



## TRINITY CONNECTION

APRIL 8, 2022

Dear beloved of Trinity,

Today I'm writing to tell you about a new sermon series coming. It is called, "Tell the Story, Be the Story." It will be a Genesis to Revelation series telling the story of God's overarching love for his people since the beginning of time up to today.

The series will break down major Bible stories, exploring what God is conveying to us and how it is relevant for our lives. You are encouraged to bring your Bible each Sunday. We will look up stories together and I'll encourage you to highlight the key verse each week.

I want to encourage us to walk through the Bible. God wants to be in relationship with us and delving into His word is a great place to start. I pray He opens our hearts and minds to what He has to say to us.

My friend, I'm excited to offer this series to you. It was my study portion of my Sabbatical last summer which I was so grateful to be granted. You are a wonderful congregation and I look forward to seeing you either in person or online. The series begins Sunday, April 24.

This Sunday is Palm Sunday when Jesus enters Jerusalem for the last time. Soon those shouts of "Hosanna" turn into cries of "crucify him". Join us for Maundy Thursday and Good Friday as the story unfolds. In one week we will celebrate the greatest gift Jesus gave us. The resurrection of our Lord concludes our Lenten journey. Join us for one of 3 services on April 17. These have been trying and joyous times. Let's thank God for the gift of his son, Jesus.

In faith,  
Deacon Christie

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## Sabbatical Plan for Pastor Tom Opoien

April 18 – July 17, 2022

Dear members Trinity,

First, thank you for the opportunity to take a 90-day sabbatical as a time for study and for renewal. When I accepted the call to be one of your ministers in 2016, I asked that a 90-day sabbatical be offered after five years of service. The time has gone quickly. The pandemic pushed it back a year, but I'm looking forward to this time.

The sabbatical will be divided into three parts surrounding the theme of "Adult Education and Bible Study in Congregations." The first part will include a two-week study tour of Turkey and Greece to deepen my knowledge of first century Christianity by touring several of the sites of churches that Paul founded. Feel free to follow the link below the graphic to find out details about the tour. The dotted line shows the tour route.

In the fall of 2022, I will offer several presentations to the congregation to teach what learned about the Bible and early Christianity on this trip.

The second part of the sabbatical will be visiting three congregations that have strong adult Christian education ministries to learn what has been working well in their settings. My goal will be to reflect on the ways that Trinity invites adults to learn about the Bible. We currently offer meaningful and interesting adult education opportunities, but my goal will be to think about ways we can better publicize our current offerings and find new ways to encourage additional adults to read and study the Bible.

The third part of the sabbatical will be a time of renewal. I have some fun garden and yard projects planned, will enjoy sitting in the pew at various congregations on Sunday mornings, and will travel to and host several family events.

Again, thank you for this time away to reflect on life and ministry. I have been very blessed to serve as one of your ministers and am grateful for this time to deepen my ministry skills and spend time with my family.

Peace and best wishes,  
Pastor Tom Opoien



"In Search of Paul: An Aegean Odyssey"  
April 19-May 5, 2022.  
[www.waytolead.org/in-search-of-paul-2022](http://www.waytolead.org/in-search-of-paul-2022)

## Church Calendar

### Monday, April 11

8:30 am: Preschool

### Tuesday, April 12

6:30 am: Men's Breakfast

6:45 pm: Board Meetings

7:30 pm: Church Council Meeting

### Wednesday, April 13

8:30 am: Preschool

6:00 pm: Children's Bell Choir Rehearsal

6:30 pm: Adult Bell Choir Rehearsal

No Worship due to the holiday

7:15 pm: KFC-5th Grade

High School Youth

### Thursday, April 14

Maundy Thursday

5:30 pm: TOPS

6:30 pm: Maundy Thursday Worship

### Friday, April 15

Good Friday

No Preschool due to the holiday

6:30 pm: Good Friday Worship

### Sunday, April 17

Easter Sunday

No Adult Bible Study or Sunday School due to the holiday

7:30 am: Easter Worship

9:00 am: Easter Worship

10:30 am: Ester Worship

Online Easter Worship

### Upcoming Important Dates

April 18: Church office closed due to the holiday

\*New Date\* April 24: Parent Meeting—High School Youth Mission Trip

## Attendance

Wednesday, March 30, 6:30 pm: 287

Sunday, April 3, 8:00 am: 63

10:30 am: 195

## Church Finances

### Week of April 3, 2022

Total Operating Cost: \$11,735

Actual Total Giving: **\$7,633**

Difference of: **\$4,102**

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

## April Globe Offering

## Food to You Mobile Food Pantry

## Prayer Requests

- Jim Oltmanns
- Greg Myrmoe
- Steve Jelen's father Gene
- Sarah Hilmoe's uncle Fred Tidemann
- Jami Atkin's father Kevin Roth
- Shirley Oltmann's sister Linda Goulet
- Gordon & Dorothy Fritz's son Carl Fritz
- Deacon Christie's mother, Maxine Thoreson
- Delmer Otten's mother, Delores Otten

## Holy Week Worship Schedule

### Maundy Thursday

Thursday, April 14 at 6:30 pm

### Good Friday

Friday, April 15 at 6:30 pm

### Easter Sunday

Sunday, April 17

7:30 am, 9:00 am & 10:30 am

Live-stream: 10:30 am



## Faith Forward Survey

What does the future of our faith community look like? We ask you to give honest feedback on what is going well and what would improve our faith community. We look forward to dreaming of what the future of Trinity could look like! Pick up your survey in the Gathering Space!



## 2022 Easter Flowers

Help us decorate the sanctuary for Easter! Order a 6 inch Easter lily or 4 inch spring bulb flower plant and we will use them to decorate the sanctuary for Easter worship. All plants have been purchased already so there are limited quantities available, first come first serve! Pick up your order form in the Gathering Space and payments can be dropped off at the church office.

## Trinity Preschool Bake Sale

**Easter Sunday**  
**Sunday, April 17**  
**Between Services**

We are looking for donations of baked goods for the preschool fundraiser. Donations can be dropped off either April 15th or 16th in the church kitchen.

**TRINITY**  
**PRESCHOOL**  
**BAKE SALE**

## High School Mission Trip - Parent Meeting

**\*\* New Date \*\***

**Sunday, April 24**

**9:15 am**

**In the Fellowship Hall**

This is an informational meeting for all parents and youth that have youth attending the High School Mission Trip to Huntington, WV. Please plan to attend as we finalize the details of the trip!

## WELCA Bible Study

**Thursday, April 21**  
**1:30 pm**  
**in the Fellowship Hall**

Join us as we study "Looking for the future life forever with God."  
All are welcome.



## VBS Registration is Live!

**June 6—9, 2022**

**Optional Meal: 5:15—5:45 pm | VBS: 6:00—8:00 pm**

We are so excited to officially launch VBS 2022! The first 50 families to register will get a CD. We are looking for volunteers, if interested join us on April 21st at 7:00 pm for the volunteer meeting.

Register online at <https://teatrinity.breezechms.com/form/VBS2022>.

For more information, call the church office.

## You can help!

When you watch the news, does your heart break at the sights of the Ukrainian refugees? Do you wonder what you can do living half a world away? Well, there is a way to directly help them. There are Lutheran agencies who have been on the ground in Ukraine and surrounding countries giving aid. They are set up to receive monetary gifts. It is easy and quick to help our neighbors.

To give contact:

Lutheran Disaster Response Eastern Europe Crisis Response  
Lutheran World Relief Ukraine Response (Gifts up to \$258,000 will be matched)

## Thank you to all who attended the Auction and Supper!

Thank you to all who attended and donated to our Annual Supper and Auction last weekend! We truly appreciate everyone support, we couldn't do it without you. The money raised will be used for our upcoming flooring project! We would like to thank all the businesses and individuals who made this a success.

