

November 2017



Trinity Tidings

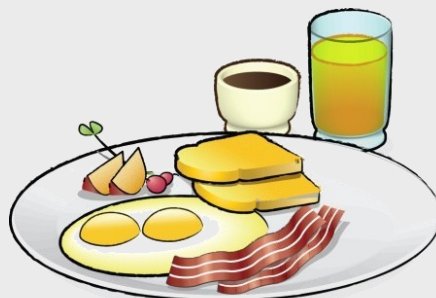
Trinity Lutheran Church, 1010 Sill St, La Crosse, Wisconsin

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

Sunday, November 19th

Pot-luck breakfast and fellowship
immediately following the 8:30
service...bring anything you like,
or nothing at all...but please join
us!

All are welcome!!



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

The Trinity Family ~

It's getting cold outside but things are warming up at church! We have the furnace on now! Sorry for those of you who were chilled the last weekend of October. Plus you can feel warmth deep inside when you think of all the great things Trinity is doing for the community. This is the month about Thanksgiving and being thankful, and we sure are. We have an AMAZING core group of volunteers and I can't say thank you enough for all your hard work and dedication to Trinity. The fact that you have stuck with Trinity through thick and thin, good times and bad makes you an angel in our eyes....so THANK YOU!

Worship and music and Pastor Carrier have put together the schedule for the holidays and the choir is doing a version of the Cantata on December 9 & 10. I am really excited to hear what they are doing. I am always delighted in their music selections and enjoy their harmony so much. PLEASE mark it on your calendar, it is so worth it.

Little update on myself. I have been working out of the church office on Monday and Thursday mornings to help with things at church. It's great to know we have such a caring staff. They work hard for us and have been very helpful on getting things done. But unfortunately that has to change for me. I was not looking for a job yet alone a full time position, but a very good opportunity presented itself and I will be starting that position on Monday November 6. I will be the cabinet designer for Beaver Builders Supply. I will still be available via email and phone but Todd Olson is the incoming president and he and I have been working closely together to keep a consistent plan going for Trinity.

Once again, if you have any concerns or issues that you think we need to discuss for the good of the church, please feel free to send me a note. You can also call the church office, or send an email to office@trinitylutheranlax.org, and Justine will make sure I get the message. This is your church and we are always open to your thoughts and ideas that will help us make the Trinity family more productive and reach even more of our neighbors. We need this now more than ever.

I am going to go back to saying it every newsletter....I sure hope a few of you took a look at using the easy resource of electronic giving and added Trinity in your financial plans! Remember, 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 we thank you! Your support is need both financially and physically. Lots to do at Trinity!

Thank you for being a member of the Trinity Family!

Sue Weidemann

Community Service

Love God,
Love our
neighbors,
Serve the
World...

MONDAY MEALS

In the regular rotation of congregations who serve at Monday Meals, Trinity serves 7 times per year. Among those who are a part of that ministry are Social Ministry. If this is something you are interested in, please call the church office or send an email to office@trinitylutheranlax.org. It's a great way to love our neighbors as Christ has loved us. The 2017 schedule for Trinity is almost done, so mark your calendars for the remaining date this year: **DECEMBER 4TH**. If you can volunteer on this date 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 send an email to her at smtaylor@afsc.com for an appointment.

FROM THE HEART FOOD PANTRY

We are 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. We are hoping to get enough new folks signed up so that as a volunteer you would probably only work every other Monday night, and perhaps only 3 or 4 Saturdays in the year, based on your availability. Please call the church office for more information and to let us know that you are interested!

PLEASE NOTE: THE PANTRY WILL BE OPEN FROM 10:00AM-1:00PM ON SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 18TH, INSTEAD OF NOVEMBER 25TH.





Love Thy Neighbor Jar? What's that? It's a unique giving jar provided at each week-end worship service, with money gathered going to different ministries outside of the church each month!

Social Ministry

Love Thy Neighbor jar for **November**— **Giving Trees** for Northside Elementary School.

From the Heart Food Pantry—featured item for **November: Canned meals** (ravioli, spaghetti & meatballs, etc.)

TRINITY CHRISTMAS GIVING TREE

Deb Keller and Julie Thoftne will be contacting Northside Elementary to inquire about the Giving Tree program for kids. As in previous years we plan to support the neighborhood children and Northside Elementary with this program. Be watching for more information.

MONDAY'S MEALS

On **OCTOBER 23RD**, Trinity's Social Ministry committee served Monday Meals. A big thank you to Cheryl Harnwell for her leadership and also to Sharon Olson, Pat Rank, Joanne Thoftne, Kathi Volden, Pam Ball and Jeanne & Bill Beeler for the great helping hands!

SAVE THE DATE!

Since the Meatball & Lefse dinner could not happen this year, and we as a church are moving forward to strengthen our plans of being a church of the neighborhood, it seems like a good time to share some food and fellowship. Therefore, we will have a potluck breakfast on November 19th, immediately following worship. Anything you wish to bring would be great! Follow the suggestion list in your bulletins for ideas. Can't bring a dish? No problem...please don't let that keep you from joining us—all are welcome!

JOIN US!

As you probably know, Julie Thoftne has served as co-chair of Social Ministry for the last 2 years and plans to step down from that leadership role at the end of the year. Kathi Volden has served for several years in the co-chair position, and is also ready for someone else to lead the committee. Are you wondering what you could do to help Trinity continue to move forward and expand our outreach? Please consider serving in this role! Speak with either Julie or Kathi to find out more...

The next Social Ministry Committee meeting is November 14th at 5:30pm in the Library

Worship & Music



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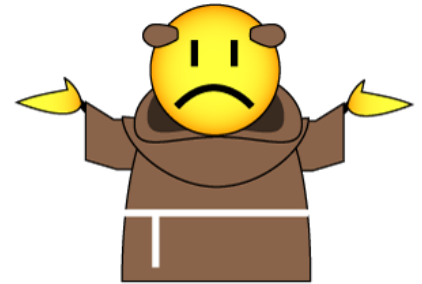
The 1st Sunday of advent is December 3rd. There will be no Wednesday Advent services. The choir will do its mini cantata on December 10th. On Christmas weekend, there will be no service on Saturday December 23rd, the 4th Sunday of advent will be the 8:30 service on Sunday the 24th. We will have Christmas eve services on the 24th at 3:30 and 5:30 pm. There will be no Christmas day service on the 25th. We are also planning a Christmas hymn sing on the weekend of New Year's, December 30th and 31st.

~Jonathan Heinz

Who will lead us?

As you know, we are still working with supply pastors until an interim pastor is available to lead services on a long-term basis. The supply pastor schedule is set as follows:

November 4-5	Pastor John Carrier
November 11-12	Pastor John Carrier
November 18-19	Pastor Libby from the Bishop's office
November 25-26	Pastor John Carrier
December 2-3	Pastor John Carrier
December 9-10	Pastor Dave Bersagel
December 16-17	Pastor John Carrier
December 24-25	Pastor John Carrier (no service Saturday, December 23rd)
December 30-31	<i>To be determined</i>



Your Church Council continues to be in communication with Synod leadership and is stepping up efforts to secure an interim pastor. Keep watching your bulletins for news!

CALL COMMITTEE

We are looking for those who want to help Trinity find it's future. If you or someone you know wants to be put on the list for consideration please let us know. We are gathering names now so we can put together a good cross section of our congregation. This is a very important time for Trinity. If you would like more details please contact your Church Council President, Sue Weidemann. Email her at sweidemann13@gmail.com or call 608-790-1862.

WHEN WE'RE EMPTY
YOU FILL US...

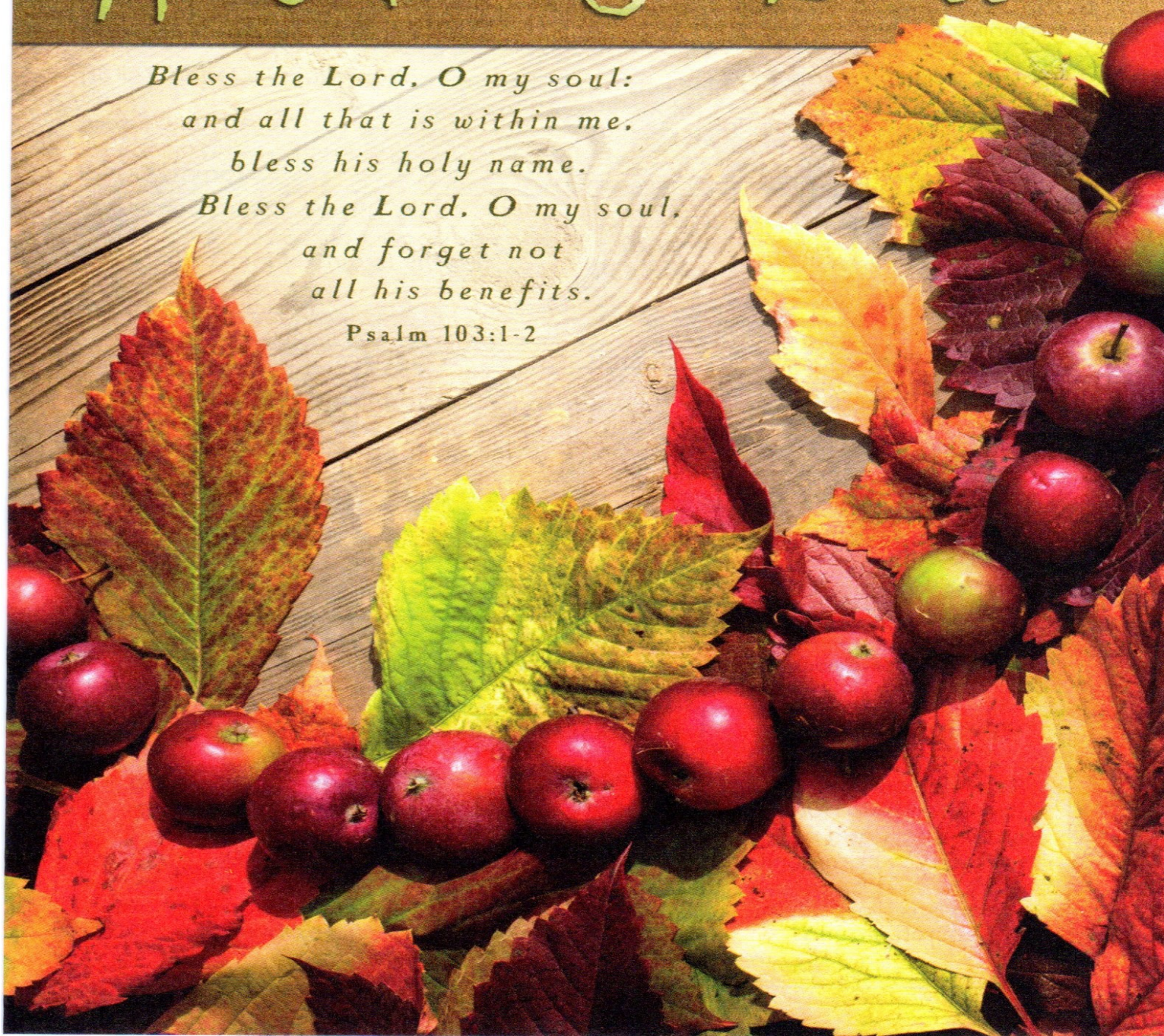
WHEN WE'RE HUNGRY
YOU FEED US...

We Are So Blessed

*Bless the Lord, O my soul:
and all that is within me,
bless his holy name.*

*Bless the Lord, O my soul,
and forget not
all his benefits.*

Psalms 103:1-2



November 2017



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 7p Choir practice	2	3	4 5:30p Worship-Pastor John Carrier
5 8:30a Worship-Pastor John Carrier	6 4-6:30p Kids' Clothes Closet 5-6p Monday Meals 5:30-7p From the Heart Food Pantry	7 9:30a-12:30p Financial Coaching-Susan Taylor 608.785.6417	8 7p Choir practice	9	10	11 5:30p Worship-Pastor John Carrier
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19 8:30a Worship with Pastor Libby—then... POT-LUCK BREAKFAST! 	20 4-6:30p Kids' Clothes Closet 5-6p Monday Meals 5:30-7p From the Heart Food Pantry	21 9:30a-12:30p Financial Coaching-Susan Taylor 608.785.6417	22 7p Choir practice	23 <i>Thanksgiving Day</i>  OFFICE CLOSED	24 OFFICE CLOSED	25 5:30p Worship-Pastor John Carrier
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