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## TRINITY CONNECTION

SEPTEMBER 22, 2023

Dear friends in Christ,

Sometimes simple and direct statements are the words that stick. Many years ago, when I was a young pastor, a retired farmer approached me to tell me about a sermon he had heard when attending a worship service while visiting a family member. The preacher said they all were important in God's eyes and that God uses all of us. That was his simple summary of what I'm assuming was a much longer and much more complex sermon. But those were the words that Floyd needed to hear.

He was somewhere north of 80-years-old and had farmed his entire life. Turning the management of the farm over to his son twenty-five years earlier, one of his grown grandsons had recently entered the operation. But like many farmers, even after moving into town, he still helped out where he could. When he spoke to me, I think he had just realized that he probably had reached the point where he wouldn't be driving machinery anymore. He said he'd been feeling useless, so the minister's words that he mattered were helpful.

Sometimes the seemingly simple words and acts carry the greatest weight. This Sunday we'll hear Jesus' parable of the laborers in the vineyard where the manager oddly keeps returning to the marketplace to hire more laborers throughout the day. Some workers are hired at sunrise and some at nearly the end of the workday. Even the people who had been passed over by all the other managers all day become important and are chosen.

Predictably, at the end of the parable when everyone is paid for a full day's labor, there is grumbling about fairness, but the manager simply says he's going to be generous with everybody. That's just the way it is. Everyone matters. Old and young, strong and weak, everyone has a place and purpose in the God's vineyard. That was good news to Floyd, and it is good news to us.

Peace and best wishes,  
Pastor Tom Opoien

## Church Calendar

### Tuesday, September 26

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

### Wednesday, September 27

8:30 am: Preschool (Pre-K)  
5:45 pm: Band Rehearsal  
6:30 pm: Worship  
7:15 pm: Bell Choir Practice, Wednesday Men's Group, KFC-5th Grade; Confirmation Parent Meeting, High School Youth

### Thursday, September 28

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

### Friday, September 29

8:30 am: Preschool (Pre-K)  
12:00 pm: Friday Sack Lunch Bible Study

### Sunday, October 1

Church Directory Photo Sessions  
8:00 am: Worship, 3rd Grade Milestone Celebration, Welcoming of New Members  
9:15 am: Coffee and Cookies; Sunday School; 4th Grade Milestone; Adult Bible Study  
10:30 am: Worship (online and in person), 3rd Grade Milestone Celebration, Welcoming of New Members

### Monday, October 2

Church Directory Photo Sessions  
8:30 am: Preschool (Pre-K)  
7:00 pm: Fall Women's Bible Study

### Tuesday, October 3

Church Directory Photo Sessions  
6:30 am: Men's Breakfast  
8:30 am: Preschool (3 & 4 yr olds)  
6:30 pm: Executive Committee Meeting

### Upcoming Important Dates

Oct. 1 - 6: Church Directory Photo Sessions  
Oct. 4: Welcoming New Members  
Oct. 9: Church office is closed due to holiday

## Attendance

### Sunday, September 17

8:00 am: 82 10:30 am: 185

## Church Finances

### Week of September 17, 2023

Total Operating Cost: \$13,205  
**Actual Total Giving: \$ 10,604**  
**Difference of: - \$ 2,601**  
**Outstanding Expenses: \$35,674**

### September Globe Offering \$ 280

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

**Online Giving:** [www.teatrinity.org/donate](http://www.teatrinity.org/donate)

**Text Giving:** (605) 777-7223

**Envelopes:** In-person or Mail to the church

## September Globe Offering

## REACH LITERACY

## Prayer Requests

- Sonia Ensz    ▪ Ken Kahl    ▪
- Greg Myrmoe    ▪ Ray Kelly
- Melva Hilmoe's brother & Sarah Hilmoe's uncle Fred Tidemann
- Michael Schmidt's uncle Larry Schmidt
- Jami Atkin's dad Kevin Roth
- Gordon & Dorothy Fritz's son Carl
- Delores Wells' brother-in-law, Jerry Boellaard
- Amy Kuhnert's family member, Jeremy Josephsont
- Larry Panning & Jo Garner's siste
- Melva Hilmoe's friend, Fred Carpenter
- Doug Mette sister and brother-in-law, Gene and June Neises
- Dawn Arp's mother, Darlene Sheeler r-in-law, Pam Panning and niece, Alyssa



## Trinity Church Directory

**Photo Session Dates:**  
**October 1 - 6**  
**October 10 - 14**  
**Specific times are available at signup.**

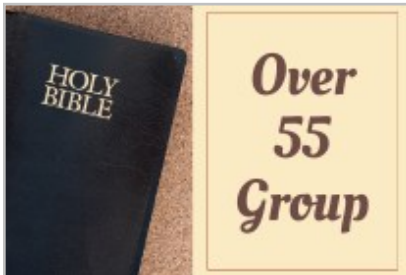
Trinity Lutheran Church Directory is coming soon! But first we need your photo, our photographer will be available for a variety of dates and times, pick a time that works best for your family! The directory won't be complete without YOU!

**Signup is now available, call the church office for times and signup information.** You can also signup after worship, look for the "Directory Photo Signup" table in the Gathering Space.

You will have the option to view and order your photos directly from the photographers website with no high pressure sales onsite. Plus, digital downloads will be available for purchase!

Printed church directory will be available to purchase or download the free photo directory app! This will allow you to have all your church friends contact info right at your finger tips either in print or on your phone for ease of access.

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



## Over 55 Group

**Tuesday, September 26**  
**9:30 pm Blood Pressure Screening**  
**10:00 pm Meeting, Presentation and Lunch**  
**in the Fellowship Hall**

Join us as we host St. Nicholas as our guests for a time of fellowship, a short meeting and a special presentation by AARP on Fraud. Lunch to follow, please bring a salad and dessert. Sandwiches will be provided. All are welcome!

## Wednesday Worship

**Wednesdays**  
**Starting September 27 at 6:30 pm**  
**in the Sanctuary**

Join us as we begin our Wednesday worship services! Following worship KFC, Confirmation and High School Youth will meet. We are looking forward to worshipping with you!

## Weekly Wednesday Men's Group

**Wednesdays**  
**September 27 - November 1**  
**7:15 - 8:15 pm**  
**in the Connection Room**

All men are invited to a new men's group which will meet for six Wednesdays. Duane Gors will lead a study based on Martin Luther's Small Catechism. If you would like to get to know some new people, learn about the way Lutherans understand Christianity, and be a support for other men, please feel free to drop into this group. Call the church office to signup or show up as a walk-on.

## Milestone Ministry

**3rd Grade Milestone**  
**Celebration:**

**Sunday, Oct. 1 at 8:00 am or 10:30 am or Wednesday, Oct. 4 at 6:30 pm**

It's Bible Time! Join Deacon Christie and learn about what the Bible is all about.  
Receive a Bible and decorate a Bible cover.

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**4th Grade Milestone - God and Money**  
**Lesson #1: Sunday, Oct. 1 | Lesson #2: Sunday, Oct. 8**  
**9:15 - 10:15 am**  
**in the Fellowship Hall**

**Celebration:**

**Sunday, Oct. 15 at 8:00 am or 10:30 am or Wednesday, Oct. 18 at 6:30 pm worship**

Join Deacon Christie and learn about God and Money. It's not about making more money but doing more for the family, the church and the community.

## Fresh Evergreen Christmas Decor now available!

Our Trinity youth will be selling fresh evergreen Christmas wreaths, crosses, door swags and other evergreen choices this fall.

All proceeds will help fund their confirmation, youth camp for the summer of 2024 and the high school students attending the 2024 National Youth Gathering in New Orleans, LA.

Contact your favorite youth directly or fill out a paper form on the welcome desk.

**Orders are due on October 11 and will be delivered to the church for you to pick up approximately mid November.**

Any questions, please contact Laura Stewart at 605-310-7896 or at lenandlaura@iw.net or the church office at 650-498-2343 or info@teatrinity.org.

## **WANTED: Cooking/Baking Class Leader**

Do you have a old family recipe and have the art of making Krumkake, Gingerbread, Rosettes, Kolaches or Lefsa? Or are you talented in decorating Christmas cutout cookies? The Youth & Family Board is looking for that special someone with the talent that would be willing to show a small group during a holiday cooking/baking class.

If this person is you, please contact Deacon Christie, any member of the Youth & Family Board (Laura Stewart, Deonne Portner, Deb Svanda or Kristi McKinney) or email the church office at [info@teatrinity.org](mailto:info@teatrinity.org) or call 605-498-2343.

## **Table Donations Needed**

**8 foot white table– ONE MORE!**

Trinity's is growing and so are our needs! We are in need of one more long table. Estimated cost is \$90. If interested in purchasing a table, contact the church office by calling 605-498-2343.

## **2023—2024 Kids For Christ (KFC) Registration**

**Wednesday evenings**

**7:15—8:15 pm**

**following 6:30 pm worship**

2023-2024 KFC Registration is open! KFC (Kids for Christ) Youth Group meets on Wednesday evenings during the school year - alternating 5th grade one week and 6th grade the next week. These early middle school years can be challenging for kids to navigate. KFC offers an opportunity for them to come together to learn how to grow their relationship with God, learn how to grow their relationships with each other, and we have some fun along the way. We also provide various music, service projects, and volunteer opportunities throughout the year.

Call the church office to register or learn more at 605-498-2343!

## **2023—2024 Confirmation Registration**

**Wednesday evenings**

**7:15—8:15 pm**

**following 6:30 pm worship**

2023-2024 Confirmation Registration is open! Confirmation meets on Wednesday evenings during the school year and is for 7th and 8th graders!

Call the church office to register or learn more at 605-498-2343!

## September Food Pantry Donation: Cereal

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 September we will be collecting cereals. 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.

**Thank you to all who attended the Filipino Cooking class, it was a fun evening!**

Special thanks to Lerma Ballman for teaching. Watch your newsletter for more opportunities like this from the Youth and Family Board!

