



TRINITY CONNECTION

DECEMBER 2, 2022

Dear Beloved of Trinity,

I am excited for our new Advent sermon series, From Generation to Generation as we look at 4 Sunday themes. Last week Pastor Tom preached on “there’s room for every story”. This week we will look at the theme, “God meets us in our fear.”

When we think of “fear”, what comes to mind? As a child, we may fear thunderstorms, the dark, the foreboding closet in our room. As an adult, our fears are more complicated. They may include, the fear of not making enough money to last through retirement, fear of keeping lasting relationships, or fear of not being enough.

When the angel, Gabriel, came to Mary, she was startled. I would imagine she felt a sense of fear. Who was this man? What was he saying? How could she become pregnant when she was a virgin? What would everyone think? But Gabriel calmly said, “do not be afraid.” Did you know that phrase is said 365 times in scripture? Not only is that a lot, but it is a reminder for every day of the year. Do not be afraid, my friends. God has been faithful from generation to generation. His promise is to never leave us. We can take comfort in that promise. In fact, we can cling to it in our darkest moment. God is with you!

This week, take a moment to breath deeply and feel God’s presence in your life. Breathe in his peace and breathe out your fear. Advent is a time to wait, watch and draw close to God.

"Do not be afraid." Luke 1:30

Advent peace to you,
Deacon Christie

Quilting Group

Wednesday, Dec. 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.

Quilters



First Wednesday Men's Bible Study

First Wednesday of the Month

Wednesday, Dec. 7

7:15—8:15 pm

in the Connections Room

Calling all Men! Pastor Tom will be hosting a "First Wednesday Men's Bible Study". Whether this is the first Bible Study you've ever attended, or you just want to know a little more about the Bible and get to meet some new people, feel free to check this out.



Cookies with Council

Sunday, Dec. 11

9:00 am

In the Gathering Space

We invite you to join us for cookies and fellowship with our Council Members. This is a great opportunity to meet our council and learn about the boards they represent. We hope to see you there!

The Bible and Art for Adult Bible Study

Sundays

Dec. 11 | Dec. 18

in the Connections Room

You are invited to join Pastor Tom and Deacon Christie for an adult education class each Sunday to explore the Biblical story and art related to the sermon and scripture reading for the week. This may be a new and interesting approach to scripture for you to try. All are welcome to join us, no signup is needed!

Trinity Christmas Programs

Sunday, Dec. 11

10:30 am

Sunday School Christmas Program

Wednesday, Dec. 21

10:30 am

Trinity Preschool Christmas Program

The Sunday School Program is a wonderful opportunity to hear the story of Jesus' birth through actions and songs! Don't forget to invite your family and loved ones for this wonderful event.

Trinity's Preschool Christmas Program is a delight as the little ones sing classic Christmas songs!

WELCA BIBLE STUDY

Thursday, Dec. 15

1:30 pm

In the Fellowship Hall

Join us as we study "Jesus and Nature: Teachers of Faith". Please bring a plate of Christmas goodies to share as this is a all hostess event! All are welcome.



Christmas Eve and Christmas Day Services

Christmas Eve Services

Saturday, Dec. 24

3:00 pm | 5:00 pm | 6:30 pm

Christmas Day Service

Sunday, Dec. 25

9:00 am

Help us decorate with poinsettias!

We invite you to bring a poinsettia to the church to share. These beautiful holiday plants will be used to decorate the sanctuary and gathering space. After Dec 25, you are welcome to take them home with you. We can't wait to see our building decorated!



Winter Coats Available and Accepting Donations

Board of Outreach is collecting new and gently used cold weather gear in the east entrance of the church and is available to the public. We are currently collecting coats, jackets, snow pants, 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 Gathering Space bin at church.

December Food Pantry Donation: Canned Vegetables

Due to the raising cost of food the Food Pantry has seen an increase in clients in the past few months. We are featuring a monthly collection item. Feel free to pick up an extra item or two when out shopping to help those in need! In the month of November we will be collecting Canned Vegetables. 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.

Jr Bell Choir and High School youth practicing for Trinity's Christmas Program!

