

September 2017



Trinity Tidings

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

TRINITY GROUNDS BEAUTY DAY

Mark your calendars for **SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 16TH AT 9:00AM!** Sign-up in the Narthex for a morning of gardening and fellowship, and help keep the Trinity church grounds beautiful! Bring your gardening tools, gloves and knee-pads...we'll be pulling weeds, trimming shrubs and picking up leaves. Contact Kathy Ingalls at 608.780.1231 for information.

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Pastor Erik's Update

Erik Feig
Lead Pastor



Philippians 1:3-6, 9-11

I thank my God every time I remember you, constantly praying with joy in every one of my prayers for all of you, because of your sharing in the gospel from the first day until now. I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work among you will bring it to completion by the day of Jesus Christ.

And this is my prayer, that your love may overflow more and more with knowledge and full insight to help you to determine what is best, so that in the day of Christ you may be pure and blameless, having produced the harvest of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ for the glory and praise of God.

These are the words the Apostle Paul wrote to the disciples in Philippi, Greece and they are the words I share with you now as the disciples of Trinity in La Crosse, Wisconsin. Why, you ask?

We began our journey together nearly 4 years ago when you called me to be your Pastor and join you in ministry, and now that journey comes to an end. I'm saying goodbye to Trinity to follow God's call to another congregation, and by the time you receive this newsletter, I'll have spent my last day as your Pastor. I am honored to have ministered with you over the past few years. The heart of Jesus beats strong in the congregation, and can be seen most clearly as we care for the community and neighbors who live on the Northside. As the Apostle reminds us, the one who began this good work among you will bring it to completion. And I'm confident that God will continue to bless you and be with you in this time of transition. Our God is good!

Stacey and I will continue to hold you close in our hearts and prayers. Thank you for loving us and helping us become Northsiders. We'll miss you, but we know that our God will keep us close. Blessings to you all, and may you trust our God to guide and keep you as you move into the next era at Trinity.

*In Christ,
Pastor Erik*

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 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: **SEPT 11TH, OCTOBER 23RD AND DECEMBER 4TH**. If you can volunteer on any of these dates please let us know!

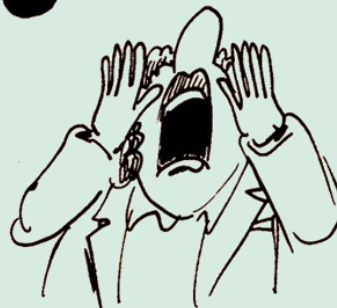
FREE FINANCIAL COACHING

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 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 Sandy Thompson at 608-792-9339 for more information and to let us know that you are interested!

Volunteers!



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 September— Three Rivers Scholar House, supporting a collaboration between Shelter Development Inc., Self-Sufficiency Program through UW-L and Hope Academy through Family and Children's Center providing housing and other resources for single mothers participating in education programs and their children.

From the Heart Food Pantry—featured item for **September: Canned fruits and vegetables**

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

TLC FALL LEFSE AND MEATBALL DINNER

The Meatball and Lefse Dinner needs volunteers in order to make the event happen – commitment in advance is greatly appreciated. In the past, the sign up sheets have been sparsely filled in and as is typical of the wonderful people of Trinity and their friends and families, on the day of the event, people show up and all is taken care of. This is a blessing, but very stressful for organizers as they don't know who is going to be there to help for sure – so if you can help out, please sign up in advance if you're interested. We are looking for 4-6 people to volunteer to be a steering committee and organize the event. Please consider joining the steering committee so we can keep this event going at TLC. Call Kathi Volden 783-1184 or Julie Thoftne 783-0443 for more information or to join the steering committee. With the help of God and the good people of Trinity, we can keep things "rolling"!!



JOIN US!

Please consider joining the Social Ministry Group – as you can see there is a lot going on, and so much more we could be doing to reach out and show God's love to our neighbors, near and far.

The next Social Ministry Committee meeting is September 12th at 5:30pm in the Library



A SPECIAL MESSAGE

Fellow Trinity Members,

If you've made it this far in the newsletter, you now know the big news. So now, more than ever, is the time for Trinity to truly look at ourselves and pick up the pieces and get to work. If this place is important to you, if Trinity is special to you for whatever reason, then do something to help. Stewardship, Financially, Spiritually, Socially, all parts of the puzzle need help to be put together. With or without a full-time pastor at the helm, Trinity is a church, a community of believers working together to do God's work. The work of kingdom building. Pastor Erik is right when he says the we can no longer consider ourselves a little Norwegian enclave on the Northside. We need to reflect our neighborhood, serve our neighborhood, become part of our neighborhood in a meaningful way. That just can't be done one hour every Sunday, at best. And believe me, I stand guilty as charged myself.

Here's an interesting little parable...

This is a story about four people named Everybody,
Somebody, Anybody, and Nobody.

There was an important job to be done and Everybody
was asked to do it.

Everybody was sure Somebody would do it.
Anybody could have done it, but Nobody did it.
Somebody got angry about that, because it was
Everybody's job.

Everybody thought Anybody could do it, but Nobody
realized that Everybody wouldn't do it.

It ended up that Everybody blamed Somebody
when Nobody did what Anybody could have
done.

~Pari Sexauer



Sue Weidemann
Council President
608-790-1862

A Message From Your Council President...

The Trinity Family ~

I am not sure where to start on how crazy this last year has been, this last month, and certainly the last couple of weeks. I think all of our heads are spinning with the transition and the good and challenging things that have happened and will happen. This is where the council asks for your help, understanding and patience as we move forward with Trinity without a lead pastor for now. When we say "all hands on deck" we mean it! So I am thanking you in advance!!

We want to wish Pastor Erik the best in his new position with a church in the Nashville area. The call happened very quickly, with the help of modern technology! We are so happy for Pastor and Stacey and they will be missed. Many of you know the little things he has done for Trinity, as well as lead us faithful each Sunday with inspiration.

WOW!...is all we can say about the amazing Deb Keller and her crew in social ministry, and Deb Dobrunz of the LAFC on a FABULOUS Northside Community Celebration! And how do we thank all of you who volunteered at the block party! What an amazing showing of care for our neighbors! There was so much happiness in the air and so many people! Thank you again for caring about your community and others!

Council will be meeting again soon, so if you have any concerns or issues you think we need to discuss for the good of the church please feel free to send me a note, or email the church office at 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. We will also be putting together a new call committee, so if you have an interest please call me at 608-790-1862 or email me at sweidemann13@gmail.com. We really want a good cross-section of our congregation and would even like to consider members who no longer attend regularly to get their opinion. So at this point, no one outside the scope of what our bylaws say are eliminated from consideration.

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 needed both financially and physically. Lots to do at Trinity!

Thank you for being a member of the Trinity Family!

Sue Weidemann



September 2017

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