



Weekly Update

Friday, July 17, 2020
Trinity Lutheran Church Tea, SD

Dear Beloved of Trinity,

As I wrote my Council report for July, I happened to look back and see my report from April, covering half of March and half of April. At the end of my report, I wrote a small paragraph called, "Covid-19 Thoughts"

"It has been interesting to be a minister in a time of crisis" I wrote. Boy, has that sentence been true. But since that time, a couple of things have been reinforced in me.

1. We are the body of Christ in many varied ways. I've always known that but we have lived it now. Thank you to those of you who have reached out to your neighbor. I love hearing the stories of how you have connected to others, helped others. You are rock stars!
2. We move and make decisions, always thinking of the greater good. I am so proud of our Church Council and all the Boards. What a fantastic job they have all done to lead us through this weird time. There have been numerous meetings, emails and phone calls as we sort through details of safely returning to in-person worship. The conversations have ramped up as we look at fall activities and more in worship. What a dedicated group of people. Please take time to thank them.

Uncannily, (or divinely) my devotions lately have been telling me to not worry about the future. I am a planner, not a last minute kind of gal, so this staying in the moment can get me all worried. I had the Milestone schedule all done last spring, as though I was going to be on Sabbatical. My how things have changed! Ha! So, I rest in the promise that God has everything under control and we will see this through....together.

Psalm 62:8 says, "Trust in him at all times. Pour out your heart before him; God is a refuge for us."

So, thank you, God, for carrying me in times of weakness when I'm trying to take on all the worries of tomorrow. I put my trust in you.

Thank you to you, people of Trinity, for supporting us, praying for us and lifting us up.

I continue to pray for peace in your lives as school starts up again and we find out what our "normal" will look like. I pray for faith to grow in each of us. I pray that we will live into being the body of Christ in new and different ways.

Blessings to you, my friends,

Deacon Christie

Church Calendar

Sunday—7/19 8am Worship via Facebook Live, In Person Worship in the Sanctuary at 8am & 9:30am worship

Tuesday—6:30am Men's Breakfast, 3:30pm—7pm Arts in the Park

Wednesday—7:30pm Trinity plays softball in Lennox

Sunday—7/26 8am Worship via Facebook Live, In Person Worship in the Sanctuary at 8am & 9:30am worship

Arts in the Park

Join Church on the Street on Tuesday, July 21 from 3:30—7pm in Heritage Park. Free Tie-Dye T-shirts!

70th Anniversary

George and Faye Boom celebrated their 70th wedding anniversary. Their address is 3408 S River Bluff Rd Sioux Falls 57110 or 336 -1454.

Graduation Milestone

In this unusual time of Covid, we still want to honor our graduating seniors. Please join us on July 26 at 9:30am for in-person worship so we can celebrate this milestone.

Financial Update

Week of July 12

\$8,500 Weekly Total Expenses Adjusted for Virtual Only Church

+\$1,500 Additional Expenses for Benevolences and Programs

\$10,000 Weekly Total Operating Expenses

\$ 8,895 Actual Weekly Total Giving

\$ 1,105

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.

Ways to Give:

Online Giving: <https://teatrinity.breezechms.com/give/online>

Text Giving: (605) 777-7223

Envelopes: In-person or mail to the church

8am & 9:30am Worship

Sunday, July 19, 2020

Trinity Lutheran Church, Tea, SD

Teatrinity.org – 605-498-2343



GATHERING

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

L: We call to you, come!

C: Come into our presence, Lord.

L: We praise you for your presence in our lives.

C: You love all that you created.

L: Let us enter worship with thanksgiving and praise.

C: For you are God alone and worthy of our praise.

Confession

L: We confess our sins before God and one another.

Pause for silence and reflection.

L: Patient God,

C: You have taught us all we need to be your faithful people. And yet we persist in going our own way, doing our own thing, and minding our own business when we ought to be about the business of your kingdom. Forgive our selfish neglect of others and bring us back into wholeness with our brothers and sisters. Amen.

L: God is merciful, patient, kind and forgiving. We have been pardoned for all that we have done, and all that we have overlooked. May we give now as we have received: generously and extravagantly, in the way of our loving teacher, savior and Lord. Amen.

Song "Lift High the Cross" ELW #660

Prayer of the Day

L: O God,

C: Your ways are beyond our understanding and your mercy is wide enough to include everyone. May we lay aside our temptation to judge, and instead seek after your heavenly kingdom on earth. In Jesus' name. Amen.

WORD

First Reading – Isaiah 44:6-8

Psalm 86:11-17

Second Reading – Romans 8:12-25

Gospel Reading – Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

L: The Word of the Lord

C: Thanks be to God

Sermon Pastor Tom Opoien

Sermon Song “Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service”

ELW #712

Apostles’ Creed

Offertory

Prayers of the People

We pray for members and friends of our congregation: Ron Seim, Steve Jelen’s dad – Gene and brother – Jamie, Sarah Hilmoe’s uncle Fred Tidemann. Jerry & Dianne Werness’s son in law – Doug Madetzke, Shirley Oltmann’s sister, Linda, Jami Atkin’s dad – Kevin Roth, Tara Johanneson’s brother -in-law, Jesse, Linda Stucky’s Cousin – Linda Ash, Troy Smith while in active duty.

Lord’s Prayer

Blessing

SENDING

Sending Song “Jesus Messiah”

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