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TRINITY CONNECTION
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Dear friends in Christ,

At the Sunday morning adult Bible study, we have begun reading through the book of Exodus. (By the way, you're always welcome to join. We meet from 9:15 until about 10:15 each Sunday in the Connections Room. The discussions are always interesting.) So far, we've read about Moses as a baby rescued from the Nile to the revelation of his calling to lead the Israelites out of Egyptian slavery. We haven't started into the forty years in the wilderness, but as we prepare for the 40 days of Lent, I've been wondering about their wanderings.

During the 40 years of wandering in the wilderness, we are taught that God was with the people in the tabernacle that housed the Arc of the Covenant. As the people moved from place to place, God was directly in their midst. The number forty reappears immediately after Jesus is baptized and the Holy Spirit drives him into the wilderness for forty days. The gospel of Mark gives the most succinct description of what happened during those days. According to Mark, Jesus was tempted by Satan, was with the wild beasts, and the angels ministered to him. Yet, even as Jesus experienced the trying times of temptation, he never was alone. God, the Father, was present.

This Ash Wednesday we will gather with an invitation to intentionally enter the spiritual disciplines of Lent. We will hear these words, "As disciples of Jesus, we are called to a discipline that contends against evil and resists whatever leads us away from love of God and neighbor. I invite you, therefore, to the discipline of Lent – self-examination and repentance, prayer and fasting, sacrificial giving and works of love – strengthened by the gifts of word and sacrament."

As each of us enters our own forty-day journey, remember that God is with you, just as God was with the Israelites and with Jesus in the wilderness.

Peace and best wishes,
Pastor Tom Opoien

Church Calendar

Tuesday, February 13

6:30 pm: Men's Breakfast
8:30 am: Preschool (3 & 4 yr olds)
6:00 pm: Church Board Meetings
7:00 pm: Church Council Meeting

Wednesday, February 14—Ash Wednesday

8:30 am: Preschool (Pre-K)
5:15 pm: Lenten Meal, Confirmation Mentoring
(meal and worship with mentor)
6:30 pm: Worship
7:15 pm: KFC - 5th & 6th Grade, High School
Youth, Wednesday Men's Group,
Bell Choir Practice

Thursday, February 15

8:30 am: Preschool (3 & 4 yr olds)
11:15 am: Meals on Wheels Delivery
1:30 pm: WELCA Bible Study
5:00-6:00 pm: Tea Community Food Distribution
5:30 pm: TOPS

Friday, February 16

8:30 am: Preschool (Pre-K)

Saturday, February 17

4:00 pm: Chili Bingo

Sunday, February 18

No Sunday School due to the holiday break
8:00 am: Worship
9:15 am: Coffee and Cookies; Adult Bible Study
10:30 am: Worship (online and in person)
6:30 pm: Financial Peace University

Monday, February 19

Church office closed and no preschool school
due to the holiday break

Tuesday, February 20

No Preschool School due to the holiday break
6:30 pm: Men's Breakfast
11:15 am: Meals on Wheels Delivery

Upcoming Important Dates

March 1: Date Night Daycare
March 3: New Member Orientation
March 6: New Member Orientation

Attendance

Wednesday, Jan 31 **Sunday, Feb 4**

6:30 pm: 105 8:00 am: 67
10:30 am: 187

Church Finances

Week of February 4, 2024

Total Operating Cost: \$13,774

Actual Total Giving: \$ 9,693

Difference of: \$ 4,081

February Globe Offering \$ 187

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 Margaret Larsen at 605-351-8561.

Ways to Give

Envelopes: In-person or Mail to the church

Online Giving: www.teatrinity.org/donate

Venmo: teatrinity

February Globe Offering

CASA

Prayer Requests

- Gordon Fritz ▪ Sharon Nelson ▪ Sonia Ensz
- Ken Kahl ▪ Greg Myrmoe ▪ Ray Kelly
- Debbie Jensen, Jacob Jensen's mother
- Melva Hilmoe's brother & Sarah Hilmoe's uncle Fred Tidemann
- Gordon & Dorothy Fritz's son Carl
- Delores Wells' brother-in-law, Jerry Boellaard
- Amy Kuhnert's family member, Jeremy Josephsont
- Melva and Sara Hilmoe's friend, Corey Stephens
- Sara Hilmoe's friend, Randi Van Der Sloom
- Doug Mette sister and brother-in-law, Gene and June Neises
- Dawn Arp's mother, Darlene Sheeler
- Rex and Clem Boyd's sister-in-law, Dodie
- Shirley Oltmann's brother, Kevin Schoffelman
- Sympathy to the family of Darleen Hagemeyer on Darleen's death

Ash Wednesday & Lenten Schedule

Ash Wednesday Meal
Wednesday, February 14
5:15—6:15 pm

Ash Wednesday Worship
Wednesday, February 14
6:30 pm

Join us as we kick off our Lenten season with Ash Wednesday. A meal will be served prior to service, free will donation. All proceeds will go to the youth that will be attending the National Youth Gathering!

Lenten Meals
5:15—6:15 pm

Palm Sunday

Sunday, March 24 at 8:00 or 10:30 am

Holden Evening Services

Maunday Thursday

Thursday, March 28 at 6:30 pm

Wednesday Feb., 21 | Wednesday, Feb 28

Wednesday, March 6 | Wednesday, March 13

Wednesday, March 20

Good Friday

Friday, March 29 at 6:30 pm

Easter Worship Services

Sunday, March 31 at 7:30 am, 9:00 am and 10:30 am



WELCA Bible Study

Thursday, February 15
1:30 pm
in the Fellowship Hall

Please join us for a faith filled bible study, a short meeting and refreshments! All are welcome!

Tea Community Food Distribution

Thursday, February 15
5:00 - 6:00 pm
Trinity Lutheran Church

If you need help with food, or know someone who does, call the church office at 605-498-2343. Registration is required each month. Due to limited supply of food, we will only be accepting 140 registrations. Registration will then close and we will no longer take signups.



7th Annual Chili Bingo

Saturday, Feb. 17
4:00—6:00 pm
in the Fellowship Hall

Chili: \$1 | Hot dogs: \$1 | Bingo: \$0.50 per card/per game. Bring your friends and neighbors and join us for a fun evening with bingo and chili! All proceeds go towards the youth that attend summer camps and National Youth Gathering in New Orleans!



Bible Crash Course #2

Coming in April!

Monday's April 8, 15 and 22

If you've ever wondered if the Bible is true, this course is for you.

If you've ever wondered how the Bible came to be, this course is for you.

If you've ever wondered how they chose which books, this course is for you.

If you have questions, talk to Deacon Christie..

2024 Lent: Holy Lament

Our theme throughout Wednesday evening Lenten services is "Holy Lament" and will look at how lament, both individual and communal, is a part of our life of faith. Each week we will look at scripture and an accompanying song and how it relates to the laments in our lives.

Family Meal begins at 5:15. You do not have to cook at all on Wednesday nights! Come enjoy a warm meal served until 6:15.

Family Worship begins at 6:30. We will be using the beautiful and popular Holden Evening Prayer.

Confirmation in Lent – Confirmation in Lent takes on a different format. Each confirmation student and their mentor will meet for the meal and discuss questions pertaining to the evening's sermon.

Then they will worship together at 6:30pm. Afterwards, they are free to go home.



Trinity Lutheran Preschool registration now open!

3 & 4 year olds
Tuesday/Thursday
8:30 - 11:00 am

4 & 5 year olds (Pre-K)
Monday/Wednesday/Friday
8:30 - 11:30 am

Trinity Lutheran Preschool 2024-2025 registration is now available. We are a Christ-centered preschool with play based learning program. Our themed lessons and virtue focus will enrich the whole child by incorporating all learning styles and senses. Learning outcomes will enhance a child's spiritual, social-emotional, physical and intellectual development.

Call the church office for more information or to register.

Winter gear is available and accepting donations!

- Items most in need:**
- Adult coats (sizes XL, XXL, XXXL)
 - Kids boots (all sizes)
 - Kids coats and snow pants (all sizes)



Board of Outreach is collecting new and gently used cold weather gear in the east entrance of the church and is available to the public. We are currently collecting coats, jackets, snow pants, 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 bin in the Gathering Space. If you have questions, contact the church office at 605-498-2343

February Food Pantry Donation: Cream Soups

With the raising cost of food the Food Pantry has seen an increase in clients. Feel free to pick up an extra item or two when shopping to help those in need! In the month of February we will be collecting cream of mushroom, cream of chicken and cream of celery soup. Donations can be dropped off in the Gathering Space. If you have questions or would like to make a monetary donation, please contact the church office or call Ruth at 605-321-7325.

**Thank you to everyone that donated blood this week!
There was a total of 34 donations, helping 102 local patients.**

