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TRINITY CONNECTION

JUNE 9, 2023

...a woman who had been suffering from hemorrhages for twelve years came up behind Jesus and touched the fringe of his cloak. - Matthew 9:21

Dear friends in Christ,

Twelve years is a long time to be dealing with a hemorrhage in any historical era, but especially difficult in Jesus' day when the ritual purity laws basically made you untouchable. Twelve years. I imagine the woman eventually created routines in her life to survive, but she would have lived in near quarantine twenty-four hours a day for all those years. Then Jesus arrives.

In Matthew 9:21, we are given a glimpse into her thoughts when "she said to herself, 'If I only touch his cloak, I will be made well.'" And she is made well, well in body, well in soul, and well in her regained social connections.

This event took place in a first-century fishing village on the east side of the Sea of Galilee called Magdala. Most famous to Christians for being the home of Mary Magdalene, it is also the village where the hemorrhaging woman was healed. In 2004 a Roman Catholic priest bought an old resort near what was thought to be the area of the ancient village with the intent to build a Christian retreat center. When excavation for the building began, the builders quickly realized they had hit an archeological site. The retreat center was moved several hundred feet and the Roman road, marketplace, and first-century synagogue were uncovered.

A chapel was built near the marketplace as a replica of the synagogue floorplan with a wall-sized, photo-realistic mural that shows the moment the woman touches the "hem of Jesus' garment" and is made well. It is a powerful experience to stand before this depiction of the long-awaited moment of healing.

Sometimes healing and wellness take a very long time. It did for Abraham and Sarah, for Moses and the Israelites in the wilderness, for the hemorrhaging woman, and sometimes for us. Today I say a prayer of celebration for all who have experienced the relief and joy that comes after a long wait.

Peace and best wishes,
Pastor Tom Opoien



Church Calendar

Summer Office Hours

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

8:30 am - Noon Friday

Tuesday, June 13

6:30 am: Men's Breakfast

Wednesday, June 14

4:00 pm: Bloodmobile

5:30 pm: CommuniTEA picnic

Thursday, June 15

11:15 am: Meals on Wheels Delivery

5:00 pm: Tea Area Food Distribution

5:30 pm: TOPS

Saturday, June 17

10:00 am: Teapot Days Parade

3:00 pm: Pie and Ice Cream Social
at Tea Community Hall

Sunday, June 18

8:30am: Coffee and Cookies

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

Tuesday, June 20

6:30 am: Men's Breakfast

Upcoming Important Dates

NEW DATE June 22: WELCA Bible Study

July 4: Church office closed due to the holiday

Attendance

Sunday, June 4

9:00 am: 168

Church Finances

Week of June 4, 2023

Total Operating Cost: \$13,205

Actual Total Giving: \$ 7,475

Difference of: - \$ 5,730

Year to Date

Total Operating Cost: \$303,715

Actual Total Giving: \$200,231

Difference of: \$103,484

June Globe Offering \$ 78

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

June Globe Offering

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Prayer Requests

- Linda Stucky
- Deanna Anderson and baby, Henry James
- 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
- Micki Slykhu's cousin, Ryan Guthmiller



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.

CommuniTEA Picnic Volunteers Needed!

Wednesday, June 14

Various Shifts

Trinity Lutheran will be hosting it's annual CommuniTEA picnic and we need your help! Help us kickoff Teapot days with this fun family event! More details about the picnic coming soon!

Variety of areas to help: Food Prep, Outside Setup, Grillers, Traffic Directors, Food Servers, Garbage Collectors, and Clean Up Crew. Call the church office to sign up!

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!

Signup is full, thank you to everyone who signed up!

Tea Community Food Distribution

Thursday, June 15

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 each month. Please register by Wednesday, June 14th

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!



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!



WELCA Bible Study

****NEW DATE****

Thursday, June 22

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!

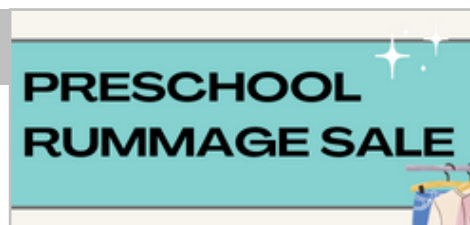
Preschool Rummage Sale

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!

SD Synod Assembly and the "Holy Cow" award!

Synod Assembly is the yearly gathering of all the ELCA churches in South Dakota. It is a time for worship, Bible study and our legislative sessions. Voting members are elected from each congregation. Along with Pastor Tom and Deacon Christie, Richard Holland, Sandy Cheney, Dave Poppens and Kathy Otten attended.

Each year 2 World Hunger "Holy Cow" awards are given; 1. to a small congregation with the highest per-capita confirmed member giving to ELCA World Hunger
2. to a large congregation who made a significant gift to World Hunger. We are proud...(but not too much Lutheran pride) to be the recipient of the award as the large congregation.



June Food Pantry Donation: Muffin Mix and Cookies (non-bakery)

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 June we will be collecting muffin mix and cookies (non bakery) 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.

We had a great week of faith, fun and good food at VBS!
Special thank you to all that volunteers or donated items,
we couldn't do this without you.

