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## TRINITY CONNECTION

APRIL 19, 2024

Dear friends in Christ,

Many years ago, I read a pastor's newsletter article about gratitude that I have never forgotten. If I remember the article correctly, the pastor was working in a large congregation in the Twin Cities that had a maintenance person on staff who had an interesting response to the common greeting, "How are you today?" Instead of responding with the customary "fine, pretty good, or fair to partly cloudy," the coworker had a one word reply every time.

"How are you?"

"Grateful."

What a meaningful and wonderful response!

If a person were to list spiritual qualities that can fundamentally change a person's day to day life, cultivating a personal habit of gratitude would be near the top. So often we take things for granted. About ten years ago, I had major back surgery that included a six-day hospital stay. I vividly remember day two when the physical therapist helped me sit up on the side of the bed and started to coach me through the ten steps to the bathroom. Sitting on the edge of that bed those ten steps ahead of me looked like ten miles. Of course, it didn't take me long to start taking standing up and walking for granted, but occasionally, I pause before that first step of the day and say a simple but heartfelt prayer. "Thank you!"

Recently a member of the Board of Stewardship saw a thank you card that had the simple phrase, "Beyond Grateful" printed on the front. That card started a conversation with the Board members to invite the congregation to spend the next several months cultivating the spiritual practice of gratitude. A few suggestions. Each morning say a simple prayer of gratitude for the new day. Write a note to a family member or friend to let them know how much you appreciate them. If you have young children in your home, speak aloud your gratitude for the beautiful day or the light bulb that comes on when you flick the switch so your children can learn about gratitude. Personally, I've made a goal to write ten greeting cards a week for the next couple of months to let people know that I am beyond grateful for them.

How are you? I'm grateful. Specifically, want you to know that I'm so grateful for the wonderful people of Trinity Lutheran Church in Tea, South Dakota.

Peace and best wishes,  
Pastor Tom Opoien



## Church Calendar

### Tuesday, April 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, April 24

8:30 am: Preschool (Pre-K)  
5:45 pm: Band Rehearsal  
6:30 pm: Worship, 2nd & 7th Grade Milestone Celebration  
7:15 pm: KFC - 5th & 6th Grade, Confirmation, High School Youth,

### Thursday, April 25

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

### Friday, April 26

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

### Sunday, April 28

8:00 am: Worship  
9:15 am: Coffee and Cookies, Adult Bible Study, Sunday School  
10:30 am: Worship (online and in person),

### Monday, April 29

8:30 am: Preschool (Pre-K)

### Tuesday, April 30

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

### Upcoming Important Dates

May 12: 12th Grade Milestone Celebration & Reception

May 19: Trinity Spring Planter Class

## Attendance

**Wednesday, April 10**      **Sunday, April 14**

6:30 pm: 72                      8:00 am: 78  
10:30 am: 178

## Church Finances

### Week of April 14, 2024

Total Operating Cost:      \$13,774  
**Actual Total Giving:      \$ 14,824**  
**Difference of:              \$ 1,050**  
**April Globe Offering      \$ 492**

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](http://www.teatrinity.org/donate)

**Venmo:** teatrinity

## April Globe Offering

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## Prayer Requests

- Amy Martens   ▪ 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 Slaat
- Doug Mette sister and brother-in-law, Gene and June Neises
- Rex and Clem Boyd's sister-in-law, Dodie
- Carol Schroeder's sister, Roxie
- Laura Stewart & Kristi Heidinger's friend, Leisha Watkins
- Judy Reshetar's brother and sister-in-law, Mike & Deb Schuster

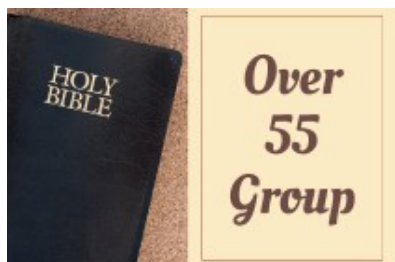
## Milestone Ministry

**2nd Grade Milestone-The 10 Commandments  
and  
7th Milestone-Honoring My Body  
Celebration: Wednesday, April 24 at 6:30 pm**

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**12th Grade Milestone-Graduation—Moving On  
Celebration:  
Sunday, May 12 at 8:00 or 10:30 am  
Reception: 9:15 am in the Fellowship Hall**

Join us as we celebrate our seniors in a time of fellowship and recognition during worship.



### Over 55 Group

**Tuesday, April 23  
9:30 am Blood Pressure Screening  
10:00 am Meeting, Presentation & Lunch  
in the Fellowship Hall**

Join us as for a short meeting, devotion, a special presentation about Vietnam by Pete and Laura Atkins and a potluck lunch to follow. All are welcome! !



### Quilters Group

**Wednesday, May 1  
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.

## Fundraiser for the National Youth Gathering: Date Night Daycare

**Friday, April 26  
6:00 - 10:00 pm  
Trinity Lutheran Church  
Cost: Suggested donation \$15 per child  
Registration deadline: Wednesday, April 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 sign up.

## 2024 Mother's Day Gift Card Fundraiser

A gift card to Central Dakota Perk is the perfect Mother's Day or Teacher Appreciation Gift! Trinity High School Youth will be selling \$20 Central Dakota Perk Gift Cards for Mother's Day or Teacher Appreciation! This is a great idea for any mom, wife, sister, grandma or any special person in your life! Also this would make a great Teacher Appreciation gift!

Gift cards can be used to purchase coffee or any food item at the Tea or Harrisburg location or the Food Truck. The youth will receive 20% of the sales.

The youth will be selling the gift cards in the Gathering Space between services on Sunday mornings and on Wednesday evenings. Orders can be placed in person in the Gathering Space.

### Dates available to purchase:

Sunday, April 28 | Wednesday, May 1 | Sunday, May 5 | Wednesday, May 8 | Sunday, May 12

### Orders and payment due:

Payments is due at the time of purchase or by Friday, May 10.

**Gift card amount available:** \$20

**Make check payable to:** Central Dakota Perk

**Mail check to:** Trinity Lutheran Church %Central Dakota Perk, PO Box 37, Tea SD 57064  
(put in the memo: "Trinity Mother's Day")

## Tea Area Community Garden Meeting

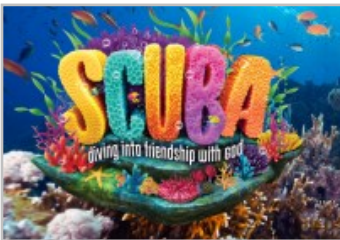
**Thursday, May 9**

**6:30 pm**

**in the Gathering Space**

**Cost: \$10 per plot**

Spring is almost here, so it's time to start thinking about gardening. Please join us for our yearly meeting! For those of you new to the garden, the meeting is used to go over the guidelines and assign plot locations. There are 84 6' x 6' foot plots divided by 3' paths. There will be a wider main path running east to west. Each individual gardener's plots will be contiguous so you may plant in the paths between your plots. The maximum number of plots per gardener is 6 or 8 (depending upon the total number of plots needed to assure each gardener gets a garden). Payment of the plot is due the evening of the meeting. Call the church office to signup for a plot!



## VBS registration now open!

**Trinity Vacation Bible School**

**June 3 - 6, 2024**

**5:15 pm (optional meal)**

**6:00 - 8:00 pm**

We can't wait for you to join us for a fun filled 4 days as kids explore what it means to have a friendship with God! Kids participate in memorable Bible-learning activities, sing catchy songs, play teamwork-building games, experience one-of-a-kind Bible adventures, and test out science-fun experiments that get imagination bubbling. Each day concludes with a Fin-tastic Finale that gets everyone involved in living what they've learned.

Are you interested in volunteering but no longer have children attending? Are you a high school student looking for a fun week with kids or want to log service hours? We would love to have you help out! Contact the church office to register or to volunteer!

## Confirmation Camp

Lutherans Outdoors - NeSoDak

August 4 - 9, 2024

Attention confirmation students parents, have you sign up to attend bible camp yet? It is a great faith building experience. 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 is hiring: Wednesday Night Coordinator (part-time)

Trinity Lutheran Church in Tea, SD is hiring a Wednesday Night Coordinator. The successful applicant will oversee the programming of our Wednesday night youth groups which includes working with the current ministry staff, volunteer leaders and youth from grades 5th-12th. The position is part-time at approximately ten hours per week with a start date of June 23, 2024.

Contact the church office for the full job description.

**Please send resume to:**

Trinity Lutheran Church, c/o Deacon Christie Meier, PO Box 37, Tea SD 57064  
or email it to [christie@teatrinity.org](mailto:christie@teatrinity.org)

## 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.



## A special thank you from our Church Council!

Last Saturday night's annual Trinity Auction and Fundraiser was a great success! The laughter, fun, and fellowship of the night culminated in raising over \$11,000. The money will go towards our ministry partners, improvement fund and general fund. We are truly blessed to have a congregation so willing to give of their time and talents. A sincere Thank You from the Church Council to all of those that contributed to this event. Lastly, a special Thank You to our auctioneer Pete Atkins and Kelly Wilken for smoking all of the meat!

## April Food Pantry Donation: Pizza Sauce and Crust

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 April we will be collecting pizza sauce and crust. 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 everyone who attended or donated to our annual auction and fundraiser!



The WELCA ladies enjoyed a wonderful bible study with Deacon Christie this week. WELCA meets the 3rd Thursday of the month, all are welcome!

