



## Trinity Update

November 14, 2021

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Dear friends in Christ,

Even though I grew up in a small town, my childhood congregation was made up of many farm families. Perhaps because of that I have a childhood association between the word stewardship and corn. In the same way that the smell of bread can transport an adult to their childhood, autumn and corn make me think of stewardship. Most likely the pastor would preach each fall about the harvest while the sermons centered on stewardship. For a young child it makes sense that harvest = corn= stewardship.

It is actually a very helpful image. In the gospels Jesus regularly speaks of faithful living in terms of planting, weeding, and harvesting. So, if we're going to talk about stewardship corn fits the bill just fine. In the spring a kernel of corn is placed in the ground with great hope and anticipation. Planting the seed is a sign of faith. There are no guarantees that the rain will come at just the right time. Will there be a market if the harvest is abundant? And then what to do with a bumper crop? The gospels speak about all these stewardship issues of trust and generosity and being careful not to build bigger and bigger barns just to hoard what we have. Jesus reminds us in Matthew 6:25 "Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? These are challenging words.

For the next few weeks in worship, we will be invited by the Board of Stewardship of ways that we can give back to God, and we will be invited to reconsider the ways that we are living as generous followers of our Lord. Thank you for the many ways that you give through your financial gifts to the congregation, community, and the world. Last spring the Board of Stewardship asked us to make our congregation a high priority in our lives as we continue to Remember, Reemerge, and Reevaluate from the pandemic. The seeds that have been planted through the ministry of Trinity Lutheran Church are growing. We thank God for that. May we all have the faith to continue to plant.

Peace and best wishes,

Pastor Tom Opoien

**RE**MEMBER  
EMERGE  
EVALUATE

**Attendance: Wednesday (11/3) 6:30pm—98; Sunday (11/7) 8am—86 & 10:30am—196**

## **CHURCH FINANCES**

**Week of November 7**

**\$10,625**

**Total Operating Expenses**

**\$ 7,775**

**Actual Total Giving**

**\$ 2,850**

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 November Globe offering goes to St Dismas Prison Ministry**

## **CHURCH CALENDAR**

**Sunday— In-Person Worship 8am & 10:30am; 10:30am Online worship; 9:15am 5th Grade Milestone, Adult Sunday School, Sunday School; 6pm Men's Choir Practice; 7:15pm Christmas Choir Practice**

**Monday—8:30am Preschool**

**Tuesday—6:30am Men's Breakfast; 7pm BeFriender Meeting**

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

**Thursday—1:30am WELCA Bible Study; 4-6pm Community Food Distribution; 5:30pm TOPS**

**Friday—8:30am Preschool**

**Saturday—9am 5th Grade Milestone**

**Sunday— In-Person Worship 8am & 10:30am; 10:30am Online worship & All Sunday School Kids Sing in Church; 9:15am Adult Sunday School, Sunday School; 6pm Men's Choir Practice;**



**Thank you to all everyone that joined us for the Turkey Dinner and a special thanks to all the volunteers that helped make this event a success! We can't wait to do it again next year!**

## **WORDS OF ENCOURAGEMENT**

We invite you to send encouraging words to Roger Klinghagen as he rehabs:

Roger Klinghagen

Dow Rummel Village, Rm 767

1321 W Dow Rummel St

Sioux Falls, SD 57104

## 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.
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## WELCA BIBLE STUDY

Join us for WELCA Bible Study on Thursday, Nov. 18 at 1:30 pm. We will be covering the “The gift of the Spirit: A divine wild good chase” based on Matt 3:7-12, Gal. 5:16-23, Acts 10:3-42.

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## 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.

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## MILESTONE MINISTRY

### 5th Grade—First Communion

Lesson #2: Sunday, November 14

Lesson #3: Saturday, November 20

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

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## HOLIDAY BAKE SALE & SILENT PIE AUCTION

**Sunday, December 5**

**Silent Pie Auction: 7:30 –11:45 am**

**Baked Goods Sale: 9-11:45 am**

The Youth & Family Board is having a holiday bake sale and silent pie auction. All proceeds will go to the senior high youth to help them get to Minneapolis in July for the National Youth Gathering.

If you would like to donate baked goods, signup is available in the Gathering Space or online: [https://www.perfectpotluck.com/](https://www.perfectpotluck.com/meals.php?t=FQRX8641&v=16d00ec132)

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## Prayer requests for members and friends of our congregation:

- Stan Oltmanns
- Marie Karnof
- 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 Stratman and daughter—Tara Davis