



Weekly Update

October 8 2021

Trinity Lutheran Church

Tea, SD

Dear Beloved of Trinity,

In a sermon, I talked about how when Jesus predicted his suffering, death and resurrection, the disciples usually didn't understand what he was talking about. In one particular prediction, scripture says they were afraid to ask. Sometimes that happens with us also. We are afraid to ask questions of faith as we do not want to seem uneducated or naïve. In my sermon, I invited you ask questions and we'd tackle them together. I don't have all the answers but together we can learn and grow in faith.

Question:

Did Mary have any more children after Jesus? The Bible says he had brothers and sisters many times. Other religions say she stayed a virgin all her life.

Here is what scripture says regarding Jesus' siblings.

Matthew 12:46-47

⁴⁶ While he was still speaking to the crowds, his mother and his brothers were standing outside, wanting to speak to him.

Matthew 13:55-56

⁵⁵ Is not this the carpenter's son? Is not his mother called Mary? And are not his brothers James and Joseph and Simon and Judas? ⁵⁶ And are not all his sisters with us? Where then did this man get all this?" (sidenote - The last three mentioned are not to be confused with those who were disciples of Jesus by the same name.)

Mark 6:3

³ Is not this the carpenter, the son of Mary and brother of James and Joseph and Judas and Simon, and are not his sisters here with us?" And they took offense^[b] at him.

Luke 8:20

²⁰ And he was told, "Your mother and your brothers are standing outside, wanting to see you."

Galatians 1:19

¹⁹ but I did not see any other apostle except James the Lord's brother.

1 Corinthians 9:5

⁵ Do we not have the right to be accompanied by a believing wife, as do the other apostles and the brothers of the Lord and Cephas?

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There was a Jewish Roman historian, named Flavius Josephus and in his book *Antiquities* (Book 20 ch 9,1), he mentions James as Jesus' brother.

So, the answer to whether Mary had other children is "yes." How many children she had is unknown, but she probably had at least seven, including Jesus.

Lutherans do not believe Mary remained a virgin her whole life. We know that she was a virgin when she was conceived by the Holy Spirit. In Matthew 1:24-25 it says, "²⁴When Joseph awoke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him; he took her as his wife, ²⁵but had no marital relations with her until she had borne a son; and he named him Jesus." The key word is "until" which indicates that they consummated the marriage after Jesus' birth. The idea of Mary being a perpetual virgin didn't come into being until the 5th century, influenced by the writings of Augustine of Hippo. This idea gained popularity but didn't become doctrine for another 2 centuries.

Thank you for your questions.

In faith,

Deacon Christie

Attendance: Wednesday (9/22) 6:30pm—143; Sunday (10/3) 8am—64 & 10:30am—251

CHURCH FINANCES

Week of October 3

\$10,625

Total Operating Expenses

\$ 9,513

Actual Total Giving

\$ 1,112

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 at 321-3057. **Ways to Give:** Online Giving: <https://teatrinity.breezechms.com/give/online>
Text Giving: (605) 777-7223 Envelopes: In-person or mail to the church

Our October Globe offering goes to Lutheran Campus Ministries Program Support

CHURCH CALENDAR

Sunday—In-Person Worship 8am & 10:30am; 8am & 10:30am New Member Recognition; 10:30am Online worship; 9:15am Adult Bible Study, 4th Grade Milestone & Sunday School

Monday—OFFICE CLOSED; 7 pm Prayer & Listening Bible Study

Tuesday—6:30am Men's Breakfast; 7pm Board Meetings; 8pm Church Council Meeting

Wednesday—8:30am Preschool; 6:30pm Worship, 7:15pm KFC-5th Grade (field trip), Confirmation, High School Youth

Thursday—5:30pm TOPS

Friday—8:30am Preschool

Sunday— In-Person Worship 8am & 10:30am; 10:30am Online worship; 9:15am Adult Bible Study, 4th Grade Milestone & Sunday School



2021 FRESH EVERGREEN CHRISTMAS DECOR

Our Trinity youth will be selling fresh evergreen Christmas wreaths, crosses, door swags and other evergreen choices this fall. Orders are due on Oct. 20 and will be delivered to the church for you to pick up approximately **mid November**.

Contact your favorite youth directly to place your order or pickup an order form at the Welcome Center. Any questions, please contact Laura Stewart at 605-310-7896 or at lenandlaura@iw.net or the church office.



Winter Gear Donations Needed

The Board of Outreach is collecting new and gently used cold weather gear that is kept at the church and made available to the public. Trinity is currently collecting coats, jackets, snowpants, 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 marked basket in The Gathering Space at church.



TURKEY DINNER

Trinity Lutheran Church turkey dinner is back this year!

Join us on Nov. 6 from 4-6pm

More information to come, please watch your email.

WELCA BIBLE STUDY

Join us for WELCA Bible Study on Thursday, Oct. 21 at 1:30 pm. We will be covering the Holy Spirit, Breath of God, Revivor and Reformer based on Ezekiel 37:14 and Acts 2:17.

FAREWAY & HY-VEE GROCERY SCRIP CARDS ARE NOW AVAILABLE

Everyone needs groceries! Why not use your weekly, bi-weekly or monthly trip to Hy-Vee or Fareway to help fund your camp account. How it works: 5% of your purchase will go into your camp account. For example, you purchase \$100 gift card, you will receive a \$100 gift card and \$5 will go in your camp account. Scrip cards are available on Sunday morning through the worship teams or during business hours Monday - Friday in the church office. Grandparents/Family members/Friends? YOU can still help. Just buy your grocery gift cards from the church and assign your profits to your favorite family or youth's account.

MILESTONE MINISTRY

4th Grade Milestone—God and Money

Lesson #1: Sunday Oct. 10

Lesson #2: Sunday, Oct. 17

Celebration: Sunday, Oct. 24 or Wednesday, Oct. 27

9th Grade Confirmation—Sunday, Oct. 31 at 10:30 am

Prayer requests for members and friends of our congregation:

- Steve Jelen's dad – Gene and brother – Jamie
- Sarah Hilmoe's uncle – Fred Tidemann
- Jami Atkin's dad – Kevin Roth
- Melissa Jelen's mom – Janice Myrmoe
- Doug DeJong
- Jeff Olinger's grandmother—Diane Spear
- Marie Karnof
- Shirley Oltmann's sister—Linda Goulet