

TRINITY TIDINGS

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FORT ATKINSON, WI



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DEAR TRINITY,

You really exceed any goal we set.

Last month, a stewardship letter came to your homes. What timing! At Christmas, in a pandemic...we debated not sending it but we needed more information to set the 2021 budget. You responded enthusiastically. In a pandemic, when things feel uncertain, you remain certain of your call as God's people.

In two weeks, we'll hold our annual meeting and it will again be conducted online. We need a quorum to hold the meeting and I'm heartened by the number of people who've already signed up with Sarah to attend. On the agenda is the approval of the updated constitution, electing two people to attend our virtual synod assembly, and passing the budget. This budget holds space for additional staff. The Council and I are hoping this staff person will be an additional pastor but that will depend on availability of candidates and continued strong giving.

And the toothbrush collection! In less than 3 weeks, you blew past our original goal of 200 hundred toothbrushes for the Fort Food Pantry. Carter and I will be sharing our numbers in worship this week so be sure to tune in!

Up next, is Souper Bowl Sunday on February 7. We'll be collecting donations for the Fort Food Pantry and special offerings for ELCA World Hunger. In the month of December, we donated \$1,200 to the ELCA World Hunger campaign our synod held. I wonder if, in one day, we can collect \$600 to help people at home and around the world through this program. Let's try!

Thank you for being overachievers in generosity! You are radically changing our community and the world in the name of Jesus!

Pastor Amy



Singers Needed for Online Worship

Do you enjoy singing hymns and miss being able to sing in church? We need more singers record themselves at home for our online services. If you are interested, please contact Sarah at the office for more details.



Souper Bowl of Caring



Sunday, February 7th is Super Bowl Sunday.
Hopefully our favorite team will be playing.
As we sit down to watch the game and have all of our favorite snacks,
let's remember those of us that have food insecurity.
During Drive Thru Communion that day,
we will be collecting non-perishable food items and cash donations.
Donations can also be sent to the office anytime.

All monetary donations will be sent to ELCA World Hunger Relief
and food donations will go to the Fort Atkinson Food Pantry.

2020 Annual Meeting

Join us on January 31st at 9am for the virtual annual meeting. Call or email the church to sign up to attend the meeting by 1/28 in order to receive the Zoom link.

Agenda includes: approval of the 2021 budget, 2nd vote to ratify the updated constitution, and finding 2 people to represent Trinity at the Synod Assembly

2020 Annual reports are available for pickup at drive-thru communion.

Offering Envelopes

The offering envelopes for January-June should be arriving at your homes shortly. Keep your eye out for the package! Many thanks for your patience as we work to get the envelopes ordered and sent.

Operation Christmas Update

Thank you Trinity Lutheran Church Congregation for your generous donations to Operation Christmas this past December. We collected \$467.00 which was given to the Fort Food Pantry.
Thank you for your support.

Blessings,
Ruth Circle.

Toothbrush Drive

We are collecting toothbrushes and toothpaste for the Fort Atkinson Food Pantry.

Help us reach our new goal of 325 toothbrushes by the end of the January!



Donations can be made at drive-thru communion.

Schools are returning...now what?

The Fort Atkinson School District voted to return students to school in a modified format. (Hybrid for older students and in person for younger ones.) Trinity's Council will discuss our return to in-person worship at our next council meeting on 1/26.

UPAVIM Update

At the end of 2020, we sent just about \$1,200 from our quarter bank to UPAVIM, the women's cooperative in Guatemala we support. We got a huge THANK YOU from them, saying that they have met their scholarship goal for 2021!

They also have received funds from other generous donors to enable them to help provide work and assistance for the women for awhile. Their craft sales are way down, so the foundation board has been supplementing the women's income to enable them to feed their families until this pandemic eases and life returns to more normal status.

Your donations and purchases of craft items really do make a huge difference in people's lives.

ELCA World Hunger Drive

We were able to raise \$1,140.00 for the ELCA World Hunger Drive! That money will be matched by a generous donor through the ELCA. We thank God that you are such a giving and generous church family!

Reading the Bible in a Year

There is a reading guide available for those interested in reading the Bible in a year. Please contact the office if you are interested in receiving a digital or paper copy of the reading guide.

Prayers Requested for...

Marsha Anderson, Sandy Anderson, Terry Badura, Wayne Behselich, Maggie Dostalek, Ralph Draeger, Roger Draeger, Chris Griffin, Bob Kyle, Phyllis Lang, Diane Luebke, Barb Manwaring, Dan Morrow, Carol Mueller, Debbie Pierce, Violet Prust, Paul Reed, Harold Rumppe, Shelley Scheurm, Verne Sell, Carrie, Ruth Smithback, Roger Strege, Hannah Teubert, Kathryn Woods, Donald Zuehlke

Do you have a prayer concern? Email the prayer force at prayerforcetlc@gmail.com. People will gladly pray for you or your loved one with their whole hearts!

January 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
27 8:00 AM Online Worship Premier 10:00 AM Drive-Thru Communion	28	29 7:00 PM AA/AI/Anon	30	31 6:00 PM Drive-Thru Communion	1 OFFICE CLOSED!	2
3 8:00 AM Online Worship Premier 10:00 AM Drive-Thru Communion	4	5 7:00 PM AA/AI/Anon	6	7 6:00 PM Drive-Thru Communion	8 OFFICE CLOSED!	9
10 8:00 AM Online Worship Premier 10:00 AM Drive-Thru Communion	11 12:00 PM The Gospel of Mark Book Study 6:30 PM The Gospel of Mark Book Study	12 Ministry Team (Zoom) 7:00 PM AA/AI/Anon	13	14 6:00 PM Drive-Thru Communion	15 OFFICE CLOSED!	16
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