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TRINITY CONNECTION

MARCH 22, 2024

Dear Beloved of Trinity,

I don't know about you, but Lent seemed to fly by. And Holy Week and Easter are fast approaching. I have always loved Holy Week. For a minister, it is probably the busiest time of the year, with the added services of Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and 3 services on Easter morning. There is a lot of worship planning involved with Palm Sunday and Holy Week, telling the story of Jesus' last week on earth.

Typically, in worship, this Sunday's scripture readings would be all about Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem or Palm Sunday as we usually call it. But over the years, it was realized that many parishioners did not attend Maundy Thursday service to hear the story of the last supper, Jesus' instruction to his disciples to serve others, Judas' betrayal of Jesus, the mock trial and Peter's denial. Nor did parishioners attend Good Friday service to hear the story of Jesus' trial, suffering and death. So they would leave on Palm Sunday hearing shouts of "Hosanna" then return the following Sunday hearing shouts of "He is rise!" without the huge story in between.

To help fill in the blanks, the church includes the passion story with the palm story. So this Sunday we will begin with a lively processional with palm branches singing, "All Glory, Laud and Honor". Then as the service continues, move into the story of betrayal and death. We end the service with our older Sunday School children signing "I Can Only Imagine". It is very moving.

Palm branches are an important symbol for this Sunday. In the first century, they would have waved palm branches for victorious warriors returning from war or kings or princes returning to their city. The donkey Jesus rode on symbolizes his role as servant king. Other kings rode in on horses.

There are many symbols displayed throughout the week; a kingly crown and a crown of thorns to symbolize Jesus' dual role as the King of Kings and the suffering King as well. Walk with us this week as we walk with Jesus. May your week be holy.

Blessings,
Deacon Christie

Church Calendar

Tuesday, March 26

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, March 27

8:30 am: Preschool (Pre-K)
No worship, KFC, Confirmation, High School Youth due to Holy Week

Thursday, March 28

8:30 am: Preschool (3 & 4 yr olds)
11:15 am: Meals on Wheels Delivery
5:30 pm: TOPS
6:30 pm: Maunday Thursday Worship

Friday, March 29

No preschool due to the holiday
6:30 pm: Good Friday Worship
7:15 pm: Bell Choir Practice

Sunday, March 31 – Easter Sunday

No Coffee and Cookies, Adult Bible Study and Sunday School due to the holiday
7:30 am: Easter Sunday Worship
9:00 am: Easter Sunday Worship
10:30 am: Easter Sunday Worship (online and in person)

Monday, April 1

Church office closed and no preschool due to the holiday

Tuesday, April 2

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

Upcoming Important Dates

April 8: Bible Crash Course #2
April 13: Trinity Auction and Meal
April 21: Busy Blessings

Attendance

Wednesday, March 13 Sunday, March 17

6:30 pm: 231 8:00 am: 79
10:30 am: 131

Church Finances

Week of March 17, 2024

Total Operating Cost: \$13,774

Actual Total Giving: \$ 9,525

Difference of: \$ 4,249

March Globe Offering \$ 439

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

Venmo: teatrinity

March Globe Offering

FOOD TO YOU, MOBILE FOOD PANTRY

Prayer Requests

- Bonnie Wolthuis ▪ Gordon Fritz
- Greg Myrmoe ▪ Ray Kelly
- Melva Hilmoe's brother & Sarah Hilmoe's uncle Fred Tidemann
- Gordon & Dorothy Fritz's son Carl
- Melva and Sara Hilmoe's friend, Corey Stephens
- Sara Hilmoe's friend, Randi Van Der Sloot
- Doug Mette sister and brother-in-law, Gene and June Neises
- Rex and Clem Boyd's sister-in-law, Dodie
- Joe Holman's brother, Andrew
- Carol Schroeder's sister, Roxie
- Laura Stewart & Kristi Heidinger's friend, Leisha Watkins
- Sympathy to the family and friends on the death of Sharon Nelson

Holy Week / Easter Sunday Services

Maunday Thursday

Thursday, March 28
6:30 pm

Good Friday

Friday, March 29
6:30 pm

Easter Worship Services

Sunday, March 31
7:30 am, 9:00 am and 10:30 am
(live streamed at 10:30 am)

2024 Easter Flowers

Help us decorate the sanctuary for Easter! Order a 4 inch spring bulb flower plant and we will use them to decorate the sanctuary for Easter worship. Plants have been purchased already so there are limited quantities available, first come first serve! We also invite you to bring in your own in Easter lily plants to help decorate the church. Pickup your order form in the Gathering Space and payments can be dropped off at the office.

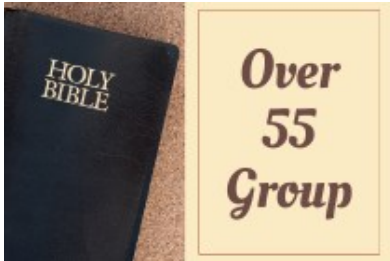


Over 55 Group

Tuesday, March 26

9:30 am Blood Pressure Screening
10:00 am Meeting, Speaker & Lunch
in the Fellowship Hall

Join us as for a short meeting, devotion, guest speaker Kevin Nissen from the City of Tea and a potluck lunch to follow. All are welcome!



Trinity Preschool Bake Sale



Easter Sunday,
Sunday, March 31
8:00—11:45 am

Free Will Donation

Help support Trinity Lutheran Preschool and bake (or purchase) goodies to be sold at our *free will donation bake sale!* All proceeds go towards the preschool to purchase supplies and activities for the students. Please drop off your donations at the church on:

Friday, March 29 from 8:30 am - 7:30 pm OR Saturday, March 30 from 9:00 am - 2:00 pm

Contact the church office to sign up or for more information. .

Quilters Group

Wednesday, April 3
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.



Milestone Ministry

2nd Grade Milestone-The 10 Commandments

Sunday, April 7, 9:15 am—Lesson #1

Sunday, April 14, 9:15 am - Lesson #2

Celebration: Sunday, April 21

at 8:00 or 10:30 am or

Wednesday, April 24 at 6:30 pm

Join Deacon Christie and learn about the 10 commandments and what they mean. The 10 commandments were given to us to teach us about our relationship with God and live in community with others.

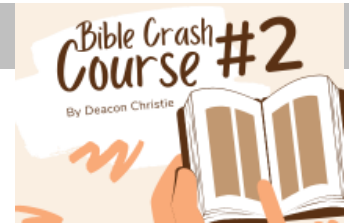
Bible Crash Course #2

Monday Evenings

April 8 | April 15 | April 22

7:00 - 8:15 pm

in the Fellowship Hall



If you've ever wondered if the Bible is true, this course is for you. If you've ever wondered how the Bible came to be, this course is for you. If you've ever wondered how they chose which books, this course is for you. Mark these three Mondays, April 8, 15 and 22 on your calendar. Call the church office to signup. If you have questions, contact Deacon Christie by calling 605-498-2343.

Trinity Lutheran Church
Auction &
Fundraiser!



Auction and Fundraiser

Saturday, April 13

5:30 pm Meal | 6:30 pm Auction

in the Fellowship Hall

The Church Council is excited to host this annual event. Proceeds will benefit (broken down by %): Partner Ministries 10%, Improvement Fund 45% and General Fund 45%. Free will donation meal. Evening Festivities Include: Dessert Dash & Ticket Raffle Drawing. If you are interested in donating Baked Goods, contact the church office.

Confirmation Camps

Lutherans Outdoors - NeSoDak

August 4 - 9

****Register before April 15 and get an early bird discount****

Attention confirmation students parents, have you sign up to attend bible camp yet? It is a great faith building experience. Register before April 15th and you get an early bird discount! All students attending are eligible for a \$100 scholarship from Trinity's Youth and Family Board. Contact the church office or Zach Gors with questions or for more information,

Trinity Lutheran Church Directory

*** Mobile Version Now Available ***

*** Printed Version Arriving Soon***

Trinity Lutheran Church Directory is finally here! We are happy to announce that the mobile version is now available and the printed version will be arriving soon! We appreciate your patience with the delay in releasing it. We are now excited to have this available to you!

For more information about the mobile version please contact the church office at 605--498-2343



Trinity Lutheran Preschool registration available

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

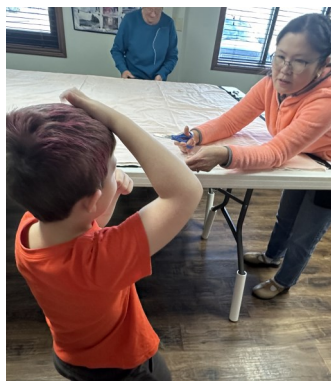
Trinity Lutheran Preschool 2024-2025 registration is available. We are a Christ-centered preschool with play based learning program. Our themed lessons and virtue focus will enrich the whole child by incorporating all learning styles and senses. Learning outcomes will enhance a child's spiritual, social-emotional,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

March Food Pantry Donation: Pork and Beans

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 March we will be collecting pork and beans. 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.

Q is for Quilting....

The preschool youth enjoyed learning about quilting from our quilters group!



**Busy Blessings was so much fun!
These birth to 3 year olds meet every month for this new monthly ministry!**

