



TRINITY CONNECTION

MAY 27, 2022

Dear beloved of Trinity,

What is a Deacon?

It is a joy to serve you as one of your ministers. Lately, I've been asked some questions about my role at Trinity. Some have wondered if I was a minister or if I'm in seminary to become a pastor. So I wanted to take a moment and explain what a Deacon is in the ELCA.

The Evangelical Lutheran Church in America has 2 ways to become ministers. One track and the most common one is Ministers of Word and Sacrament, who are called pastors and the other is Minister of Word and Service, who are called Deacons. Both are listed on the roster of the ELCA. Every rostered minister goes through theological training, a candidacy process and ordination. The candidacy process raises up, prepares, certifies and places public leaders in the ELCA.

Prior to 2017, there were 4 rosters of the ELCA. In 2017, it was voted to combine 3 of them to create the roster of Word and Service (Deacons).

There isn't a hierarchy between the two rosters, instead they are mutual ministry partners. I am accountable to our Church Council.

As a Deacon, I am an ordained minister of the ELCA. In other denominations, a deacon is someone who serves on a church council. In the ELCA, Deacons do not fall into that category.

Deacons connect the church with the needs of the world and work to equip others to lead a living, active and caring Christian life. Deacons can be called to congregational setting or varying settings outside the church.

At Trinity, my primary role is "Word". For me, that means preparing and proclaiming the good news of Jesus through preaching, teaching Bible studies, teaching Milestones to 4 year olds through 12th grade and helping people connect with God through services inside and outside the church.

When I was called to Trinity, I was called as the part time Director of Worship and Music so that has always been an important part of my ministry. Within 5 months, Pastor Jess Daum resigned, I took on her job description as well, which included pastoral care, leading funerals, performing weddings and more. I am honored to have been able to walk alongside many of you through life's struggles and joys.

I love my job as a minister at Trinity. I love working with all ages as we discover God's activity in our lives. My door is always open if you have questions or just want to talk.

Lovingly in Christ,
Deacon Christie

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Church Calendar

Monday, May 30

Church office closed due to the holiday

Tuesday, May 31

6:30 am: Men's Breakfast

6:30 pm: Executive Board Meeting

7:00 pm: Faith Forward Task Force Meeting

Wednesday, June 1

9:00 am: Quilting Group

Thursday, June 2

5:30 pm: TOPS

Saturday, June 4

3:00 pm: VBS Decorating

Sunday, June 5

9:00 am: Worship

Upcoming Important Dates

June 6 –9: VBS

June 15: CommuniTEA Picnic

Attendance

Wednesday, May 18, 6:30 pm: 15

Sunday, May 22, 8:00 am: 66

10:30 am: 120

Church Finances

Week of May 22, 2022

Total Operating Cost: \$11,735

Actual Total Giving: \$ 7,477

Difference of: \$ 4,258

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

May Globe Offering



Prayer Requests

- Greg Myrmoe
- Steve Jelen's father Gene
- Melva Hilmoe's brother and Sarah Hilmoe's uncle Fred Tidemann
- Jami Atkin's father Kevin Roth
- Gordon & Dorothy Fritz's son Carl Fritz
- Deacon Christie's mother, Maxine Thoreson
- Delmer Otten's mother, Delores Otten
- Janice Gilbert's father, Dale Hargens



Summer Worship Begins

May 29—Sept 5

Coffee/Cookies: 8:30 am

Worship: 9:00 am

Our summer worship schedule has begun! Join us this summer as Deacon Christie continues her Sermon Series "Tell the Story Be the Story". We will also be doing "Name Tag Sundays" as a way to get to know others as we blend our 3 services into one.

Book Donations Needed

We will be collecting gently used books for the Reach Literacy bookstore for the month of May. Reach Literacy is also our May Globe recipient. They are especially in need of children's book. However, **we are not accepting** encyclopedias, VHS tapes, magazine or elementary school text books. Please make sure all books are from a smoke-free environment!

Donations can be dropped off in the Gathering Space.

Quilters Group

Wednesday, June 1

9:00 am

In the Fellowship Hall

Join us as we continue to work on putting together more quilts together.

No sewing or quilting experience is necessary. All are welcome.



CommuniTEA Picnic Volunteers Needed!

Wednesday, June 15

Various Shifts

Trinity Lutheran will be hosting it's annual CommuniTEA picnic and we need your help! Help us kickoff Teapot days with this fun family event! More details about the picnic coming soon!

Variety of areas to help: Food Prep, Outside Setup, Grillers, Traffic Directors, Food Servers, Garbage Collectors, and Clean Up Crew. Call the church office to sign up!



Matching Gifts

Tea Area Food Pantry and Valley Exchange Bank

May 15—June 1

Valley Exchange Bank will be matching monetary gifts to the Tea Area Food Pantry up to \$2,000. We are extremely grateful for this partnership and we invite you to give to the Tea Area Food Pantry! Please make checks payable to "Tea Area Food Pantry".

Donations can be dropped off in the office or mailed to:

Tea Area Food Pantry, PO Box 37, Tea, SD 57064

Thank you again for your generosity!



Pie Donations Needed

Saturday, June 18

5:00 - 7:00 pm

We are asking for donations of pie for the Pie and Ice Cream Social that will be held during Teapot Days at the Lions Pork Feed on Friday, June 18 from 5:00 - 7:00 pm.

Pies can be dropped off at Trinity Lutheran Church anytime on Friday, June 17 or at Tea Community Hall on Saturday, June 18 in the morning. Purchased pies will also be accepted! We are also looking for a few volunteers too. We will need help with setting up, cutting and serving

Teapot Days Parade Float and Cleanup Crew Volunteers Needed

Saturday, June 18

9:30 am - Noon

Tea Area High School

(meet at the far north end of the parking lot)

Join us as Trinity Lutheran will have a float in our annual Teapot Days parade on Saturday, June 18! We will be the last entry of the parade and will also be picking up the trash left on the streets. This is a great opportunity for your family to take part in a community service project. We have a BUCKET FOR YOU and put on your walking shoes and join us for a brisk walk of picking up trash. The parade route is 1.5 miles long, all ages are welcome. Buckets and gloves will be provided! Call the church office to signup!

Join us at Banquet West!

Wednesday, June 29

2:00 - 5:00 pm

and

5:15 - 8:00 pm

Banquet West

710 N Marion Rd, Sioux Falls

(use northeast door)



Are you interested in doing a community service project? Do you want to give back to those in need? If so, join us as we serve those in need at Banquet West. We are need of 6 volunteers to prepare the meal and 15 volunteers to serve the meal.

Bring your whole family, 10 and older may serve in the dining room and 13 and older may serve in the kitchen! No open toed shoe for your safety and please dress in work appropriate attire.

Thank you for your commitment to The Banquet ministry!

Pave the Way to Huntington

Trinity's High School youth who will be traveling to Huntington, West Virginia in July, a group of 18 Trinity youth and 6 adult leaders will be serving God and the community of Huntington at a Work Camp through the organization Group Mission Trips.

There are three ways you can help our youth "Go Serve" and pave their way to Huntington:

- 1) Financially supporting their trip
- 2) Donate materials and supplies
- 3) Pray for their preparation and journey.

Donations can be dropped off at the church office. For more information see the table in the Gathering Space or contact the church office!

Trinity Lutheran VBS

June 6—9, 2022

Optional Meal: 5:15—5:45 pm

VBS: 6:00—8:00 pm

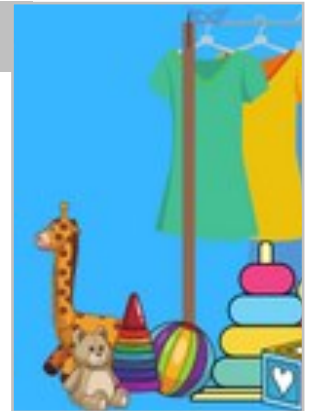
VBS is just around the corner! We are getting the final pieces together, and we are excited for June 6th for the launch of MONUMENTAL 2022! We can't wait to see you there!

Trinity Lutheran Preschool Rummage Sale

Wednesday, July 27

8:00 am to 6:00 pm

Don't miss out on this sale! It's a perfect time to get your back to school shopping done. All proceeds will go to the Trinity Lutheran Preschool. Shop for new and gently use adult and children's clothing, toys and housewares. We are accepting donations of new or gently used items including toys, small housewares, men's, women's, kid's and baby clothing. No kitchen appliance please. Donations can be dropped off at the church.



Thank you to our Meals on Wheels Volunteers!

