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TRINITY CONNECTION

MARCH 29, 2024

Dear friends in Christ,

I appreciate the speakers who have been coming to Trinity each month to update us about the partnership ministries that we support through our globe offerings. During the month of April, we will be supporting the work of St. Dysmas, our ELCA congregation inside the walls of the state penitentiary in Sioux Falls. Prison ministry has been on my mind as we plan to welcome Pastor Jeff Backer from St. Dysmas as our preacher on Sunday and Wednesday worship services on April 14 and 17.

We have also been planning on bringing visitors from Trinity to attend worship at St. Dysmas on Wednesday, April 24 from 1:30 – 3:30. If you would like to attend this service, please fill out the Worship Service Visitor Form found on the welcome desk and return it to the church office by this Wednesday, April 3.

The importance of ministry in the prison has become especially apparent after news of unrest over the last few days. I am grateful for the following message that Pastor Backer shared with the congregations of the South Dakota Synod this morning. As we prayerfully remember prison ministry during the month of April, I invite you to join in prayer. Here is the message:

The following message and prayer comes to us from Pr. Jeff Backer, Senior Pastor and Director of Development for St. Dysmas of South Dakota:

People of God, this morning we woke to news of yet another night of unrest in the South Dakota State Penitentiary on the Hill in Sioux Falls. Tensions are very high inside the facility, and there continue to be actions that exacerbate those issues. On this Good Friday, we recognize the brokenness of our humanness, and the prison environment certainly reveals that. But on this day, we soak in the greatest gift of God, which comes through the cross of Jesus Christ, the death that reconciles us from sin and death.

Today, we pray for all of our sisters and brothers in Christ in the prison, those serving sentences, the staff, and the administration. We pray for healing for those who have been injured. As they navigate the challenges of these events, may all people involved recognize each other's humanity. Lord, have mercy!

To learn more about the ministry of St. Dysmas, you can follow this link. www.stdysmas.com

Peace and best wishes,
Pastor Tom Opoien

Church Calendar

Tuesday, April 2

6:30 pm: Men's Breakfast
8:30 am: Preschool (3 & 4 yr olds)

Wednesday, April 3

8:30 am: Preschool (Pre-K)
5:45 pm: Band Rehearsal
6:30 pm: Worship
7:15 pm: KFC - 5th & 6th Grade, Confirmation,
High School Youth

Thursday, April 4

8:30 am: Preschool (3 & 4 yr olds)
11:15 am: Meals on Wheels Delivery
5:30 pm: TOPS

Friday, April 5

8:30 am: Preschool (Pre-K)

Sunday, April 7

8:00 am: Worship
9:15 am: Coffee and Cookies, Adult Bible Study,
Sunday School, 2nd Grade Milestone
10:30 am: Worship (online and in person)

Monday, April 8

8:30 am: Preschool (Pre-K)
7:00 pm: Bible Crash Course #2

Tuesday, April 9

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

Upcoming Important Dates

April 13: Trinity Auction and Meal
April 21: Busy Blessings
April 26: Date Night Daycare

Attendance

Wednesday, March 20 **Sunday, March 24**

6:30 pm: 264 8:00 am: 65
10:30 am: 276

Church Finances

Week of March 24, 2024

Total Operating Cost: \$13,774

Actual Total Giving: \$ 12,827

Difference of: \$ 947

March Globe Offering \$ 785

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

March Globe Offering

FOOD TO YOU, MOBILE FOOD PANTRY

Prayer Requests

- Bonnie Wolthuis ▪ Gordon Fritz
- Greg Myrmoe ▪ Ray Kelly
- Melva Hilmoe's brother & Sarah Hilmoe's uncle Fred Tidemann
- Gordon & Dorothy Fritz's son Carl
- 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
- Rex and Clem Boyd's sister-in-law, Dodie
- Joe Holman's brother, Andrew
- Carol Schroeder's sister, Roxie
- Laura Stewart & Kristi Heidinger's friend, Leisha Watkins



Quilters Group

**Wednesday, April 3
9:00 am**

in the Fellowship Hall

Join us as we continue to work on putting together more quilts together.
No sewing or quilting experience is necessary. All are welcome.

Milestone Ministry

2nd Grade Milestone-The 10 Commandments

Sunday, April 7, 9:15 am—Lesson #1 | Sunday, April 14, 9:15 am - Lesson #2

Celebration: Sunday, April 21 at 8:00 or 10:30 am or

Wednesday, April 24 at 6:30 pm

Join Deacon Christie and learn about the 10 commandments and what they mean. The 10 commandments were given to us to teach us about our relationship with God and live in community with others.

Bible Crash Course #2

Monday Evenings

April 8 | April 15 | April 22

7:00 - 8:15 pm

in the Fellowship Hall



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. Mark these three Mondays, April 8, 15 and 22 on your calendar. Call the church office to signup. If you have questions, contact Deacon Christie by calling 605-498-2343.

Trinity Lutheran Church
**Auction &
Fundraiser!**



Auction and Fundraiser

Saturday, April 13

5:30 pm Meal | 6:30 pm Auction

in the Fellowship Hall

The Church Council is excited to host this annual event. Proceeds will benefit (broken down by %): Partner Ministries 10%, Improvement Fund 45% and General Fund 45%. Free will donation meal. Evening Festivities Include: Dessert Dash & Ticket Raffle Drawing. If you are interested in donating Baked Goods, contact the church office.



VBS registration now open!

Trinity Vacation Bible School

June 3 - 6, 2024

5:15 pm (optional meal)

6:00 - 8:00 pm

We can't wait for you to join us for a fun filled 4 days as kids explore what it means to have a friendship with God! Kids participate in memorable Bible-learning activities, sing catchy songs, play teamwork-building games, experience one-of-a-kind Bible adventures, and test out science-fun experiments that get imagination bubbling. Each day concludes with a Fin-tastic Finale that gets everyone involved in living what they've learned.

Are you interested in volunteering but no longer have children attending? Are you a high school student looking for a fun week with kids or want to log service hours? We would love to have you help out! Contact the church office to register or to volunteer!

Confirmation Camps

Lutherans Outdoors - NeSoDak

August 4 - 9, 2024

****Register before April 15 and get an early bird discount****

Attention confirmation students parents, have you sign up to attend bible camp yet? It is a great faith building experience. Register before April 15th and you get an early bird discount! All students attending are eligible for a \$100 scholarship from Trinity's Youth and Family Board. Contact the church office or Zach Gors with questions or for more information,

Trinity Lutheran Church Directory

*** Mobile Version Now Available ***

*** Printed Version Arriving Soon***

Trinity Lutheran Church Directory is finally here! We are happy to announce that the mobile version is now available and the printed version will be arriving soon! We appreciate your patience with the delay in releasing it. We are now excited to have this available to you!

For more information about the mobile version please contact the church office at 605--498-2343



Trinity Lutheran Preschool registration available

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 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.

April Food Pantry Donation: Pizza Sauce and Crust

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 April we will be collecting pizza sauce and crust. 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 our wonderful volunteers that served at Food to You, Mobile Food Pantry. Our volunteers served 94 families!



Palm Sunday at Trinity never disappoints, the Sunday School youth and preschool did a great job singing.

