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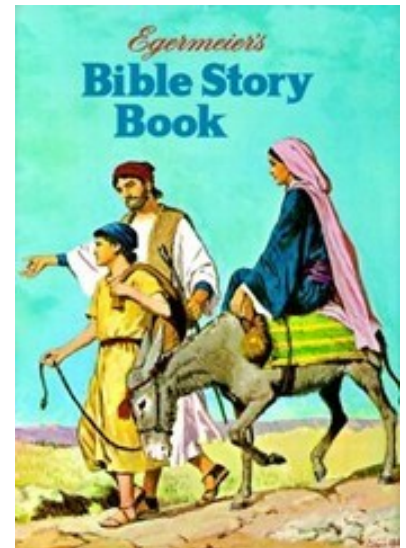
JANUARY 6, 2023

Dear friends in Christ

If you grew up looking at pictures in an illustrated children's Bible, there is a good chance that you remember some of the images. In my head, I can still picture Noah's ark and the writing that appeared on the wall in the book of Daniel. There was Joshua marching around Jericho, Jesus walking on the water, and the look on Peter's face when the rooster crowed. Even as I write these words more picture memories are returning.

Last night my wife and I were talking about our upcoming trip to Israel when she wondered aloud if any of the sites we will visit will look like our storybook memories of those places. I suppose some will. The Sea of Galilee and the Dead Sea are still there. Others, not so much. After two thousand years, Jerusalem, Nazareth, and Bethlehem would be unrecognizable to the Biblical writers themselves. I'm sure we will be surprised by many of the things that we will see.

The tour is designed for church leaders to help us deepen our understanding of scripture and to perhaps invite members of our congregation to take part in future trips. To be honest, Gail and I are very excited after waiting many years to have this experience. I'm also looking forward to sharing what I learn.



Whether you have been studying scripture for many years or feel like you know very little, it is never too late to learn more. A couple of years ago, when our Board of Education gave copies of Egermeier's Bible Story Book to the Sunday School children as a summer reading project, I started reading it myself. I noticed that nowhere does it say it is only for children, and it was very helpful to quickly get a summary of the major stories in scripture. So, you don't need to go to Israel to learn about the Bible as an adult. You might want to start with a Bible story book. I have some extras in my office and would be willing to share.

Peace and best wishes,
Pastor Tom Opoien

Church Calendar

Tuesday, January 10

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, January 11

8:30 am: Preschool (Pre-K)
5:45 pm: Band Rehearsal
6:30 pm: Worship
7:15 pm: KFC-(TBD), Confirmation,
High School Youth,

Thursday, January 12

8:30 am: Preschool (3 & 4 year olds)
11:15 am: Meals on Wheels Delivery
5:30 pm: TOPS

Friday, January 13

8:30 am: Preschool (Pre-K)

Sunday, January 15

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

Monday, January 16

Church office closed due to the holiday
8:30 am: Preschool (Pre-K)

Tuesday, January 17

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

Upcoming Important Dates

Jan 29: Trinity's Annual Meeting

Attendance

Wednesday, December 28

6:30 pm: No service due to holiday

New Year's Day, Sunday, January 1

9:00 am: 88

Church Finances

Week of January 1, 2023

Total Operating Cost: \$11,735

Actual Total Giving: \$ 0

Difference of: \$ 0

****Due to the weather an update
will be given next week.**

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

January Globe Offering

LUTHERAN OUTDOORS

Prayer Requests

- Greg Myrmoe ▪ Ray Kelly
- Chad Hindberg ▪ Dorothy Fritz
- 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
- Amy Kuhnert's family member, Jeremy Josephson
- Rick and Lois Munzke's nephew, Chris Munzke
- Donna Southern's friend, Phillip Caslin
- Rex and Clem Boyd's friend, Brenda Wipf
- Sympathy to Thad and Brenda Jenner, in the death of Brenda's mom Kathy Boerger

Sunday Mornings Adult Bible Study

Every Sunday Morning

9:15 am

in the Connections Room

Please join us for this great opportunity to get to know your bible as well as meet new people. All are welcome to join us, no signup is needed!



WELCA Bible Study

Thursday, Jan. 19

1:30 pm

in the Fellowship Hall

Join us for an engaging and friendly bible study, refreshments and fellowship! All are welcome.

Milestone Ministry

Kindergarten Milestone—Learning to Pray

Sunday, Jan. 22, 9:15 am - Lesson #2

Celebration: Sunday, Jan. 29 at 8:00 or 10:30 am or Wednesday, Feb. 1 at 6:30 pm

Join Deacon Christie and learn about how prayer is essential for a faith life. Come learn how to pray for our own needs and the needs of others!

Mark your calendar for our Annual Meeting!

Trinity's Annual Meeting

Sunday, Jan. 29

11:30 am

in the Sanctuary



Trinity Lutheran Preschool registration now open!

3 & 4 year olds

Tuesday/Thursday

8:30 - 11:00 am

4 & 5 year olds (Pre-K)

Monday/Wednesday/Friday

8:30 - 11:30 am

Trinity Lutheran Preschool 2023-2024 registration is now available. We are a Christ-centered preschool with play based learning program. Our themed lessons and virtue focus will enrich the whole child by incorporating all learning styles and senses. Learning outcomes will enhance a child's spiritual, social-emotional, physical and intellectual development.

Call the church office for more information or to register.



Under This Roof Update

****Due to the weather an update will be given next week.****

Roof Replacement Goal: \$75,000

Amount Raised: \$20,220

This past spring our roof received significant damage from the two wind/hail storms that came through the area. For this reason, we are needing to raise funds to replace the roof, join us in the **UNDER THIS ROOF** campaign. The estimate for replacing the roof is \$190,000, the insurance company has paid \$115,000. We are needing to raise \$75,000. Any funds raised above and beyond the expense of the roof repairs will be used for improvements around the church. Your gift, no matter how big or small, makes a difference! To donate, contact the church office.



2023 Offering Envelopes

Offering envelopes are available to pickup in the Gathering Space.

If you are not able to pick up your offering envelopes and we can mail it to you. Please contact the church office to arrange this.



Winter Coats Available and Accepting Donations

Board of Outreach is collecting new and gently used cold weather gear in the east entrance of the church and is available to the public. We are currently collecting coats, jackets, snow pants, 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 Gathering Space bin at church.

January Food Pantry Donation: Cookies (non-bakery)

Due to the raising cost of food the Food Pantry has seen an increase in clients in the past few months. We are featuring a monthly collection item. Feel free to pick up an extra item or two when out shopping to help those in need! In the month of January we will be collecting cookies (non-bakery). 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 or call Ruth at 605-321-7325.

Over 55 Group Christmas Party

