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## TRINITY CONNECTION

MAY 5, 2023

*Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. 2In my Father's house there are many dwelling places. John 14:1-2*

Dear friends,

The Simon and Garfunkel song, "Bridge Over Troubled Water" was their most popular single, winning the Best Song of the Year award at the 1971 Grammy Awards. Even if you were born long after 1971 there is a good chance that you would recognize the song if you heard it because it has been so popular for decades.

Working on a sermon based on John 14 this week, Jesus' words "Do not let your hearts be troubled," have become jumbled in my mind with Paul Simon's lyrics:

When you're down and out  
When you're on the street  
When evening falls so hard  
I will comfort you  
I'll take your part  
Oh, when darkness comes  
And pain is all around  
  
Like a bridge over troubled water  
I will lay me down  
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The lyrics are a powerful metaphor for people enduring through difficult times. I don't know if Simon had Jesus' words in mind when he wrote the lyrics, but they certainly fit the troubled situation the disciples found themselves in as the momentum was rushing toward a cross.

Jesus reminds them that even though their hearts feel like a troubled flood, that he will provide a way for them to endure. Jesus reminds them that he is their way over their trouble. He invites them to believe it. Jesus invites us to believe it, too.

Peace and best wishes,  
Pastor Tom Opoien

## Church Calendar

### 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

### Wednesday, May 10

8:30 am: Preschool (Pre-K)  
5:45 pm: Band Rehearsal  
6:30 pm: Worship  
7:15 pm: High School Youth, Mentors Only  
Meeting, VBS Committee Meeting

### Thursday, May 11

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

### Friday, May 12

8:30 am: Preschool (Pre-K)

### Sunday, May 14

8:00 am: Worship, 12th Grade Milestone  
Celebration  
9:15 am: Coffee and Cookies,  
9:30 am: Graduation Reception  
10:30 am: Worship (online and in person),  
12th Grade Milestone Celebration

### Monday, May 15

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

### Tuesday, May 16

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

### Upcoming Important Dates

May 18: Preschool Graduation  
May 29: Church office closed due to holiday  
June 5—8: Vacation Bible School

## May Globe Offering

LUTHERAN SOCIAL SERVICES

## Attendance

Wednesday, April 26: 6:30 pm: 69

Sunday, April 30

8:00 am: 77      10:30 am: 207

## Church Finances

### Week of April 30, 2023

Total Operating Cost: \$13,205

**Actual Total Giving: \$12,889**

**Difference of: - \$ 316**

### Year to Date

Total Operating Cost: \$237,690

**Actual Total Giving: \$177,888**

**Difference of: - \$59,802**

**May Globe Offering \$ 107**

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](http://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

## Milestone Ministry

### 12th Grade Milestone-Graduation—Moving On Celebration:

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

**Reception: 9:30 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, May 18**

**1:30 pm**

**in the Fellowship Hall**

Join us as we study "Promised Salvation Now—Jesus Brings Wellness." Everyone serves the good wine first, and then the inferior wine after the guests have become drunk. But you have kept the good wine until now." -John 2:10 All are welcome!

## Tea Community Food Distribution

**Thursday, May 18**

**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. Please register by Wednesday, May 17th

## VBS registration closes soon!

**Trinity Vacation Bible School**

**June 5 - 8, 2023**

**5:15 pm (optional meal)**

**6:00 - 8:00 pm**

**\*\* Registration closes, Sunday, May 14 \*\***

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,

## A special thank you from our Church Council!

The numbers are in and confirm what many already knew, last Saturday night's annual Spring Auction was a huge success! The laughter, fun, and fellowship of the night culminated in raising just shy of \$16,000 towards the Under the Roof campaign. We are truly blessed to have a congregation so willing to give of their time and talents. A sincere Thank You from the Church Council to all of those that contributed to this event. Lastly, a special Thank You to our auctioneer Pete Atkins and his talented team of assistants as well as Kelly Wilken for smoking all of the meat!

## Hospitalizations / Life Changing Events

Did you know that the hospitals do not notify the church or pastor if a member has been admitted, even if you've been asked about your church membership upon arrival? Pastor Tom and Deacon Christie want to be there to support you or your loved one in a time of sorrow or joy.

Please notify the church when:

There is a hospitalization in your family.

There is a death in your family.

You would like a pastoral visit.

There is a birth or adoption.

Someone becomes home bound.

Someone becomes unemployed.

Trinity Lutheran Church, the body of Christ, wants to bring you Christ's love in all the seasons of your life. You may contact either Pastor Tom or Deacon Christie by calling 605-498-2343.

## 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: \$84,261**

**Matching Gift Challenge**

**Amount Raised + Match Amount**

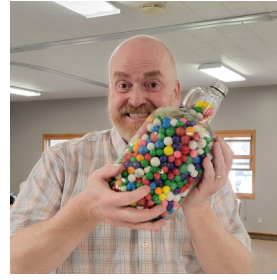
**\$13,123 + \$13,123 = \$26,246**

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.



**Thank you to everyone who attended or donated  
to our annual spring auction!**



**Tea Area High School students came to visit some of our members  
this week to learn about their life in retirement!**

