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TRINITY CONNECTION

MAY 19, 2023

Dear Beloved of Trinity,

"And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one."
John 17:11

There is a folk song that says, "We are one in the spirit, we are one in the Lord." I feel this describes Trinity Lutheran Church. From a group of pioneers about 185 years ago, to the thriving congregation we are today, we are one.

I love the combination of our upcoming scripture readings this week. We will hear from Acts 1 how the early church is formed. The disciples have been self-sequestered in a room in Jerusalem, afraid of the wrath of the Romans. They wondered what Jesus' words were pertaining a gift of peace. So they wait, they pray.

Undergirding their fears and wonderment, our Gospel reading is Jesus' prayer for his disciples. A prayer for all of us. A prayer for a deep relationship with God the Father and with each other. A prayer of unity. His prayer is not spoken alone, far off from his disciples. Instead, it is spoken around a table, a shared meal, a prayer for them. And the disciples hear every word.

This prayer for unity holds fast and true today. God wants to be in relationship with us. He loves us beyond our wildest imaginations, even when we don't recognize it. We are at the end of the Easter season and will enter into the long, green season of Pentecost. This prayer of Jesus is a fitting closure. "I am no longer in this world and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one as we are one." (vs 11)

There is an African proverb that goes like this:

If you want to go fast, go alone,
If you want to go far, go together.

Trinity Lutheran has a rich, long history of mutual ministry. We've built not only buildings together but we've built faith together – journeyed through ups and downs of life together. Our future is promising and bright, guided by the Holy Spirit. #TrinityStrong

In Faith,
Deacon Christie

Church Calendar

Tuesday, May 23

6:30 am: Men's Breakfast
8:30 am: Preschool (3 & 4 year olds)
9:30 am: Over 55 Group
6:30 pm: VBS Volunteer Meeting
7:30 pm: VBS Committee Meeting

Wednesday, May 24

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

Thursday, May 25

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

Friday, May 26

11:15 am: Meals on Wheels Delivery

Sunday, May 28

8:30 am: Coffee and Cookies
9:00 am: Worship (online and in person)

Monday, May 29

Church office closed due to the holiday

Tuesday, May 30

6:30 am: Men's Breakfast

Upcoming Important Dates

June 5 - 8: Vacation Bible School
June 14: CommuniTEA Picnic
June 17: Pie and Ice Cream Social

Attendance

Wednesday, May 10: 6:30 pm: 36

Sunday, May 14

8:00 am: 99 10:30 am: 207

Church Finances

Week of May 14, 2023

Total Operating Cost: \$13,205

Actual Total Giving: \$12,487

Difference of: - \$ 718

Year to Date

Total Operating Cost: \$264,100

Actual Total Giving: \$185,186

Difference of: - \$78,914

May Globe Offering \$ 381

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

May Globe Offering

LUTHERAN SOCIAL SERVICES

Prayer Requests

- Sharon Nelson
- Lexi Mackowski
- 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

OVER
55

Over 55 Group

Tuesday, May 23

9:30 am

Leaving for the Courthouse Museum

Join us as we will be visiting the Courthouse Museum in Sioux Falls.

We will gather at the church to car pool and will be leaving for the museum at 9:30am. Following our time at the museum we will return to Tea and have lunch at the Pizza Ranch. Hope to see you there. All are welcome!

Trinity Lutheran VBS

Trinity Vacation Bible School

June 5 - 8, 2023

5:15 pm (optional meal)

6:00 - 8:00 pm



VBS is just around the corner! We are getting the final pieces together, and we are excited for June 5th for the launch of STELLAR 2023! We are still in need of volunteers to help lead crews (2 adults lead 8 to 10 kids) or help in the kitchen. If you can help out, contact the church office at 605-498-2343.



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.

Preschool Rummage Sale

Wednesday, July 26

7:30 am - 6:00 pm

Thursday, July 27

7:30 am - 1:00 pm

PRESCHOOL
RUMMAGE SALE

We are now accepting donations of new or gently used items including toys, small housewares, men's, women's, kid's and baby clothing. **No appliances please.**

Donations can be dropped off at the church during business hours Monday - Thursday 8:30 am - 4:30 pm and Friday 8:30 am - noon. Please check in with the office prior to dropping off your donations.

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: \$120,154
Matching Gift Challenge
Amount Raised + Match Amount
\$21,000 + \$21,000 = \$42,000

We are so grateful for your support! We did it! Thank you to everyone that contributed to the Under This Roof campaign. We are so grateful for your generosity. Your donations will make a real difference in the lives of our congregation and the community we serve.

Congratulations Preschool and Senior Graduates—Class of 2023!



Thanks for your patience during our construction process, our roof is complete!

