



## TRINITY CONNECTION

MARCH 4, 2022

*The grass withers, the flower fades, but the word of our God will stand forever. Isaiah 40:8*

Dear friends in Christ,

About 40 years ago I memorized Isaiah 40:8 during a confirmation class in the northeast, lower-level Sunday School room at the Lutheran Church of Dell Rapids. Feeling more than a little nostalgic yesterday after attending the funeral of a retired pastor friend at my home church in Dells, I made my way into the basement and stepped into that same room. Like most adults who went through confirmation as junior high school students, I don't remember many specific lessons. But I do remember that verse and the beautiful thought that even during change some things stand forever. God's word made know through Jesus' love stands forever.

During the funeral, the pastor preached a personalized message that talked about the deep difference that being loved can make in a community. The sermon was lived out afterwards during the funeral luncheon as we shared stories and treasured loving relationships. I time-traveled fifty years by sitting next to an elderly woman who wasn't old when she was my first Sunday School teacher back when I was four. My basketball coach who was 22 when I was a senior in high school and is still youthful even in retirement gave me a hug. Even after all these years, the people of the congregation love me and love them back. As I drove home, I was overwhelmed with gratitude.

By the grace of God, the same thing is happening right now at Trinity. Forty or fifty years from now a middle-aged man or woman will walk through this building and remember Bible verses and loving relationships that helped shaped them and usher them into a life of love and service. The word of God stands forever. Thank you for all the seemingly small things that you do in this community that will stand as outsized, loving memories and examples to others.

Peace and best wishes,

Pastor Tom Opoien

## Church Calendar

### Monday, March 7

8:30 am: Preschool

### Tuesday, March 8

6:30 am: Men's Breakfast

7:00 pm: Board Meetings

7:45 pm: Church Council Meeting

### Wednesday, March 9

8:30 am: Preschool

5:15 pm: Lenten Supper

Confirmation Mentoring  
(meal and worship)

6:30 pm: Worship

7:15 pm: KFC-5th Grade

High School Youth

### Thursday, March 10

5:30 pm: TOPS

### Friday, March 11

8:30 am: Preschool

### Sunday, March 13

8:00 am: Worship

6th Grade Milestone Celebration

9:15 am: Sunday School

Adult Bible Study

10:30 am: Worship

Online Worship

6th Grade Milestone Celebration

### Upcoming Important Dates

**\*\*NEW DATE\*\***

March. 26: Youth & Family Chili Bingo Night

April 2: Trinity Auction and Meal

April 4: Blood Mobile

## Attendance

Wednesday, Feb. 23, 6:30 pm: 106

Sunday, Feb. 27, 8:00 am: 84

Sunday, Feb. 27, 10:30 am: 125

## Church Finances

### Week of Feb. 27, 2022

**Total Operating Cost:** \$11,735

**Actual Total Giving:** \$13,725

**Difference of:** \$1,990

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

## March Globe Offering



## Prayer Requests

- Steve Jelen's father Gene
- Sarah Hilmoe's uncle Fred Tidemann
- Jami Atkin's father Kevin Roth
- Melissa Jelen's father Greg Myrmoe
- Doug DeYoung
- Jeff Olinger's grandmother Diane Spear
- Shirley Oltmann's sister Linda Goulet
- Judy Junke's son-in-law Laverle Stratma
- Delores Wells' friend Joretta Harms
- Gordon & Dorothy Fritz's son Carl Fritz
- Amber Hoogestraat's father Don Weinkauff
- Jim Oltmanns
- Deacon Christie's mother, Maxine
- Delmer Otten's mother, Delores Otten

## Baptized and Set Free

Join us as we begin our Lenten season, our theme this year is Baptized and Set Free.

**Wednesdays, March 9—April 6**  
**Holden Evening Worship**

Lent Supper: 5:15—6:15 pm  
Worship: 6:30 pm



## Youth and Family Trinity Wear Now Available

The Youth and Family Board is excited to announce that Trinity Wear is available for purchase through March 13. There is only a 2 week opportunity so place your order online. Help support those students going to confirmation camp and the summer mission trip. Items available will be t-shirts, sweatshirts and hats. Link to order: <https://hauffsports.chippy.com/TRINITY>



## WELCA Bible Study

**Thursday, March 17**

**1:30 pm**

**in the Fellowship Hall**

Join us as we study “Kingdom of God: Here and Now” external life in the gospel of John. All are welcome!

## 5th Annual Chili Bingo Night

**Saturday, March 26 from 4:00—6:00 pm**

**In the Fellowship Hall**

Bring your friends and join us for an evening of fun with bingo and chili!

Chili: \$1 | Hot dogs: \$1 | Bingo: \$0.25 per card/per game

## 6th Grade Milestone

Join Deacon Christie to learn about the books of the bible!

**Celebration:**

**Sunday, March 13**

**8:00 am or 10:30 am**



## We have entered into the season of lent!

