



## TRINITY CONNECTION

AUGUST 19, 2022

*If you offer your food to the hungry and satisfy the needs of the afflicted, then your light shall rise in the darkness and your gloom be like the noonday. The LORD will guide you continually, and satisfy your needs in parched places...and you shall be like a watered garden, like a spring of water, whose waters never fail. - Isaiah 58:10,11*

Dear friends in Christ,

Last Sunday, the congregation blessed our young people as they readied themselves for a new school year. During the traditional Blessing of the Backpacks, Deacon Christie invited students who had brought their backpacks to come forward. Colorfully themed Wonder Woman and Spider-man packs mingled with the heavy-duty bags that older children carried. As the young ones were coming forward, all students were invited to stand before the congregation. Preschoolers and college students and all the grades in between made their way to the front. All the worshipers were invited to raise a hand in blessing as the words of hope and love were spoken over them all. It was a happy and hopeful communal experience. I'm glad we all were invited to take part.

I'm also very grateful for the behind the scenes work that has been playing out this week as I watched parents and grandparents from throughout the community stop by the office to pick up fully loaded backpacks. This is a joint project of the Tea Area Food Pantry and members of the congregation who donated and assembled school kits to help families going through a time of financial stress. This generosity was filled with blessing also.

In Isaiah, the prophet describes the result of living generously. By intentionally remembering the afflicted, "your light shall rise in the darkness and your gloom be like the noonday." It is not only the one who receives the caring gift who is blessed, the giver has their own gloom lifted as well. Isaiah accurately describes the overflowing benefits of caring for others. When we show our love in big and small ways, the heart that is healed is often our own. Thanks be to God! As we transition to fall routines, may we be all be rooted in the promises of a well-watered life flowing outward to our neighbors in love.



Peace and best wishes,  
Pastor Tom Opoien

## Church Calendar

### Summer Office Hours

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

8:30 am - Noon Friday

### Tuesday, Aug. 23

6:30 am: Men's Breakfast

9:30 am: Blood Pressure Screening

10:00 am: Over 55 Meeting and Lunch

### Thursday, Aug. 25

11:15 am: Meals on Meals Delivery

5:30 pm: TOPS

### Sunday, Aug. 28

8:30 am: Coffee and Cookies

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

### Tuesday, Aug. 30

6:30 am: Men's Breakfast

### Upcoming Important Dates

Sept. 5: Church office closed due to the holiday

Sept 11: Celebration Sunday

## Attendance

**Sunday, August 14**

**9:00 am:** 175

## Church Finances

### Week of August 14, 2022

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

**Actual Total Giving:** **\$10,016**

**Difference of:** **\$ 1,719**

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

## 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
- Nancy Mette's mom, Janet Lindsay



## Over 55 Group

**Biblical Turkey and Greece**  
**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.

## Sunday School Snack Signup

Our Sunday School will be offering snacks to the kids the first Sunday of every month! We are looking for volunteers to donate homemade or store bought snacks are welcome. Once signed up, Molly Gors, our Sunday School Director, will be contacting you with more details. Please note we do have an allergy list that must be followed. Signup located at the Welcome Desk.



## 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.

## Sunday School, Kids For Christ (KFC) and Confirmation registration is available!

Sunday School will begin on Celebration Sunday, Sept. 11. Join us every Sunday, 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. This group meets on Wednesday evenings at 7:15 pm during the school year.

Confirmation will be starting soon for 7th and 8th graders. This group meets on Wednesday evenings at 7:15pm during the school year.

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



## 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!

## 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.



## Employee Spotlight: Molly Gors

**How many years have you attended Trinity?** 2 1/2 years

**What is your job at Trinity?** Sunday School Director

**When did you join the staff?** January 2021

**What brought you to Trinity?** I originally came to Trinity because my husband, Zach grew up going to church at Trinity. We've stayed at Trinity because we love the community and our jobs with the youth of our church.

**What is your favorite Bible verse?** 1 Corinthians 16:1

**Have you ever met someone famous? Who?**

I have met Craig Culver! The founder of Culver's!

**What do you do in your spare time?**

I enjoy hanging out with friends and family and cooking!

**What is something on your bucket list?**

Going to Hawaii

## The youth enjoyed the fire pit for their end of the summer gathering!

