



Weekly Update

Friday, July 24, 2020
Trinity Lutheran Church Tea, SD

Dear friends,

When I was a student at Wartburg College in the 1980s there was a tradition that a member of the faculty or staff would preach in morning chapel each Monday. The only sermon I remember from those years was one preached by a social work professor who talked about the way Jesus takes on flesh in our practical, loving actions toward other people. The line that I've always remembered is "Angels may have wings, but I've had many angels walk into my life." It was her way of saying that the concrete actions of love we share with other people leave spiritual marks in our lives.

When we call or hire staff members into a congregation, we not only invite them to nurture loving relationships through their actions but to also help equip the congregation to live in loving ways. I'm excited to announce that after much planning and through the generous financial gifts of the congregation, the church council has decided to go forward with the plan to add two part time staff positions. At the congregational meeting in January, we approved the development of a "Wednesday Ministry Coordinator" and a "Communications Coordinator" with the goal of filling these positions before fall.

Because of the pandemic, I did not know if the members of the congregation would be able to financially support these additions. Thankfully, your financial generosity has made it possible to move forward with our original plan. Included in this weekly update you will find the two job descriptions. Each position is designed for the person in the position to work about ten hours per week. Please read these descriptions and pray that the right applicant will apply. Perhaps you are feeling a call to work in congregational ministry, or you know someone who would fit one of these positions perfectly. Feel free to share this information. Applicants may send a resume to me at the church address. Several members from the church council will begin an interview process with the hope of filling the positions soon.

The addition of these positions to help coordinate our highly active Wednesday evening ministries and to expand and deepen the ways that we communicate to the congregation is very timely. These positions will help us navigate ministry opportunities and communicate them as the congregation continues to meet the challenges and the opportunities of our COVID-19 response.

On another practical note, please watch your email or your postal mailbox for a survey that will be arriving in the next few days. These surveys will be an important tool as we continue to design our ministries for the fall. God is good, and God continues to provide us opportunities to lovingly walk into the lives of others.

Interested applicants can send their resumes to:

Pastor Tom Opoien
Trinity Lutheran Church
PO Box 37
Tea, SD 57064

Peace and best wishes,

Church Calendar

Sunday—7/26 8am Worship via Facebook Live, In Person Worship in the Sanctuary at 8am & 9:30am worship, Graduation Milestone at 9:30.

Tuesday—6:30am Men's Breakfast, 9:30am Blood Pressure, 10am Over 55

Wednesday—Preschool rummage 9am—6pm

Sunday—8/2 8am Worship via Facebook Live, In Person Worship in the Sanctuary at 8am & 9:30am worship

Graduation Milestone

In this unusual time of Covid, we still want to honor our graduating seniors. Please join us on July 26 at 9:30am for in-person worship so we can celebrate this milestone. Congratulations to: Kayla Aymar, Nate Blegen, Tanner Cameron, Bailey Conrad, Elizabeth Cordie, Haidyn Dejean, Hudson Dejean, Luke Elkins, Karly Garry, Kristyn Garry, Joseph Headrick, Jon Heidinger, Kimberlee Hindberg, Benjamin Jibben, Karsyn Kleinwolterink, Emersen Konda, Allison Larson, Allison Larson, Alexia Lekander, Grace McLeer, Jim Nebelsick, Olivia Opoien, Andrea Otten, JT Panning, Max Peterson, Brady Pfeifer, Bryton Schlunsen, MaKayla Schroder, Leonard Jr. Stewart.

Preschool Fundraiser Rummage Sale

Join us on Wednesday, July 29th from 9 to 6! Adult clothing, toys, housewares, children's clothing; Under Armour, Roxy, Hurley, Justice. Proceeds support our Preschool.

Congregational Survey—July 2020

Enclosed with this mailing is a survey. Please fill it out and return to the church by August 7th. If you get your weekly update by email, an online survey link will be going out by email in the next day or two. Please fill it out at your earliest convenience. Thank you!

Financial Update

Week of July 19

\$10,000 Weekly Total Operating Expenses

\$ 6,703 Actual Weekly Total Giving

\$ 3,297

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.

Ways to Give:

Online Giving: <https://teatrinity.breezechms.com/give/online>

Text Giving: (605) 777-7223

Envelopes: In-person or mail to the church

8am & 9:30am Worship

Sunday, July 26, 2020

Trinity Lutheran Church, Tea, SD

Teatrinity.org – 605-498-2343



GATHERING

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

L: We call to you, come!

C: Come into our presence, Lord.

L: We praise you for your presence in our lives.

C: You love all that you created.

L: Let us enter worship with thanksgiving and praise.

C: For you are God alone and worthy of our praise.

Confession

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

Pause for silence and reflection.

L: Patient God,

C: You have taught us all we need to be your faithful people. And yet we persist in going our own way, doing our own thing, and minding our own business when we ought to be about the business of your kingdom. Forgive our selfish neglect of others and bring us back into wholeness with our brothers and sisters. Amen.

L: God is merciful, patient, kind and forgiving. We have been pardoned for all that we have done, and all that we have overlooked. May we give now as we have received: generously and extravagantly, in the way of our loving teacher, savior and Lord. Amen.

Song [“Neither Death Nor Life” ELW #622](#)

Prayer of the Day

L: Immense God,

C: Your kingdom is surprising, expansive and valuable beyond anything we could obtain. Teach us to seek it more than all other treasures on earth, that we might come to know the abundant life you have promised, in Jesus’ name. Amen.

WORD

First Reading – I Kings 3:5-12

Psalm 119:129-136

Second Reading – Romans 8:26-39

Gospel Reading – Matthew 13:31-34, 44-52

L: The Word of the Lord

C: Thanks be to God

Sermon Deacon Christie Meier

Sermon Song special music by Kendra McKinney

Apostles' Creed

Offertory

Prayers of the People

We pray for members and friends of our congregation: Ron Seim, Steve Jelen's dad – Gene and brother – Jamie, Sarah Hilmoe's uncle Fred Tidemann. Jerry & Dianne Werness's son in law – Doug Madetzke, Shirley Oltmann's sister, Linda, Jami Atkin's dad – Kevin Roth, Tara Johanneson's brother -in-law, Jesse, Linda Stucky's Cousin – Linda Ash, Troy Smith while in active duty. Condolences to the family and friends of Ron Poppens.

Lord's Prayer

12th grade Milestone

Blessing

SENDING

Sending Song "Borning Cry" ELW #732

Sending

L: God is good.

C: All the time.

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C: God is good.

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

C: Thanks be to God!

Communication Coordinator Job Description

Introductory Statement

As a Communication Coordinator, basic responsibilities include commitment to Christ and soundness of faith. The Coordinator oversees the consistency in communication efforts of internal and external communications as they reflect Trinity Lutheran's vision and mission.

Qualifications

The Communication Coordinator must see this position as a ministry to and with the people of God known as Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church.

1. Must be a good communicator in both verbal and written forms
2. Ability to relate well with staff and church members of all ages
3. A working knowledge of social media outlets, digital communication technology
4. Some knowledge of graphic design
5. A minimum of an associate degree or appropriate experience

Responsibilities

- a. Develop a communication strategy plan
- b. Maintain the congregation's social media presence and conversation
 - i.e. Facebook updates, invites, events, private groups
Twitter, Instagram, Snapchat
- c. Keep current on technology and social media trends
- d. Maintain Trinity's web site
 1. Update calendar
 2. Church hours
 3. Photos
 4. Communicate with Boards for special event
- e. Document congregational events by collecting photos to strategically share
- f. Promote congregational events and ministries
- g. Graphic design for mailings, social media, posters, etc.
- h. Create communication thread with other area churches
- i. Create and track online registrations and forms using church data base software and other outlets
- j. Create Remind texting, Sign Up Genius, Google Forms, etc. for various groups
- k. Keep contact information updated for youth groups, 55 and Over, Bible Studies, etc.
- l. Attend the weekly staff meeting with an ear tuned to communication opportunities.

Accountability

The Communication Director will be accountable to the Lead Pastor. Opportunity for review and goal setting will take place periodically. An annual review will be given by the Lead Pastor and goals will be reviewed and set for the coming year.

Exempt Status: This is a part time, exempt position

Wednesday Night Coordinator Job Description

Introductory Statement

As a Wednesday Night Coordinator, basic responsibilities include commitment to Christ, soundness of faith. The Coordinator will oversee the programming for all Wednesday education.

Qualifications

The Wednesday Night Coordinator must see this position as a ministry to and with the people of God known as Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church.

1. Be an organized and creative
2. Ability to relate well with staff and church members of all age groups
3. Familiarity of computer technology
4. Self-motivated
5. Minimum of an Associate's degree or appropriate experience

Responsibilities

FOR CONFIRMATION

- a. Collaborate with fulltime ministry staff
- b. Create and maintain Confirmation small groups
- c. Recruit Confirmation guides
- d. Be the primary communication for Confirmation students and parents
- e. Track sermon notes
- f. Coordinate the 9th grade transition into High School Youth Group

FOR CONFIRMATION, KFC AND HIGH SCHOOL

- a. Work with Wednesday night volunteer leaders
- b. Create yearly schedules
- c. Coordinate and lead service projects and special events
- d. Obtain and gather supplies
- e. Assist with set up needs
- f. Provide social media support
- g. Track attendance
- h. Keep contact information up to date
- i. Provide social media support to groups

Accountability

The Wednesday Night Coordinator will be accountable to the Ministry staff. Opportunity for review and goal setting will take place periodically.

Exempt Status – This is a part time, exempt position.