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TRINITY CONNECTION

MAY 26, 2023

Dear Beloved of Trinity,

Last Sunday, we came to the close of the Easter season. So what comes next? Following the Easter season is the Day of Pentecost when we celebrate the gift of the Holy Spirit which precedes the long, green season of Pentecost. "Pente" means 50 so in the 1st century, this festival was celebrated 50 days after the resurrection of Christ.

Today, Pentecost Sunday is one of the movable feasts in the church year. This is because it depends on the date of Easter. In the church calendar it falls seven Sundays or 50 days after Easter Sunday.

In Acts 2, the Holy Spirit descended upon the disciples as "tongues of fire" which appeared over each head. Also at Pentecost, Peter stood up and preached, telling the story of Jesus to the crowds.

In the Pentecost event, the rush of wind fills the room as the disciples are huddled together. This rush of wind describes God's entrance. In Hebrew, "ruah" or "breathe of God" is synonymous with wind. "Ruah" breathes life into creation in Genesis and now gives life back to the believers at Pentecost. Keith Russell said, "Pentecost is not simply the church's birthday; it is the church's day of power."

It says in scripture that that "power" now lives in us. **Romans 8:11** "The Spirit of God, who raised Jesus from the dead, lives in you. And just as God raised Christ Jesus from the dead, he will give life to your mortal bodies by this same Spirit living within you."

It is good to recognize and celebrate the power of the Holy Spirit. Thank you, Jesus, for this gift that guides our daily lives.

Join us on Sunday as we wear red, the color of Pentecost and celebrate the coming of the Spirit.

Deacon Christie



Church Calendar

Summer Office Hours

8:30 am - 4:30 pm Monday - Thursday

8:30 am - Noon Friday

Tuesday, May 30

6:30 am: Men's Breakfast

Thursday, June 1

11:15 am: Meals on Wheels Delivery

5:30 pm: TOPS

Sunday, June 4

8:30 am: Coffee and Cookies

9:00 am: Worship (online and in person)

7:00 pm: Executive Committee Meeting

Monday, June 5

5:15 pm: VBS Optional Meal

6:00 pm: VBS

Tuesday, June 6

6:30 am: Men's Breakfast

5:15 pm: VBS Optional Meal

6:00 pm: VBS

Upcoming Important Dates

June 5 - 8: Vacation Bible School

June 14: CommuniTEA Picnic & Bloodmobile

June 17: Pie and Ice Cream Social

Attendance

Sunday, May 21

8:00 am: 89

10:30 am: 125

Church Finances

Week of May 21, 2023

Total Operating Cost: \$13,205

Actual Total Giving: \$ 6,300

Difference of: - \$ 6,905

Year to Date

Total Operating Cost: \$277,305

Actual Total Giving: \$192,091

Difference of: - \$85,214

May Globe Offering \$ 424

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

- Deanna Anderson and baby, Henry James
- Sharon Nelson
- Lexi Mackowski
- Sonia Ens
- 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



Quilters Group

Wednesday, June 7

9:00 am

Fellowship Hall

Join us as we continue to work on putting together more quilts together. No sewing or quilting experience is necessary. 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 here and we are excited for the launch of STELLAR 2023!



CommuniTEA Picnic

Wednesday, June 14

5:30—7:00 pm

in the East Parking Lot

Kickoff Teapot Days and join us for hamburgers, hotdogs, chips & a drink, all provided free for the community to enjoy. Invite your neighbors and friends! Also available will be: bloodmobile, fire truck, police car, school bus.

Trinity Lutheran Blood Drive

Wednesday, June 14

4:00—7:00 pm

in the East Parking Lot

We will be hosting a Blood Drive once again. The blood bank is looking for a big turnout to boost their low levels. An All American t-shirt and a \$5 gift card to Scooters will be given out to all donors! Call the church office to signup!



Pie Donations & Volunteers Needed

Saturday, June 17

5:00 - 7:00 pm

We are asking for donations of pie for the Pie and Ice Cream Social that will be held during Teapot Days at the Lions Pork Feed on Friday, June 16 from 5:00 - 7:00 pm.

Pies can be dropped off at Trinity Lutheran Church anytime on Friday, June 17 or at Tea Community Hall on Saturday, June 17 in the morning. Purchased pies will also be accepted! We are also looking for a few volunteers too. We will need help with setting up, cutting and serving the pie on Saturday, June 17 from 3:00 - 7:00 pm. Signup sheet is on the Welcome Desk!

Teapot Days Cleanup Crew Volunteers Needed

Saturday, June 17

9:30 am - Noon

Tea Area High School

(meet at the far north end of the parking lot)

Join us as Trinity Lutheran Church will have a float in the annual Teapot Days parade on Saturday, June 17! We will be the last entry of the parade and will also be picking up the trash left on the streets. This is a great opportunity for your family to take part in a community service project. We have a BUCKET FOR YOU, so put on your walking shoes and join us for a brisk walk while picking up trash. The parade route is 1.5 miles long, all ages are welcome. Buckets and gloves will be provided! Call the church office to signup!

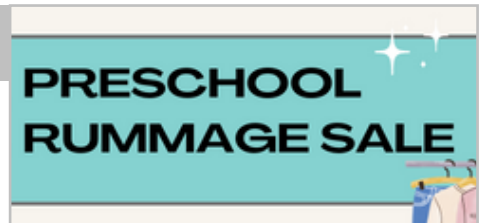
Preschool Rummage Sale

Wednesday, July 26

7:30 am - 6:00 pm

Thursday, July 27

7:30 am - 1:00 pm



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.

2023—2024 Sunday School Registration and Volunteer Signup

It isn't too soon to signup for next year, 2023-2024 Sunday School!

- Sunday mornings between worship services (9:15 - 10:15 am)
- First day of Sunday School is Celebration Sunday, August 20th
- Sunday School Ages: Pre-K to 4th grade

We are also looking for volunteers of all kinds:
classroom teachers, music leaders, occasional volunteers and junior teachers!

Call the church office to register or learn more at 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 Thank You

We are writing to express our sincere gratitude for your generous donations to the "Under This Roof" campaign. Your support has been instrumental in helping us reach our goal of raising over \$120,000.

As you know, the "Under This Roof" campaign was a major fundraising effort to support the maintenance and care of our church building. The campaign was more than just about bricks and mortar. "Under This Roof" was about maintaining a space where everyone in our community feels welcome, included, and loved.

Your generosity helped us make the "Under This Roof" vision a reality. With your support we have exceeded our goal to make this happen. We will now be able to: complete necessary repairs to the roof, replace one of the sanctuary heating units and repair the existing historical bell tower along with additional building updates.

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.

Thank you again for your support. - Members of the Board of Stewardship

Thank you for joining us at our Ice Cream "SUNDAY" Social!



Trinity's cemetery crew have been busy preparing for Memorial Day weekend!

Last day of Preschool, what better way than celebrating with a picnic!

