



TRINITY CONNECTION

SEPTEMBER 9, 2022

Dear Beloved of Trinity,

Did you know Trinity has a prayer garden? It is on the west side of the church by the main entrance.

Over the years, it had become overgrown and in need of some TLC. I have appreciated over the years, some of you who have come to weed and trim. That has been helpful. It is used many times for wedding photos so many times, I've walked past it everyday thinking it would be nice to give it an update.

After the death of Ron Poppens in July 2020, the family graciously donated a large memorial in his name. I approached Cheryl and asked if she would consider using the memorial to fund the prayer garden update. She gladly agreed.

A team was formed to review and discuss what could be done. We initially cleaned up weeds, planted a burning bush, donated by Wayne Larsen and Aggie planted day lilies around the two small trees in the center. With the coming of the colder weather in the fall and the pandemic, our efforts were halted for over a year.

Fast forward to the spring of 2022, I pulled our team together again to make a plan to finish the project. We decided that rocks would be the best filler instead of the current wood chips. It became a bigger project than our team could perhaps complete. There was a landscaper who was working on the new fire pit on the east side of the church so we asked him for a bid. The bid came in at a reasonable price so we decided to move ahead pending additional financing. Cheryl Poppens was generous again and donated as well as Connie Seim, in memory of her husband, Ron. With these 2 additional donations, we were able to complete the prayer garden project. Thank you, thank you, thank you!

Prayer Gardens are a place for meditation and solace. They can be a place to sit and calm the inner places of our mind and body. There are beautiful places to sit and take in God's creation in our garden. I invite you to come and enjoy our prayer garden. I've witnessed someone pacing and talking, presumably to God as there was no phone or earbuds. I've watched brides and grooms look lovingly into each other's eyes as they stand in the prayer garden. It is inviting and beautiful. Come, sit for awhile.

Thank you to the team for the vision and the physical work: Aggie Kroeger, Becca Thim and Curt Otten. The church and its grounds belong to all of. I am appreciative of these people for taking the project on and seeing it to the end. We are stronger together.

In gratitude,
Deacon Christie



Church Calendar

Office Hours

8:30 am - 4:30 pm Monday - Friday

Tuesday, Sept. 13

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

Wednesday, Sept. 14

8:30 am: Preschool (Pre-K)
6:30 pm: Worship
7:15 pm: KFC Orientation, High School Youth

Thursday, Sept. 15

8:30 am: Preschool (3 & 4 year olds)
11:15 am: Meals on Meals Delivery
5:00-6:00 pm: Community Food Distribution
5:30 pm: TOPS
6:00 pm: WELCA Bible Study & Potluck Supper

Friday, Sept. 16

8:30 am: Preschool (Pre-K)
12:00 pm: Friday Sack Lunch Bible Study

Sunday, Sept. 18

8:00 am: Worship
9:15 am: Coffee and Cookies; Sunday School, 3rd Grade Milestone, Adult Bible Study
10:30 am: Worship (online and in person)

Monday, Sept 19

8:30 am: Preschool (Pre-K)
7:00 pm: Fall Women's Bible Study

Tuesday, Sept. 20

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

Upcoming Important Dates

Sept. 28: Confirmation begins
Oct. 10: Church office closed due to the holiday

Attendance

Sunday, September 4

9:00 am: 142

Church Finances

Week of September 4, 2022

Total Operating Cost: \$11,735

Actual Total Giving: \$ 6,846

Difference of: \$ 4,889

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

September Globe Offering



FEEDING*
SOUTH DAKOTA
BACKPACK PROGRAM

Prayer Requests

- Greg Myrmoe
- Ray Kelly
- 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
- Delmer Otten's mom, Delores Otten
- Delores Wells' brother & brother-in-law, Roy Wells and Jerry Boellaard
- Sare Brech's dad, Dale Kremer



WELCA Bible Study & Potluck Supper

Thursday, Sept. 15

6:00 pm Potluck Supper | 7:00 pm: Bible Study
Marlys Bergjord's house, 27261 470th Ave, Tea SD

Join us for a potluck supper with a bible study to follow! All are welcome! For directions call Marlys at 605-359-0752.

Wednesday Worship Begins

Wednesdays at 6:30 pm
Sept 14 through May 31

Join us as we begin our Wednesday worship services! Following worship KFC, Confirmation and Highs School Youth will meet. We are looking forward to worshipping with you!

Milestone Ministry

I love this time of year when Milestones begin. Milestones are a way for parents and caring adults to keep the promises made at Baptism. Milestones are "steps along the way" on a lifelong journey of faith. God's promises are always kept, and grace is a gift we receive through Baptism regardless of what we do. Milestones help parents and children live into this gift and use it everyday. Trinity offers Milestones for 4 year olds through 12th grade. Deacon Christie teaches the Milestone lessons, meeting in the Fellowship Hall. Watch for a flyer in the mail when it is your child's time for Milestone.

3rd Grade Milestone

Sunday, Sept. 18, 9:15 am - Lesson #1

Sunday, Sept. 25, 9:15 am - Lesson #2

Sunday, Oct. 2 - Celebration (8:00 am or 10:30 am)

It's Bible Time! Join Deacon Christie and learn about what the Bible is all about.

Receive a Bible and decorate a Bible cover.



Friday Sack Lunch Bible Study

September 16 - December 16

Fridays 12:00 - 12:45 pm

In the Connection Room

Join us engage in a short video series called the Bibleproject. We will watch video together, have a discussion and a Bible study on the theme for the day. If you've been studying the Bible for years

or have never open the Bible yourself, you'll find this study helpful. You can join us in person and via Zoom for those who would like to join digitally from home or work during your lunch break. If you can't make it every week, drop in when you can. A signup sheet is available at the Welcome Desk or call the church office, 605-498-2343.

Sunday Mornings Adult Bible Study

Sundays 9:15 - 10:15 am

Starting Sept. 18

In the Connection Room

On Sunday mornings, you are invited to a three-week and a four-week class on the Biblical letters 1 Corinthians and Ephesians. This will include large group presentations about Pastor Tom's sabbatical visits to Corinth and Ephesus. This is conveniently held during the Sunday School hour and a great opportunity to meet new people!

Sunday School Donations Needed

Our Sunday School is growing! We are in need more supplies as we now have 8 Sunday School classes! Some of the items in need are: TVs (qty 2); items listed on Amazon wishlist, monetary donation and volunteers! If you are interested in helping in any of these areas please contact the church for more information.



Sunday School, Kids For Christ (KFC) and Confirmation registration is available!

Sunday School will begin on Celebration Sunday, Sept. 11. Join us every Sunday, 9:15 - 10:15 am. Grades Pre-K through 4th grade. We are also in need of volunteers! We are also looking for junior teachers, an exciting opportunity for 7th-12th graders.

Join Kids for Christ (KFC) youth group for 5th and 6th graders. KFC will be starting in September.

This group meets on Wednesday evenings at 7:15 pm during the school year.

Confirmation will be starting soon for 7th and 8th graders. This group meets on Wednesday evenings at 7:15pm during the school year.

Contact the church office to register, 605-498-2343.



Lutheran World Relief school kits are still available!

July 10—Sept. 30

Back to school sales are starting and our Lutheran World Relief school kits are now available in the Gathering Space to pick up! Each empty bag has a supply list attached. Feel free to pick up a bag and purchase the supplies and return to the Gathering Space by the end of September.

Contact the church office with any questions.

Produce stand is available in the Gathering Space!

Do you have too many zucchini, cucumbers, onions, etc? You may drop off any extra garden produce to share with others at our produce stand. Don't have a garden but love fresh picked produce? Take a couple home and enjoy fresh produce without any of the work! The produce stand will be available through the fall for all fruits and vegetables to be shared!

A special thanks to the Faith in Action committee for making this possible with the partnership of the Community Gardeners!

September Food Pantry Donation: Spaghetti Noodles

Due to the raising cost of food the Food Pantry has seen an increase in clients in the past few months. We will begin featuring a monthly collection item. Feel free to pick up an extra box when out shopping to help those in need!

In the month of September we will be collecting Spaghetti Noodles. 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.

Employee Spotlight: Laurie Parsons



How many years have you attended Trinity? 21 years

What is your job at Trinity? Custodian

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What brought you to Trinity? For our two sons to be connected to kids in their school.

What is your favorite Bible verse? Psalm 119:105

If you could be on a game show, which would it be? Price is Right

Have you ever met someone famous? Who? John, the dad on the TV show *Kate plus 8*, tennis player, Andrea Agassi and Matt Dillon

If you could have a superpower, what would it be? I would love to be able to do what Samantha on *Bewitched* could do!

What do you do in your spare time? Crafty work, garden, golf and babysit our 1st granddaughter, Everleigh.

The Quilting Group has been busy packing up the Lutheran World Relief School Kits and making quilts.

