



TRINITY CONNECTION

MARCH 18, 2022

¹ Happy are those who do not follow the advice of the wicked, or take the path that sinners tread, or sit in the seat of scoffers; ² but their delight is in the law of the Lord, and on his law they meditate day and night. ³ They are like trees planted by streams of water, which yield their fruit in its season, and their leaves do not wither. In all that they do, they prosper. — Psalm 1: 1-3

Dear friends,

As an experiment, I planted two almond trees in my yard last spring. Really? In South Dakota? Like I was, you might be surprised to learn that several new almond varieties that can survive cold winters and have later blossoming times were carefully developed to survive in more northern climates. It took over fifty years of careful research and shared information across international boundaries to make this happen; but thanks to the work of the Nikita Botanical Gardens in Crimea, Ukraine I hope to enjoy a meaningful harvest.

Like many of you I've been praying for the people experiencing the war in Ukraine and looked up some details about my small botanical connection to that place. One word in the Wikipedia entry about this botanical garden stood out to me. The garden was part of the Ukrainian Academy of Agrarian Sciences." Past tense. I'm not sure why it isn't part of this Ukrainian science entity now, but I can probably guess.

A year ago, when I planted the trees, I learned the story that these hybrids were developed in the USSR during the height of the cold war when there was no sharing of scientific information between the Eastern Block and the West. Since the fall of the USSR other countries have been working with the Ukrainians to make these trees available to the world. I was happy that we as humans could share this good creation. I'm saddened by our fallen sinful ways that lead us away from God's intended loving ways.

Psalm 1 describes the person who is rooted in God's ways as a tree with deep roots planted by a stream. Life and decisions apart from these ways are like planting a tree in the desert. As I look at my young trees this year, I am sadly thinking about the destruction of war. Please join me in prayer and generosity for those being touched by this crisis.

If you would like to donate, here are two trustworthy sources. We have people on the group involved in relief efforts right now.

Lutheran World Relief www.lwr.org

Lutheran Disaster Response www.elca.org/Our-Work/Relief-and-Development/Lutheran-Disaster-Response/Our-Impact/Eastern-Europe-Crisis-Response

Peace and best wishes,
Pastor Tom Opoien

Church Calendar

Monday, March 21

8:30 am: Preschool

Tuesday, March 22

6:30 am: Men's Breakfast

9:30 am: Blood Pressure Screening

10:00 am: Over 55 Meeting and Lunch

7:00 pm: Faith Forward Task Force Meeting

Wednesday, March 23

8:30 am: Preschool

5:15 pm: Lenten Supper

Confirmation Mentoring
(meal and worship)

6:30 pm: Worship

7:15 pm: KFC-6th Grade

Preparation + Connection—
High School Mission Trip

Thursday, March 24

5:30 pm: TOPS

Friday, March 25

8:30 am: Preschool

Saturday, March 26

4:00-6:00 pm Chili Bingo Night

Sunday, March 27

8:00 am: Worship

9:15 am: Sunday School

2nd Grade Milestone

Adult Bible Study

10:30 am: Worship

Online Worship

Upcoming Important Dates

April 2: Annual Supper and Auction

April 3: New Member Orientation

April 4: Blood Mobile

April 10: Welcome New Members Celebration

Attendance

Wednesday, March 9, 6:30 pm: 269

Sunday, March 13, 8:00 am: 43

10:30 am: 205

Church Finances

Week of March 13, 2022

Total Operating Cost: \$11,735

Actual Total Giving: \$12,967

Difference of: \$1,232

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

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
- Shirley Oltmann's sister Linda Goulet
- Judy Junke's son-in-law Laverle Stratma
- Gordon & Dorothy Fritz's son Carl Fritz
- Jim Oltmanns
- Deacon Christie's mother, Maxine
- Delmer Otten's mother, Delores Otten
- Sympathy to Jeff Olinger in the death of his grandmother Diane Spear

Baptized and Set Free

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

Wednesdays, March 23—April 6
Holden Evening Worship

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



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 and Hot dogs: \$1

Bingo: \$0.25 per card/per game

OVER
55

Over 55 Group

Tuesday, March 22
Blood Pressure Screening: 9:30 am
Meeting and Lunch: 10:00 am
in the Fellowship Hall
All are welcome!

Annual Supper and Auction

Saturday, April 2
Meal: 5:30 pm
Auction: 6:30 pm

Join us for our annual supper followed by a live auction and raffle!
The money raised will be used for our upcoming \$15,000 flooring project.

2nd Grade Milestone

Join Deacon Christie to learn about the ten commandments!

Lesson #1: Sunday, March 27 at 9:15am

Lesson #2: Sunday, April 3 at 9:15am

Celebration: Sunday, April 10 at 8:00 or 10:30 am



New Member Orientation

Sunday, April 3
11:45 am
in the Fellowship Hall

Not a member? Interested in becoming a member?
Lunch will be served. Welcoming of new members will
be held on April 10 at either 8:00 or 10:30 am worship.

Please RSVP by Wednesday, March 30 by calling the church
office at 605-498-2343 or emailing info@teatrinity.org



East River Foster Parent Network Clothing Drive

Not only is East River Foster Parent Network this month's Globe offering recipient but Trinity Lutheran's own Lance Spracklin, is hosting a clothing drive for their clothing closet in Sioux Falls . This is part of Lance's senior project at Tea Area High School. He will be collecting donations through out the month of March. To see a list of needed items or to donate items, there is a collection bin located in the Gathering Space. For more information, you may call the church office.

Council Spotlight: Board Members



Board of Education
Brook Boots



**Board of Worship
and Music**
Jeremy Brech



Board of Outreach
Richard Holland



**Board of Youth
and Family**
Laura Stewart



Board of Property
Dave Heibult



Youth Representative
Ben Daggett



Board of Stewardship
Maria Campbell