



Dear Beloved of Trinity,

As Pastor Tom, Council and I are planning for our move forward into a post pandemic world, I've been reading many articles about how to go about that process.

Brene Brown wrote a book I've been reading called, Dare to Lead. In it she speaks about the need to become vulnerable in order to own our fears and worries, choosing courage over comfort and not covering in self armor of artificialness. By not becoming vulnerable we squelch our innovation, creativity and an authentic relationship with others.

While my husband and I were planning our trip to Slovakia, praying for our new little grandchild, I knew I needed to become vulnerable and ask for prayer. I needed to own my worries and fear. Thank you for letting me cry, babble and ask for prayers.

*I love the LORD, because he has heard
my voice and my supplications. Psalm 116:1*

Our God is good and hears our every cry. Reach out to others with your fears and doubts. Ask others to pray for you. Own your vulnerability. Be brave.

During the pandemic, without standing at the back of the church shaking hands and giving high 5's, I have missed the opportunities when you would share your prayer concerns and update me on what is going on in your life. I truly miss that. Please know that I am still only a phone call, text or email away if you need to share a concern or joy. We are the family of God together and we lift each other up.

Thank you for your prayers these last 4 weeks for my family. Phil has arrived safely home and little Magnus is holding his own. There have been many miracles we've witnessed. I would love to share those with you sometime. We serve a mighty God and he is worth all our praise and thanksgiving.

In faith,

Deacon Christie

“Table of Lent”

MID-WEEK HOLDEN EVENING PRAYER SERVICES

Wednesdays at 6:30pm

March 17 The Wide Table, Scripture: Acts 11:1-18

March 24 The Adaptive Table, Scripture: Mark 2:13-17

CHURCH CALENDAR

Weekly Update

Sunday—3-14 Daylight Savings Time begins, In-Person 8am & 10:30am Worship, On-Line worship at 10:30am 9:15am 6th Grade Milestone, 9:30am Sunday School, Adult Sunday School.

Friday, March 12, 2021
Trinity Lutheran Church Tea, SD

Tuesday—6:30am Men's Breakfast, 8:30am Preschool, 6:30pm BeFrienders Meeting

Wednesday—8:30am Preschool, 6:30pm Lenten Worship, Confirmation with Mentors, 7:15Sr. High

Thursday— 8:30am Preschool, 1:30pm WELCA Bible Study, 5:30pm TOPS

Sunday—3-21 In-Person 8am & 10:30am Worship, On-Line worship at 10:30am, 9:30am Adult Sunday School. Sunday School

Over 55 will resume Tuesday March 23 at 10:00. There will be a business meeting, Bible Study, a program or game plus a Potluck Lunch to follow.

The next Circle Bible Study is March 18th—Thurs at 1:30pm in the Fellowship Hall. It is about loneliness— abandonment and Holy comfort. All are invited.

SUNDAY SCHOOL – 9:30am

March 14th: Kindergarten

March 21: No Sunday School - Spring Break

March 28th: Pre-K

Milestone Moment

We will be wrapping up our 6th grade Milestone on March 14 with our celebration on Wed, March 24 or Sunday, March 28 at either service.

Deacon Christie will meet with 2nd graders after Easter on April 11 and 18. A flyer will be mailed to 2nd grade parents. We will learn all about the 10 commandments and make a stepping stone for your yard.

Thank you

Many thanks to the friends of Trinity for your greetings and best wishes on my 80th birthday! What a surprise! Pastor Ron Beckman

ATTENDANCE

Date	8:00	10:30	Wednesday
Mar 7	60	96	144

CHURCH FINANCES

Week of March 8

\$10,625 **Weekly Total Operating Expenses**

\$ 7,685 **Actual Weekly Total Giving**

\$ 2,940

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 Pol-
lema 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 March Globe offering goes to World Hunger

Remember, Reemerge, Reevaluate: Spring Stewardship Emphasis in March

The Board of Stewardship would like to thank you, the members of Trinity Lutheran Church, for your generosity, creativity, and commitment to the ministry of your congregation during the last twelve months. The last year has been a time of rethinking the basics and being creative about things we used to take for granted.

In preparation for the months ahead, the Board of Stewardship will be leading a process they have titled, "Remember, Reemerge, and Reevaluate." Each week during the remainder of March you will be invited to remember the creativity of the last year, to consider how established and new ministries will emerge out of the pandemic, and to reevaluate how each of us can financially support the congregation. You will be invited to pay attention to several financial markers that leaders of the congregation use for deepening and expanding ministry and be invited to think about the way and amount you contribute.

This week the emphasis is on **Remembering**.

Did you know that it costs about \$550,000 to finance the ministry of Trinity Lutheran Church each year? This amount comes solely from donations from members and friends of the congregation.

This number accounts for all staff, mortgage, worship, property, programs, mission partners and other expenses to run the church. With your contributions over the past year, we were able to accomplish so much – property repairs, the new COVID-19 food distributions, live-streaming services. These are all things related to your generous financial stewardship. Thank you!

The Board of Stewardship invites you to remember our previous year and all the great things that came from your continued support and reflect on your giving before we re-emerge and re-evaluate in the following two weeks.



The Tea Community Food Distribution will be hosting their next distribution on Thursday, March 25th from 4-6pm. If you need help with food or know someone who does, please signup here - <https://forms.gle/StYXe93M3R4cXkSo9> through our Facebook page or call the church office at 498-2343.

8am & 10:30am Worship

Sunday, March 14, 2021

Trinity Lutheran Church, Tea, SD

Teatrinity.org – 605-498-2343



Fourth Sunday in Lent

GATHERING

Welcome and Announcements

Stewardship Temple Talk

Call to Worship 1 Timothy 6:6-19

L: Of course, there is great gain in godliness combined with contentment;

C: for we brought nothing into the world, so that we can take nothing out of it;

L: but if we have food and clothing, we will be content with these.

C: But those who want to be rich fall into temptation and are trapped by many senseless and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction.

L: For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil, and in their eagerness to be rich some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pains.

C: But as for you, people of God, shun all this; pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance, gentleness.

L: Fight the good fight of the faith; take hold of the eternal life, to which you were called and for which you made the good confession in the presence of many witnesses.

L: We gather in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit

All: Amen.

Song 8:00 Let Us Break Bread Together ELW 471

10:30 Seek Ye First

Confession

P: We confess our sins before God and one another.

Pause for silence and reflection.

P: God of mercy,

C: Jesus was faithful even in the face of death, yet we so often fail you in day to day living. Our commitment is shaky, our promises are unreliable, and our actions are questionable. We quit when discipleship becomes difficult and complain that we don't get enough credit. Forgive us our neglect of your mission and our lukewarm devotion and wake us up to the urgency of your gospel.

P: God is gracious and pardons all our shortcomings. May the giver of life forgive us our sins and restore us to the joy of discipleship and service, for the sake of Jesus our faithful Lord.

All: Amen.

Prayer of the Day

Merciful God,

You care deeply for those who are in need. May we be your hands and heart as we go about your work of serving the poor, hungry and disadvantaged, feeding our souls on kindness and love. Amen.

WORD

Psalm 41:1-4, 12-13

L: Happy are those who consider the poor; the Lord delivers them in the day of trouble.

C: The Lord protects them and keeps them alive; they are called happy in the land.

You do not give them up to the will of their enemies.

L: The Lord sustains them on their sickbed; in their illness you heal all their infirmities.

C: As for me, I said, "O Lord, be gracious to me; heal me, for I have sinned against you."

L: But you have upheld me because of my integrity and set me in your presence forever.

C: Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel, from everlasting to everlasting.

Gospel Reading – Luke 16:19-31

L: The Word of the Lord

C: Thanks be to God

Sermon Pastor Tom Opoien

Sermon Song

Apostles' Creed

Offertory

Prayers of the People

We pray for members and friends of our congregation: Mike Westall, Steve Jelen's dad – Gene and brother – Jamie, Sarah Hilmo's uncle Fred Tidemann. Jerry & Dianne Werness's son in law – Doug Madetzke, Jami Atkin's dad – Kevin Roth, Jessica Boone's mom – Sue Meyer. Rosalie Gerdes's sister JoAnn Breitbach, Carol Ebel – Angie Hillestad's mom, Troy Smith and Ellie Cordie while in active duty.

MEAL

Holy Communion

Words of Institution

The Lord's Prayer

Distribution

Communion Blessing

Blessing

SENDING

Sending

L: God is good.

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L: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord!

C: Thanks be to God!

Postlude