



TRINITY CONNECTION

JANUARY 7, 2022

¹³ May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.” Romans 15:13

Dear friends in Christ,

Last night at confirmation class, we laughed a lot. Since we needed to cancel our pre-Christmas party because of rough weather before the holiday break, we pulled the cookies out of the freezer and played games yesterday.

We do important work with our 7th and 8th graders every Wednesday evening when we regularly meet to learn about scripture, the history of the Christian church, Luther’s small catechism, and how to practice the Christian faith, but sometimes it is good to dedicate an entire evening to laughter. I should have taken some pictures of teenagers batting at balloons and building human pyramids. Even remembering it, I’m chuckling a little bit.

A little more laughter could do us all of us grown-ups a bit of good, too. Perhaps this is part of what Jesus had in mind when he chastised the disciples for shooing the children away. Jesus said, “Let the little children come to me, and do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of heaven belongs” Matthew 19:14.

Did you know that laughter is good for you? Here are some of the things that happen when you laugh.

1. Your brain kicks into high gear
 2. You get an endorphin boost
 3. You relax
 4. Your immune system gets a boost
 5. Your pain tolerance increases
 6. Your fight or flight response is diminished
 7. Your stress levels plummet
 8. You reenforce relationships and social bonds
 - 9 You lower your blood pressure.
- (referenced from www.bestlifeonline.com)

May we all know the joy of Christ and be blessed by some laughter this week.

Peace and best wishes,
Pastor Tom Opoien

Church Calendar

Monday, Jan. 10

8:30 am: Preschool

Tuesday, Jan. 11

6:30 am: Men's Breakfast

7:00 pm: Board Meetings

7:45 pm: Church Council Meeting

Wednesday, Jan. 12

8:30 am: Preschool

5:45 pm: Band Rehearsal

6:30 pm: Worship

7:15 pm: KFC-6th Grade

Confirmation

High School Youth

Thursday, Jan. 13

5:30 pm: TOPS

Friday, Jan. 14

8:30 am: Preschool

Sunday, Jan. 16

8 am & 10:30 am: Worship

10:30 am: Online worship

9:15 am: Adult Sunday School

Sunday School

Budget Information
Meeting

Upcoming Important Dates

Jan. 17: Church office closed

Jan. 23, 9:15 am: Annual Meeting

Jan. 23: New Member Orientation

Attendance

Christmas Eve 3:00 pm: 400

Christmas Eve 5:00 pm: 221

Christmas Eve 6:30 pm: 114

Sunday, Dec. 26, 9:00 am: 91

Wednesday, Dec. 29, 6:30 pm: No service

Sunday, Jan. 2, 8:00 am: 52

Sunday, Jan. 2, 10:30 am: 97

Church Finances

Week of Dec. 26, 2021

Total Operating Cost: \$10,625

Actual Total Giving: \$32,634

Difference of: \$22,009

Week of Jan. 2, 2022

Total Operating Cost: \$10,625

Actual Total Giving: \$11,166

Difference of: \$541

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

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 daughter Tara Davis
- Delores Wells' friend Joretta Harms
- Carla Oschner's mom Nancy Peterson



New Member Orientation

Not a member yet, interested in becoming one?
Join us for new membership orientation!

January 23, 11:45am—1:00pm in the Fellowship Hall
Lunch will be served.

Please RSVP by January 20 by calling the church office.

Cemetery Board Update

Thank you Roger Klinghagen for all your work with the Cemetery Board as Treasurer.
We can't thank you enough for your dedicated service!
Kristen Daggett is the new Treasurer of the Cemetery Board.

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
or call the church office.**



Annual Meeting & Budget Information Meeting

January 23 at 9:15 am—Annual Meeting

January 16 at 9:15am— Budget information meeting

Both meetings will be held in the Sanctuary



Kindergarten Milestone

Meet Deacon Christie in the Fellowship Hall!

Lesson#2: January 9, 9:15 am
Celebration: January 23, (8 or 10:30am worship)

Preschool Christmas Program and Party

