



## TRINITY CONNECTION

JANUARY 28, 2022

Dear Beloved of Trinity,

I love working with the youth of this church. Last night I spoke to the 7th and 8th graders about Lutherans Outdoor and going to camp this summer. I told them a little about what they can expect to do at camp; that the counselors are college aged young adults; that worship is usually outside and full of energy.

I thought I'd give them an idea of what camp might be like so I taught them an invocation using our arms...in the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Hooooooly Spirit. They were all good sports to participate.

I also led them in a couple of songs. We sang "Fill My Cup and Let It Overflow" and "My Lighthouse". I've worked with middle school youth for all of my 28 years of ministry. I love this age group. They teeter between silly like kids and then mature like a young adult. Last night it was ok to be silly as we sang.

My experience is that when the older kids (8th grade...especially boys) do not participate, they can set the tone for the rest of the group because no one wants to be silly and then be made fun of. But as I was playing my guitar and singing, I looked up and saw the best sight. There in the front, off to my left were a big group of 8th grade boys, singing and dancing. I couldn't help but smile at the abandonment and joy. Soon the girls were moving and dancing and even the 7th grade boys felt a sense that it was ok and started dancing.

In that moment, I felt so proud to be part of a group who could worship God in a fun and silly way, not worrying about what they looked like or what others might think.

Parents, you are raising wonderful young people. There may be days when you wonder about the job you're doing but I want to assure you that in your absence, they are great kids. They are polite, engaging and fun to be around. Thank you for bringing them to confirmation Keep up the good work, parents.

"Train up a child in the way he should go; even when he is old he will not depart from it."  
—Proverbs 22:6

In faith,  
Deacon Christie

## Church Calendar

### Monday, Jan. 31

8:30 am: Preschool

### Tuesday, Feb. 1

6:30 am: Men's Breakfast

7:45 pm: Executive Board Meeting

### Wednesday, Feb. 2

**\*\*NO QUILTING GROUP\*\***

8:30 am: Preschool

5:45 pm: Band Rehearsal

6:30 pm: Worship

7:15 pm: KFC-5th Grade

Confirmation

High School Youth

### Thursday, Feb. 3

5:30 pm: TOPS

### Friday, Feb. 4

8:30 am: Preschool

### Sunday, Feb. 6

8:00 am: Worship

9:15 am: Sunday School

Adult Bible Study

1st Grade Milestone

10:30 am: Worship

Online Worship

Sunday School Sings  
(2nd, 3rd & 4th graders)

### Upcoming Important Dates

Feb. 26: Youth & Family Chili Bingo Night

## Attendance

Wednesday, Jan. 19, 6:30 pm: 90

Sunday, Jan. 23, 8:00 am: 53

Sunday, Jan. 23, 10:30 am: 197

## Church Finances

### Week of Jan. 23, 2022

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

**Actual Total Giving:** **\$6,503**

**Difference of:** **\$4,122**

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
- Dolores Wells' friend Joretta Harms
- Linda Vogl's dad Lyle Osbeck
- Gordon & Dorothy Fritz's son Carl Fritz
- Amber Hoogestraat father Don Weinkauf

## 1st Grade Milestone

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

**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.**



## Quilters Group

The quilting group **will not be** meeting in the month of February. See you in March!

## Do you follow us on Facebook?



### Like "Tea Trinity Lutheran Church"

Stay up to date with upcoming events, worship, cancellations and much more!

### Like "Trinity Lutheran Preschool"

Check out what fun things the preschool kids are learning, fun activities, holiday programs and so much more!

## 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.



## 2022 National Youth Gathering Attendees—July 2022 in Minneapolis MN

