

# Trinity Tidings

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

October  
2015



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**Lead Pastor**

1 Peter 4:10 'Like good stewards of the manifold grace of God, serve one another with whatever gift each of you has received.'

Hello October! This is the month that has two great celebrations bookending the month. The first is the great tradition, Oktoberfest. Many will be getting all dressed up in our German finery, eating and drinking, and celebrating life in grand style. La Crosse has a way of celebrating Oktoberfest that very few can rival. What a fun time! Although many of us

participate in Oktoberfest, this is the month we, as Lutherans, also celebrate The Reformation. We call to mind that on October 31, 1517 that rascal monk Martin Luther posted 95 Thesis, items for public discussion, on the church door (bulletin board) in Wittenberg, Germany. His goal was to reform the church, not create a new one, and believed that discussion needed to happen so the church remained viable in a changing culture. That's something to celebrate too!

But what happens in-between? This year, we're going to take the time between the grand celebrations to look at why we can celebrate, and how we live our lives between the parties. October is a time to reflect on our Christian Stewardship, and the three weekends between Oktoberfest and Reformation will focus on how we live our lives in response to the amazing grace given to us in Jesus Christ.

Three things help us in this journey: 1) Everything we have is a gift from God, 2) We are called to practice 'first fruits' giving, and 3) our giving begins with a Tithe. Together, in community, we'll join together in worship to reflect on these, and enter in to a time of personal prayer and commitment, leading us to bring our pledges of faithfulness in November. This is important work we have to do, and I'm confident God will work in and through us to bring to fruition the vision God has for Trinity, enabled through the faithful, generous stewardship of its people.

So this October, take a good look at the world around you. Give thanks and praise to God for all that we have been given. Celebrate Oktoberfest, celebrate the Reformation, and make the time to gather with the saints at Trinity to celebrate our call to be stewards of all that God has given us. This is a great month to celebrate, to the Glory of God!

In Christ,  
Pastor Erik

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# Worship

## Volunteers Readers needed

We are looking for volunteers to read the scripture lessons at the 8:30 Sunday service. Feel free to sign up using the following web address. Once you are on the site, enter your name and email for the time that you are available. You will receive a reminder email a few days prior and the office will send you the scripture lessons you will read. Thank you!

[www.SignUpGenius.com/go/10C0E44ACAB22A2F94-sunday](http://www.SignUpGenius.com/go/10C0E44ACAB22A2F94-sunday)

# Service Groups

The Meatball & Lefse Dinner is coming up November 4<sup>th</sup>. There are sign-up sheets in the narthex. If you would like to help with any aspect of the dinner, please sign up as soon as possible, or call Kristine Valk at 608-317-6107. You may also make a donation of pies, cakes, butter, and coffee. There is a place to sign up for any of these. If you would prefer to make a monetary donation, that would also be appreciated.

The Salvation Army hygiene item drive was a huge success! Four large totes of items plus \$400 from the Love Thy Neighbor jar were delivered to them. This is all possible due to the generosity of our Trinity family. Thank you!

Thank you to all who purchased tickets and also all who helped sell tickets for the Chicken Q. We would not be able to raise this money for Trinity if not for all of you!

The Love Thy Neighbor Jar for October is for buying tickets to the Meatball & Lefse dinner for people in need.

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!

As I write this month's article for From The Heart Food Pantry, I am reflecting on how much we have to be grateful for. We just re-stocked the pantry this morning, and I am ever so grateful for the Hunger Task Force organization that supplies us with over 90% of the food we have to give out. I am grateful to the Alforex Seed Company that donated lots of fresh produce from their test gardens this summer for our Pantry as well as Monday's Meals. It makes my grateful heart nearly burst when I walk into the pantry and find boxes of donated food from anonymous angels. And I can never give enough thanks and praise to all who work with us on Monday nights, the last Saturday of the month and every Wednesday for all their help and dedication to our pantry and the mission it serves in our community.

The list of new guests that visit our pantry is still growing. Every week we sign up 4-6 new families. We are blessed to be able to serve so many, but it is a bleak sight when shelves are literally empty some Monday nights by shortly after 7. Your continued generosity is necessary and sincerely appreciated!! Thank you, and God bless all who donate time, money and food to keep our mission possible. This month's **food of the month** is **juices**.

FROM THE HEART



FOOD PANTRY

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# Service Groups, cont.

The Social Ministry Committee would like to thank everyone for their support of the Chicken Q that was held at the church on September 17th. Whether it was buying or selling tickets, spreading the word, taking care of things in the office, helping set up or helping serve, we thank you!!! Even though Mother Nature didn't cooperate, we still had a successful day. Thanks to everyone's support, we were able to raise funds for the Northside neighborhood ministries. We are blessed to have such a wonderful congregation and community who are so giving. Thanks, again!!!



## Sunday Brunch, October 18, following 8:30 service

Please join us as we gather for brunch and meet more of the Trinity family as well as guests and visitors! If you see someone sitting alone, join them, or invite them to join your table. Remember, fellowship in Christian love is the purpose of our brunches, the food is just the means to get us together (but it is also great food).

We do ask you to please bring a dish to pass. If you are unsure what to bring, below we have provided some suggestions. Just check out the items next to the first letter of your last name.

- A-H Egg bake, breakfast casseroles, breakfast meat etc.
- I-N Muffins, rolls, coffee cake, bagels, etc.
- O-S Fruit or fruit salad
- T-Z Milk, chocolate milk, juice

Hope to see you there! Mark your calendar now!

## Congregational Life Ministry

Next gathering: October 12, 2015, in the church library at 6:00 p.m. Please join us if you have an interest in planning ways to bring our congregation together that we might build relationships beyond just sitting together in pews on Saturday or Sunday!

## Who's who!



Take time to wish this special person a Happy 100<sup>th</sup> Birthday, October 8, 2015!! What a blessing for her to have experienced all of the changes that have occurred over 100 years!

Wishing you a special day that honors your 100th birthday and everything you've done to make the world a better place the last century. God bless you.



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# Children, Student & Family Ministries



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## **CIA, Christ in Action, is underway!**

The youth have begun to gather on Wednesday nights for worship, fellowship, and faith enrichment. We're taking over the second floor and looking to use this space in a variety of ways. The "Stomp & Praise" drums, sticks, and shakers have broken out of summer storage and will be once again keeping a steady beat in praising the Lord.

All youth, kindergarten through 7<sup>th</sup> grade are welcome to join us. We meet Wednesdays from 6:15-7:30 p.m. We encourage the kids to bring friends and neighbors along to check it out! This isn't something to "join;" they can just come when they can.

## **Confirmation**

Confirmation is also meeting on Wednesday nights starting at 6:45. Pastor Erik has enlisted the students and families to choose primary figures from the Bible to focus on throughout the upcoming weeks.

We're looking forward to learning and living out this faith of ours throughout the year.

## **Trinity Office Hours**

Monday-Thursday 8:30-4:30

Friday closed

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# October 2015



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				<b>1</b>  5:30 Worship & Music	<b>2</b> Office Closed	<b>3</b>  5:30 Worship (C)
<b>4</b>  8:30 Worship (C) 10:30 Worship (C)	<b>5</b>  5-6 Monday Meals 5:30 From the Heart 7 Women's Bible Study	<b>6</b>  7 Boy Scouts	<b>7</b>  6:15 C.I.A. 6:45 Confirmation 7 Sr. Choir	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b> Office Closed	<b>10</b>  5:30 Worship
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Trinity Tidings is a monthly newsletter of Trinity Lutheran Church, 1010 Sill Street, La Crosse, Wisconsin 54603. All visitors are welcome to worship with us each Saturday at 5:30 p.m. and Sunday mornings at 8:30 & 10:30. Communion is on the first and third Sundays of the month and the associated Saturday. Lead Pastor is Erik Feig. The church office telephone number is (608) 782-6200.

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## **Fall Schedule**

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Sunday 8:30am & 10:30am

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on WKTY AM 580

