



TRINITY CONNECTION

OCTOBER 21, 2022

Dear friends in Christ,

Yesterday afternoon, I was sitting by myself on a chair in the far corner of the church parking lot. Obviously looking odd, one of the neighbors came over for a visit and, I think, to make sure that I was OK. I was more than OK. I was thought-filled and happy sitting there prepared to greet families and direct traffic for our monthly drive-through food distribution. In the moments before people arrived, I was reflecting on how grateful I was that Trinity was using the congregation's property for good purposes. A big part of Christian stewardship is managing the things that we have in effective ways.

- Here are a few of the good ways the church building was used that day. Volunteers gathered for morning coffee and started making plans on how to prepare the building for a large funeral.
- Parents who are members and nonmembers dropped off children to our preschool, and I used the sanctuary to lead the little ones in their chapel service.
- A group of area adults gathered for a book study. (One of our former pastors, Ron Beckman, attended, and he was very happy to be back in the building.)
- Meals on Wheels were delivered out of our kitchen during the noon hour.
- About a dozen women gathered for the monthly WELCA Bible study. It was very meaningful.
- The Tea Area food pantry was open and serving clients.
- About 110 families were served through our monthly drive-through food distribution.
- The TOPS education and support group met to talk about health and wellness.
- Two dens of scouts met.

I'm sure that I'm missing a few events. Standing in the parking lot directing traffic when several of these events happened simultaneously made me proud to be part of a congregation that is using its resources to serve in so many ways. This is good Christian stewardship. I was grateful for the money we raised a couple of years ago to fix up the parking lot, so we could use it in these ways. I was grateful for the dozens of people who were volunteering their time to build community for themselves and for their neighbors. I was grateful for the financial donations that make a ministry center like this possible.

As we ponder the harvest, know that you have a congregation that is worth your investment of time, talent, and treasure. God is good.

Peace and best wishes,
Pastor Tom Opoien

Church Calendar

Tuesday, Oct. 25

6:30 am: Men's Breakfast
8:30 am: Preschool (3 & 4 year olds)
11:15 am: Meals on Wheels Delivery
9:30 am: Blood Pressure Screening
10:00 am: Over 55 Group Meeting & Potluck Lunch

Wednesday, Oct. 26

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

Thursday, Oct. 27

8:30 am: Preschool (3 & 4 year olds)
5:30 pm: TOPS

Friday, Oct. 28

8:30 am: Preschool (Pre-K)
12:00 pm: Friday Sack Lunch Bible Study

Sunday, Oct. 30

8:00 am: Worship
9:15 am: Coffee and Cookies, Sunday School, Adult Bible Study
10:30 am: Worship (online and in person), Confirmation Sunday Celebration
6:00 pm: Men's Chorus Practice
7:00 pm: Mixed Choir Practice

Monday, Oct. 31

8:30 am: Preschool (Pre-K)
7:00 pm: Fall Women's Bible Study

Tuesday, Nov. 1

6:30 am: Men's Breakfast
8:30 am: Preschool (3 & 4 year olds)
7:30 pm: Executive Board Meeting

Upcoming Important Dates

Oct. 30: Confirmation Sunday Celebration
Nov. 5: Turkey Dinner

Nov. 6: Family Movie Night (NEW DATE)

Nov. 11: Church office closed due to the holiday
Nov. 24-25: Church office closed due to the holiday

Attendance

Wednesday, October 12

6:30 pm: 136

Sunday, October 16

8:00 am: 80 10:30 am: 249

Church Finances

Week of October 16, 2022

Total Operating Cost: \$11,735

Actual Total Giving: **\$11,757**

Difference of: **\$ 22**

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

September Globe Offering

LUTHERAN CAMPUS MINISTRY

Prayer Requests

- Greg Myrmoe
- Ray Kelly
- Judy Reshetar
- 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
- Rich and Lois Munzke's nephew, Chris Munzke
- Sympathy to Josh and Paige Fischer and family in the death of their child, Avalynn

Quilters Group

**Wednesday, Nov 2
9:00 am
in the Fellowship Hall**

Join us as we continue to work on putting together more quilts together for Lutheran World Relief. No sewing or quilting experience is necessary.

All are welcome.



Family Movie Night

***** NEW DATE *****

Sunday, Nov. 6

5:15 pm: Light Appetizers and Conversation

**6:00 pm: Movie: American Underdog: The Kurt Warner Story (Rated PG)
Sanctuary**

Bring your neighbors and friends and join us for a fun night at the movies! Popcorn and bottled water will be served 15 minutes prior to the movie. Contact the church office to let us know you are coming!

Milestone Ministry

5th Grade Milestone—1st Communion

Sunday, Nov. 6, 9:15 am - Lesson #1 | Sunday, Nov. 13, 9:15 am - Lesson #2

Saturday, Nov. 19, 9:00 am – Noon - Lesson #3

Celebration: Sunday, Nov. 20 8:00 or 10:30 am or Wednesday, Nov. 23 at 6:30 pm

Join Deacon Christie and learn what communion means.

Turkey Dinner and Country Store

Saturday, Nov 5

4:00—7:00 pm

Trinity Lutheran Church

Adults: \$12 | Kids (6-14): \$5 | Kids (5 and under): FREE

Dine in or Carry Out

Join us for our annual WELCA Trinity Turkey Dinner. We will be serving turkey, dressing, corn, mashed potatoes, gravy, coleslaw, dessert and drink. We will also have the Country Store for your favorite homemade baked goods, canning or crafts! There are many areas you can volunteer or you may make a monetary donation to help purchase supplies. Please note "Turkey Dinner" in the check memo line. The Country Store is also accepting donations of homemade baked goods, canning or crafts. Donations can be dropped off in the office. Signups are available in the Gathering Space.

Make a Joyful Noise!

Sundays through Nov 27
Men's Chorus 6:00 –7:00pm
Mixed Choir 7:00—8:00pm

Do you like to sing? Do you like Christmas music? Here's your chance to add your talents. Please signup so we know how much music to prepare. Call the church office to signup.



Donations Needed: 200 bottles of water



Church on the Street is a ministry serving our homeless population in the Sioux Falls area. They meet once a month with sponsoring congregations providing a meal and leading worship! We are collecting 200 bottles of water for the upcoming worship. Donations can be dropped off in the Gathering Space by Nov. 10.

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



October Food Pantry Donation: Boxed Pasta

Due to the raising cost of food the Food Pantry has seen an increase in clients in the past few months. We will begin featuring a monthly collection item. Feel free to pick up an extra box when out shopping to help those in need! In the month of October we will be collecting Boxed Pasta. 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.

Welcome New Members!

