



Weekly Update

October 29, 2021

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Dear friends in Christ,

A retired pastor friend of mine named Arley Fadness has collected funny stories for years. An engaging and faithful preacher, Pastor Arley has always had a way of telling a story that can make a person smile. For decades he collected funny little gems and lately pulled them together in a little book. He shared his gathering of “funnies” with me last week. Here is a snapshot. I hope they make you smile, too.

“A pastor enlisted four little children to help her preach her Christmas sermon on ‘The Star.’ She gave each child one of the four letters to hold up so she could make an emphasis on each letter of the word ‘star.’ But for some reason the children got confused, and when they children stood in reverse order, they spelled out R-A-T-S.”

“Dear Pastor, I liked your sermon on Sunday. Especially when it was finished. Ralph, Age 11”

“Jason had just witnessed the baptism of his baby brother at worship. On the way home, in the car Jason began sobbing. Asked what the problem was, he blubbered out, “The pastor said he wanted us brought up in a Christian home. But I wanna stay with you guys.”

Cute answers of real confirmation tests:

“What happened on Mt. Sinai? *It exploded.*

What wicked city was destroyed by fire from the sky? *Chicago.*

What do you remember about Abraham? *Nothing.*

What is the Friday before Easter called? *Palm Sunday.”*

“The young couple invited their pastor for Sunday dinner. While they were in the kitchen preparing the meal, the minister asked their son what they were having. ‘Goat,’ the little boy replied. ‘Goat?’ replied the minister. “Are you sure about that?

“Yep,” said the youngster. “I heard Dad say to Mom, ‘Might as well have the old goat for dinner today as any other day.” From Laughter, the Best Medicine, “Readers Digest, December 1991.

Laughter is indeed good medicine. God bless you all.

Peace and best wishes,

Pastor Tom Opoien

Attendance: Wednesday (10/20) 6:30pm—134; Sunday (10/24) 8am—65 & 10:30am—226

CHURCH FINANCES

Week of October 24

\$10,625

Total Operating Expenses

\$13,080

Actual Total Giving

\$ 2,455

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 at 321-3057. **Ways to Give:** Online Giving: <https://teatrinity.breezechms.com/give/online>
Text Giving: (605) 777-7223 Envelopes: In-person or mail to the church

Our October Globe offering goes to Lutheran Campus Ministries Program Support

CHURCH CALENDAR

Sunday— In-Person Worship 8am & 10:30am; 10:30am Online worship & Confirmation; 9:15am Adult Bible Study & Sunday School

Monday—8:30am Preschool; 6:30pm Youth and Family Meeting; 7pm Prayer & Listening Bible Study

Tuesday—6:30am Men's Breakfast; 8pm Executive Board Meeting

Wednesday—8:30am Preschool; 9am Quilting; 5:45pm Band Rehearsal; 6:30pm Worship & Bell Chorus Rehearsal, 7:15pm KFC-5th Grade, Confirmation, High School Youth

Thursday—9am Lefsa making; 5:30pm TOPS

Friday—8:30am Preschool

Saturday—4-7pm Turkey Dinner

Sunday— In-Person Worship 8am & 10:30am; 8 & 10:30am Celebration of 10th –12th Grade Milestone; 10:30am Online worship;



TURKEY DINNER

Saturday, November 6 from 4:00—7:00 pm

Adults: \$12 | Children (6-14): \$5 | Under 5: FREE

Dine in | Carry out

Trinity Lutheran Church turkey dinner is back this year! Signup is available in the Gathering Space & online. Don't forget to check out the Country Store goodies, including lefsa!

Turkey Dinner Volunteer Signup:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0f4eaaa822a0fec25-turkey>

Turkey Dinner Food/Items Signup:

<https://www.perfectpotluck.com/meals.php?t=VSNF9812>

Turkey Dinner Sanctuary Entertainment Signup:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0f4eaaa822a0fec25-sanctuary>

FOOD DONATIONS NEEDED

- The food pantry is needing **donations of olives and pickles (small jars)** to help fill their Thanksgiving Boxes! Please have these items to the church by Nov. 15.
- The Board of Outreach is needing **donations of snacks (individual size)** to help fill their care packages that will be sent to Trinity's college students! Please have these items to the church by Nov. 6.



WINTER GEAR DONATIONS NEEDED

The Board of Outreach is collecting new and gently used cold weather gear that is kept at the church and made available to the public. Trinity is currently collecting coats, jackets, snowpants, 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 marked basket in The Gathering Space at church.



MILESTONE MINISTRY

9th Grade Confirmation—Sunday, Oct. 31 at 10:30 am

5th Grade—First Communion

Lesson #1: Sunday, November 7

Lesson #2: Sunday, November 14

Lesson #3: Saturday, November 20

Celebration of First Communion - Sunday, November 21 or
Wednesday, December 1

TRINITY PRESCHOOL HALLOWEEN PARTY



Prayer requests for members and friends of our congregation:

- Stan Oltmanns
- Marie Karnof
- Steve Jelen's dad – Gene and brother – Jamie
- Sarah Hilmoe's uncle Fred Tidemann
- Jami Atkin's dad – Kevin Roth
- Melissa Jelen's mom – Janice Myrmoe
- Doug DeYoung
- Jeff Olinger's grandmother – Diane Spear
- Shirley Oltmann's sister—Linda Goulet
- Judy Junke's son-in-law—Laverle Stratman and daughter—Tara Davis