



## TRINITY CONNECTION

JANUARY 21, 2022

*<sup>26</sup> 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? <sup>27</sup> And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life? <sup>28</sup> And why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin, <sup>29</sup> yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. <sup>30</sup> But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you—you of little faith? <sup>31</sup> Therefore do not worry, saying, 'What will we eat?' or 'What will we drink?' or 'What will we wear?' <sup>32</sup> For it is the Gentiles who strive for all these things; and indeed your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. <sup>33</sup> But strive first for the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. <sup>34</sup> "So do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will bring worries of its own. Today's trouble is enough for today. Matthew 6: 26-34 NRSV*

Dear friends in Christ,

Like many of you, I have found great comfort and challenge over the years when I've read Jesus' reminder about the birds. Usually, I've considered the words a personal challenge to my individual spiritual life. But preparing for this Sunday's annual meeting and thinking about what I would say, I found wise words from Adrienne Maree Brown in her book *Emergent Strategy: Shaping Change, Changing Worlds*. She reminds me that most birds are flocking creatures. Paying attention to the group is key.

Birds don't make a plan to migrate, raising resources to fund their way, packing for scarce times, mapping out their pit stops. They feel a call in their bodies that they must go, and they follow it, responding to each other, bringing their adaptations.

There is an art of flocking: staying separate enough not to crowd each other, aligned enough to maintain a shared direction, and cohesive enough to always move towards each other.

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When Jesus tells his followers to step out in faith instead of worry, he is speaking to us individually but also as a flock. We are invited to be a congregation that strives for the kingdom of God together through our faith in the crucified Christ. May we have courage that God's loving hopes for the world come into reality through our love for each other and for our neighbors. This doesn't mean there isn't worry but instead the assurance that we will have enough inside of us to face our day with faith.

Peace and best wishes,  
Pastor Tom Opoien

## Church Calendar

### Monday, Jan. 24

8:30 am: Preschool

### Tuesday, Jan. 25

6:30 am: Men's Breakfast

9:30 am: Blood Pressure Screening

10:00 am: Over 55 Meeting and Lunch

### Wednesday, Jan. 26

8:30 am: Preschool

5:45 pm: Band Rehearsal

6:30 pm: Worship

7:15 pm: KFC-6th Grade

Confirmation

High School Youth

### Thursday, Jan. 27

5:30 pm: TOPS

7:30 pm: NYG Leaders Meeting

### Friday, Jan. 28

8:30 am: Preschool

### Sunday, Jan. 30

8:00 am: Worship

New Members Celebration

9:15 am: Sunday School

Adult Bible Study

1st Grade Milestone

10:30 am: Worship

Online Worship

New Members Celebration

### Upcoming Important Dates

Feb. 2 No Quilters Group

Feb. 23: Youth & Family Chili Bingo Night

## Attendance

Wednesday, Jan. 12, 6:30 pm: 70

Sunday, Jan. 16, 8:00 am: 44

Sunday, Jan. 16, 10:30 am: 72

## Church Finances

### Week of Jan. 16, 2022

**Total Operating Cost:** \$10,625

**Actual Total Giving:** \$10,917

**Difference of:** **\$292**

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](http://www.teatrinity.org/give)

**Text Giving:** (605) 777-7223

**Envelopes:** In-person or  
Mail to the church

## January Globe Offering



## Prayer Requests

- Steve Jelen's dad Gene
- Sarah Hilmoe'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 Stratma
- Delores Wells' friend Joretta Harms
- Linda Vogl's dad Lyle Osbeck
- Gordon & Dorothy Fritz's son Carl Fritz
- Amber Hoogestraat father Don Weinkauf
- Joyce Klinghagen & Janet Hansen & families in the death of Roger Klinghagen



## 1st Grade Milestone

Join Deacon Christie to learn about the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, 10 Commandments and much more! !

**Lesson #1: Sunday, Jan. 30 at 9:15 am**

**Lesson #2: Sunday, Feb. 6 at 9:15 am**

**Celebration: Sunday, Feb. 13 at 8:00 am or 10:30 am  
or Wednesday, Feb. 16 at 6:30am.**

## Over 55 Group

**Tuesday, January 25**

**Blood Pressure Screening—9:30 am**

**Meeting and Lunch—10:00 am**

## Preschool Registration

Trinity Lutheran Preschool Fall Registration is now open!

We are now accepting 3 year olds to Pre-K.

Tuesday & Thursday—3 & 4 year olds

Monday, Wednesday & Friday—4 & 5 year olds (Pre-K)

**To register or to learn more, visit [teatrinity.org/preschool](http://teatrinity.org/preschool)  
or call the church office.**



## It was a chilly night for Tea Area Food Distribution, thanks to all who helped!

