



Trinity Update

November 5, 2021

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Dear Beloved of Trinity,

In a recent sermon, I invited you ask questions and we'd tackle them together. I don't have all the answers but together we can learn and grow in faith.

1. Does everything that happens, happen according to some plan that God has?

Great question and one that is asked often. When that question is asked, it most often refers to God's divine hand in the tragic moments of our lives. Is that the plan for my life?

When God created the world and humankind, he created a place for them that was perfect. Through temptation, humankind disobeyed God and were banished. This was not God's plan but since he gave humankind free will, a choice was made to disobey.

There is a saying that is heard, "good things happen to good people." That saying is so far off course because throughout all of millennia, bad things have happened to good people. Why is that? If we believe, why wouldn't God shield us from such atrocities?

God is a God of love.

If we got what we deserved in life, we would all be condemned for eternity. When we tell someone that the suffering they are experiencing is all part of God's plan, they are saying that we worship a God who deliberately wants to hurt us. Or when someone brags about all the blessings God has showered down on them, they are speaking from a point of pride.

Just the opposite is true! Tragedies or blessings are not based on how good we are or how bad we are. God does not reward us on our own merit.

In Genesis 3:17, it says that creation is under a curse. As a result of that there is sin, disease, natural disasters and death. But since all things, although ultimately under God's control, are used by Satan to inflict misery and temptation we experience events that seem part of the world's plan, not God's.

Joshua 1:9 says, "I hereby command you: Be strong and courageous; do not be frightened or dismayed, for the LORD your God is with you wherever you go."

Believe this truth, my friends, that no matter what the plan, God is present with you giving you strength and peace. His ultimate plan for humankind is to bring us into his eternal presence.

Be at peace,

Deacon Christie

Attendance: Wednesday (10/27) 6:30pm—116; Sunday (10/31) 8am—49 & 10:30am—435

CHURCH FINANCES

Week of October 31

\$10,625

Total Operating Expenses

\$12,491

Actual Total Giving

\$ 1,866

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 Pollema 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 November Globe offering goes to St Dismas Prison Ministry

CHURCH CALENDAR

Sunday— In-Person Worship 8am & 10:30am; 8 & 10:30am Celebration of 10th –12th Grade Milestone; 10:30am Online worship; 9:15am 5th Grade Milestone, Adult Sunday School, Sunday School; 6pm Men’s Choir Practice; 7:15pm Christmas Choir Practice

Monday—8:30am Preschool; 7pm Prayer & Listening Bible Study

Tuesday—6:30am Men’s Breakfast; 7pm Board Meetings; 8pm Council Meeting

Wednesday—8:30am Preschool; 5:45pm Band Rehearsal; 6:30pm Worship & Bell Chorus Rehearsal, 7:15pm KFC-5th Grade, Confirmation, High School Youth

Thursday—Church office closed due to holiday; 5:30pm TOPS

Friday—8:30am Preschool

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TURKEY DINNER

Saturday, November 6 from 4:00—7:00 pm

Adults: \$12 | Children (6-14): \$5 | Under 5: FREE

Turkey, dressing, homemade potatoes, vegetables, coleslaw, dessert & drink | Dine in | Carry out

Trinity Lutheran Church turkey dinner is back this year! Signup is available in the Gathering Space & online. Don't forget to check out the Country Store goodies, including lefsa!

WORDS OF ENCOURAGEMENT

We invite you to send encouraging words to Roger Klinghagen as he rehabs:

Roger Klinghagen

Dow Rummel Village, Rm 767

1321 W Dow Rummel St

Sioux Falls, SD 57104

FOOD DONATIONS NEEDED

- The food pantry is needing **donations of olives and pickles (small jars)** to help fill their Thanksgiving Boxes! Please have these items to the church by Nov. 15.
 - 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. 6.
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WINTER GEAR DONATIONS NEEDED

The Board of Outreach is collecting new and gently used cold weather gear that is kept at the church and made available to the public. Trinity is currently collecting coats, jackets, snowpants, 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 marked basket in The Gathering Space at church.



MILESTONE MINISTRY

5th Grade—First Communion

Lesson #1: Sunday, November 7

Lesson #2: Sunday, November 14

Lesson #3: Saturday, November 20

Celebration of First Communion - Sunday, November 21
or Wednesday, December 1



FAREWAY & HY-VEE GROCERY SCRIP CARDS

Everyone needs groceries! Why not use your weekly, bi-weekly or monthly trip to Hy-Vee or Fareway to help fund your camp account. How it works: 5% of your purchase will go into your camp account. For example, you purchase \$100 gift card, you will receive a \$100 gift card and \$5 will go in your camp account. Scrip cards are available upon request or during business hours Monday - Friday in the church office. Grandparents/Family members/Friends? YOU can still help. Just buy your grocery gift cards from the church and assign your profits to your favorite family or youth's account.

Prayer requests for members and friends of our congregation:

- Stan Oltmanns
- Marie Karnof
- Steve Jelen's dad – Gene
- Sarah Hilmoie's uncle Fred Tidemann
- Jami Atkin's dad – Kevin Roth
- Melissa Jelen's dad – Greg Myrmoe
- Doug DeYoung
- Jeff Olinger's grandmother – Diane Spear
- Shirley Oltmann's sister—Linda Goulet
- Judy Junke's son-in-law—Laverle Stratman and daughter—Tara Davis