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TRINITY CONNECTION
JANUARY 19, 2024

Dear Beloved of Trinity,

Some families are just meant for adventure. I think ours was one of them. Ever since our children were little we tried to teach them that life was full of ups and downs. We celebrate the ups and we acknowledge the downs. But also tried to minimize any drama but calling some situations, “adventures”. We had a lot of Meier adventures over the years. For example, we got stranded at the top of a mountain when the fan belt went out in our mini van. Phil hitch hiked down the mountain to a small town to try to get the part. There is so much more to that story, so ask Phil next time you see him. There was a time on vacation when our oldest son was going to jump across a ditch and he didn’t make the wide expanse and his foot sunk into the muck at the bottom. We turned it into an adventure to try to save his shoe.

In our Gospel reading this week, 4 young men, perhaps teens, will discover the biggest adventure of their lives. Jesus will be honest and tell them it won’t always be easy. There will be lots of ups and downs but following Jesus is always an adventure. Jesus will lead them down paths they never dreamed of. He will lead them to peace and understanding about what it is to forgive; to be accepted; to be totally loved by the Father. The adventure will show them healings and exorcisms. There will be days of lazy walks through fields and days of running from the enemy. But Jesus is steadfast and remains with them, never abandoning them.

So it is with us, my friends. We are on a Discipleship Adventure with Jesus! There will be rough days and smooth days but the ancient promise remains. Jesus is steadfast and remains with us, never abandoning us.

May you heed the call of the Savior and join the adventure.

Blessings,
Deacon Christie

Church Calendar

Tuesday, January 23

6:30 pm: Men's Breakfast
8:30 am: Preschool (3 & 4 yr olds)
9:30 am: Blood Pressure Screening
10:00 am: Over 55 Group

Wednesday, January 24

8:30 am: Preschool (Pre-K)
5:45 pm: Band Rehearsal
6:30 pm: Worship
7:15 pm: KFC - 5th Grade, Confirmation,
High School Youth

Thursday, January 25

8:30 am: Preschool (3 & 4 yr olds)
11:15 am: Meals on Wheels Delivery
NEW DATE 1:30 pm: WELCA Bible Study
5:30 pm: TOPS

Friday, January 26

8:30 am: Preschool (Pre-K)
6:00 pm: Date Night Daycare

Sunday, January 28

8:00 am: Worship, Kindergarten Milestone
Celebration
9:15 am: Coffee and Cookies; Sunday School;
Adult Bible Study
10:30 am: Worship (online and in person);
Kindergarten Milestone Celebration
11:45 am: Annual Meeting
6:30 pm: Financial Peace University

Monday, January 29

8:30 am: Preschool (Pre-K)

Tuesday, January 30

6:30 pm: Men's Breakfast
8:30 am: Preschool (3 & 4 yr olds)

Upcoming Important Dates

Feb. 6: Bloodmobile
Feb. 14: Ash Wednesday
Feb. 17: Chili Bingo
Feb. 19: Church office closed due to the holiday

Attendance

Wednesday, Jan 10 **Sunday, Jan. 14**
No worship due to weather No worship due to weather

Church Finances

Week of January 14, 2024

Online donations only due to no worship

Total Operating Cost: \$13,205

Actual Total Giving: \$ 8,771

Difference of: - \$ 4,434

January Globe Offering \$ 298

Total operating cost represents all expenses including staff costs, benevolences, supplies, outreach, and our mortgage payment. If you have questions regarding the budget, please contact Margaret Larsen at 605-351-8561.

Ways to Give

Envelopes: In-person or Mail to the church

Online Giving: www.teatrinity.org/donate

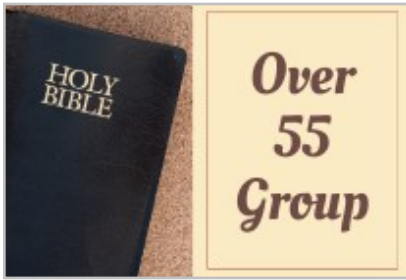
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January Globe Offering

LUTHERAN OUTDOORS

Prayer Requests

- Gordon Fritz ▪ Sharon Nelson ▪ Bonnie Wolthuis
- Sonia Ensz ▪ Ken Kahl ▪ Greg Myrmoe ▪ Ray Kelly
- Debbie Jensen, Jacob Jensen's mother
- Melva Hilmoe's brother & Sarah Hilmoe's uncle Fred Tidemann
- Gordon & Dorothy Fritz's son Carl
- Delores Wells' brother-in-law, Jerry Boellaard
- Amy Kuhnert's family member, Jeremy Josephsont
- Melva and Sara Hilmoe's friend, Corey Stethens
- Doug Mette sister and brother-in-law, Gene and June Neises
- Dawn Arp's mother, Darlene Sheeler
- Rex and Clem Boyd's sister-in-law, Dodie
- Sympathy to Dave and Carolyn Christians-Brekke in the death of Carolyn's father, Russell Christians
- Sympathy to the family of Don Otten on Don's death



Over 55 Group

Tuesday, January 23
9:30 pm Blood Pressure Screening
10:00 pm Meeting and Lunch
in the Fellowship Hall

Join us as for a short meeting, devotion and a potluck lunch to follow. All are welcome!



WELCA Bible Study

**** NEW DATE ****

Thursday, January 25
1:30 pm
in the Fellowship Hall

Please join us for a faith filled bible study, a short meeting and refreshments! All are welcome!.

Fundraiser for the National Youth Gathering: Date Night Daycare

Friday, January 26
6:00 - 10:00 pm
Trinity Lutheran Church
Free Will Donation
Registration deadline: Wednesday, Jan. 24

Enjoy a night out and support Trinity's Youth! All proceeds will go toward the youth attending 2024 National Youth Gathering in New Orleans. We welcome kids ages 1-12 year olds. Food will be provided from 6:30-7:00 pm. Contact the church office for more information or to signup.

Milestone Ministry

Kindergarten Milestone—Learning to Pray
Celebration:

Sunday, Jan. 28 at 8:00 or 10:30 am or Wednesday, Jan. 30 at 6:30 pm

Join Deacon Christie and learn about how prayer is essential for a faith life. Come learn how to pray for our own needs and the needs of others!

1st Grade Milestone—The Lord's Prayer

Sunday, Jan. 28, 9:15 am—Lesson #1

Sunday, Feb 4, 9:15 am - Lesson #2

Celebration: Sunday, Feb 11 at 8:00 or 10:30 am

Join Deacon Christie and learn the Lord's Prayer and why we pray it!

Trinity's Annual Meeting

Trinity's Annual Meeting
Sunday, Jan. 28
11:45 am
in the Sanctuary



Trinity Lutheran Blood Drive

Monday, February 6
9:00 am - Noon and 1:30 - 5:00 pm
in the East Parking Lot

We will be hosting a Blood Drive once again. The blood bank is looking for a big turnout to boost their low levels. Call the church office to signup!



Christian Wear Fundraiser

Place your order by Wednesday, February 7

Trinity's high school youth is selling Christian inspired clothing to raise funds for their National Youth Gathering Trip to New Orleans in July! Multiple designs and colors to choose from. Adult and youth sizes are available. Call the church office for information on how to order.

2024 Offering Envelopes

Available to pickup in the Gathering Space!

If you are not able to pick up your offering envelopes please contact the church office at 605-498-2343 and we can mail it to you.



Trinity Lutheran Preschool registration now open!

3 & 4 year olds
Tuesday/Thursday
8:30 - 11:00 am

4 & 5 year olds (Pre-K)
Monday/Wednesday/Friday
8:30 - 11:30 am

Trinity Lutheran Preschool 2024-2025 registration is now available. We are a Christ-centered preschool with play based learning program. Our themed lessons and virtue focus will enrich the whole child by incorporating all learning styles and senses. Learning outcomes will enhance a child's spiritual, social-emotional, physical and intellectual development.

Call the church office for more information or to register.

Otten's Celebrating 50 years!

Curt and Darla Otten will be celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary on January 18th.

Greetings may be sent to:

Curt and Darla Otten

330 N Carla Ave, PO Box 186, Tea, SD 57064



Mission Endowment Fund to Update Bylaws

We are fortunate to have various avenues at Trinity for financial gifts to be directed toward ministry. One of those ways is through our Mission Endowment Fund. The interest earned from gifts to this fund goes toward ministry projects at Trinity as well as in the Tea area communities and beyond.

At the congregation's annual meeting to be held on January 28, 2024, updated bylaws for the Mission Endowment Fund will be presented for consideration. Thank you to Kathy McHenry from Lutheran Planned Generosity in South Dakota, members of the Mission Endowment Committee, and members of the church council for input in this revision process. If you would like to view the proposed bylaws, you can pick up a copy at the Welcome Desk in the Gathering space.

If you have questions, contact the church office by calling 605-498-2343.

Winter gear is available and accepting donations!

Items most in need:

- Adult coats (sizes XL, XXL, XXXL)
- Kids boots (all sizes)
- Kids coats and snow pants (all sizes)



Board of Outreach is collecting new and gently used cold weather gear in the east entrance of the church and is available to the public. We are currently collecting coats, jackets, snow pants, hats, gloves, and boots that will be made available to our neighbors in the community. Used items are accepted, but please launder before you drop them off. We accept new items as well. Simply drop off the items in the bin in the Gathering Space. If you have questions, contact the church office at 605-498-2343

January Food Pantry Donation: Cake Mix and Frosting

With the raising cost of food the Food Pantry has seen an increase in clients. Feel free to pick up an extra item or two when shopping to help those in need! In the month of January we will be collecting cake mix and frosting. Donations can be dropped off in the Gathering Space. If you have questions or would like to make a monetary donation, please contact the church office or call Ruth at 605-321-7325.

Trinity's Preschool is having SNOW much fun with arts and crafts during these cold winter days!



Snow, wind and cold didn't stop our volunteers! Tea Community Food Distribution served over 115 families.

