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## TRINITY CONNECTION

JULY 21, 2023

Dear Beloved of Trinity,

We continue our 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'll hear about two midwives named Shiphrah and Puah. The story is told in the book of Exodus around the time when Moses was born. The Israelites were fruitful and prolific and multiplied greatly. The bible says they were exceedingly strong and the land was filled with Israelites. This made the Pharaoh nervous. He feared that if his kingdom was ever invaded, the Israelites might join the enemy and overpower his kingdom. So, the Pharaoh decided to oppress them and force them into hard labor.

But God, who is faithful, continued to multiply them causing the Egyptians to hate the Israelites. So much so, that the Pharaoh decreed that all babies born male would be put to death. In order to fulfill this decree, he needed the help of the midwives....enter Shiphrah and Puah.

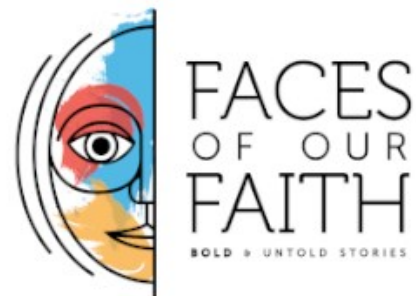
Shiphrah and Puah were faithful, God fearing Israelites. There was no way they'd honor the Pharaoh's decree. They feared (or another way to say that is to say "respected") God more. So they let all the male babies live.

When Pharaoh got wind that male Israelite babies were surviving he called in Shiphrah and Puah to grill them about how this is happening. But the two women simply said, "The Israelite women are vigorous and give birth before the midwife can get there." The Pharaoh accepted their answer.

The women were faithful to God but more importantly, God is faithful to us. God is our steadfast rock in which we can stand. God's promise is to never leave us alone. He sent his son, Jesus, so we could have a tangible example of his love for us.

My friends, God loves you and wants to be in a relationship with you. Talk to him. Come to him with thanksgiving and praise. He is near.

Lovingly in Christ,  
Deacon Christie



## Church Calendar

### Summer Office Hours

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

8:30 am - Noon Friday

### July 23 - 29

High School Mission Trip - Wausau, WI

#### Tuesday, July 25

6:30 am: Men's Breakfast

9:30 am: Over 55 Group

11:15 am: Meals on Wheels Delivery

#### Wednesday, July 26

7:30 am– 6:00pm: Preschool Rummage Sale

#### Thursday, July 27

7:30 am– 1:00pm: Preschool Rummage Sale

11:15 am: Meals on Wheels Delivery

5:30 pm: TOPS

#### Sunday, July 30

8:30 am: Coffee and Cookies

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

7:00 pm: Sunday School Volunteer Meeting

#### Tuesday, Aug 1

6:30 am: Men's Breakfast

### Upcoming Important Dates

August 13: Blessing of the Backpacks

## Attendance

### Sunday, July 9

9:00 am: 174

## Church Finances

### Week of July 16, 2023

Total Operating Cost: \$13,205

**Actual Total Giving: - \$14,1860**

**Difference of: - \$1,655**

### Year to Date

Total Operating Cost: 382,946

**Actual Total Giving: \$254,375**

**Difference of: \$128,574**

**July Globe Offering \$ 257**

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](http://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 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

- 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
- Sympathy to Ryan and Reina McConnell in the death of his parents
- Sympathy to Delmer and Kathy Otten in the death of his mother, Delores
- Sympathy to Donna Summer and Laura Stewart in the death of Philip Castlin



## OVER 55 Group

**Tuesday, July 25**

**9:0 am**

**in the Fellowship Hall**

Join us as for a tour of the city of Tea. During the tour, you will be in the sun for the duration of the tour so we suggest that you wear sunscreen and a hat/cap. We will return to the church for a potluck lunch. There will not be blood pressure checks this month. All are welcome

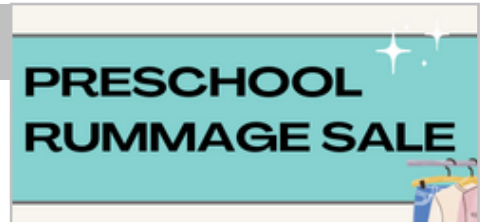
## Preschool Rummage Sale

**Wednesday, July 26**

**7:30 am - 6:00 pm**

**Thursday, July 27**

**7:30 am - 1:00 pm**



Get your back to school shopping done early! We have new or gently used items including men's, women's, kid's, baby clothing, toys and small housewares!

Name brands: Under Armour, Hurley, Oakley, Pink, Roxy, Justice and so much more!

All proceeds go to the Trinity Lutheran Preschool!

## 1K Youth Fun Run

**Holden Jelen's Senior Capstone Project: 1K Youth Fun Run**

**Wednesday, July 26**

**6:00 pm**

**Tea Area Athletic Complex**

No Registration or Entry Fee | Open to all kids Grades K - 6th grade

There will be a K - 2nd grade division, a 3rd - 4th grade division and a 5th - 6th grade division. Participants are encouraged, but not required, to bring a non-perishable food item donation for the Tea Food Pantry. (eg spaghetti sauce, dry pasta, canned goods). Cash and Venmo donations for the Tea Food Pantry will also be accepted on race day.



## Quilters Group

**Wednesday, August 2**

**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 is necessary. All are welcome

## **Meal Train for Sonia Ensz and family: Provided by Kerri Plucker**

Kerri Plucker has started a Meal Train for Sonia Ensz and family. Sonia is finally home and resting!! This was created to ease the burden of meal planning. Any support and help is very appreciated by the Ensz family! God Bless! Contact the church office for more details regarding the signup.



### **Lutheran World Relief school kits now available!**

**July 9 — Sept. 30**

Back to school sales are starting and our Lutheran World Relief school kits are now available in the Gathering Space to pick up! Each empty bag has a supply list attached. Feel free to pick up a bag and purchase the supplies and return to the Gathering Space by the end of September. Contact the church office with any questions.

## **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!



### **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.

## **Tea Community Food Distribution received a \$2,500 grant!**

The Tea Community Food Distribution distributes food from Feeding South Dakota as one of their monthly mobile food pantry locations. By receiving this grant we will be offering assistance to our clients with cleaning supplies, laundry supplies, paper products and personal hygiene items. These items are essential and are expensive for families to purchase. By providing these items, it would help offset costs to purchase other household/food needs. The food distribution serve an average of 125 families each month!

Thank you Tea Area Community Foundation for awarding us this grant to help our community in more ways! Also, a huge thank you to all our volunteers that help, we couldn't do it without you!

The Tea Community Food Distribution is held the 3rd Thursday of each month. If you need help with food, or know someone who does, please contact the church office at 605-498-2343. Registration is required each month.

## **Thank you for your prayers!**

Thank you to everyone for the prayers for our granddaughter, Quinn. She is doing well and is at home with her family! We appreciate your support.

-- Paul and Joy Schreurs --



## 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.

**Preschool rummage sale is almost here and we are open TWO days this year, July 26-27! Come shop for a great cause!**



**Thank you to all our volunteer that served at this month's Food Distribution!**

