



Weekly Update

September 17, 2021
Trinity Lutheran Church
Tea, SD

Dear Beloved of Trinity,

³⁰They went on from there and passed through Galilee. He did not want anyone to know it; ³¹for he was teaching his disciples, saying to them, "The Son of Man is to be betrayed into human hands, and they will kill him, and three days after being killed, he will rise again." ³²But they did not understand what he was saying and were afraid to ask him.

- Mark 9:30-37

In our Gospel reading for this Sunday, Jesus once again predicts his upcoming suffering, death and resurrection. To the disciples hearing this, it is confusing. What is Jesus talking about? They assumed they would follow him 24/7. Why is Jesus saying he's going to be betrayed?

The first time Jesus foretold of his death and resurrection, Peter rebukes Jesus (*rebuke - express sharp disapproval*). In this second foretelling, it says the disciples did not understand and were afraid to ask Jesus. They were afraid to ask for clarification. Did they talk amongst themselves? Did they keep silent?

Have you ever been afraid or nervous to ask for clarification? It is human nature to pull back and process what was said instead of jumping in and asking a question. Or if you're like me, I think of questions afterwards....."oh, I should have asked that!" These disciples are no different than you or I. Also, when the subject is a difficult one, the tendency to withdraw can be even stronger. We can perhaps understand the bewilderment they felt.

Jesus is preparing his followers for what is to come. Resurrection will be a game changer for their ministry. With God's help, it will be up to them to proclaim this good news. Each time he foretells his death and resurrection, he teaches them about discipleship. When Peter rebuked him, he told them that they must deny themselves, pick up the cross and follow him. This time he teaches them about humility and service to others by saying the first must be last and that those who receive children in his name receive him.

Jesus prepares them and us for a life of discipleship. Sunday's sermon will expound on this theme of discipleship. Come join us on Sunday and Wednesday! See you then, fellow disciple.

In faith,
Deacon Christie



Attendance, Sunday—254

CHURCH FINANCES

Week of September 12

\$10,625

Total Operating Expenses

\$10,269

Actual Total Giving

\$ 356

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 September Globe offering goes to Feeding South Dakota Backpack Program Support

CHURCH CALENDAR

Sunday—In-Person 8am & 10:30am Worship; Online worship at 10:30am; 9:15am 3rd Grade Milestone, Adult Bible Study & Sunday School

Monday—8:30 am Preschool

Tuesday—6:30am Men’s Breakfast; 7pm BeFrienders meeting

Wednesday—8:30am Preschool; 6:30pm Worship, 7:15pm KFC-6th Grade Orientation, High School Youth

Thursday—5:30pm TOPS

Friday—8:30am Preschool

Sunday— Celebration Sunday: In-Person 8am & 10:30am Worship; Online worship at 10:30am; 9:15am 3rd Grade Milestone, Adult Bible Study & 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 October 20 and will be delivered to the church for you to pick up approximately **mid November**.



All proceeds will help fund their confirmation, youth camp for the summer of 2022 and the high school students attending the 2022 National Youth Gathering. There will be a table in the gathering space where you can place your order on Sundays and Wednesdays beginning September 19 and going through October 20. You can also contact your favorite youth directly.

Any questions, please contact Laura Stewart at 310-7896 or at lenandlaura@iw.net or the church office.

Affordable Home Repair & Preservation

- House painting
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- Yard clean up
- Handrails
- Weatherization
- Anti-slip strips



Need a helping hand? Our awesome volunteers are ready and eager to get to work, but we need your fall projects! Habitat's Neighborhood Revitalization program offers low-cost repairs and improvements to qualified homeowners. Call 605-274-6284 to learn more!

We are going to begin a new 6 week Bible Study on Oct. 4 at 7 pm. in the Fellowship Hall. Please e-mail or call the church office to sign up by September 20. It will be Prayer and Listening by Jan Johnson. Contact Kathy Otten with questions. 359-1273.

Questions?: Please contact Janita Holman at info@teatrinity.org for any office related questions.

MILESTONE MINISTRY

3rd Grade Milestone lessons – Sunday, September 19 and 26, It's Bible Time! Come learn about what the Bible is all about. Receive and Bible and decorate a Bible cover. Meet Deacon Christie in the Fellowship Hall at 9:15am. Blessing Sunday is October 3rd.

BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS

Bennett DeJong will be celebrating his 90th birthday on Monday, September 20.

Cards may sent to him at:

Bennett DeJong
1024 Tanner Court
Tea SD 57064

Prayer requests for members and friends of our congregation:

- Stewart Franzen
- Mike Westall
- 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
- Shelly Johnson's mom – Gloria Beukelman
- Doug DeJung