



TRINITY CONNECTION

OCTOBER 14, 2022

Dear friends in Christ,

It wouldn't hurt for all of us to read through Martin Luther's Small Catechism every now and then. This little book, more of an extended pamphlet really, was written for families to use before or after meals as an instructional tool about the basics of the Christian faith. For such a small book, it is packed with insights.

For instance, last night I was teaching thirty seventh graders about the phrase "Give us today our daily bread," from the Lord's Prayer. As we were talking about how all the necessities of life are included in daily bread, I was stuck by Luther's emphasis on God's gracious giving and our response of gratitude. In his explanation of "What does this mean?" Luther writes,

In fact, God gives daily bread without our prayer, even to all evil people, but we ask in this prayer that God cause us to recognize what our daily bread is and to receive it with thanksgiving.

We are invited to recognize that all good things are a gift from God. As we enter the season of harvest where many people will decorate their homes with abundant images of harvest, may we not only be grateful but also recognize from where these gifts come. God provides.

A few minutes ago, I filled out my "Employee Spotlight" found elsewhere in this weekly update, and one of the questions was, "What is your job at Trinity?" I wrote that one of my tasks is to equip leaders. My prayer is that a short lesson about recognizing God as the giver of all good things may be a seed that grows in these gifted seventh graders as they bloom into leaders.

God provides abundantly.

Peace and best wishes,
Pastor Tom

Church Calendar

Tuesday, Oct. 18

6:30 am: Men's Breakfast
8:30 am: Preschool (3 & 4 year olds)
11:15 am: Meals on Wheels Delivery

Wednesday, Oct. 19

8:30 am: Preschool (Pre-K)
5:45 pm: Band Rehearsal
6:30 pm: Worship
7:15 pm: KFC - All, Confirmation, High School
Youth Mission Trip 2023 Parent Meeting,
Bell Choir Practice

Thursday, Oct. 20

8:30 am: Preschool (3 & 4 year olds)
1:30 pm: WELCA Bible Study
5:00-6:00 pm: Community Food Distribution
5:30 pm: TOPS

Friday, Oct. 21

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

Sunday, Oct. 23

8:00 am: Worship, 4th Grade Milestone
Celebration
9:15 am: Coffee and Cookies, Sunday School,
Adult Bible Study
10:30 am: Worship (online and in person),
4th Grade Milestone Celebration, Sunday School
youth sing church (Crew 5-8)
11:30 am: Semi-Annual Meeting
4:00 pm: 9th Grade Confirmation Retreat
5:15 pm: Family Movie Night (Appetizers & Movie)
6:00 pm: Men's Chorus Practice
7:00 pm: Mixed Choir Practice

Monday, Oct. 24

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

Tuesday, Oct. 25

6:30 am: Men's Breakfast
8:30 am: Preschool (3 & 4 year olds)
11:15 am: Meals on Wheels Delivery
9:30 am: Blood Pressure Screening
10:00 am: Over 55 Group Meeting & Potluck Lunch

Upcoming Important Dates

Oct. 30: Confirmation Sunday Celebration
Nov. 5: Turkey Dinner

Attendance

Wednesday, October 5

6:30 pm: 121

Sunday, October 9

8:00 am: 62 10:30 am: 250

Church Finances

Week of October 9, 2022

Total Operating Cost: \$11,735

Actual Total Giving: \$ 6,086

Difference of: \$ 5,649

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

LUTHERAN CAMPUS MINISTRY

Prayer Requests

- Greg Myrmoe
- Ray Kelly
- Judy Reshetar
- 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
- Delmer Otten's mom, Delores Otten
- Delores Wells' brother & brother-in-law, Roy Wells and Jerry Boellaard
- Sare Brech's dad, Dale Kremer
- Amy Kuhnert's family member, Jeremy Josephson



WELCA Bible Study

Thursday Oct. 20
1:30 pm
in the Fellowship Hall

Join us as study Jesus and Nature: Teachers of Faith! All are welcome.

Milestone Ministry

Milestones have begun and it is a way for parents 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

4th Grade Milestone—God and Money

Celebration: Sunday, Oct. 23 8:00 or 10:30 am or Wednesday, Oct 26 at 6:30 pm
Join Deacon Christie and learn about God and Money.

5th Grade Milestone—1st Communion

Sunday, Nov. 6, 9:15 am - Lesson #1 | Sunday, Nov. 13, 9:15 am - Lesson #2
Saturday, Nov. 19, 9:00 am – Noon - Lesson #3
Celebration: Sunday, Nov. 20 8:00 or 10:30 am or Wednesday, Nov. 23 at 6:30 pm
Join Deacon Christie and learn what communion means.

2023 High School Mission Trip: Parent Meeting

Wednesday, Oct. 19

7:15 pm

High School Loft Room

As we begin another year, we are excited for the ways God is working within our high school youth group. Based on the feedback of the impact of our recent Mission Trip, we have decided to start planning for a mission trip in the summer of 2023! We invite the parents of the high school youth to the Parent Meeting to learn more about the impact of the organization we work with, fundraising opportunities, and the reveal of our trip destination!

We are excited to begin this preparation. We hope you can join us to learn more. If you are not able to attend or would like more information, please contact Zach Gors at zach@teatrinity.org

Adult Bible Study on 1 Corinthians

Sunday, Oct. 23

9:15 am

In the Connection Room

How do I faithfully live out my faith in a complex, multicultural world? How do I treat beloved members of the congregation when I disagree with them? What is the core message of Christianity? These are just a few of the questions that Paul addresses in his first letter to the church in Corinth. Adult learners are invited to join Pastor Tom for a dive into 1 Corinthians. If you’d like to meet some new people and learn a bit about scripture, this may be the gathering for you.

All are welcome to join us, no signup is needed!

Semi-Annual Meeting

Sunday, Oct. 23
11:30 am
Sanctuary

Join us online or in person for Trinity Lutheran's Semi-Annual Meeting, a zoom link will be available ahead of time, watch your email for more information. Contact the church office if you have

Family Movie Night

Sunday, Oct. 23
5:15 pm: Light Appetizers and Conversation
6:00 pm: Movie: American Underdog: The Kurt Warner Story (Rated PG)
Sanctuary

Bring your neighbors and friends and join us for a fun night at the movies! Popcorn and bottled water will be served 15 minutes prior to the movie. Contact the church office to let us know you are coming!

The logo features the word "OVER" in a grey, sans-serif font above the number "55" in a large, bold, yellow, 3D-style font.

Over 55 Group

Tuesday, Oct. 25
9:30 am Blood Pressure Screening
10:00 am Meeting and Potluck Lunch
in the Fellowship Hall

Join us for fellowship a short meeting, devotions and a potluck lunch!
All are welcome.

Make a Joyful Noise!

Sundays through Nov 27
Men's Chorus 6:00 –7:00pm
Mixed Choir 7:00—8:00pm

Do you like to sing? Do you like Christmas music? Here's your chance to add your talents. Please signup so we know how much music to prepare. Call the church office to signup.



Rake the Town

If you are a senior citizen in need of help raking your yard, you are eligible for Rake the Town.

Friday, Oct. 28 or Saturday, Oct 29
Registration is OPEN!

Deadline to register is Oct 21 at 3:00 pm

To register, call 605-498-1588 and ask to be added to the Rake the Town list.
Sponsored by Active Generations, Sioux Empire United Way and Workers On Wheels.

Turkey Dinner and Country Store

Saturday, Nov 5

4:00—7:00 pm

Trinity Lutheran Church

Adults: \$12 | Kids (6-14): \$5 | Kids (5 and under): FREE

Dine in or Carry Out

Join us for our annual WELCA Trinity Turkey Dinner. We will be serving turkey, dressing, corn, mashed potatoes, gravy, coleslaw, dessert and drink. We will also have the Country Store for your favorite homemade baked goods, canning or crafts! There are many areas you can volunteer or you may make a monetary donation to help purchase supplies. Please note "Turkey Dinner" in the check memo line. The Country Store is also accepting donations of homemade baked goods, canning or crafts. Donations can be dropped off in the office. Signups are available in the Gathering Space.



Donations Needed: 200 bottles of water

Church on the Street is a ministry serving our homeless population in the Sioux Falls area. They meet once a month with sponsoring congregations providing a meal and leading worship! We are collecting 200 bottles of water for the upcoming worship. Donations can be dropped off in the Gathering Space by Nov. 10.

Birthday Card Shower

Help us wish Dorothy Miles a very happy birthday by showering her with birthday cards! She will be celebrating her 80th birthday on Oct 25. Greeting may be sent to:

Dorothy Miles, 47165 273rd St, Harrisburg, SD 57032

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



October Food Pantry Donation: Boxed Pasta

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 October we will be collecting Boxed Pasta. 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.

Lutheran Disaster Response: Hurricane Ian

Hurricane Ian made landfall in Florida Wednesday with near Category 5-strength winds, dumping record amounts of rain and causing catastrophic flooding. Hurricane Ian bore down through Florida today and is expected to make landfall again in the Carolinas. Early reports indicate the potential for a substantial loss of life. Ian, as predicted, is one of the worst hurricanes to hit the United States in decades. Gifts to Lutheran Disaster Response make it possible for the ELCA to act quickly after disasters, whenever and wherever they strike. If you would like to help our siblings in Christ in the impacted areas, gifts to LDR are one good way to do so. Contact the church office if interested in giving.

Thank you from the Jelen Family

Our family would like to thank you for all of the prayers over the past few years for our Dad and Grandpa, Gene Jelen. We also want to extend our sincere thanks for all of the kind words and prayers that have been said since he passed away. Your faith-filled support has meant so much to our family during this difficult time. God is good. All the time.

Friends in Christ, Steve, Melissa, Holden, Simon and Caleb Jelen

Employee Spotlight: Pastor Tom Opoien



How many years have you attended Trinity? 6 years

What is your job at Trinity? My official title is Lead Pastor. In that role I preach, provide pastoral care, encourage and equip leaders, teach scripture to children and adults, and serve actively in the community outside of the congregation. One of my childhood pastors summed up his job pretty well by saying, "The pastor's job is to preach the gospel and love the people."

When did you join the staff? I began my call at Trinity in August of 2016

What is your favorite Bible verse? Philippians 4:6,7

If you could be on a game show, which would it be? As an elementary student being home sick from school meant resting on the couch and watching "The Price is Right." I don't know that I would want to be a contestant, but I sure would like to spin that big wheel.

What do you do in your spare time? My wife and I have enjoyed being part of what some call the new "homestead movement" where people intentionally learn the homemaking skills that our great-grandparents had. So, for fun, I spend my spare time tending fruit trees, vines, and garden produce. We've figured out some pretty good smoked sausage and bacon recipes, too.

KFC enjoyed their tie dye event and the preschool visited the pumpkin patch!

