



Trinity Lutheran Church
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TRINITY CONNECTION

SEPTEMBER 15, 2023

Dear Beloved of Trinity,

I have been blessed to serve on the South Dakota Synod Council. I along with 3 people from every conference, which there are 7, meet to Exercise trusteeship responsibilities on behalf of this synod, recommend program goals and budgets to the regular meetings of the Synod Assembly, carry out the resolutions of the Synod Assembly, oversee the clergy roster and many more tasks. I love the work we do and the people I interact with. Dave Poppens also serves on the Synod Council.

In the fall of 2022, Bishop Constanza and her staff met with every conference to create a Strategic Vision for the Synod by asking 3 questions.

As a Synod Council, we recently reviewed this plan and found the answers haven't changed much, if any. Read through and tell me what you think.

What gives you joy? The top answers were: music, multi-generational ministry opportunities, purposeful gatherings, purposeful volunteering and the Gospel.

What keeps you up at night? The top answers were: economic hardships, polarization in our society, mental health and fear for the future of the church.

How do you envision your relationship with the synod staff? The top answers were: resources, relationships, programs, communication and faith formation.

We as believers are called to live in community together. It's good for us to consistently be forward moving by being aware of our neighbors, extending grace and forgiveness and doing all we do in love.

The gospel reading for this Sunday is all about forgiveness – the extravagant gift that is offered to us and in turn we offer to those who have wronged us. It doesn't mean we condone the action. Forgiveness is a freeing tool we've been given to separate the pain from the memory.

Let us engage in what brings us joy and what keeps us up at night with the foundation of forgiveness and grace.

We are one in the spirit,
Deacon Christie

Church Calendar

Tuesday, September 19

Church Directory Photos

6:30 am: Men's Breakfast

8:30 am: Preschool (3 & 4 yr olds)

Wednesday, September 20

Church Directory Photos

8:30 am: Preschool (Pre-K)

5:30 pm: Filipino Cooking Class

7:15 pm: Bell Choir Practice, KFC Parent Meeting,
National Youth Gathering HS Youth Parent Meeting

Thursday, September 21

Church Directory Photos

8:30 am: Preschool (3 & 4 yr olds)

11:15 am: Meals on Wheels Delivery

5:00-6:00 pm: Tea Community Food Distribution

5:30 pm: TOPS

Friday, September 22

Church Directory Photos

8:30 am: Preschool (Pre-K)

12:00 pm: Friday Sack Lunch Bible Study

5:30 pm: DeVries/Peterson Rehearsal

Saturday, September 23

DeVries/Peterson Wedding

Sunday, September 24

8:00 am: Worship

9:15 am: Coffee and Cookies; Sunday School;

3rd Grade Milestone; Adult Bible Study

10:30 am: Worship (online and in person)

11:45 am: New Member Orientation

Monday, September 25

8:30 am: Preschool (Pre-K)

7:00 pm: Fall Women's Bible Study

Tuesday, September 26

6:30 am: Men's Breakfast

8:30 am: Preschool (3 & 4 yr olds)

9:30 am: Blood Pressure Screening

10:00 am: Over 55 Group

Upcoming Important Dates

Sept. 27: Confirmation Parent Meeting,
Wednesday Worship Begins

Oct. 1 - 6: Church Directory Photo Sessions

Oct. 1 & Oct. 4: Welcoming New Members

Attendance

Sunday, September 10

8:00 am: 88 10:30 am: 216

Church Finances

Week of September 10, 2023

Total Operating Cost: \$13,205

Actual Total Giving: \$ 7,168

Difference of: - \$ 6,037

Outstanding Expenses: \$35,674

September Globe Offering \$ 173

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 Myrmo
- 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-in-law, 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
- Sympathy to Delores Wells' for the death of her brother, Roy Wells



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

Sunday Mornings

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. 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 - *CLASS IS FULL*

Wednesday, September 20

5:30 pm

Trinity Lutheran Church Kitchen

Cost: \$5 | Drop off money by Monday, Sept. 18.



Thank you to everyone who signed up, our class is full!

Trinity's Youth and Family Board is hosting a Filipino cooking class with Lerma Ballman! We will explore Filipino dishes and learn what Filipino cooking is.

ELCA Youth Gathering Youth and Parent Meeting

Wednesday, Sept 20

7:15 pm

in the Gathering Space

We are excited to announce that this year's ELCA Youth Gathering will be held in New Orleans, LA on July 16 - 20, 2024. High schoolers and parents are invited to this information meeting! If you are currently in the 9th - 12th grade, you are eligible to attend. We can't wait to see you all there!



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

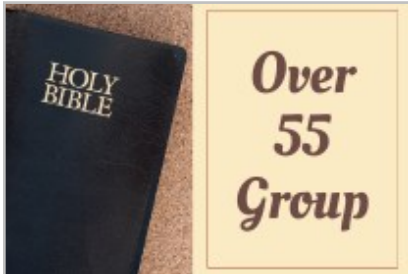
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If you need help with food, or know someone who does, call the church office at 605-498-2343. Registration is required. Please register by Wednesday, September 20th.

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 be provided. Call the church office to sign up at 605-498-2343.



Over 55 Group

**Tuesday, September 26
9:30 pm Blood Pressure Screening
10:00 pm Meeting, Presentation and Lunch
in the Fellowship Hall**

Join us as we host St. Nicholas as our guests for a time of fellowship, a short meeting and a special presentation by AARP on Fraud. Lunch to follow, please bring a salad and dessert. Sandwiches will be provided. All are welcome!

Weekly Wednesday Men's Group

**Wednesdays
September 27 - November 1
7:15 - 8:15 pm
in the Connection Room**

All men are invited to a new men's group which will meet for six Wednesdays. Duane Gors will lead a study based on Martin Luther's Small Catechism. If you would like to get to know some new people, learn about the way Lutherans understand Christianity, and be a support for other men, please feel free to drop into this group. Call the church office to sign up or show up as a walk-on.

Fresh Evergreen Christmas Decor now available!

Our Trinity youth will be selling fresh evergreen Christmas wreaths, crosses, door swags and other evergreen choices this fall.

All proceeds will help fund their confirmation, youth camp for the summer of 2024 and the high school students attending the 2024 National Youth Gathering in New Orleans, LA.

Contact your favorite youth directly or fill out a paper form on the welcome desk.

Orders are due on October 11 and will be delivered to the church for you to pick up approximately mid November.

Any questions, please contact Laura Stewart at 605-310-7896 or at lenandlaura@iw.net or the church office at 650-498-2343 or info@teatrinity.org.

Table Donations Needed

8 foot white table Qty 2

Trinity's is growing and so are our needs! We are in need of a few white long tables. Estimated cost is \$90 each. If interested in purchasing a table, contact the church office by calling 605-498-2343.



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 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!

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.

High School Youth Group

High school youth has begun and had 39 amazing youth gathered together the first week. All high school youth are welcome on Wednesdays at 7:15 pm.

No registration needed!

