



TRINITY CONNECTION

NOVEMBER 4, 2022

Dear friends in Christ,

During confirmation class last Wednesday, the seventh graders were introduced to Martin Luther by watching a short film that highlighted notable events in his life and dramatized important moments in the Reformation. After the movie ended one of the students asked a good question about a brief reference that was made to several reformers in the generations before Luther who were unable to spark a full-fledged Reformation of the church. "Why didn't the Reformation begin with those earlier reformers instead of having to wait for Martin Luther?" he asked. The answer is Johannes Gutenberg hadn't invented the movable-type printing press yet.

When Martin Luther nailed his 95 Theses to the Wittenberg Church door on October 31, 1517 hoping to start a debate about theological issues and church practices, the printing press had been around for about sixty years. The story goes that a local printer saw the debating points that Luther had written and put them to ink and paper with one of Gutenberg's printing presses. People were hungry to have access to printed books and documents. As a result, thousands of common people were able to read Luther's ideas and later have access to the entire printed Bible in their own language.

Using new forms of communication technology goes back to the very beginning of our Lutheran tradition, which makes me glad that Trinity has been able to adapt to the changing forms of digital communication available now. Whether you electronically signed up to bring a dessert to the congregation's Turkey Dinner via Perfect Potluck, joined an on-line Bible study, or sent a supportive text message to a friend there are many ways to communicate good news.

Many of you have experienced on-line worship through Facebook Live. In addition, we also stream our 10:30 Sunday morning worship service on YouTube as well. If you use a Smart TV, you may want to search for "Tea Trinity Lutheran Church" on YouTube to experience worship on your big screen.

We know that future inventions will bring us forms of communication that we can't even imagine yet. My prayer is that as they come, the church will continue to use them to spread the good news.

Peace and best wishes,
Pastor Tom Opoien

Church Calendar

Tuesday, Nov. 8

6:30 am: Men's Breakfast
8:30 am: Preschool (3 & 4 year olds)
6:45 pm: Church Board Meetings
7:30 pm: Church Council Meeting

Wednesday, Nov. 9

8:30 am: Preschool (Pre-K)
5:45 pm: Band Rehearsal
6:00 pm: Junior Bell Choir Practice
6:30 pm: Worship, High School Milestone Celebration
7:15 pm: KFC - 5th Grade, Confirmation, High School Youth, Bell Choir Practice

Thursday, Nov. 10

8:30 am: Preschool (3 & 4 year olds)
11:15 am: Meals on Wheels Delivery
5:30 pm: TOPS

Friday, Nov. 11

8:30 am: Preschool (Pre-K)
Church office closes at noon
No Friday Sack Lunch Bible Study

Saturday, Nov. 12

10:00 am-2:00pm: Church on the Street

Sunday, Nov. 13

8:00 am: Worship
9:15 am: Coffee and Cookies, Sunday School, 5th Grade Milestone, Adult Bible Study
10:30 am: Worship (online and in person)
6:00 pm: Men's Chorus Practice
7:00 pm: Mixed Choir Practice

Monday, Nov. 14

8:30 am: Preschool (Pre-K)

Tuesday, Nov. 15

6:30 am: Men's Breakfast
8:30 am: Preschool (3 & 4 year olds)

Upcoming Important Dates

Nov. 23: No preschool due to the holiday
Nov. 24-25: Church office closed & no preschool due to the holiday
Dec. 4: Trinity Christmas Program
Dec. 11: Sunday School Christmas Program

Attendance

Wednesday, October 26

6:30 pm: 125

Sunday, October 30

8:00 am: 69 10:30 am: 402

Church Finances

Week of October 30 2022

Total Operating Cost: \$11,735

Actual Total Giving: **\$14,500**

Difference of: **\$ 2,765**

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

November Globe Offering

BERAKHAH HOUSE

Prayer Requests

- Greg Myrmoe
- Ray Kelly
- Judy Reshetar
- Phillip Caslin
- 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
- Rick and Lois Munzke's nephew, Chris Munzke

WELCA Bible Study

Thursday, Nov. 17
1:30 pm
in the Fellowship Hall

Join us as we discuss "Jesus and Nature: Teachers of Faith". Our verse is "Look at the birds of the air; they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they?" All are welcome.



Milestone Ministry

5th Grade Milestone—1st Communion

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

Adult Bible Study

Sundays

Nov. 13 & Nov. 20

9:15 am

in the Connections Room

The Bible has many challenging stories that we don't hear read in worship. Retired Pastor Steve Marten will be leading a class on some of these little read and somewhat unusual passages. All are welcome, no signup is needed!

Serving Church on the Street

Saturday, Nov. 12

10:00 am - 2:00 pm

Please join us as Trinity Lutheran partners with Church on the Street, a Faith Community for people who struggle with poverty and homelessness. We are in need of volunteers to help setup and cleanup. We invite those volunteers to attend worship and share a meal with the congregants. We also need food items to create a hot meal. Many items have already been donated, **Please have the item (s) to the church by Wednesday, Nov 9.** Donations can be dropped off in the office on Janita's desk. If you would like to volunteer or donate food please contact the church office.



College Care Packages Donations

The Board of Outreach is needing donations of snacks (individual size) to help fill their care packages that will be sent to Trinity's college students! Monetary donations will also be accepted to help buy additional snacks and postage. **Please have these items to the church by Nov. 13.** If you have questions, contact the church office.

2023 High School Youth Mission Trip

July 23 - 29, 2023

Wausau, WI

Estimated Cost per Student: \$900

Deposit: \$150 by Nov. 30



Join us for the 2023 High School Youth Mission trip in Wausau, WI. Only a 7 hour drive from Tea, the greater Wausau area is centrally located and loaded with activities for everyone.

For more information contact Zach Gors or the church office.



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.

November Food Pantry Donation: Pasta Sauce and Ketchup

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 Pasta Sauce and Ketchup. 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.

Congratulations Confirmation Students

Nicholas Baker | Caden Bohnenberger | Carter Christensen | Alexander Coyne
Holdyn Del Monaco | Nash Delger | Owen Effling | Crayton Ehrich | Jenna Gowin
Eli Highum | James Hitzemann | Jonathon Howe | Maggie Jacobson
Daschle Lowery | Victoria McIntyre | Brody Miller | Miles Mitchell | Rease Moe
Hayden Oltmanns | Cierra Otten | Cody Petersen | Melanie Roemen
Tatym Slykhuis | Alia Temme | Kairis Thomas | Mckenzie Thompson

Bree Umbreit | Zac Webb

Trinity Preschool had so much fun at their Halloween party!

