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TRINITY CONNECTION

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Dear friends in Christ,

For many of you, Standard Operating Procedures are central to your work. Every airline passenger should be grateful that the pilot runs through a checklist before letting the flight begin. If you have a knee replaced, a nurse will talk to you before surgery and physically mark the correct leg. Machinists, teachers, lab techs, firefighters, and many others complete portions of their jobs in the same way, every time. Standard Operating Procedures SOPs. These procedures are put into place because over time they have proven to be the safest and most efficient way to complete a task.

Occasionally, Jesus gives instructions that could be best interpreted as SOPs. It's as if he's saying, "Trust me. This really is the best way to do this." How to respond to conflict within the church is one of the areas where Jesus gives step-by-step instructions. The appointed gospel reading for this Sunday comes from Matthew 18 where Jesus gives very clear directions.

¹⁵"If another member of the church sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If the member listens to you, you have regained that one. ¹⁶But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. ¹⁷If the member refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector.

Conflict is a natural result of people trying to complete tasks together. We don't always agree, and at times we speak and act in ways that don't line up with the way God intended us to be with one another. Thankfully, we have a way to work toward reconciliation with our brothers and sisters in Christ. As with all good SOPs this one isn't just limited to church life. It is a good way to act in all our relationships, inside and outside of the church.

I also appreciate Jesus' final instruction regarding treating a person as a Gentile or tax collector. The not-so-subtle irony is that those are the very folks that Jesus liked to invite to supper. Even if conflict leads to separation, we are invited to release the relationship in peace.

Even when life in the congregation is calm sailing or when all your personal relationships outside of church are running smoothly, this procedure is good to know. At some point in life, each of us will need to use a version of this important SOP.

Peace and best wishes,
Pastor Tom Opoien

Church Calendar

Tuesday, September 12

6:30 am: Men's Breakfast
8:30 am: Preschool (3 & 4 yr olds)
6:00 pm: Church Board Meetings
7:00 pm: Church Council Meeting

Wednesday, September 13

8:30 am: Preschool (Pre-K)
7:15 pm: High School Youth

Thursday, September 14

8:30 am: Preschool (3 & 4 yr olds)
11:15 am: Meals on Wheels Delivery
5:30 pm: TOPS

Friday, September 15

8:30 am: Preschool (Pre-K)

Saturday, September 16

Church Directory Photo Sessions

Sunday, September 17

Church Directory Photo Sessions
8:00 am: Worship;
9:15 am: Coffee and Cookies; Sunday School; 3rd
Grade Milestone;
10:30 am: Worship (online and in person)

Monday, September 18

8:30 am: Preschool (Pre-K)
7:00 pm: Fall Women's Bible Study

Tuesday, September 19

6:30 am: Men's Breakfast
8:30 am: Preschool (3 & 4 yr olds)

Upcoming Important Dates

September 16 - 22: Church Directory
Photo Sessions
September 20: Filipino Cooking Class
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September 24: New Member Orientation
Oct. 1 & Oct. 4: Welcoming New Members

Attendance

Sunday, September 3

8:00 am: 67 10:30 am: 85

Church Finances

Week of September 3, 2023

Total Operating Cost: \$13,205

Actual Total Giving: \$ 11,268

Difference of: - \$ 1,937

Outstanding Expenses: \$ 35,674

September Globe Offering \$ 50

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/donate

Text Giving: (605) 777-7223

Envelopes: In-person or Mail to the church

September Globe Offering

REACH LITERACY

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
- 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 and niece, Alyssa
- Dick & Alma Gors' friend, Joann Muller



Trinity Church Directory

Photo Session Dates:

September 16 - 22

October 1 - 6

October 10 - 14

Specific times are available at signup.

Trinity Lutheran Church Directory is coming soon! But first we need your photo, our photographer will be available for a variety of dates and times, pick a time that works best for your family! The directory won't be complete without YOU!

Signup is now available, call the church office for times and signup information. You can also signup after worship, look for the "Directory Photo Signup" table in the Gathering Space.

You will have the option to view and order your photos directly from the photographers website with no high pressure sales onsite. Plus, digital downloads will be available for purchase!

Printed church directory will be available to purchase or download the free photo directory app! This will allow you to have all your church friends contact info right at your finger tips either in print or on your phone for ease of access. If you have questions, please contact the church office by calling 605-498-2343.

Sunday Mornings Adult Bible Study

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9:15 am

in the Connections Room

Please join us for this great opportunity to get to know your bible as well as meet new people. All are welcome to join us, no signup is needed!



Friday Sack Lunch Bible Study

The Character of God

September 15—October 20

12:00—12:45 pm

in the Connection Room or online via Zoom

For six Fridays during September and October you are invited to join Pastor Tom for a small group Bible study on the character of God as described in Exodus 34:6-7. You can join us in person or via Zoom for those who would like to join digitally from home or work during your lunch break.

Specifically, we will study and discuss how God is compassionate, gracious, slow to anger, loyally loving, and faithful. We will begin each session with a five-minute video from the Bible Project.

This course is designed both for people who are brand new to small group Bible study and for seasoned veterans alike. If you can't make it every week, drop in when you can.

All are welcome and we can't wait for you to join us! Call the church office to signup at 605-498-2343.

Milestone Ministry

3rd Grade Milestone

Sunday, Sept. 17, 9:15 am - Lesson #2

Sunday, Sept. 24, 9:15 am - Lesson #3

Celebration: Sunday, Oct. 1 at 8:00 am or 10:30 am or Wednesday, Oct. 4 at 6:30 pm

It's Bible Time! Join Deacon Christie and learn about what the Bible is all about.

Receive a Bible and decorate a Bible cover.

Filipino Cooking Class

Wednesday, September 20

5:30 pm

Trinity Lutheran Church Kitchen

Cost: \$5 | Signup by Monday, Sept. 18,



Trinity's Youth and Family Board is hosting a Filipino cooking class with Lerma Ballman! Join us as we explore Filipino dishes and learn what Filipino cooking is. Don't hesitate to sign up, limited seating of 12 participants only! Please drop off the \$5 at the church office by Monday, Sept. 18 to make sure you secure your spot. Let's get cooking and learn about Filipino cooking! Call the church office at 605-498-2343 or contact Laura at (605) 310-7896 .



WELCA Bible Study

Thursday, September 21

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, September 21

5:00 - 6:00 pm

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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, September 20th.

New Member Orientation

Sunday, September 24

11:45 am—1:00 pm

in the Fellowship Hall

Not a member? Interested in becoming a member? Join us to learn more about what Trinity is all about! Welcoming of new members will be held Sunday, Oct 1 at 8:00 or 10:30 am or Wednesday, Oct. 4 at 6:30 pm worship. Lunch will provided. Call the church office to sign up at 605-498-2343.

Table Donations Needed for Sunday School

8 foot white table Qty 2
6 foot white table Qty: 2

Trinity's Sunday School is growing and so is our church! We are in need of a few white long tables. Estimated cost of each table is \$60 - \$90. If interested in purchasing a table, please contact the church office by calling 605-498-2343 or email info@teatrinity.org.



Check out Trinity's new website!

Trinity Lutheran Church has a new website! Our address is still the same: www.teatrinity.org. We now feature an events page, a ministries page including: bible studies, food resources, community outreach and more, new and improved youth and preschool pages, worship team and band schedules, a quick link to worship online, a large variety of pictures on each page and so much more! Did we mention it is now mobile friendly too?

We especially want to thank the website committee for all their time and work they put into this over the past few months.

2023—2024 Sunday School Registration and Volunteer Signup

Signup for 2023-2024 Sunday School!

- Sunday mornings between worship services (9:15 - 10:15 am)
 - Mid August through the beginning of May
 - Sunday School Ages: Pre-K to 4th grade
 - Sunday School Volunteer Still Needed: 3rd Grade Teacher
- 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!

Thank you from Community Blood Bank!

Thank you to everyone who attended Trinity's Blood Drive this past week! We had a great attendance with 39 units donated, which will help 117 local patients. Great job! We so appreciate your partnership and look forward to seeing you again on November 13.

September Food Pantry Donation: Cereal

With the raising cost of food the Food Pantry has seen an increase in clients. Feel free to pick up an extra item or two when shopping to help those in need! In the month of September we will be collecting cereals. 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.

Sunday School off to a great start! We have over 100 kids sign up, we can't wait see them grown in their faith.

