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TRINITY CONNECTION
AUGUST 4, 2023

Dear Beloved of Trinity,

This Sunday will be the last of the sermon series entitled “Faces of Faith” where we have been looking at unfamiliar names and characters and listening to their story. These biblical heroes made a difference but are often overlooked as background characters. We have been learning about how their stories speak to us today.

Today we hear about Joseph of Arimathea, who appears in all 4 Gospels and each one is in the same part of the story – that is – after Jesus dies on the cross. Jesus draws his last breath and it is finished. Romans typically expected someone put to public death by crucifixion be left on the cross for nature... namely vultures to do their thing. This is where Joseph of Arimathea steps into the story.

The Jews typically wouldn't grant someone who was crucified an honorable burial. Initially they'd be buried in a grave for public criminals then released later to the families. Everything about Jesus' life and death so far had not been typical so why would his burial be any different.

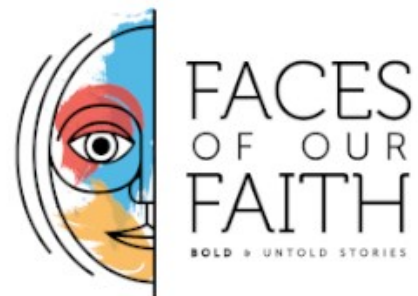
Joseph made a bold move to go to Pilate and ask for Jesus' body after he died. He risked association with Jesus' alleged treason. Even Jesus' closest followers kept their distance while he hung on the cross but Joseph decided to go before the powerful Pilate and ask for Jesus' body so he could place it in a tomb he had purchase for himself...a new tomb...a tomb that would give way to resurrection. Joseph acted courageously. It was a bold act of faith.

How do we fit into the story? Are there times when we are bold in faith? What would we risk for something we believe in?

Isaiah 43:10 says, “You are my witnesses, says the Lord, and my servant whom I have chosen, so that you may know and believe me and understand that I am he.”

May you, my friends, stand firm in faith. Know that Jesus is your steadfast rock.

Faithfully,
Deacon Christie



Church Calendar

Summer Office Hours

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

Tuesday, August 8

6:30 am: Men's Breakfast
11:45 am: Meals on Wheels Delivery
6:00 pm: Church Board Meetings
7:00 pm: Church Council Meeting

Thursday, August 10

11:15 am: Meals on Wheels Delivery
5:30 pm: TOPS

Sunday, August 13

8:30 am: Coffee and Cookies
9:00 am: Worship (online and in person),
Blessing of the Backpacks

Monday, August 14

6:30 pm: All Band Rehearsal

Tuesday, August 15

6:30 am: Men's Breakfast
11:45 am: Meals on Wheels Delivery

Upcoming Important Dates

August 16: Sunday School Volunteer Meeting
August 20: Celebration Sunday
September 4: Church office closed due to holiday

Attendance

Sunday, July 30

9:00 am: 199

Church Finances

Week of July 30, 2023

Total Operating Cost: \$13,205
Actual Total Giving: \$17,308
Difference of: \$ 4,103

Year to Date

Total Operating Cost: \$409,356
Actual Total Giving: - \$305,143
Difference of: -\$104,213
July Globe Offering \$ 399

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

August Globe Offering

FEEDING SD BACKPACK PROGRAM - TEA AREA

Prayer Requests

- Sonia Ensz
- 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
- 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 Delmer Otten in the death of his aunt, Lowane Bossman



Matching Gift: Tea Area Food Pantry

Now—August 18

The Tea Area Food Pantry will be matching donations up to \$1,500 due to a generous anonymous donor. Funds will be matched from now until August 18. Donations can be dropped off in the church office. Please make checks out to "Tea Area Food Pantry". Thank you for your generosity!

Blessing of the Backpacks

Sunday, August 13
9:00 am
During worship

School will be starting soon and we invite all the kids to bring their backpacks to worship service as we will be giving a blessing!



WELCA Bible Study

Thursday, August 17
1:30 pm
in the Fellowship Hall

Please join us for a faith filled bible study, a short meeting and refreshments! All are welcome.



Tea Community Food Distribution

Thursday, August 17
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. Please register by Wednesday, August 16th



Lutheran World Relief school kits now available!

Now — 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.



Celebration Sunday

Sunday, August 20

8:00 am Worship

9:00 am Signup for Directory Photos

9:15 am Coffee/Cookies

9:15 - 10:15 am Sunday School

10:30 am Worship

11:30 am Signup for Directory

Join us as we kick off our fall schedule! We will return to our 2 worship times of 8 am and 10:30 am.

Sunday School will kickoff with the youth meeting their teachers and participating in a God's Work Our Hands service project! Don't worry there is still time to sign up for Sunday School, see article below with registration information.

Check out the "Directory Photo Signup" table to signup for a date to have your family photo taken. More information will be coming out on this soon, watch your newsletter!

All are welcome and we can't wait for you to join us!

2023—2024 Sunday School Registration and Volunteer Signup

Signup for 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

Wednesday evenings

7:15—8:15 pm

following 6:30 pm worship

2023-2024 KFC Registration is 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

Wednesday evenings

7:15—8:15 pm

following 6:30 pm worship

2023-2024 Confirmation Registration is 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.

Thank you from Ensz family

We would like to take this time to say a heartfelt Thank You to all of you for helping our family. We will be forever grateful for your support, kindness, love, and time you have taken for us. We are honored and grateful to have members like you praying for me during this challenging time. Thank you for making me feel like I am not alone. May the grace of the Lord be with you all.

Thanks, Vic, Sonia, Gunnar, Blake Ensz

August Food Pantry Donation: Cream Soups

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 August we will be collecting cream soups. 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.

A youth's perspective on Trinity's high school mission trip to Wausau, Wisconsin.

This is a journal entry from Taylor Johanneson, a youth leader from Trinity who joined up with the youth group enroute to Wausau immediately after participating in the National Girl Scout Convention in Florida. A senior at Tea Area High School, Taylor also serves as the youth representative on the Trinity Lutheran Church Council.

(July 23-29, 2023)

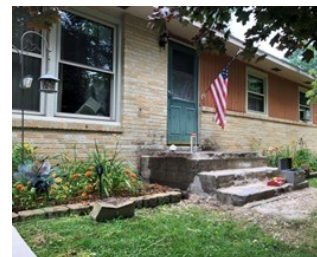
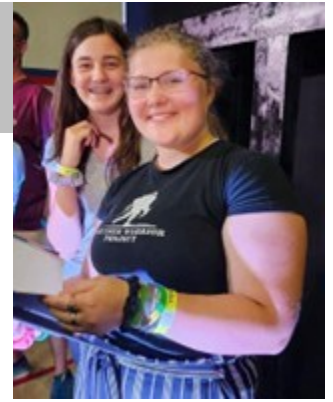
We flew out of Orlando and landed in Minneapolis where the parents picked me up. They then drove me about 45 minutes to meet up with my youth group to go to Wausau, Wisconsin. What in the world is my youth group doing in Wausau, Wisconsin? Great question, we were on a mission trip to change lives.

Group mission trips is an amazing organization, and I am thankful every day for the past two trips that I have gotten to go on. This year I saw a different perspective of poverty, and the true hope and need for the Lord in communities. The theme was forged in faith. Our theme verse was Romans 5: 3-4. "Not only so, but we glory in our sufferings because we know suffering produces perseverance: perseverance, character; and character, hope."

Life is never a straight path and there will always be roadblocks, but God does it for a reason. The suffering produces perseverance. When you persevere character is formed. When character is formed, you have hope. Together with God we can do great things for those around us. Our hands and feet are his through us. This week has been truly life-changing. It wouldn't have been that way without every single wonderful and amazing person that was a part of my youth group or crew. I am forever thankful for them and everything that they have done for our combined growth and success.

The first pictures are going to be the house that my crew did when we started and the last pictures will be how it ended.

There were 30 crews working on 19 different sites changing peoples lives one hour at a time. Over 5250 hours of community service were completed in one week and I could not be prouder not only of the work, but of the growth of the community, the volunteers (like ourselves), and the red shirt staff. Eight hours home, and I was home for good. An amazing experience ending where it started, Tea, SD.



Trinity's high school mission trip to Wausau was a full week of building, painting, laughter, new friends and faith building!

