



Weekly Update

October 15 2021

Trinity Lutheran Church

Tea, SD

*5 Trust in the Lord with all your heart,
and do not rely on your own insight.*

*6 In all your ways acknowledge him,
and he will make straight your paths. Proverbs 3:5-6*

Dear friends in Christ,

About twenty-five seventh graders and five adult small group leaders filled the Gathering Space on Wednesday evening. As I led the confirmation class on the beginning of the ten commandments, the students were attentive, quick to volunteer to read scripture, and willing to answer questions. It was a delightful class as we thought about God's intentions for the world and the place of human beings in that world. I told them that they were important and that the Spirit shapes our lives no matter how old or young we are.

These same young people who a couple of years ago were sitting on the floor during the children's sermons are now entering a new stage of discerning what God is up to in their lives and in the world. That process is continuous for all of us.

The teacher and pastor, Howard Thurman, once interrupted a friend who was talking about what needed to be done in the world. Thurman famously responded, "Don't ask yourself what the world needs. Ask yourself what makes you come alive, and go do that, because what the world needs is people who have come alive."

We have been brought to life through Christ so that we can love God and neighbor. The discernment never ends, and that's ok.

Peace and best wishes,

Pastor Tom

Attendance: Wednesday (10/6) 6:30pm—120; Sunday (10/10) 8am—53 & 10:30am—148

CHURCH FINANCES

Week of October 10

\$10,625

Total Operating Expenses

\$11,428

Actual Total Giving

\$ 803

This one number 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: <https://teatrinity.breezechms.com/give/online>
Text Giving: (605) 777-7223 Envelopes: In-person or mail to the church

Our October Globe offering goes to Lutheran Campus Ministries Program Support

CHURCH CALENDAR

Sunday—In-Person Worship 8am & 10:30am; 8am & 10:30am New Member Recognition; 10:30am Online worship; 9:15am Adult Bible Study, 4th Grade Milestone & Sunday School; 4pm 9th Grade Retreat; 7pm Men's Chorus Practice

Monday—8:30am Preschool; 7 pm Prayer & Listening Bible Study

Tuesday—6:30am Men's Breakfast; 7pm BeFriends Meeting

Wednesday—8:30am Preschool; 5:45pm Band Rehearsal; 6:30pm Worship & Bell Chorus Rehearsal, 7:15pm KFC-5th & 6th Grade (field trip), Confirmation, High School Youth

Thursday—1:30pm WELCA Bible Study; 4pm Community Food Distribution; 5:30pm TOPS

Friday—8:30am Preschool

Sunday— In-Person Worship 8am & 10:30am; 8am & 10:30am 4th Grade Milestone Celebration; 9:30am Semi-Annual Meeting; 10:30am Online worship & 2nd, 3rd & 4th Grades Sing; 9:15am Adult Bible Study & Sunday School



2021 FRESH EVERGREEN CHRISTMAS DECOR

Our Trinity youth will be selling fresh evergreen Christmas wreaths, crosses, door swags and other evergreen choices this fall. Orders are due on Oct. 20 and will be delivered to the church for you to pick up approximately **mid November**.

Contact your favorite youth directly to place your order or pickup an order form at the Welcome Center. Any questions, please contact Laura Stewart at 605-310-7896 or at lenandlaura@iw.net or the church office.



Winter Gear Donations Needed

The Board of Outreach is collecting new and gently used cold weather gear that is kept at the church and made available to the public. Trinity is currently collecting coats, jackets, snowpants, 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 marked basket in The Gathering Space at church.



TURKEY DINNER

Saturday, November 6 from 4:00—7:00 pm

Adults: \$12 | Children (6-14): \$5 | Under 5: FREE

Dine in | Carry out

Trinity Lutheran Church turkey dinner is back this year! Signup is available in the Gathering Space & online (coming soon).

Watch your email for more information!

SEMI ANNUAL MEETING

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Sunday, October 24 at 9:30am

Join us for our semiannual meeting in person or online. A zoom link will be sent out a couple of days before the meeting.



TRUNK OR TREAT

Come check out the Trinity Preschool trunk at the Trunk or Treat at St. Nicholas Church on Saturday, Oct. 23 at 5:30-7pm!

MILESTONE MINISTRY

4th Grade Milestone—God and Money

Lesson #2: Sunday, Oct. 17

Celebration: Sunday, Oct. 24 or Wednesday, Oct. 27

9th Grade Confirmation—Sunday, Oct. 31 at 10:30 am

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Josh and Paige Fischer

Tom and Sherrie Pierson

Tyler & Kelsey Carroll

Nicholas & Breanna Brungardt

Chad Campbell

Rob & Heather Bunkofske

Jason & Emily Seeman & Family

Prayer requests for members and friends of our congregation:

- Steve Jelen's dad –Gene & brother – Jamie
- Sarah Hilmoe's uncle – Fred Tidemann
- Jami Atkin's dad – Kevin Roth
- Melissa Jelen's mom – Janice Myrmoe
- Doug DeJong
- Jeff Olinger's grandmother—Diane Spear
- Marie Karnof
- Shirley Oltmann's sister—Linda Goulet