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TRINITY CONNECTION
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Dear Beloved of Trinity,

The season of Lent begins early this year and happens to fall on Valentine's Day, February 14. It continues for 40 days, excluding Sundays. The 40 days of Lent is based on Jesus' 40 days of fasting in the wilderness.

Lent began as a time of preparation for those who would be baptized on Easter Eve. Through the years, it became a time for all Christians to examine their lives, strengthen their faith and make an emphasis on confession of sins as we prepare for Easter. On Ash Wednesday, we will have the imposition of ashes symbolizing that our bodies will someday return to the dust of the earth. Bring your family to this service as we begin our walk through Lent together.

This week in scripture we continue in the first chapter of Mark as Jesus begins his public ministry. As last week, there is an exorcism and again the demons know who Jesus is but it is too soon for Jesus to reveal his true identity. That will come later. Our Sundays and Seasons lectionary book says this, "Everywhere he goes, he heals people and sets them free. Disease, devils and death are running for their lives. The forces that diminish human life are rendered powerless by Jesus."

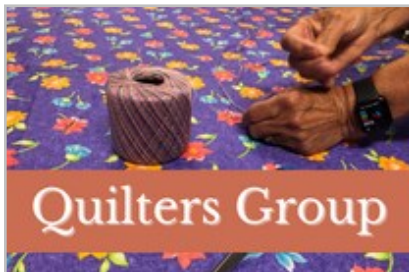
What a powerful God we serve through Christ Jesus. He is still working miracles in our lives today, doing battle with Satan and the forces of evil. And he is still winning at it! I know who I'm going to stick to in this life! What about you?

May you find peace in Jesus' presence,
Deacon Christie

Trinity Lutheran Blood Drive

Tuesday, 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!



Quilters Group

Wednesday, February 7
9:00 am
in the Fellowship Hall

Join us as we continue to work on putting together more quilts together. No sewing or quilting experience is necessary. All are welcome.

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.



Milestone Ministry

1st Grade Milestone—The Lord's Prayer

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!

Ash Wednesday & Lenten Schedule

Ash Wednesday Meal
Wednesday, February 14
5:15—6:15 pm

Ash Wednesday Worship
Wednesday, February 14
6:30 pm

Join us as we kick off our Lenten season with Ash Wednesday. A meal will be served prior to service, free will donation. All proceeds will go to the youth that will be attending the National Youth Gathering!

Lenten Meals
5:15—6:15 pm

Palm Sunday
Sunday, March 24 at 8:00 or 10:30 am

Holden Evening Services

Maunday Thursday

Wednesday Feb., 21 | Wednesday, Feb 28
Wednesday, March 6 | Wednesday, March 13
Wednesday, March 20

Thursday, March 28 at 6:30 pm
Good Friday
Friday, March 29 at 6:30 pm

Easter Worship Services

Sunday, March 31 at 7:30 am, 9:00 am and 10:30 am



WELCA Bible Study

Thursday, February 15
1:30 pm
in the Fellowship Hall

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

Tea Community Food Distribution

Thursday, February 15
5:00 - 6:00 pm
Trinity Lutheran Church

If you need help with food, or know someone who does, call the church office at 605-498-2343. Registration is required each month. Due to limited supply of food, we will only be accepting 140 registrations. Registration will then close and we will no longer take signups.



7th Annual Chili Bingo

Saturday, Feb. 17
4:00—6:00 pm
in the Fellowship Hall

Chili: \$1 | Hot dogs: \$1 | Bingo: \$0.50 per card/per game. Bring your friends and neighbors and join us for a fun evening with bingo and chili! All proceeds go towards the youth that attend summer camps and National Youth Gathering in New Orleans!



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.

2023 Annual Report

Available to pickup in the Gathering Space at the Welcome Desk!

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

Thrivent Choice Dollars

**Are you a Thrivent member? Ready to give back?
Do you know about Thrivent Choice Dollars?**

Through Thrivent Choice, with your membership can contribute to Trinity Lutheran Church through Choice Dollars. Contact your Thrivent representative for more information.

Winter gear is available and accepting donati

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

February Food Pantry Donation: Mushroom Soups

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 February we will be collecting cream of mushroom, cream of chicken and cream of celery soup. 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.

KFC Service Project Night: The kids did a tremendous job cleaning and organizing the kitchen cabinets, vacuuming, organizing candles from Christmas Eve, scrubbing tables, and mopping and scrubbing floors!

