet. It is an amazing way to experience God's love and to serve his mission. Call me at (608) 769-2965 if you want to join us!!





Sue Weidemann
Council President
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A Message From Your Council President...

The Trinity Family ~

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

Update on council business: we are working on our focus at Trinity and what we know we can do. We know we cannot be everything to everyone so we are putting our efforts into what we know we can do and what we know our congregation will participate in. Soon we should have an idea of how that will look to Trinity members. We are also making some changes that will allow us to continue to operate in a positive or close to positive cash flow. As soon as we have details the entire congregation will know.

Speaking of cash flow. 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 was recently reminded of is 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 2016 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.

Love your neighbor! Love God! Hug your family!

Thank you for being a member of the Trinity Family!

Sue Weidemann



June 2017

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| | | | | 1 | 2 | 3 5:30p Worship |
| 4 8:30a Worship | 5 5-6p Monday Meals 5:30-7:00p From the Heart Food Pantry | 6 9:30a-12:30p Financial Coaching-Susan Taylor 608.785.6417 1-6p Blood Drive | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 5:30p Worship |
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| 18 8:30a Worship FATHER'S DAY | 19 5-6p Monday Meals 5:30-7:00p From the Heart Food Pantry | 20 9:30a-12:30p Financial Coaching-Susan Taylor 608.785.6417 | 21 | 22 6p Church Council Meeting | 23 | 24 5:30p Worship |
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