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TRINITY CONNECTION

MAY 12, 2023

Dear friends in Christ,

Proverbs, Job, and Ecclesiastes in the Hebrew Scriptures are several books described as “wisdom” literature in the Bible. Of course, each book of scripture contains wisdom, but these books specifically reflect on the complex and various ways that personal character is formed in relationship with God’s wisdom. For instance, Proverb 1:7 reminds us, “The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge; fools despise wisdom and instruction.” This certainly nails human experience. In hindsight most of us would recognize times when we were stubborn and foolish when we despised helpful instruction.

Sometimes, wisdom literature struggles with the times that the world doesn’t seem fair when both the just and the unjust face personal struggles. This is most evident in the book of Job.

As winter finally has given way to spring, I have been remembering one of the most well know wisdom passages from Ecclesiastes that describes the way that God’s engagement with individuals and the world resembles the change of seasons.

For everything there is a season and a time for every matter under heaven:

2 a time to be born and a time to die;
a time to plant and a time to pluck up what is planted;
3 a time to kill and a time to heal;
a time to break down and a time to build up;
4 a time to weep and a time to laugh;
a time to mourn and a time to dance;
5 a time to throw away stones and a time to gather stones together;
a time to embrace and a time to refrain from embracing;
6 a time to seek and a time to lose;
a time to keep and a time to throw away;
7 a time to tear and a time to sew;
a time to keep silent and a time to speak;
8 a time to love and a time to hate;
a time for war and a time for peace. -Ecclesiastes 3: 1-8

Indeed, human character is formed in the times of joy, sorrow, wonder, and change. The Biblical writers knew this, so do we. As congregations, families, and communities celebrate graduations this month, I praying for you as you enter your new season of life.

Peace and best wishes,
Pastor Tom Opoien

Church Calendar

Tuesday, May 16

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

Wednesday, May 17

8:30 am: Preschool (Pre-K)

Thursday, May 18

8:30 am: Preschool Graduation
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, May 19

8:30 am: Preschool (3 & 4 year olds & Pre-K)

Sunday, May 21

8:00 am: Worship
9:15 am: Coffee and Cookies, Ice Cream
"SUNDAY" Social
10:30 am: Worship (online and in person),
11:30 am: Ice Cream "SUNDAY" Social

Monday, May 22

8:30 am: Preschool (3 & 4 year olds & Pre-K)
5:30 pm: Website Redesign Committee Meeting

Tuesday, May 23

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 and Potluck Lunch
6:30 pm: VBS Volunteer Meeting

Upcoming Important Dates

May 29: Church office closed due to holiday
June 5 - 8: Vacation Bible School
June 14: CommuniTEA Picnic

May Globe Offering

LUTHERAN SOCIAL SERVICES

Attendance

Wednesday, May 3: 6:30 pm: 77

Sunday, May 7

8:00 am: 85 10:30 am: 230

Church Finances

Week of May 7, 2023

Total Operating Cost: \$13,205

Actual Total Giving: \$ 6,580

Difference of: - \$ 6,625

Year to Date

Total Operating Cost: \$250,895

Actual Total Giving: \$184,468

Difference of: - \$66,427

May Globe Offering \$ 251

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

- Sharon Nelson ▪ Lexi Mackowski ▪ Sonia Ensiz
- 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 Paul Schreurs in the death of his father, Irvin
- Sympathy to Deacon Christie and Phil in the stillborn birth of their grandchild
- Sympathy to Kerry and Tommy Pollema in the death of Kerry's mom, Gail



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

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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

**OVER
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Over 55 Group

Tuesday, May 23

9:30 am—Blood Pressure Screening

10:00 am—Meeting and Potluck Lunch

in the Fellowship Hall

Join us for fellowship a short meeting, devotions and a potluck lunch! All are welcome.



Trinity Lutheran Preschool registration is still 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 2023-2024 registration is available and we have a few openings left. 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.

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: \$87,551

Matching Gift Challenge

Amount Raised + Match Amount

\$14,768 + \$14,768 = \$29,536

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.

Date Night Daycare was a success once again! Thanks again for everyone who made this possible and for supporting Trinity's youth!



That is a wrap, Sunday School wrapped up last week with a fun Summer Kickoff party! Thanks to all the volunteers who made this year a success.

