

OCTOBER-DECEMBER 2019



TRINITY TIDINGS

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

ADVENT & CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE

~No Wednesday Advent services~

Senior Choir Advent Service

December 8th - 8:30am

Christmas Eve - Tuesday, December 24th

3:30pm and 5:30pm-Candlelight service

~No service on Christmas Day~

Christmas Hymn Sing

Saturday, December 28th - 5:30pm

Sunday, December 29th - 8:30am

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A Message From Your Council President...

Hello Trinity Family,

It's a great day to be a member of Trinity Lutheran Church!

The weather is getting cooler, the leaves are starting to fall, squirrels are gathering nuts for the winter, and most vacations are done. Sure signs that the season is changing and fall is here. And by the time the next newsletter comes out it will be winter! Sorry if that scares you, but change is inevitable. It happens all the time. We just may not recognize it.

For the last few months I have done a little experiment during Saturday and Sunday services. Some members have caught on, and some may not have noticed. A few members have come up to me and asked why I am doing this. I told them because I want everyone to see some change at Trinity. Have you figured out what I did yet? Think hard about me at the services...what am I doing? Where am I at? What am I wearing? It is not about doing the readings, or what my clothes look like, or if I help the ushers. It is where I am sitting. I have had members come up and ask me why I moved, told me I was in their pew, and told me I was going to cause a stir. I hope I did. I even sat on the left side when everyone else was on the right side. Oh my gosh! How could I mess with tradition?

For so many years, Jennie, myself and our kids sat in the second pew from the front on the right side of church. I even introduced myself at a meeting in the basement once as the one that sat in that spot. Wow, was that nuts of me? But people knew who I was when I said that! Crazy! We liked sitting there because there were less distractions for our kids when they were young. And for me too! LOL! Why do you sit in the spot you do? Is it always the same spot? Or do you change to a different pew once in a while. Try changing your spot. See if anyone notices.

I remember when Pastor John Carrier from Winona was helping us out between pastors a couple of years ago. He had a rough voice one weekend and asked the Saturday service members in the back to move forward to the front half, or the front half members to move to the back half so he would not have to talk so loud. You should have seen the faces of everyone. They were not sure what to do. Finally, the back people moved forward, and have stayed in the front half ever since. WE CHANGED!! I do not mean that sarcastically, I say that with pride. If we can change where we sit, then we can change anything.

I wonder what God and Jesus were thinking when I kept moving pews every service. I hope they had a good laugh!

Jesus saw many changes when he was on earth; some good and some bad. There were changes in how people communicated with each other; like symbols in the sand (think about that one). There were changes in how people prayed to God, where they prayed, and who they prayed with. A revolution was happening as people got to know who Jesus was. His preaching changed their minds about who God was, and why He sent His son down to

earth. Some people even changed their lives and followed Jesus wherever he went. What were these people called? I could go on and on, but I am sure you don't want that.

In closing, I would like to ask everyone to consider changing something in your life. It can be as simple as the type of coffee you drink, or the way you drive to a certain destination. Or the change can be as profound as changing the way you think about someone, or how you treat someone. Change can be a good thing. So let's show Jesus that we are some of the good changes He brought into our world. We know we can do it!

Your friend in Christ,

Todd A. Olson

...on another note...

On September 8th a Congregational Meeting was held to vote on extending a Pastoral Call to Laura Harris-Ferree for full-time pastor at Trinity. That vote was 72 yes, 26 no, and 4 abstaining. Since this vote was 70.7% and passed the 2/3rds needed per our Constitution, a Pastoral Call was sent to Laura through the Bishop's office. On September 17, 2019 I received word from Laura that she had decided to not accept our Call.

At this time the Church Council, Call Committee, and Pastor Libby from the Bishop's Office will be meeting on September 30th at 6pm to discuss the future of a new call.

Thank you everyone who participated in the meetings, social, and the congregational vote. We will keep you updated on any new progress with the call process.

Todd A. Olson

President-Trinity Lutheran Church Council

Remembering loved ones...All Saints Sunday Service

All Saints Day, in the life of the Christian faith, is the time when we remember the members of our faith community who have died during the past year. This year Trinity Lutheran will be celebrating All Saints on the weekend of November 2nd, a Saturday, and November 3rd, a Sunday. Our service times are 5:30pm on Saturday and 8:30am on Sunday.

During the service the names of those who have died will be read and a candle will be lit in their memory. If you are a friend or family member of one who will be remembered, you are encouraged to be present for this special service and to come forward to light the candle in memory of your loved one.

We look forward to sharing this special time in your life as we remember those we have lost and remind ourselves of the gift of life that we have through our Lord Jesus Christ, now and in eternity.

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!

Love God,
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neighbors,
Serve the
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Social Ministry/

Congregational Life

FROM THE HEART FOOD PANTRY

October: Spaghetti and sauce

November: Boxed meals-Hamburger/Tuna Helper, Mac & Cheese, etc.

December: Shampoo and Conditioner

LOVE THY NEIGHBOR JAR

October: Meatball Dinner

November: Northside Police Liaisons

December: Northside School personal hygiene drive

MOBILE MEALS

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

MONDAY MEALS

Trinity will be hosting Monday Meals on November 18th. If you are able and would like to help with this, usually from about 5-7p.m., please call Kathi Volden at (608)519-2522.

IT'S BACK!!

The Meatball supper is back!! Save the date of Wednesday, November 6th, 2019 for a yummy meal. If you would like help make this night a success please sign up in the narthex or contact Pam Mueller-Hendrickson for more details. More details to come in the weekly bulletins.

BUSY BAGS

The social ministry team has updated the children's bags for kids at worship. They are hanging on the rack in the narthex. Check them out. Thanks to Cheryl Harnwell and Bonnie Korish for making and providing material for the bags.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

COFFEE SOCIAL DATES: October 6, November 3, December 1

POTLUCK DATES: October 20, November 17, December 15

THANK YOU!!!

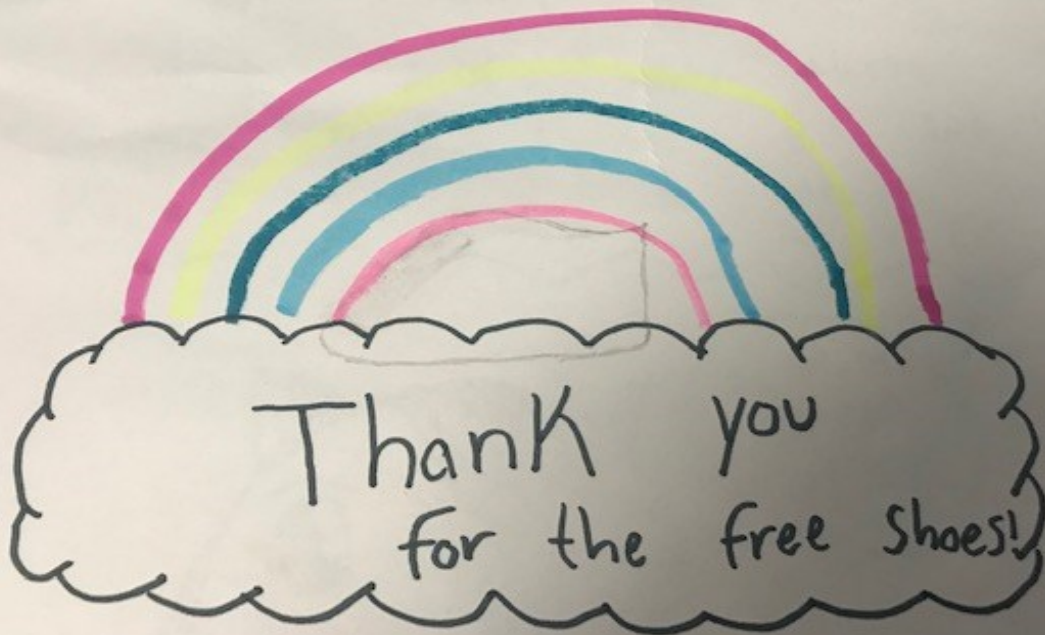
Thanks to the Trinity Family for all the support and contributions to the annual Northside Neighborhood Picnic. Over 300 back to school shoes were distributed to those in need, 30 family pictures taken, 30 kids haircuts given and over 800 meals served to our neighborhoods. Once again the Trinity site overflowed with neighbors and friends celebrating the blessings of this neighborhood! This year's picnic was built on the collaboration of many. Five churches and a youth ministry outreach group worked with Northside businesses, Northside neighborhood groups, Northside schools and other caring individuals to make this picnic a reality. The night was filled with caring fellowship, great food, outreach by community agencies and a spiritual presence that pulled everyone together in a positive and uplifting manner. Having Trinity as a host to this wonderful event reminds us of the important presence of Trinity in the Northside neighborhood. Once again thanks to the Trinity family for hosting this event!

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• Kwik Cuts Lawn Care •



From: the girl who got the
hot pink shoes. \Emma Z



Thank you for the ~~hot pink~~ neon orange shoes.
they are really comfy. and I love the color.
me and my mom went to the park.
I could run really good. my mom tied
my shoe, and said "Wow." "these are bright"
I love my new shoes a lot. thank's a
lot! 😊 P.S. I think they are awesome!





Social Ministry

Congregational Life...cont'd

God *is in the*
neighborhood

Monday Night Update

Mondays continue to be a bustling time at Trinity Church. Did you know 8 area churches collaborate to make Mondays at Trinity a success? Working together with area churches has strengthened and uplifted Trinity in ways beyond our understanding. It is amazing to see people from around the community gather in God's name at Trinity to serve and uplift others. Working with our brothers and sisters in Christ gives new meaning to the term Christian fellowship. Monday nights at Trinity really do rock!!

Monday night welcomes members of our neighborhood and community friends for a warm meal, food for their cupboards and clothing for those in need. Jaycee's Toy Box puts countless smiles on kids' faces as well. Our Monday Meal counts continue to grow with some nights serving over 200 people. The Food Pantry continues to serve many in need of basic groceries and the Kid's and Teen's Clothes Closets literally put clothes on the backs of children in need.

Thank you Trinity for supporting this ministry. The Social Ministry team asks you to pray for our Monday night outreach and we invite you, or groups you belong to, to be a part. There are opportunities for behind the scenes work and work directly with people. Please call Deb Keller at 608 769-2965 if you would like to help out or even just take a tour of Trinity in action on Monday.

"For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you clothed me, I was sick and you visited me, I was in prison and you came to me"

Matthew 25: 35-36

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

The next meeting dates are:

October 9th November 13th December 11th

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Community Service

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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 are once again alternating 10 dates to serve Monday's Meals. Trinity is scheduled to prepare the meal for the last time this year on November 18th. Bethel will serve October 14th and December 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.**



God's work...our hands







October 2019





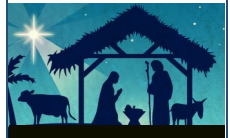

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27 8:30a Worship  Reformation Sunday 7p Boy Scouts	28 4-6p Kids Clothes Closet/ Teen Closet 4-6p Jacey's Toy Box 5-6p Monday Meals 5:30-7:00p From the Heart Food Pantry	29 OFFICE CLOSED	30 7p Choir practice	31 Halloween		

November 2019



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					1 <i>All Saints Day</i>	2 5:30p Worship
3 8:30a <i>All Saints Service</i>  Coffee & Chat 7p Boy Scouts	4 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	5 OFFICE CLOSED	6 MEATBALL & LEFSE I AM HERE TO EAT ALL OF THE LEFSE  DINNER 4-7PM 7p Choir practice	7	8	9 5:30p Worship
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