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TRINITY CONNECTION

APRIL 28, 2023

Dear friends,

Growing up in small town South Dakota, I was fortunate to have enough extended family around that I took them for granted. Random family members tended to just show up at our house, and we did the same at theirs. Older cousins were in and out of our kitchen to have coffee with my parents. My aunts were big huggers, and I knew a big squeeze would be the price for a homemade sugar cookie when I came in through the back door. In those days instead of attached garages many of my family's older homes had parking in the back through the alley. Because of this, the back door was the most common entrance for family and friends. Only strangers and special guests knocked on the front door.

In John 10, Jesus talks about being the gate or door to a loving, just, and safe place. When the gospel writer shares Jesus' words, "Whoever enters by me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture," the author is using a familiar phrase that would have been recognized by the readers. "To come in and to go out" has the sense of freedom to come and go into a place where there is a loving community. Jesus invites us to come in through the family entrance where good things await, good food, laughter, shelter from the storms of life, and a place to recharge.

May our congregation and our homes be places of wide door welcome that reflect the love of Jesus himself.

Peace and best wishes,

Pastor Tom Opoien



Church Calendar

Tuesday, May 2

6:30 am: Men's Breakfast
8:30 am: Preschool (3 & 4 year olds)
6:30 pm: Tea Area Community Garden Meeting

Wednesday, May 3

8:30 am: Preschool (Pre-K)
5:45 pm: Band Rehearsal
6:30 pm: Worship
7:15 pm: KFC-6th Grade, Confirmation, High School Youth, Men's Bible Study
8:00 pm: High School Youth Mission Trip Meeting for Parents and Youth

Thursday, May 4

8:30 am: Preschool (3 & 4 year olds)
11:15 am: Meals on Wheels Delivery
4:15 pm: Food to You, the mobile food pantry
5:30 pm: TOPS
8:15 pm: Executive Committee Meeting

Friday, May 5

8:30 am: Preschool (Pre-K)
6:00 pm: Date Night Daycare

Sunday, May 7

8:00 am: Worship
9:15 am: Coffee and Cookies, Adult Bible Study, Sunday School Summer Kickoff Party
10:30 am: Worship (online and in person), Sunday School Youth Sing (All Crews);
11:45 am: Faith in Action Spring Pot Planting Workshop

Monday, May 8

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

Tuesday, May 9

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

Upcoming Important Dates

May 14: 12th Grade Milestone & Reception

May Globe Offering

LUTHERAN SOCIAL SERVICES

Attendance

Wednesday, April 19: 6:30 pm: 101

Sunday, April 23

8:00 am: 89 10:30 am: 250

Church Finances

Week of April 23, 2023

Total Operating Cost: \$13,205

Actual Total Giving: \$ 7,789

Difference of: - \$ 5,416

Year to Date

Total Operating Cost: \$224,485

Actual Total Giving: \$177,572

Difference of: - \$46,913

April Globe Offering \$651

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 Hilmo's brother & Sarah Hilmo'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
- 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
- Sympathy to Maria Campbell and Bonnie Wolthuis in the loss of mother and sister, Ellen Krell
- Sympathy to Wayne Talley in the death of his cousin, Reena
- Sympathy to Jeff Goodman in the death of his father, Jerry

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!

Tea Area Community Garden Meeting

Tuesday, May 2

6:30 pm

in the Gathering Space

Cost: \$10 per plot

Spring is almost here, so it's time to start thinking about gardening. Please join us for our yearly meeting! For those of you new to the garden, the meeting is used to go over the guidelines and assign plot locations. There are 84 6' x 6' foot plots divided by 3' paths. There will be a wider main path running east to west 2 plots from the north side of the garden this year. Each individual gardener's plots will be contiguous so you may plant in the paths between your plots. The maximum number of plots per gardener is 6 or 8 (depending upon the total number of plots needed to assure each gardener gets a garden). Payment of the plot is due the evening of the meeting. Call the church office to signup for a plot!



Quilters Group

Wednesday, May 3

9:00 am

in the Fellowship Hall

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

First Wednesday Men's Bible Study

First Wednesday of the Month

Wednesday, May 3

7:15—8:15 pm

in the Connections Room

Attention Men, this is our final Wednesday Men's Bible Study. Pastor Tom will be hosting a "First Wednesday Men's Bible Study". Whether this is the first Bible Study you've ever attended, or you just want to know a little more about the Bible and get to meet some new people, feel free to check this out.

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!

Fundraiser for the Mission Trip: Date Night Daycare

**Friday, May 5
6:00 - 10:00 pm
Trinity Lutheran Church
\$10 Donation suggested per child
Registration deadline: Wednesday, May 3**

Back by popular demand! Enjoy a night out and support Trinity's Youth! All proceeds will go toward the youth attending this summer's mission trip to Wausau, WI. We welcome kids ages 1-12 year olds. Pizza & hot dogs will be provided from 6:30-7:00 pm. Contact the church office for more information or 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!

Milestone Ministry

**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.

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 or to volunteer!

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,

May Food Pantry Donation: Canned Fruit

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 May we will be collecting canned fruit. 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: \$81,141

Matching Gift Challenge

Amount Raised + Match Amount

\$11,563 + \$11,563 = \$23,126

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. By 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.

Thrivent Choice Dollars

Are you a Thrivent member? Ready to give back?

Do you know about Thrivent Choice Dollars?

Through Thrivent Choice, with your membership can contribute to Trinity Lutheran Church through Choice Dollars. Contact your Thrivent representative for more information.

**KFC did a great job of leading worship last week!
Thank you to everyone who made this possible.**

