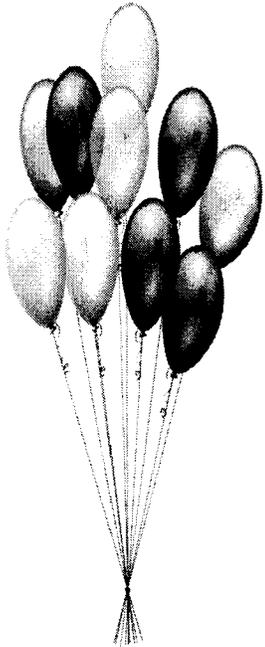


Trinity Tidings

September 2018



RALLY DAY !!!

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ALL ARE WELCOME!

Join us as we worship our God who loves all people!

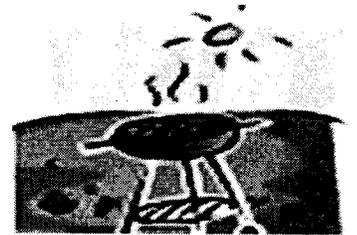
Stay for food, fellowship, fun and games!

Games for all ages and abilities!

Food for all appetites!

Bring a chair, sunglasses and a heart full of joy!!

Rain location is inside Trinity



FALL LINE UP!

Starting Sunday, September 16 we resume our regular worship schedule of 8:15 and 10:45 with opportunities for education and fellowship in between.

Sunday Fellowship: The coffee is always on in the kitchenette! All are welcome to have coffee and conversation in the Hearth Room from 9:15 –10:45. Stop by and chat a while!

Adult Education Returns Sunday, September 16! Join us in the LARGE GROUP CLASSROOM (formerly the preschool room) for adult education during the Sunday School hour. We meet from 9:45—10:30 a.m. All are welcome and no experience is necessary!

Bells will chime! Voices will sing! Are you interested in adding your joyful sounds to either the bell choir OR the vocal choir? Learn more by joining a rehearsal! Choir meets Wednesdays at 7 p.m., resuming September 12. Bell Choir meets Sundays at 9:45 a.m., resuming September 16. Both meet in the balcony. Questions about Bell Choir? Contact Mark Nordeen at marknordeen@gmail.com.



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WE EXTEND OUR CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY TO...Suzi, Rob and Beth George and their families as they mourn the death of husband and father, Steve George; and to Sean Alwin and his family as they mourn the death of his brother, Craig. May all be comforted by God's promise of eternal life in Jesus Christ.

PRAYERS REQUESTED FOR...Debbie Pierce, Rhonda Cook, Linda Gallman, Ruth Smithback, Marsha Anderson, Sandy Anderson, Wanda Olson, Mary Weston, Cortlyn Almquist, Ardyce Ditlefsen, Sylvia Brown, Pat Sullivan, Zachary Vurva, Elaine Wagner, Dean Hanke, Kim Hannan, Karen Weber, Donna Weeks, Linda Doerr, Jean Baughman, Evelyn Falk, Andrew Campbell, Amme Anderson, and Richard Klinkowitz.

Dear Friends,

What a wonderful summer we had together! We traveled with Flat Jesus (be sure to look at the bulletin board of photos!), we worshiped, and we worked hard. Thank you to everyone who has helped clean and sort, who has taken on a new leadership role, and those who have served faithfully in their positions. The dedicated staff of Trinity, the faithful church council, and every single member of this congregation—I'm simply overwhelmed by your faithful presence. I echo Paul's letter to the Philippians when he says:

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.

-Philippians 1:3-5

I am so excited to have Deacon Bonnie Vize join us in September as our Interim Specialist! I look forward to her presence among us preaching, teaching, visiting AND listening, asking questions, and helping us hear where God is calling. Please begin praying for Deacon Bonnie's time among us.

With the love of Christ for each of you,
Pastor Amy



FLATTERY?

It is said imitation is the best indication of flattery. I think we can be flattered. We recently got a notice to friends of UPAVIM asking for donations to their scholarship fund—and suggesting people do so via a Quarter Collection Can. They even provided a label to wrap around the can!

They figure that 252 quarters sends a child to school for an entire year. While their website says for \$54 we can send one child to school for a year, this works out to \$63 a year. Those extra quarters must help support the after-school tutoring program.

Anyway, all donations collected aim to send at least 450 kids in the community school each year – in addition to the children admitted to UPAVIM's own Montessori preschool and primary school! That's a big, warm-hearted goal, and thanks to you all, we are helping.

As of August 27, we have collected \$708 in our container. (If you're curious, last year we sent about double this amount.) The Quarters Can Make a Difference jar will remain out at all services through September. Please donate regularly. Small amounts do add up and make a big impact in the life of a poor family.

WOMEN'S RETREAT

"LISTENING FOR GOD—WALKING WITH JESUS"

All women are invited to a synod wide retreat on Saturday, September 22 in Cottage Grove. Please plan to come along for a day of renewal dedicated to listening for the voice of the Holy One in our lives. Led by Carla Stanton, a certified spiritual director, the retreat and workshop are intended for women of all ages and stages of life. Free childcare is provided and it's only \$20 to cover materials, morning refreshments and a box sandwich lunch. Registration begins at 8:30 a.m., the program at 9:30 a.m. and the day ends at 3:30 p.m.

For more information and a registration form, contact Kay Falk or the church office. Deadline to sign up is Monday, September 10. Carpooling is available!

SCHOOL KITS FOR LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF

During the summer months we will be gathering school supplies for the Lutheran World Relief School Kits which will be sent to children in need around the world. If you are able to help with this, please use the list below when purchasing the supplies. They should be put in a plastic bag, labeled LWR School Kit. Kits can be placed in the blue bin which will be in the education hallway during the summer months. Thank you!!

- ___ Four 70 sheet notebooks of wide or college ruled paper, 8" x 10"
- ___ One 30 centimeter ruler, or a ruler with centimeters on one side/inches on the other
- ___ One pencil sharpener
- ___ One blunt scissors (safety scissors with embedded steel work well)
- ___ Five unsharpened #2 pencils with erasers (secured together with a rubber band)
- ___ One box of 16 or 24 crayons
- ___ One 2 1/2" eraser
- ___ Five black or blue ballpoint pens (secured with a rubber band)



Please remove any excess packaging from the items. Thank you!

Join the Sunday School Team as a volunteer teacher or aide!

We need three more volunteers....s o o n ! ! !

The current Sunday school openings are: Grade 3—1 teacher; Grade 4—1 aide, Grade 6—1 aide. Please put this need into your prayers. Our Christian Education programming has a history of being blessed with dedicated volunteers. Perhaps this is an opportunity for you to participate. **Teachers and aides generally commit to coming every other week.** As a Sunday school aide, you assist with child management by helping students stay on task and assisting with projects. Aides do not prepare or teach lessons unless they desire to do so. Contact Julie Vurva at 563-4145 ext. 4 or julievtlc@yahoo.com if you have any questions.

Dates for your family planning...

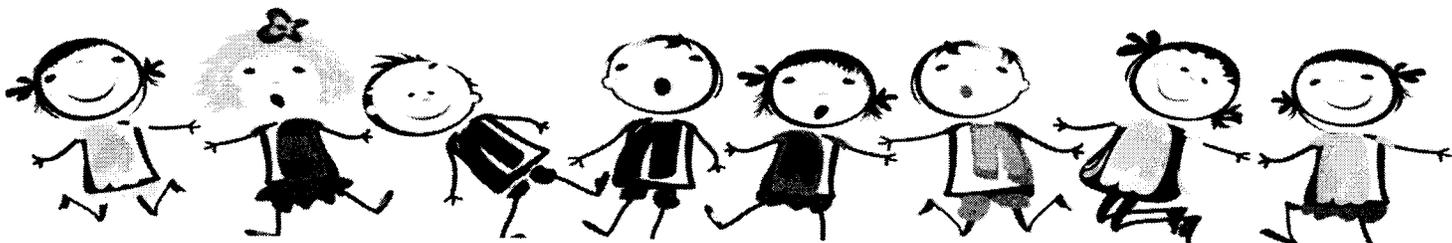
September 9 – Rally Day worship in Barrie Park at 9 a.m.

September 16 – Fall worship schedule begins – 8:15 a.m. worship, **9:30 a.m. Sunday school**, 10:45 a.m. worship. *Third grade students and their families celebrate Bible Sunday at the 8:15 a.m. worship service.*

September 30 – Fifth grade acolyte training during Sunday school (after the Sunday school opening).

Sunday school registration

New registration forms for children grades 4K—6th are online at www.trinityfort.org. Go to Education, then Sunday School. Link on the registration form. Please fill out one form per child. Paper forms are available in the Sunday School office and the table outside of the church office window.



FIRST COMMUNION WORKSHOP Sunday, November 11 at noon beginning with a light lunch

For many years, Trinity Lutheran Church approached First Communion in two ways. One: the 4th grade class had a specialized learning series on what communion is. This is really the first step in a life long journey of learning about communion. Second: when children younger than 4th grade were ready for communion, the pastors of Trinity welcomed them to Christ's table after a one-on-one conversation (with their parents) about what communion means. The tradition continues this fall with our First Communion Workshop for children and parent(s).

Is your child ready to learn about communion? 4th graders and parent(s) are especially invited, as are younger children and parent(s) who are ready to learn. Questions? Contact Julie Vurva (julievtlc@yahoo.com or Pastor Amy (pastoramyw@gmail.com). Please mark your calendars and RSVP. Another workshop will be offered during Lent!

Thoughts from your Deacon,

Hello! I look forward to being with you soon and saying that in person. For me, every single day is a day the Lord has made for us. I take seriously the words from scripture that we are to recognize that gift and worship God in all things we do.

You and I will be watching together for the visible presence of God in our midst. I am to start in the middle of September, but ...

Pastor Amy was so excited about Rally Day in the park being "9/9 at 9:00", that I felt like jumping in. I will be present for Rally Day and cannot wait to meet you and talk with you. You may have to remind me who you are a few times, but I will get your names down eventually.

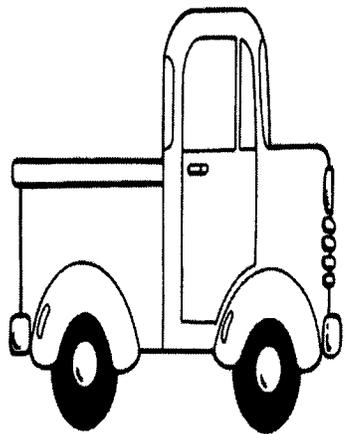
I'm an experienced intentional interim and a spiritual director. That means for you, that we will be intentional about where Trinity Lutheran is, how we respond to God in the world, what is our call moving forward, where have we been and how our long history has affected us. It will be an exciting year. I look forward to many, many, bible study moments, small group studies, large group explorations, and private conversations at your desire. I will also be joining Pastor Amy at worship, preaching, leading, and all those etc.s that will mean the church is well served by dedicated, hard-working rostered leaders.

I've served 9 congregations over the course of my 51 years of ministry. I've served each of them differently and have a sense of having "done it all", although I don't feel I "know it all". How does that work? I keep thinking I should know everything, and yet over and over the Spirit of God assures me, I have much to learn and respond to. You will be yet another learning. I feel blessed to be in a position and a time to serve you. I look forward to what I will learn from Pastor Amy, from your council, from each of you, and from our Lord.

I pray you accept my enthusiasm, my energy, my willingness and my absolute joy to be heading to Fort Atkinson to serve at Trinity. This will be a chapter of your life we will forge together. See you soon. 9/9 at 9. Love that alliteration!

God Bless our ongoing journey,
Deacon Bonnie

VOLUNTEER(S) NEEDED!!!



We are looking for someone with a large vehicle/van/pickup truck to transport our Lutheran World Relief School Kits and Soap collection boxes to Madison on Saturday, October 13. Drop off is at the Wisconsin South Rail Road Yard at 1890 East Johnson Street between 7 and 11 a.m. on that date. Helpers are at the Madison site to help unload our boxes. If you are able to help with this, please contact the church office (563-4145 or lsbutlertlc@gmail.com). Thank you!!