



## TRINITY CONNECTION

JULY 1, 2022

Dear Beloved of Trinity,

Wow, I can't believe we've walked through the Old Testament. By doing so, we have a foundational understanding of God's chosen people and his unconditional love for all he created. There were stories of relationships, wars, tribes, poems, songs, prophets, betrayal and the hope of a coming Messiah.

From the Old Testament we know we jump right into the gospel of Matthew, the first book of the New Testament. But what about the time in between? The story didn't flow right into the gospels....there were about 400 years in between.

There were books written about this time period but they were not universally agreed upon like the other books of the Bible. Some Bibles include the in-between books called the apocrypha, which means "hidden" in Greek. Our Lutheran bibles do not include them. Of the 13 books of the Apocrypha, the last 2 tell the story of the Maccabees and their fight to remain in control of the Jerusalem temple which meant control of their identity and religion. IN my sermon, I'll tell the story of the Maccabees and how their actions led into the stories of the gospels. It is a time of unrest yet a time of hope.

God is at work with his people throughout all of time. We saw God's involvement with Abraham, Isaac and Jacob and all the generations. That part of the story is also our story. God is involved in our lives, working for good in this world. We are a part of that work.

Are there times when you feel like you are stagnant, waiting for inspiration or direction? Are there times when you feel at peace with the calm in your life? We are all at different places in our faith journey but the one thing that we all have in common is that God is with us. He remains faithful to his promise.

**Deuteronomy 31:8** 8 The LORD himself goes before you and will be with you; he will never leave you nor forsake you . Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged."

**Deuteronomy 31:6** 6 Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid or terrified because of them, for the LORD your God goes with you; he will never leave you nor forsake you ."

**Hebrews 13:5b** "I will never leave you or abandon you."

We worship a great God, the one true God. He has given us these stories to show us who he is...he is a God of love. Let this overarching love story become our story.

In faith,  
Deacon Christie

## Church Calendar

### Monday, July 4

Church office is closed due to the holiday

### Tuesday, July 5

6:30 am: Men's Breakfast

### Wednesday, July 6

9:00 am: Quilting Group

### Thursday, July 7

5:30 pm: TOPS

7:05 pm: Canaries Game Night

### Sunday, July 10

9:00 am: Worship (online and in person)

### Upcoming Important Dates

July 17: Blessing of the youth attending High School Mission Trip

July 23-31: High School Youth Mission Trip to Huntington, WV

July 27: Trinity Lutheran Preschool Rummage Sale

## Attendance

Sunday, June 26

9:00 am: 173

## Church Finances

### Week of June 26, 2022

Total Operating Cost: \$11,735

**Actual Total Giving: \$11,183**

**Difference of: \$ 552**

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

**Text Giving:** (605) 777-7223

**Envelopes:** In-person or  
Mail to the church

## July Globe Offering

## SLOVAKIA MISSIONARY SUPPORT

## Prayer Requests

- Greg Myrmoe
- 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
- Linda Dannen's sister, Sandi Larson
- Sympathy to Kandy & Darin Fuller in the death of her dad, Gene Gross



## Summer Schedule: May 29 — Sept 5

**Sunday Worship**  
Coffee/Cookies: 8:30 am  
Worship: 9:00 am

**Office Hours**  
Monday—Thursday  
8:30am—4:30pm  
Friday: 8:30-Noon

Our summer worship schedule is underway! Join us this summer as Deacon Christie continues her Sermon Series "Tell the Story Be the Story". We will also be doing "Name Tag Sundays" as a way to get to know others as we blend our 3 services into one.

### Quilters Group

**Wednesday July 6**  
**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.



### Take me out to the ballgame!

**Thursday, July 7**  
**7:05 pm**  
**Canaries Stadium**  
**Ticket Price: \$12**

Trinity is going to a Canaries game and we would love for you to join us! Bring your family, friends and neighbors for a fun night out at the park. Call the church office to signup!

### Our missionaries are coming to Trinity!

**Sunday, July 10**  
**Meet and Greet**  
**8:30 am**  
**Presentation During Worship**  
**9:00 am**



Did you know that we support ELCA Global Missionaries? Did you know they serve in central Europe? Did you know that they are Deacon Christie and Phil's daughter and son-in-law? Anna and Kyle are in their 3rd year as missionaries in Slovakia. Come hear about their experiences serving in a global pandemic and serving near the Ukraine war.

## Personal Care and Hygiene Donations Needed

Did you know that the Tea Area Food Pantry not only distributes food to those in need but also personal care and hygiene products as well. We are currently in need of the following:  
Shampoo (regular size), Conditioner (regular size), Body wash (regular size),  
Toothbrushes, Toothpaste (all sizes) and Liquid hand soap.  
Donations can be dropped off at the church office.

## Trinity Lutheran Preschool Rummage Sale

**Wednesday, July 27**  
**8:00 am to 6:00 pm**

Don't miss out on this sale! It's a perfect time to get your back to school shopping done. All proceeds will go to the Trinity Lutheran Preschool. Shop for new and gently use adult and children's clothing, toys and housewares. We are accepting donations of new or gently used items including toys, small housewares, men's, women's, kid's and baby clothing. No kitchen appliance please. Donations can be dropped off at the church.



## Pave the Way to Huntington

Trinity's High School youth who will be traveling to Huntington, West Virginia in July, a group of 19 Trinity youth and 6 adult leaders will be serving God and the community of Huntington at a Work Camp through the organization Group Mission Trips.

There are three ways you can help our youth "Go Serve" and pave their way to Huntington:

- 1) Financially supporting their trip
- 2) Donate materials and supplies
- 3) Pray for their preparation and journey.

Donations can be dropped off at the church office. For more information see the table in the Gathering Space or contact the church office!

## Over 55 Group enjoyed this month's Bible study at Japanese Gardens at Terrace Park!



## Thanks to all everyone who volunteered at The Banquet West!

