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TRINITY CONNECTION

APRIL 14, 2023

Dear friends in Christ,

Completed in 537 A.D. in Constantinople, now Istanbul, Turkey, the Hagia Sophia (Holy Wisdom) was the largest church in the world until St. Peter's Basilica was built in Rome nearly one thousand years later. Over the centuries, this building has experienced border, political, and religious changes. With the rise of the Ottoman Empire, it was converted to an Islamic Mosque in 1453 A.D. In the early years of the Republic of Turkey it became a museum in 1935 until it was once again turned into a mosque in 2020.

When I visited this spectacular building last year as a part of a study tour following the steps of the apostle Paul, I was struck by the unfamiliar right next to the familiar. Having never been in a country with a Muslim majority, the sounds of prayers and music in the mosque were unfamiliar. However, the soaring space under the dome felt like a church. When I exited the building, I watched a young Muslim mother dressed entirely in black, clothing unfamiliar to me, but I smiled as she tried to distract her four-year-old son with a snack as she convinced him to put on his shoes. Did I mention her son was dressed in a spider-man outfit? A version of that scene plays out each Sunday at our church in South Dakota.

God continues to reach out to us both in vast historical changes and in the smaller moments of strangers sharing routine encounters. This Easter season as we hear the stories of Jesus' resurrection appearances in our worship services may we be filled with wonder that God still appears to us in both familiar and unfamiliar ways.

Peace and best wishes,
Pastor Tom



Church Calendar

Tuesday, April 18

6:30 am: Men's Breakfast
8:30 am: Preschool (3 & 4 year olds)
11:15 am: Meals on Wheels Delivery

Wednesday, April 19

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

Thursday, April 20

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

Friday, April 21

8:30 am: Preschool (Pre-K)

Sunday, April 23

8:00 am: Worship, 7th Grade Milestone
Celebration
9:15 am: Coffee and Cookies, Adult Bible
Study, Sunday School, 2nd grade
milestone
10:30 am: Worship (online and in person);
7th Grade Milestone Celebration

Monday, April 24

8:30 am: Preschool (Pre-K)
7:00 pm: Spring Women's Bible Study

Tuesday, April 25

6:30 am: Men's Breakfast
8:30 am: Preschool (3 & 4 year olds)
9:30 am: Blood Pressure Screening
10:00 am: Over 55 Meeting, Presentation & Lunch

Upcoming Important Dates

April 29: Trinity Auction and Dinner
May 4: Food to you, the mobile food pantry
May 5: Date Night Daycare
May 6: Spring Pot Planting Workshop

April Globe Offering

FOOD TO YOU, THE MOBILE FOOD PANTRY

Attendance

Maunday Thursday, April 6: 6:30 pm: 158

Good Friday, April 7: 6:30 pm: 137

Easter Sunday, April 9

7:30 am: 143 9:00 am: 281 10:30 am: 323

Church Finances

Week of April 9, 2023

Total Operating Cost: \$13,205

Actual Total Giving: \$10,772

Difference of: - \$ 2,433

Year to Date

Total Operating Cost: \$198,075

Actual Total Giving: \$158,544

Difference of: - \$39,531

April Globe Offering \$451

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

Online Giving: www.teatrinity.org Click "GIVE"

Text Giving: (605) 777-7223

Envelopes: In-person or Mail to the church

Prayer Requests

- Sonia Ensz ▪ Ken Kahl ▪Greg Myrmoe
- Ray Kelly ▪ Dorothy Fritz
- Melva Hilmoe's brother & Sarah Hilmoe's uncle Fred Tidemann
- Michael Schmidt's uncle Larry Schmidt
- Jami Atkin's dad Kevin Roth
- Gordon & Dorothy Fritz's son Carl & daughter Margaret
- Delmer Otten's mom, Delores Otten
- Delores Wells' brother & brother-in-law, Roy Wells & Jerry Boellaard
- Amy Kuhnert's family member, Jeremy Josephson
- Rick and Lois Munzke's nephew, Chris Munzke
- Shirley Oltmann's sister, Linda Goulet
- Dick and Alma Gor's son-in-law, Keith Bossman
- Larry Panning & Jo Garner's sister-in-law, Pam Panning
- Maria Campbell's mother & Bonnie Wolthuis' sister, Ellen Krell
- Sherry Olson's sister, Dawn Hartmann

Sunday Mornings Adult Bible Study

Every Sunday Morning

9:15 am

in the Connections Room

Please join us for this great opportunity to get to know your bible as well as meet new people. All are welcome to join us, no signup is needed!

Milestone Ministry

2nd Grade Milestone-The 10 Commandments

Sunday, April 23, 9:15 am - Lesson #2

Celebration:

Sunday, April 30

at 8:00 or 10:30 am or

Wednesday, May 3 at 6:30 pm

Join Deacon Christie and learn about the 10 commandments and what they mean.

7th Grade Milestone-Honoring My Body

Wednesday, April 19, 9:15 am - Lesson

Celebration: Sunday, April 23

at 8:00 or 10:30 am or

Wednesday, April 26 at 6:30 pm

Join Deacon Christie as we will talk about abstinence, body image and safe social media practices. We also ask that parents also attend this very important session.!

12th Grade Milestone-Graduation—Moving On

Celebration:

Sunday, May 14 at 8:00 or 10:30 am

Reception: 9:15 am in the Fellowship Hall

Join us as we celebrate our seniors in a time of fellowship and recognition during worship.



WELCA Bible Study

Thursday, April 20

1:30 pm

in the Fellowship Hall

Join us as we study "The Ten Commandments: Sanctity of life and love. All are welcome!

Mother's Day Floral Fundraiser

Orders/payment due April 24

here is no better way than to celebrate your mom, grandmother, daughter, sister, aunt or any special woman in your life than with flowers! Trinity's High School Youth Mission Trip are selling Mother's Day flowers as a fundraiser for their Mission Trip to Wausau, WI. 30% of sales of the sales will go towards the youth! Products provided by Vintage Vault Floral, 394 S Main St, Freeman, SD. Florals, greens and container styles will vary upon availability. Sales tax included. Thank you for your support! Pickup an order form on the Welcome Desk or contact the church office. Flower pickup will be May 13 & 14 at the church.



Over 55

Tuesday, April 25

9:30 am Blood Pressure Screening

**10:00 am Meeting, Presentation and Potluck Lunch
in the Fellowship Hall**

Join us for fellowship a short meeting, a presentation by the Siouxland Heritage Museum on Early Churches in Sioux Falls, a devotion and a potluck lunch! All are welcome.

**OVER
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Trinity Lutheran Church
**Auction &
Fundraiser!**



Auction and Fundraiser

Saturday, April 29

5:30 pm Meal

6:30 pm Auction

in the Fellowship Hall

Silent Auction

Now until Wednesday, April 26

Bidding closes at 7:30 pm

in the Gathering Space

The Church Council is excited to host this annual event. Proceeds will benefit the Under This Roof Campaign! Free will donation meal. Evening Festivities Include: Mystery Item Auction, Dessert Race & Ticket Raffle Drawing. Tickets: \$1 per ticket or \$20 for 25 tickets. Cash, check or credit card accepted. If you are interested in donating Baked Goods to be auctioned off, contact the church office.

Can't make the auction but still want to participate? Have you seen Trinity's silent auction table? In conjunction with Church Council's auction, they added a silent auction that has 4 awesome gifts that you can bid on now: Splash Bark Party Package by SDK - 1 hour session, \$100 Hang Nail Salon Gift Certificate, Augustana Football Tickets - 4 reserved tickets, 1 Large Boneless Ham

For more information, contact the church office.

Vacation Bible School registration now open!

Trinity Vacation Bible School

June 5 - 8, 2023

5:15 pm (optional meal)

6:00 - 8:00 pm

Join us for a fun filled 4 days that will launch kids on a cosmic quest where they'll have a blast shining Jesus' light to the world. Stellar

rockets kids on an out-of-this-world adventure that's light years of faith-building fun. Mark your calendar as you don't want to miss this week of fun! Call the church to signup!



Volunteers Needed: Food to You, the Mobile Food Pantry

Thursday, May 4

4:15 pm - 7:30 pm or 5:10 - 7:30 pm

East Side Church

1300 E 10th St, Sioux Falls, SD (use north door)

Grab your friends and join us as for at the Food To You - the Mobile Food Pantry! This organization is our April Globe Offering recipient and is part of the Charis Ministry Partners. We hope you are able to join us for this great service project opportunity!! Call the church to signup!

Faith in Action: Spring Pot Plating Workshop

Sunday, May 7
11:45 am
Luther Lounge
Please register by May 1
Cost: \$34



Want to make a beautiful pot to give someone for Mothers day, a spring birthday or I just love flowers gift? A local greenhouse employee will be offering a small group class, you will learn to plant a very nice patio pot that will thrive in the sun all summer long with a little bit of care. Call the church for more information and to signup!

Confirmation Camps

Shetek - Mini Camp - 7th - 9th graders
July 5 -7, 2023
Registration Code: "tea"

Klein Ranch
June 25 - 30, 2023

Attention confirmation students parents, have you sign up to attend bible camp yet? It is a great faith building experience. All students attending are eligible for a \$100 scholarship from Trinity's Youth and Family Board. Contact the church office or Deacon Christie with questions or for more information,

April Food Pantry Donation: Macaroni & Cheese

Due to the raising cost of food the Food Pantry has seen an increase in clients in the past few months. We are featuring a monthly collection item. Feel free to pick up an extra item or two when out shopping to help those in need! In the month of April we will be collecting macaroni and cheese helper. 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.



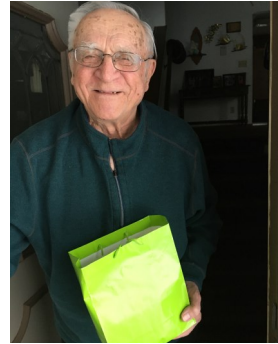
Under This Roof Update

Goal: \$100,000
Amount Raised: \$58,015
Matching Gift Challenge
Amount Raised + Match Amount
 $\$1,155 + \$1,155 = \$2,310$

Good news! A generous donor has offered a matching gift challenge for the Under this Roof Campaign. **From Easter until Mother's Day, May 14, all gifts up to a total of \$21,000 will be matched dollar for dollar.** Whether you give a gift of \$10, \$100, \$1000, or more, that gift will double. Since we have raised over \$58,000 toward our \$100,000 campaign goal, fulfilling this matching gift challenge would allow us to celebrate the completion of this stewardship project in time for the start of the spring building season. Please consider making a gift.

To donate, contact the church office.

**Thank you Faith in Action for providing soup
to a few of our members!**



**Thank you to everyone who baked and purchased items for the Pre-
school Bake Sale! We appreciate your continued support.**

