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TRINITY CONNECTION

JUNE 30, 2023

Dear Beloved of Trinity,

This week we begin a new sermon series entitled, Faces of our Faith. Throughout scripture we hear of many Biblical heroes who rely on God for courage and hope in the face of fear, temptation and despair. These are heroes who we admire and look up to. There are many stories of faith in the Bible that we do not hear about – people who are not as familiar yet still have a powerful story to tell. These are heroes who made a difference but are often overlooked as background characters. This series will take a look at some of these characters and see what they can teach us about our life today.

This Sunday, we will hear about Queen Vashti, who was married to the arrogant and prideful, King Xerxes. After a long drunken party he throws for the nobles and officials in his kingdom. When he requests his wife, who was very beautiful, to come before all these men in her crown so that they may “gaze upon her”, she refused. You may think that that is not so astonishing but back in Queen Vashti’s era, this refusal was beyond comprehensible. It was down-right shocking! And not only shocking but defiant towards her husband. Women were not regarded in the best light, more often as a possession. Many theologians also agree that the King meant for her to come out with only her crown on, in other words naked.

We begin to understand Queen Vashti’s hesitation and frustration. She was a child of God who had a significant life story. With courage, she stood up for herself.

Deuteronomy 31:6 says, “Be strong and bold; have no fear or dread of them, because it is the LORD your God who goes with you; he will not fail you or forsake you.”

God gives you strength, too, for the hard times. How does knowing God goes with you and will not fail you give you the courage to face your fears and despair? This story speaks to the realization that God loves us beyond our wildest imaginations. He is for you.

In faith,

Deacon Christie



Church Calendar

Summer Office Hours

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

8:30 am - Noon Friday

Tuesday, July 4

Church office closed due to the holiday

Thursday, July 6

11:15 am: Meals on Wheels Delivery

5:30 pm: TOPS

Sunday, July 9

8:30 am: Coffee and Cookies

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

Tuesday, July 11

6:30 am: Men's Breakfast

6:00 pm: Church Board Meetings

7:00 pm: Church Council Meeting

Upcoming Important Dates

July 23-29: High School Mission Trip - Wausau, WI

July 26-27: Preschool Rummage Sale

Attendance

Sunday, June 25

9:00 am: 170

Church Finances

Week of June 25, 2023

Total Operating Cost: \$13,205

Actual Total Giving: - \$11,400

Difference of: — \$ 1,805

Year to Date

Total Operating Cost: \$343,330

Actual Total Giving: \$223,832

Difference of: \$119,498

June Globe Offering \$ 740

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

July Globe Offering

SLOVAKIA MISSIONARY SUPPORT

Prayer Requests

- Linda Stucky
- Deanna Anderson and baby, Henry James
- Sonia Ens
- Ken Kahl
- Greg Myrmoe
- Ray Kelly
- Dorothy Fritz
- Melva Hilmoe's brother & Sarah Hilmoe'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
- Larry Panning & Jo Garner's sister-in-law, Pam Panning
- Micki Slykhuis' cousin, Ryan Guthmiller
- Paul and Joy Schreurs' granddaughter, Quinn Grace

Quilters Group

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**Wednesday, July 5
9:00 am
in the Fellowship Hall**

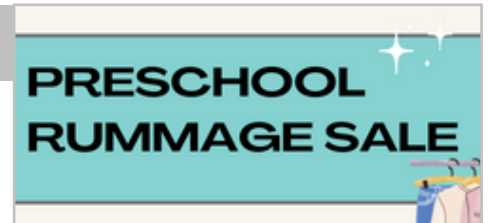


Join us as we continue to work on putting together more quilts together for Lutheran World Relief. No sewing or quilting experience

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!

2023—2024 Kids For Christ (KFC) Registration

**Kids for Christ (KFC)
Wednesday evenings
7:15—8:15 pm
following 6:30 pm worship**

2023-2024 KFC Registration is now open! KFC (Kids for Christ) Youth Group meets on Wednesday evenings during the school year - alternating 5th grade one week and 6th grade the next week. These early middle school years can be challenging for kids to navigate. KFC offers an opportunity for them to come together to learn how to grow their relationship with God, learn how to grow their relationships with each other, and we have some fun along the way. We also provide various music, service projects, and volunteer opportunities throughout the year.

Call the church office to register or learn more at 605-498-2343!

2023—2024 Confirmation Registration

Confirmation
Wednesday evenings
7:15—8:15 pm
following 6:30 pm worship

2023-2024 Confirmation Registration is now open! Confirmation meets on Wednesday evenings during the school year and is for 7th and 8th graders!

Call the church office to register or learn more at 605-498-2343!

Thrivent Choice Dollars

Are you a Thrivent member? Ready to give back?
Do you know about Thrivent Choice Dollars?

Through Thrivent Choice, with your membership can contribute to Trinity Lutheran Church through Choice Dollars. Contact your Thrivent representative for more information.

July Food Pantry Donation: Spaghetti Sauce

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 July we will be collecting spaghetti sauce. 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.

Flash Back Friday:
Thank you to all the volunteers who served at the
Food To You, Mobile Food Panty on May 4th.
We served 109 families!

