Dear Siblings in Christ,

Some routines and ministries remain the same in every season. One of those is Visitation Ministry. This is a group of people who see our members who are home bound. There are 23 people on the list right now and the list is constantly refined based on a person’s changing desire for visitation, health concerns, and schedule.

When people go to visit, they share the news of the congregation bringing with them a recent bulletin or Tidings. They keep our members informed. They also bring communion, pray, and read scripture. How do they know how to do this? With a little instruction and by shadowing another Visitation Minister. The volunteers for this ministry would love to take you along sometime if you’re interested in learning more.

It is a wonderful ministry and recently we gathered for a meeting. Here are a few things the Visitation Ministers had to say:

~ {The person I visit} always thanks me but I really get a lot out of it too!

~ All parties involved benefit!

~ I think there is something connecting the people we visit with the life of our church.

~ The Holy Spirit told me this is something I should do.

~ When I go to the nursing home, I go to each room where the door is open to say hello.

Of course, you don’t have to sign up for Visitation Ministry to share the Good News, the joy of Christ, or the news of Trinity Lutheran Church. You can simply live with love and interact with others speaking the name of Jesus or the church. Remember that the truth of Jesus’ love for all people IS a healing, healthy Word for all to share. In Proverbs 16:24 the Bible says, “Pleasant words are flowing honey, Sweet to the taste and healing to the bones.” The Word of God is the most pleasant Word we can share.

In the Word of God,

Pastor Amy
Sunday school news:

**Opportunities for a rewarding experience! Become a part of the Sunday school team.**

At the end of the Sunday school season a few of our teachers and aides stepped down. We give thanks for their loving service to our Sunday school program. Please put this opportunity to become a part of the Sunday school team into your prayers. An area of need for the next Sunday school season is working with the 6th grade class. There are openings for 1 teacher and 2 aides.

Sunday school volunteer staff commit to a flexible schedule, where they commit to teach or assist about every other week. Teachers need to prep a lesson using the Sunday school curriculum. Aides 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.

Interested? Contact Julie Vurva at 563-4145 ex. 4 or julievtlc@yahoo.com

**Looking for a few musicians**

The Sunday school program is seeking a piano player and/or a guitar player who would enjoy helping Julie Vurva and Pastor Amy lead music during the Sunday school opening sessions from 9:30-9:45 on Sunday mornings. Contact Julie for more information.

**Building Task Force updates:**

**Volunteers needed for occasional outdoor work:**

Throughout the summer and early fall there will be a need for volunteers to pull weeds and water flowers. If you enjoy doing this type of work, please sign-up at the Sign-Up Center bulletin board. You will be contacted by a member of the building task force with further information.

**Volunteers needed for doing touch-up painting in the church hallways:**

The Building Task Force will be organizing a group of volunteers to do some touch-up painting in the church hallways this summer. If you enjoy doing this type of work, please sign-up at the Sign-Up Center bulletin board. You will be contacted by a member of the building task force with further information.
The Summer Service Trip is in just a few short weeks!

We are looking for Prayer Buddies.

Every day on our trip we stop and pray for the people we have served, the world, each other and the people we love at 7pm. We have stopped in a cave and prayed, we have stopped at the movie theater and prayed. Wherever we are at 7pm that’s where we pray. Then we call our prayer buddy and chat about our day and the work we have done. All you have to do is also stop at 7pm say a prayer in kind and wait for us to call you for a quick chat. We love the connection that this gives us to our congregation while we are gone. If you are interested, please contact Kitty or pick up a Prayer Buddy form at the office and hand it back in before July 15th.

1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

***Please join us on our sending Worship service on Thursday, July 25th
Message from Synod Vice President & Prayers for Healing for Bishop Thomas-Breitfeld

Dear Friends in Christ,

This is to let you know that as of June 12, **Bishop Viviane Thomas-Breitfeld is on medical leave**. A communication was sent to all rostered ministers (pastors and deacons) of SCSW congregations and specialized ministry settings on June 12.

We ask that you pray for Bishop Viviane to be surrounded by God’s healing presence. We also ask that you respect her privacy and give her the space to become healthy again. As information becomes available, we will update you in a timely manner.

The Executive Committee has appointed **Rev. Steve Kottke as Acting Bishop**, effective immediately, pending further confirmation of that appointment by Synod Council. Please contact him with any needs you might have. His contact information at the synod office is:

Email: stevek@scsw-elca.org  Phone number: (608) 270-0201

If you need to arrange a meeting with Acting Bishop Kottke, please contact Director of Operations, Executive Administrative Assistant to the Bishop, Robyn Zimmerman who manages his calendar at (608) 270-0201 or robynz@scsw-elca.org.

Please also pray that the Lord will provide all that is needed to Acting Bishop Kottke, the Synod Staff, the Synod Council, our leaders, to navigate the waters ahead with vision and grace.

Blessings,

Jane Cahill Wolfgram
Vice President
South-Central Synod of Wisconsin

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Pastor Amy will be out of the office from July 10-23 for Sabbath rest. Thank you to Kitty Sawyer and Rich Vurva who will lead worship in her stead. If you should have an emergency and you desire to speak with a Pastor, you can reach Pastor Mike from St Luke’s in Rome at (262) 593-2380. He will be on call for Pastor Amy.
Have you ever wanted to do something but you didn’t want to go by yourself? There are countless activities that are a lot more fun when you have one or more people with you. Golfing, biking, hiking, fishing, bowling, walking, or even going to dinner or a movie are a few examples. The fellowship group is looking for people who would be interested in putting their name and phone number on an activity list who would be interested in having someone call them to join in an activity. If enough people sign up for any given activity, someone on the list might be interested in organizing a group outing. Look for a sign-up sheet at the Sign-Up Center if you’re interested in learning more.

Thanks for giving!
We have filled five nice size boxes of soap for Lutheran World Relief! If you’ve forgotten, you can still bring full-sized bar soap, any brand, in original wrappers, to add to the 4 bars we couldn’t fit into the other boxes. Soap is so important after natural disasters and to displaced persons.

Off to a good start!
As of June 3, donations to the Quarters Can Make a Difference container have totaled, $135.22. A great beginning to providing scholarships for impoverished children to attend school in Guatemala. That is slightly ahead of last year ($133.22). Everything costs more now, but the poverty is still pervasive in the slum area where the women’s cooperative UPAVIM works and runs the school. So donations are appreciated more than ever! In 2017 we raised $1,267 and last year it was $1,350. Can we top those figures this year? Together with God, we can!
Just remember to place your spare change in the container each time you attend worship. We also gratefully accept quieter cash and checks!
Thanks for caring.

New Member Class 7/28 at 8 am.
Are you or someone you know interested in becoming a member of Trinity Lutheran Church? We’d love to have you! RSVP to Pastor Amy or Beatrice in the church office at 920.563.4145. New Members will be welcomed at worship on 8/1 & 8/4.
SCHOOL KITS FOR LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF

During the summer months, Trinity and congregations around the country will show our love for our global neighbors by preparing School Kits to donate to Lutheran World Relief for distribution to children in need around the world. Individuals that would like to help provide us with the items necessary for these backpacks, can use the list below when purchasing the supplies. The supplies should be put into a plastic bag, labeling it LWR School Kit. Kits can be placed in the blue bin in the education hallway during the summer months, up until Rally Day.

___four 70 sheet notebooks or wide or college ruled paper, 8"x10"

___one 30 centimeter ruler, or a ruler with centimeter 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 with a rubber band)

___One box of 16 or 24 crayons

___One 2 1/2 " eraser

___Five black or blue ballpoint pens...no gel ink (secured with a rubber band)

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

We are in need of notebooks and pencil sharpeners

We have 37 kits already!!

We are updating our system.

Please fill out the below and send back to Beatrice at officetlc314@gmail.com

TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

(please print)

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Address:_________________________________________________________________________________

Phone:_________________________    Cell Phone(s):______________________        ___________________

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Trudy’s Room is dedicated to fostering the well-being of infants and young children by facilitating the donation, collection and distribution of furniture, clothing, diapers and other basic supplies to families while assisting them to achieve economic independence.

**Open**
Tuesday 1-3
Wednesday 5-7
Friday 10-Noon

Families may visit 3 times monthly with one diaper and wipe package allowed with each visit.
Located on the 3rd floor of FUMC, right off the elevator.
Join us in Helping Young Families!

All families served must live in the Fort Atkinson School District and have current ID and WIC Card.

First United Methodist Church
320 S. Main St., Fort Atkinson, WI 53538

Clean, gently used items can be left at the church office Monday thru Friday, 9 to 4 or during Trudy’s Room Hours.

Cash donations are always welcome may be sent to First United Methodist Church
320 S. Main Street
Fort Atkinson, WI 53538 or dropped off at the church office.

Check out our Facebook page for current needs.

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