



**September**  
**2016**

# Trinity Tidings

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

## **A GIANT THANK YOU...**

...to everyone who contributed to the Northside Community Block Party. The event was a huge success thanks to all of the fabulous volunteers, support, and prayer. God was evident in everything from ice cream to basketball, serious conversation to crafts, shoes to potato salad. Our Trinity volunteers were amazing. They worked hard, often without breaks and stayed pleasant, helpful, and smiling! They REALLY ROCKED!!!! Many folks were blessed ~ those who attended, and those who served. And the love of Christ was evident in all of the big and small ways that we invited, encouraged, conversed with, and cared for our neighbor.

## **FALL WORSHIP**

begins the weekend of Sept 10-11. Communion will continue at each service. The choir will begin practicing and add to our worship experiences. The bell choir will join them later in the fall. "Sunday school" and confirmation will also resume. There will be much happening, and many opportunities to worship and serve our God. If you would like to cantor, sing or play special music, read, usher, help with communion, fill candles, teach, chaperone, mentor, or (you can insert any skill, talent, or dream here!), please contact Pastor Erik, Justine in the church office, or Stacey Feig at 651-373-1726.

## **WEEKLY LESSON ACCESS**

You may now directly access the weekly service readings by visiting and signing up at: <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0E44ACAB22A2F94-830sunday>

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# Pastors Erik's *Update*

Erik Feig  
Lead Pastor



***Mark 6:30 “The apostles gathered around Jesus, and told him all that they had done and taught.”***

It’s that time again when we say goodbye to the carefree lifestyles of summer and return to the schedules of the fall. Kids and teachers return to school, summertime adventures are exchanged for the routines of the fall, and the Trinity family looks forward to gathering in community to tell of all the great things we have done for God over the summer!

On the weekend of September 10/11, we leave behind our summertime worship schedule and move into our regular worship schedule, 5:30pm on Saturday evenings, 8:30 and 10:30 on Sunday mornings. On Wednesday, 14 September we continue with what was commonly known as Sunday School moving to mid-week to accommodate the shifting schedules of today’s parents and families. Wednesdays will be a day of Christian education, with Sunday School and Confirmation happening on that day, and I’ll be helping the Parish Education team with these exciting ministries for our youth and their parents. You’ll find more detailed info about these educational events of our congregation in another section of this newsletter.

The Disciples regularly returned from their travels and gathered together as a group, and declared to everyone there all the amazing things they had seen, done and taught in the name of God – and so it is again this fall at Trinity! Let’s return and give thanks and praise to our God who has blessed us beyond measure. Another year begins, and I look forward to seeing you again. And again this year, we’ll explore what it means to be a neighborhood church, loving God and loving our neighbor in real and tangible ways. Love God, Love our Neighbor, Serve the World – Simple! Keep the 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 September – Freedom Honor Flight

**From the Heart Food Pantry**—featured item for **September: Vegetables.**

As always, anything given to the food pantry is much appreciated!

### THANK YOU

Thanks to all for your generous contributions to our successful Personal Hygiene Drive for the Salvation Army last month. Trinity truly is the BEST!

### MONDAY MEALS

Trinity will next be serving Monday Meals on November 14th. We are looking for someone to coordinate these events. Can you help? Talk to anyone on our committee or call Justine in the office.

### HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

The Habitat for Humanity build date is quickly approaching...Saturday, October 8th from 10am-2pm. The site of the build is 1511 10th St, and 8-10 volunteers are needed to help. We'll be sending around a sign-up sheet at all September services.



# Community Service

### FABULOUS FALL FASHIONS FOR FREE

In October we will be offering free clothing to women in the community who have a need. If you have items that you will not be wearing again (and they are clean and in good shape), please consider dropping them off at Trinity (Do not leave them in the office, but rather set them in the hallway by the nursery, if possible). Thank you! Specific dates and times TBD. Any and all volunteers are appreciated. Please call Stacey Feig at 651-373-1726 if you have questions, or want to help.

### KIDS CLOTHES CLOSET

After a summer hiatus, the Northside Kids Clothes Closet resumed operations on Monday, August 29th. As you know, the KCC provides needy children with new and gently used clothing at no charge. As the new school year begins, please consider a monetary or clothing donation in support of our neighborhood kids in need.

### FROM THE HEART FOOD PANTRY

Your food pantry is thrilled to have our new commercial refrigerator and freezer and to be a part of also providing Trinity's kitchen with a brand new commercial refrigerator. We must first and foremost thank the Trinity Congregation for approving a generous gift from the Endowment Fund to go towards making this all happen. We thank Pastor Erik for diligently working to find us a deal where both the pantry and the Trinity kitchen got new appliances for about the same price as the pantry alone might have cost, for the fund raising efforts of the food pantry board to come up with most of the rest of the funds needed, and for the unbelievable crew of guys who got them unloaded and into their new home. Stop down any time and see them! They are awesome.

We are proud to announce that we have been asked by the Salvation Army to be their emergency resource for diapers, and of course, we accepted that



## Community Service, cont'd

opportunity. This is new to us, and we are still working out all the details, but we have a couple donors who have said that they will help keep us in diapers as needed – so we are excited to be a part of this expansion of our pantry mission.

The food pantry continues to grow in the numbers of new households we serve. In July alone we added almost 30 new households to our client list. It's sad to see the number of folks in need increasing, but very rewarding to be able to provide them with nutritious food to feed their families. Hunger Task Force of La Crosse is our primary provider, but we always seem to have to buy lots of things that they just don't have enough of. So all your generous contributions are so welcomed and so very much appreciated. Items that we always seem to be in need of are breakfast cereals, canned fruit, bottled juices and hamburger helper type boxed meals. Thank you for remembering the From The Heart Pantry with your generosity. Blessings.

## Worship & Music



Stacey Feig  
Worship & Music

**CONFIRMATION** begins this fall for all students entering 8th and 9th grade. The first meeting will be Wednesday, Sept 14th 6:45-7:30pm in the fellowship hall downstairs. Please bring a parent along to this so that we can talk about expectations and answer questions.

**CHRIST IN ACTION** (formerly known as the Sunday School that meets on Wednesday nights) will also have its first meeting Wednesday Sept 14th 6:45-7:30. They will start out in the fellowship hall briefly and then the students (and corresponding adults) will break to the library. The families will discuss times, activities, and goals.

### IT'S CHOIR TIME AGAIN!

Choir practice resumes Wednesday September 7th at 7pm. Please come and make a joyful noise!!!

### PRAYERS FOR FALL

We encourage everyone to pray for all students and teachers who are returning to classrooms, parents who are watching their children go to their first day of first grade or their first day of high school... and all of those steps in between. For all students starting college classes, new jobs, or finding their way, and for all those of us who can remember the excitement, challenge, and fear that accompanied those days. May God bless each of them as their journeys begin. May they be comforted and encouraged by your love and strength, and may they be surrounded with capable and caring people to guide them. May they be challenged to grow and strive to do well. And may we be a congregation that lifts them up in prayer and offers support to them and each other. Amen!



# Congregational Life



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## MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

### NEW PHOTO DIRECTORY

We are getting ready to create a new Trinity Photo Directory. Photos will be taken October 18-22. This will allow us to get the complimentary 8 X 10 before Christmas as well as any other things you might wish to order, like Christmas cards or additional photos. The directory would not come out until early 2017. We cannot make this a success without your help. Please consider making appointments as soon as we start offering them. You will be able to sign-up in the narthex at week-end services or online at your convenience. We will also be looking for volunteers to serve as receptionists during the photo shoot hours. Sign-up sheets will be in the narthex closer to the date.

### SUNDAY BRUNCHES

**BEGINNING SEPTEMBER 18** ~ It's time again for some relaxing fellowship and good food. For our Sunday Brunches we ask that everyone bring something to share. Sometimes it is difficult to decide what to bring. To help with that, and hopefully provide a somewhat balanced selection, just check out the first letter of your last name to see our rotating suggestions. If there is something else you would rather bring, that's fine.

- A-G Fruit, or breakfast fruit salad, etc
- H-M Milk, chocolate milk, juice, etc. (quarts will work)
- N-S Already cooked egg bake, breakfast casserole or breakfast meat, etc.
- T-Z Muffins, rolls, bread, coffee cake, bagels, etc.

We hope you will join us. It is a great way to get to know that person sitting behind, next to or in front of you each week in church. Haven't seen them at brunch? Invite them. Guests and visitors are WELCOME!

### MONDAY MEALS

Congregational Life Ministry will be hosting Monday Meals. Volunteers will be needed to help prep, serve and clean up. Watch for bulletin announcements and sign up sheets in the narthex. This is a great way to reach out to our community, right here in our own facility.

### REMINDER

**MEATBALL AND LEFSE DINNER, WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 2ND...** We will be needing a lot of volunteers to pull this together once again so be watching for Bulletin announcements.

**CONGREGATIONAL LIFE MINISTRY** meets the 4th Monday of the month at 6:00pm-next meeting is September 26th.

# Council President's message



Sue Weidemann  
Council President  
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## YOUR CHURCH COUNCIL

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The Trinity Family

How do we thank you enough, 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!

I would like to once again remind you that fall is going to be a busy time for all of us with school in session and kids are running around so please drive carefully. We also hope you take the time to find a moment to care for the aging in our congregation, visit the sick and hug your neighbor. Always good words, thoughts and actions to live by. You have shown us how caring you are...keep up the good work!

Council will be meeting again soon and 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](mailto: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.

I am going to say 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](http://www.trinitylutheranlax.org) and on most pages there is a link to sign up. It's easy, convenient and we thank you!

Thank you for being a member of the Trinity Family!

Sue Weidemann

# September 2016

*\*Communion every service, every week\**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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Saturday 5:30pm

Sunday 8:30am & 10:30am

Radio Service Broadcast at 8:30am on WKTY AM 580

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