Trinity Tidings

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Our salvation isn't about how good we are, but how good God is!

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For I am not ashamed of the gospel; it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who has faith, to the Jew first and also to the Greek. For in it the righteousness of God is revealed through faith for faith; as it is written, "The one who is righteous will live by faith." Romans 1:16-17

As Lutherans, we read scripture and experience faith from the Christo-centric perspective. In other words, our salvation is all God's doing through Jesus Christ and God freely gives us (grace) the gift of faith to believe this is true.

Yet we Lutherans struggle with the idea of grace like everyone else. We think to ourselves, "Yea, saved by grace—but just in case, I better be good or else." Or we might wonder, "God doesn't love 'bad' people does God? After all, if we have no part in our salvation then why bother doing anything good at all?"

I think of it this way: our salvation isn't about how good we are but how good God is! God is sooo good. And so we believe that salvation comes only from God and live our lives trusting in God. As Paul wrote in Romans, "The righteous will live by faith." Those whose relationship with God has been made right—through Jesus Christ—live trusting in this good news.

On Sunday May, 3 we will have two significant events take place at Trinity. The first is watching young brothers and sisters in faith affirm their baptism during the 9:30 service as they make public profession of their faith in Jesus Christ—this gift they have received! Thanks be to God!

Secondly, we launch the Generosity Perspective©. The Generosity Perspective is not another financial campaign to get people to give more money to Trinity. Rather, it offers a (cont'd)



News and Information

Pastor's Article (cont'd)

way of living in response to the generosity of God who has given us everything. When one lives generously, amazing life-giving things happen! Invite a friend to hear this good news.

The righteous live by faith—faith in a good and generous God who has redeemed the world through Jesus Christ.

Love, Pastor Tom



Saturday Morning Bible Study

Saturday May 9th and 23rd, 8:30-10:00 a.m., in Great Hall, downstairs

Saturday Study meets on the 2nd and 4th Saturdays of the month. Join us as we study the prophet Isaiah's visions of God's promises. You don't need to attend each session, come as you are able. Bring your favorite Bible and your own experiences as we discuss Isaiah's visions of good news, hope and justice over our morning coffee, provided. For additional information, contact Tammie at 654-3256 or tammiesorenson@yahoo.com.

Kenosha's ELCA Community Worship Service

Mark your calendars for Kenosha's ELCS Community Worship Service at the Kenosha Band Shell on Sunday, June 14th at 9:30 a.m.

This event offers an opportunity to worship with members from all the ELCA congregations in Kenosha. So everyone is welcome to attend! There will be an 8:00 a.m. service at Trinity including communion. We will also have a praise service at 9:30 a.m., led by Kerri and the band. There will be scripture readings but no communion at the 9:30 service.

A Celebration of Life

Trinity would like to celebrate the lives of our 80+ year members of our family. We will have a special recognition of these members June 7th at



both services. If you are 80+ years young, we ask that you fill out a questionnaire form and submit it to the church office by Sunday, May 24th. Forms will be available in the gathering space. We would like to see your family members here to help us celebrate you.

If you have any additional questions, please contact Judy Glover 262-694-9520 or Diana Shidagis 262-653-0283.

Thank You.

First Communion Students

Congratulations James Hauser, Kiara Al-Sager, Devlin Al-Sager, and Michaela Frederick.



Welcome New Members

Aziz and Jennifer Sager and children, Kiara and Devlin; Patricia Stanley; Jeanette (Mishelle) Pudelek; Gina and Frank Montemurro; Todd Hauser and Heather Kind-Keppel and children James and Isabelle; Russell and Mary Kay Hahn; and Carl Sutton and Amy Antoni.



Blood Drive

Save the day. Donate blood. Join us at the St. Paul's Lutheran Church Blood Drive on Monday, May 11, 2015 from 3:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.



This blood drive is co-sponsored by St. Paul's Lutheran, Trinity Lutheran and First Presbyterian Churches. To sign up, call: Julie Peterson at 262-697-0595, JoAnn Konkle at 262-694-5050, or Karen Sorenson at 262-945-1816 Appointments encouraged. Refreshments provided.

To donate blood, you must:

- ☐ Be in good health
- ☐ Weigh at least 110 lbs.
- ☐ Have a photo I.D. with your birth date
- ☐ Be at least 17 years old (16 years old with parental consent), no Upper age limit.

All donors should feel in good health on the day of donation. There are some reasons why you may not be able to donate. Please be prepared to share your list of prescription medications, discuss you medical history and travel outside the U.S.

Eddie Lacy at Synod Assembly

Eddie Lacy of the Green Bay Packers will join us on Friday evening, May 29th at Carthage College at a special event during Synod Assembly! Mr. Lacy will speak to our assembly and to the general public about his faith and how that has impacted his life.

The proceeds from this evening will be donated to Outreach for Hope. Tickets are available to members of your congregation and the general public. Only 1400 tickets are available. Every

ticket holder in attendance on Friday evening will have a chance to be randomly selected to have a picture taken with Mr. Lacy. Tickets will be on sale soon. Check the synod website milwaukeesynod.org.



Quilters and Crafters

As you work on your projects, remember to make an item for the Lutherdale Fest. Items should be brought to the church office by June 1st for transport to Lutherdale. Thank you.



TRINITY 5TH ANNUAL SPRING FLING SALAD LUNCHEON

MAY 7, 2015 11:00 am to 1:00 pm \$8.00 A PERSON



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Social Justice Ministry and CUSH

The Social ministry committee normally meets as needed to discuss upcoming events. Please contact Jay Labedz jlabedz@tds.net or 654-8852 if you are interested in attending the meeting. The committee often communicates by email to determine whether a meeting is needed.

Please remember CANS FOR CUSH on May 3rd. Please drop off any bagged aluminum cans in the back hallway of the church on the 1st Sunday of each month. The recycling money will benefit CUSH and Social ministry needs. Last time we brought cans to the recycling center we made \$17.00 for social ministry! Thank you.

An evening of Bingo for the Dayton Residential facility has been postponed at this time. We will post any future Bingo dates in the Tidings as we determine when we can schedule this event.



The ELCA Urban Outreach Center will have the summer program for neighborhood children again this year. Trinity will be picking a week to donate

lunch or snacks for the children. When we pick the dates we will post them in the Tidings and bulletins.

The CUSH rummage sale, normally held in June, is not yet scheduled. The Social Ministry team will be deciding if we can

manage the sale again this year. If there is someone, or a group of people, in the congregation who would like to oversee this event, please call Jay Labedz for information at 654-8852.

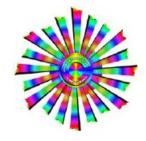


Trinity continues to serve the community in many ways through the efforts of members doing social ministry. The Shalom Center Soup Kitchen, Cupboard Bound food program, Lutheran World Relief, Busy Bees, CUSH, and Women and Children's Horizon's programs continue. If you would like to get involved with one of these important ministries, please speak with the contact person listed under Church Leadership Team in this Tidings.

CUSH Annual Social Justice Banquet

The CUSH Annual Celebration Banquet will be held on Thursday, May 7, 2015. This year's keynote speaker is John Nichols. John is a well-known Washington correspondent, journalist and author. This year CUSH will be honoring Judge Mary Kay Wagner with the Justice Advocate Award, and the Faithful Advocate Memorial will be given in honor of the late Rev. Georgette Wonders.

The banquet will be held at Madrigrano Marina Shores, 302 58th St. beginning with a social and silent auction at 5:30pm, followed by dinner and the program



at 6:15pm. Tickets are \$40 and are available from CUSH board members, at DeBerge's Framing and Gallery (2008 63rd Street), and on our website ww.cushkenosha.com.

The CUSH Annual Banquet is our major fundraiser, and it allows us to continue to advocate for the needs of others. Your support is appreciated. For additional information contact CUSH at 262-564-8223.

Giving

Dear members of Trinity,

The giving in March was very good—we are lowering our shortage but still have a way to go. So we still need more of an increase in our giving during the year to make this up. Let's keep Trinity growing strong. We do not want to go

backwards but keep going forward. We are on the right track. Be proud in Trinity, just as I am in you for your help. Thank you all that have met the goal of upping your pledges by 10% or more this year! Thanks again,

How Are We Doing?			Spending	
	March	YTD 2015	Plan	Difference
Income	\$27,048.45	\$57,979.23	\$61,472.36	(\$3,493.13)
Budgeted Transfer (2014 Funds)	\$1,148.09	\$3,444.25	\$3,444.25	\$0.00
Committee Transfer	\$466.00	\$1,400.00	\$2,868.75	(\$1,468.75)
Expenses	\$25,904.97	\$69,253.06	\$67,785.36	(\$1,467.70)
Unified Overage (Shortage)	\$2,757.57	(\$6,429.58)	\$0.00	(\$6,429.58)
Open The Door Funds	\$5,648.25	\$14,069.25	\$14,702.49	(\$633.24)
Mortgage Payment	\$4,900.83	\$14,702.49	\$14,702.49	\$0.00
Mortgage Overage (Shortage)	\$747.42	(\$633.24)	\$0.00	(\$633.24)

Memorials and Gifts

An offering was given in memory of Fran Zuehlsdorf towards the Door Repair Fund from Kathy Blake.

Offerings were given in memory of Mercedes Kelly to the Door Repair Fund from Margie Slavik, towards Sunday Worship Band from John and Sue O'Day.

A offering was given in memory of Steven Vogel for the Memorial Fund from his sister, Betsy Teixeira.

Total offerings: \$180.



Opportunities for Ministry

Trinity's Ministry Leadership Teams

"The best way to experience community is to participate in it"

STAFF

Pastor Tom Smith pastortom7@gmail.com Church Administrator JoAnn Konkle, churchadmin@trinitykenosha.org, 694-5050

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Web and Tidings Communications Minister, Shawn Wolf shawnwolf02@gmail.com

For phone numbers, please use CCB or contact the church office at (262) 694-5050.

TRINITY ADULT LUNCH BUNCH

May 7th: Trinity Spring Fling Salad Luncheon



May 21st: Happy Mother's Day! Italian roast beef sandwich, chip and Cole slaw, apple crisp for dessert.

May Birthdays: Winifred Borland 5/12, Nancy Rasmussen 5/10, Jean Weisner 5/12

Questions?
Call Linda Kluck 653-9491

CHURCH LEADERSHIP TEAM (Council)

President Linda Kluck, dkluck@wi.rr.com

Vice President Bruce Milne, bjmilne@yahoo.com

Treasurer Jim Lichtenheld, jimlichtenheld@yahoo.com

Finance Open—Contact Linda Kluck, Jim Lichtenheld, Pastor Tom

Secretary Kathy Baas, klbaas@wi.rr.com

Personnel Linda Kluck, Jim Lichtenheld, Kathy Baas, Bruce Milne,

Pastor Tom. Staff Support: Jay Labedz, jlabedz@tds.net

Ministry Teams (first person is team leader/council rep)

Learning Jane Schmitz, grammajane@att.net Sunday Adult Ed: Open—Contact Pastor Tom

Saturday Bible Study: Tammie Sorenson,

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Sunday School: Jane Schmitz, grammajane@att.net

Sunday's Com'n: Pastor Tom, pastortom7@gmail.com

Library: Dru Spitzer, spitzmr@earthlink.net

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Property Bruce Milne, bjmilne@yahoo.com

Social Justice Open—Contact Jay Labedz or Nancy Lehrke

Busy Bees (Quilters): Donna Dezoma

Care for Creation: Dru Spitzer, spitzmr@earthlink.net

Cupboard Bound Food Dist: Betsi Smith, tbsmith5@juno.com

CUSH: Jay Labedz, ilabedz@tds.net

Fair Trade Coffee: Nancy Lehrke, klehrke@wi.rr.com

Grace Safe Place Summer Lunch Program: Jay Labedz,

jlabedz@tds.net

Lutheran World Relief: Lucille Brenneman

Adult Lunch Bunch: Linda Kluck, dkluck@wi.rr.com

Soup Kitchen/Shalom Center: Linda McKinney,

Imckinney3@wi.rr.com

Stewardship Kurt Kruse, kurtiss.kruse@abbvie.com

Witness/Hospitality Judy Glover, judithglover8@gmail.com and

Diana Shidagis, dshidagis@yahoo.com

New Member/Visitor Care: Krista Lichtenheld

kristalichtenheld@yahoo.com

CROP Walk: Open Opportunity

Homebound Visitation Ministry: Pastor Tom, Audrey Steel

Sunday Morning Hospitality Coordinators: Judy Glover and

Diana Shidagis

Bowling: Woody Knutson woodyandrosie@gmail.com

Worship & Music Marilyn Pinzger, pinzger.marilyn@gmail.com

Sunday Morning Traditional Worship Services:

Altar Guild/Wedding & Funeral Coordinator: Donna Dezoma

Communion Ass't/Assisting Minister Coord: JoAnn

Konkle, churchadmin@trinitykenosha.org

Worship Scripture Readers (Lectors) Coord: JoAnn

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Sunday Morning Nursery Attendants: Open—Contact

Marilyn Pinzger

Ushers: Woody Knutson, woodyandrosie@gmail.com

Multi Media Minister: Open—Contact Marilyn Pinzger

Taize Tuesday Service: Marilyn Pinzger

Youth and Family Sue Torres, tsusan613@gmail.com

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Saturday	2 9a Cupboard Bound Distribution	9 8: 30a Saturday Bible Study	16 11a Mercedes Kelly Memorial Service	23 8: 30a Saturday Bible Study	30
Friday	6p Bowling Banquet	ω	<u>ර</u>	22 4p Shalom Soup Kitchen	59
Thursday		7 11:30a Spring Fling Salad Luncheon 5:30p CUSH Annual Banquet	14 9a WELCA Bible Study 11:30a Trinity Lunch Bunch 1p Witness Ministry 6p Worship & Music Committee	21 5:30p Finance Ministry 6p Council Ministry	28 11:30a Trinity Lunch Bunch
Wednesday		6 8:30a Sunday's Com'n 4:30p Brookdale Senior Living conduct Alzheimer's & Deme 5:30p Choir Practice 6:30p TrinityUkes 7:30p Bell Practice	13 8:30a Sunday's Com'n 5:30p Choir Practice 6:30p TrinityUkes 7:30p Bell Practice	20 8:30a Sunday's Com'n 4:30p Brookdale Senior Living conduct Azheimer's & Deme 5:30p Choir Practice 6:30p TrinityUkes 7:30p Bell Practice	8:30a Sunday's Com'n 5:30p Choir Practice 6:30p TrinityUkes 7:30p Bell Practice
Tuesday		5 7p Taize Service	12 7p Taize Service	19 7p Taize Service	26 7p Taize Service
Monday		4 7p Boy Scouts	11 3p 3-Church Blood Drive 7p Boy Scouts	18 7p Boy Scouts	25 7p Boy Scouts
Sunday		3 8a Traditional Worship Service 9:30a Affirmation of Baptism 9:30a Family Friendly Worship Service	8a Traditional 3p 3-Church Bl Worship Service Drive 9:30a Family Friendly 7p Boy Scouts Worship Service	8a Traditional Worship Service 9:30a Family Friendly Worship Service	8a Traditional Service 7p Boy Scouts 9:30a Family Friendly Worship Service

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Worship Schedule

Sundays

8:00 am Tradition-Rich Service 9:30am Family Friendly

Tuesdays

7:00 pm Taize Service



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