



TRINITY CONNECTION

SEPTEMBER 2, 2022

Christ, the blessed One, gives to all wonderful words of life; Sinner, list to the loving call, wonderful words of life; All so freely given, wooing us to heaven. -- from the old hymn, Wonderful Words of Life

Dear friends of Christ,

My mother-in-law was raised in a devout Baptist home, and even though she became a Lutheran when she married, the songs of her Baptist childhood stayed with her. After I had been a pastor for several years, I described to Marcella the “new” old hymn that I had learned entitled, “Wonderful Words of Life.” She laughed because she had been humming that song since she was four years old. I was especially struck by the beautiful image of God “wooing us to heaven” through the words of scripture. As an adult, I became childlike learning something that my more seasoned family member had treasured for decades.

God still woos and surprises us through the wonderful words of the Bible and through conversation with others about these words. Admittedly, most of us adults don’t know the scriptures as well as we would like. We’d like to help you out with that problem here at Trinity. One of the repeated requests that came out of our Faith Forward 2027 survey last the spring was a desire for more opportunities for adults to study scripture together.

We’re converting a room next to the Gathering Space into an adult Bible study room that has been renamed the “Connection Room.” One of the new Bible studies that will be hosted out of this space is a weekly “Friday Sack Lunch Bible Study.” Beginning on September 16 we will gather from 12:00 until 12:45 both in person and via Zoom for those who would like to join digitally from home or work during their lunch break. We will be using a very engaging short video series called the Bibleproject. Our first lesson will be “The Tree of Life” from Genesis. Each Friday we will watch the video together and have a discussion and Bible study on the theme for the day. If you’ve been studying the Bible for years or have never open the Bible yourself, you’ll find this study helpful. If you can’t make it every week, that is fine. Drop in when you can. I could use your help, too. This is a new way of teaching for me, so I invite a few brave souls to try this online as we learn together. To register, signup can be found on the Welcome Desk or contact the church office.

On Sunday mornings at 9:15 am, beginning on September 18, adults will be invited to gather in the Connection Room for three-week and four-week classes on the Biblical letters 1 Corinthians and Ephesians, which will include large group presentations about my sabbatical visits to Corinth and Ephesus. Keep an eye on the weekly updates for new classes. Studying these wonderful words together also allows us to meet new people and feel more connected to our church. You are invited!

Peace and best wishes,
Pastor Tom Opoien

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Church Calendar

Office Hours

8:30 am - 4:30 pm Monday - Friday

Tuesday, Sept. 6

6:30 am: Men's Breakfast

8:30 am: Preschool (3 & 4 year olds)

7:45 pm: Church Executive Board Meeting

Wednesday, Sept. 7

8:30 am: Preschool (Pre-K)

9:00 am: Quilting Group

6:00 pm: KFC Parent Meeting

7:00 pm: Sunday School Volunteer Meeting

Thursday, Sept. 8

8:30 am: Preschool (3 & 4 year olds)

11:15 am: Meals on Meals Delivery

5:30 pm: TOPS

Friday, Sept. 9

8:30 am: Preschool (Pre-K)

Sunday, Sept. 11

Celebration Sunday

8:00 am: Worship

9:15 am: Coffee and Cookies; Sunday School

10:30 am: Worship (online and in person)

11:30 am: Food Trucks/Snow-cones

Monday, Sept 12

8:30 am: Preschool (Pre-K)

7:00 pm: Women's Fall Bible Study

Tuesday, Sept. 13

6:30 am: Men's Breakfast

8:30 am: Preschool (3 & 4 year olds)

6:30 pm: Church Board Meetings

7:30 pm: Church Council Meeting

Upcoming Important Dates

Sept. 14: KFC Orientation

Sept. 18: Sunday Morning Adult Bible Study

Sept. 28: Confirmation begins

Attendance

Sunday, August 28

9:00 am: 169

Church Finances

Week of August 28, 2022

Total Operating Cost: \$11,735

Actual Total Giving: \$10,885

Difference of: \$ 850

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 Tommy Pollema at 321-3057.

Ways to Give

Online Giving: www.teatrinity.org/give

Text Giving: (605) 777-7223

Envelopes: In-person or
Mail to the church

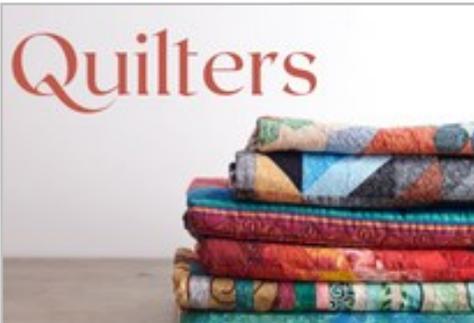
September Globe Offering



FEEDING*
SOUTH DAKOTA
BACKPACK PROGRAM

Prayer Requests

- Greg Myrmoe
- Ray Kelly
- Steve Jelen's dad Gene
- Melva Hilmoe's brother and Sarah Hilmoe's uncle Fred Tidemann
- Michael Schmidt's uncle Larry Schmidt
- Jami Atkin's dad Kevin Roth
- Gordon & Dorothy Fritz's son Carl Fritz
- Deacon Christie's mom, Maxine Thoreson
- Delmer Otten's mom, Delores Otten
- Janice Gilbert's dad, Dale Hargens
- Delores Wells' brother & brother-in-law, Roy Wells and Jerry Boellaard
- Sare Brech's dad, Dale Kremer
- Sympathy to Calvin Schriever with the death of his step-grandson, Sean Fitzgerald



Quilters Group

Wednesday, Sept 7

9:00 am

In the Fellowship Hall

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

KFC Parent Meeting

Wednesday, Sept 7

6:00 pm

In the Fellowship Hall

We invite all parents of KFC (Kids for Christ), 5th & 6th graders to join us for a parent meeting. Not registered yet? No problem, contact the church office to register, 605-498-2343.

Celebration Sunday

Sunday, Sept. 11

8:00 am Worship

9:15 am Coffee/Cookies

9:15-10:15 am Sunday School

10:30 am Worship

11:30 am Food Trucks/Snow-cones



Join us as we kick off our fall schedule by returning to two worship services, Sunday School begins and we will have food trucks available with food available to purchase and snow-cones fundraiser for the HS Youth Mission Trip in the summer of 2023!

Milestone Ministry

I love this time of year when Milestones begin. Milestones are a way for parents and caring adults to keep the promises made at Baptism. Milestones are “steps along the way” on a lifelong journey of faith. God’s promises are always kept, and grace is a gift we receive through Baptism regardless of what we do. Milestones help parents and children live into this gift and use it everyday. Trinity offers

Milestones for 4 year olds through 12th grade. Deacon Christie teaches the Milestone lessons, meeting in the Fellowship Hall. Watch for a flyer in the mail when it is your child’s time for Milestone.

4 year old Milestone

Sunday, Sept. 11 | 8:00 am or 10:30 am Worship

Join us at either service and we will be handing out story bibles.

3rd Grade Milestone

Sunday, Sept. 18, 9:15 am - Lesson #1

Sunday, Sept. 25, 9:15 am - Lesson #2

Sunday, Oct. 2 - Celebration (8:00 am or 10:30 am)

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

Receive a Bible and decorate a Bible cover.



Friday Sack Lunch Bible Study

September 16 - December 16

Fridays 12:00 - 12:45 pm

In the Connection Room

Join us engage in a short video series called the Bibleproject. We will watch video together, have a discussion and a Bible study on the theme for the day. If you've been studying the Bible for years

or have never open the Bible yourself, you'll find this study helpful. You can join us in person and via Zoom for those who would like to join digitally from home or work during your lunch break. If you can't make it every week, drop in when you can. A signup sheet is available at the Welcome Desk or call the church office, 605-498-2343.

Sunday Mornings Adult Bible Study

Sundays 9:15 - 10:15 am

Starting Sept. 18

In the Connection Room

On Sunday mornings, you are invited to a three-week and a four-week class on the Biblical letters 1 Corinthians and Ephesians. This will include large group presentations about Pastor Tom's sabbatical visits to Corinth and Ephesus. This is conveniently held during the Sunday School hour and a great opportunity to meet new people!

Sunday School Donations Needed

Our Sunday School is growing! We are in need more supplies as we now have 8 Sunday School classes! Some of the items in need are: TVs (qty 3); items listed on Amazon wishlist, monetary donation and volunteers! If you are interested in helping in any of these areas please contact the church for more information.



Sunday School, Kids For Christ (KFC) and Confirmation registration is available!

Sunday School will begin on Celebration Sunday, Sept. 11. Join us every Sunday, 9:15 - 10:15 am. Grades Pre-K through 4th grade. We are also in need of volunteers! We are also looking for junior teachers, an exciting opportunity for 7th-12th graders.

Join Kids for Christ (KFC) youth group for 5th and 6th graders. KFC will be starting in September.

This group meets on Wednesday evenings at 7:15 pm during the school year.

Confirmation will be starting soon for 7th and 8th graders. This group meets on Wednesday evenings at 7:15pm during the school year.

Contact the church office to register, 605-498-2343.

Sunday School Snack Signup

Our Sunday School will be offering snacks to the kids the first Sunday of every month! We are looking for volunteers to donate homemade or store bought snacks are welcome. Once signed up, Molly Gors, our Sunday School Coordinator, will be contacting you with more details. Please note we do have an allergy list that must be followed. Signup located at the Welcome Desk.



Lutheran World Relief school kits now available!

July 10—Sept. 30

Back to school sales are starting and our Lutheran World Relief school kits are now available in the Gathering Space to pick up! Each empty bag has a supply list attached. Feel free to pick up a bag and purchase the supplies and return to the Gathering Space by the end of September.

Contact the church office with any questions.

Produce stand is available in the Gathering Space!

Do you have too many zucchini, cucumbers, onions, etc? You may drop off any extra garden produce to share with others at our produce stand. Don't have a garden but love fresh picked produce? Take a couple home and enjoy fresh produce without any of the work! The produce stand will be available through the fall for all fruits and vegetables to be shared!

A special thanks to the Faith in Action committee for making this possible with the partnership of the Community Gardeners!

September Food Pantry Donation: Spaghetti Noodles

Due to the raising cost of food the Food Pantry has seen an increase in clients in the past few months. We will begin featuring a monthly collection item. Feel free to pick up an extra box when out shopping to help those in need!

In the month of September we will be collecting Spaghetti Noodles. 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.

Council Spotlight: Board of Youth and Family



Last week, we were able to hear more about the Board of Youth & Family.

This board is lead by our board chair, Laura Stewart. They are very involved in our Camps, fundraising, Faith Milestones, youth groups, and so much more. If you are interested in learning more, reach out to Laura or Deacon Christie. Thank you for all you do, Board of Youth & Family!

Trinity Lutheran Preschool kicked off this week!

