



TRINITY CONNECTION

AUGUST 12, 2022

Dear Beloved of Trinity,

One of my favorite Biblical passages is being read this Sunday. It is from the book of Hebrews. The context is post resurrection, about 60AD and Christianity is spreading throughout the Mediterranean world. But there is great skepticism, calling the early Christians atheists as they did not believe in the Greco Roman gods. There was opposition from many of the traditional Jews, as well. Life was difficult for the Jesus believers.

The portion of scripture we read this Sunday includes these words, "Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God."

I have always found these words comforting to know that on the difficult days; on the days when I feel alone or abandoned, that the early saints also had those days but were reminded that they were a part of something greater. There is a host of witnesses who have gone on before us who bear witness to the truth that God blesses the life of faith.

My friends, claim this scripture as your own. We are part of a cloud of witnesses and that cloud is so large, it covers the sky. Remain faithful to God. Endure the difficult seasons of life, knowing that the reward is greater in heaven. The race we run is led by God and we set our eyes on Jesus.

May you find yourselves at peace as you read this letter. Together we are stronger as fellow believers.

In faith,
Deacon Christie

Church Calendar

Summer Office Hours

8:30 am - 4:30 pm Monday - Thursday

8:30 am - Noon Friday

Tuesday, Aug. 16

6:30 am: Men's Breakfast

7:00 pm: BeFriends Meeting

Thursday, Aug. 18

11:15 am: Meals on Meals Delivery

4:00-7:00 pm: Preschool Orientation

5:00-6:00 pm: Community Food Distribution

5:30 pm: TOPS

6:00 pm: WELCA Bible Study & Potluck Supper

Sunday, Aug. 21

8:30 am: Coffee and Cookies

9:00 am: Worship (online and in person)

7:00 pm: Sunday School Volunteer Meeting

Tuesday, Aug. 16

6:30 am: Men's Breakfast

9:30 am: Blood Pressure Screening

10:00 am: Over 55 Meeting and Lunch

Upcoming Important Dates

Sept. 5: Church office closed due to the holiday

Sept 11: Celebration Sunday

Attendance

Sunday, August 5

9:00 am: 159

Church Finances

Week of August 5, 2022

Total Operating Cost: \$11,735

Actual Total Giving: **\$10,170**

Difference of: **\$ 1,565**

2nd Quarter Giving

Giving/Revenue Needed: **\$152,555**

Actual Giving: **\$132,651**

Difference of: **\$ 19,985**

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

August Globe Offering



Prayer Requests

- Greg Myrmoe
- Ray Kelly
- Steve Jelen's dad Gene
- Melva Hilmoe's brother and Sarah Hilmoe's uncle Fred Tidemann
- Michael Schmidt's uncle Larry Schmidt
- Jami Atkin's dad Kevin Roth
- Gordon & Dorothy Fritz's son Carl Fritz
- Deacon Christie's mom, Maxine Thoreson
- Delmer Otten's mom, Delores Otten
- Janice Gilbert's dad, Dale Hargens
- Delores Wells' brother & brother-in-law, Roy Wells and Jerry Boellaard
- Sare Brech's dad, Dale Kremer



WELCA Bible Study

Thursday, Aug, 18
6:00 pm Potluck Supper
7:00 pm Bible Study
Marlys Bergjord's house,
27261 470th Ave, Tea SD

Join us as we study "Crafted in Christ" with our focus on Bible verse 2 Corinthians 5:17. All are welcome! For directions call Marlys at 605-359-0752.

Over 55 Group

Tuesday, Aug. 23
9:30 am Blood Pressure Screening
10:00 am Meeting and Lunch
In the Fellowship Hall



Join us as we hear from Pastor Tom and his Biblical tour to Greece and Turkey. Potluck lunch following the meeting. All are welcome.



Fall Women's Bible Study

September 12—October 31
Monday's at 7:00 pm
Trinity Lutheran Church Library

Join us as we study, Promised Rest by Michelle Dierck. This eight-week women's Bible study will help you examine eight different names and characteristics of God. Sign up at the Welcome Desk or contact the church office.



Lutheran World Relief school kits now available!

July 10—Sept. 30

Back to school sales are starting and our Lutheran World Relief school kits are now available in the Gathering Space to pick up! Each empty bag has a supply list attached. Feel free to pick up a bag and purchase the supplies and return to the Gathering Space by the end of September. Contact the church office with any questions.

Produce stand is available in the Gathering Space!

Do you have too many zucchini, cucumbers, onions, etc? You may drop off any extra garden produce to share with others at our produce stand. Don't have a garden but love fresh picked produce? Take a couple home and enjoy fresh produce without any of the work! The produce stand will be available through the fall for all fruits and vegetables to be shared!

A special thanks to the Faith in Action committee for making this possible with the partnership of the Community Gardeners!

New openings now available for Trinity Lutheran Preschool!

Trinity Lutheran Preschool has a couple of new openings now available! School will be starting soon so don't delay. We are 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 learn more, contact the church office.

Sunday School and Kids for Christ (KFC) Signups now available

Sunday School will be starting up soon and our registration is open! Our first day will be Celebration Sunday, Sept. 11. Join us every Sunday between worship services, 9:15 - 10:15 am. Grades Pre-K through 4th grade. We are also in need of volunteers!

Join Kids for Christ (KFC) youth group for 5th and 6th graders. KFC will be starting in September and our registration is now open. This group meets on Wednesday evenings at 7:15 pm during the school year.

Contact the church office to register, 605-498-2343.

August Food Pantry Donation: Spaghetti Noodles

Due to the raising cost of food the Food Pantry has seen an increase in clients in the past few months. We will begin featuring a monthly collection item. Feel free to pick up an extra box when out shopping to help those in need!

In the month of August we will be collecting Spaghetti Noodles. Donations can be dropped off in the Gathering Space. If you have questions, please contact the church office.

The confirmation students had a great time at NeSoDak camp last week!

