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TRINITY CONNECTION

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God has been very generous to the community of Trinity Lutheran Church, and we are grateful. Over the next several weeks we will gather around the theme *Trinity: In It Together*, with an invitation to reflect and make decisions about how each individual and family will be able to contribute to our shared ministry in the coming year. The important ministries of Trinity are stronger when we are *In It Together*.

Each year the Board of Stewardship plans a time for us to learn about what scripture teaches about giving and to help us celebrate and support the ongoing and growing ministries of the congregation. As part of this stewardship education, Pastor Tom and Deacon Christie will preach about generosity as an act of worship, as our duty and delight, and as an intentional way of life.

Here are several practical ways you can take part:

- This week every household will receive a letter updating you on your giving over the past twelve months with a stairstep chart about how members have been giving. You will be invited to move to the next step as you are able.
- You will be invited to intentionally think about what you plan to give in the coming year using an estimate of giving card that will be provide to each household.
- If you give through electronic means and haven't changed your giving in several years, you will be provided with a form that can help you make any changes.
- As many people have moved away from carrying cash, you now can make financial gifts during worship or at any time through the Venmo app (#teatrinity).
- If you are retired and have an IRA, did you know that you can make tax free charitable contributions with the help of your financial advisor?
- If you would like to learn additional skills about being a good steward of all your finances including how to tackle paying off debt, the Board of Stewardship will be offering the Dave Ramsey Financial Peace University class this winter. There will be ten full scholarships for this course available.

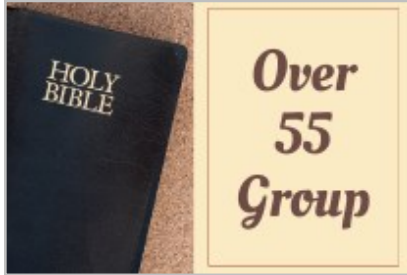
Trinity Lutheran Church plays an important part in the lives of individuals, families, the communities we serve, and Christ's mission in the wider world. We are grateful. You are invited to prayerfully consider the ways that you can give.

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Weekly Wednesday Men's Group

Wednesdays
Now - 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 signup or show up as a walk-on.



Over 55 Group

Tuesday, October 24
9:30 pm Blood Pressure Screening
10:00 pm Meeting, Presentation and Lunch
in the Fellowship Hall

Join us as we will hear a presentation from Pastor Tom about Jerusalem and have a short meeting with a potluck to follow. All are welcome!

9th Grade Confirmation Reception

Sunday, Oct. 29
9:30 am
in the Fellowship Hall

Join us as we celebrate our 9th graders as they affirm their baptisms. Cake and coffee will be available.

Trick or Treat at Trinity

Tuesday, Oct. 31
4:00 - 5:00 pm
Trinity's Office



Trick or Treat at Trinity! We invite all ghosts, goblins, super heroes, princesses and everything in between to stop into the office and show us your costume. We can't wait to see you all!



Quilters Group

Wednesday, Nov. 1
9:00 am
in the Fellowship Hall

Join us as we continue to work on putting together more quilts together. No sewing or quilting experience is necessary. All are welcome.

Milestone Ministry

High School Milestone—Balancing Work, School and Play

Lesson : Wednesday, Nov 1

7:15 - 8:15 am

in the Loft

Celebration: Sunday, Nov 5 at 8:00 am or 10:30 am or Wednesday, Nov 8 at 6:30 pm worship

Join Deacon Christie and learn about how to balance work, school and play!

5th Grade Milestone - First Communion

Lesson #1 Sunday, Nov. 5

9:15 - 10:15 am

in the Fellowship Hall

Lesson #2: Sunday, Nov. 12

9:15 - 10:15 am

in the Fellowship Hall

Lesson #3: Saturday, Nov. 18

9:00 am - Noon

in the Fellowship Hall

Celebration:

Sunday, Nov. 19 at 8:00 am or 10:30 am worship or Wednesday, Nov. 29 at 6:30 pm worship

Join Deacon Christie and learn about what communion means. In the Lutheran Church, we have 2 sacraments, Holy Communion and Baptism. Each is a gift from God. Communion is not a reward for the completion of these sessions but instead a gift to explore what Holy Communion means to us as believers.



Make a joyful noise!

Sundays - Oct 9—Nov 27

Men's Chorus 6:00 –7:00pm

Mixed Choir 7:00—8:00pm

Concert: Sunday, Dec 3

We want to invite you to join one or both of the Christmas choirs listed below. We have fun together and get to create beautiful music together. Youth are encouraged to participate. Call the church office to signup!

Turkey Dinner and Country Store

Saturday, Nov 4

4:00—7:00 pm

Trinity Lutheran Church

Adults: \$12 | Kids (6-14): \$5 | Kids (5 and under): FREE

Dine in or Carry Out

Join us for our annual WELCA Trinity Turkey Dinner. We will be serving turkey, dressing, corn, mashed potatoes, gravy, coleslaw, dessert and drink. We will also have the Country Store for your favorite homemade baked goods, canning or crafts! There are many areas you can volunteer or you may make a monetary donation to help purchase supplies. Please note "Turkey Dinner" in the check memo line. The Country Store is also accepting donations of homemade baked goods, canning or crafts. Donations can be dropped off in the office. Signups are available in the Gathering Space.



Journey of Hope Donations

Donation Items for October: Toothpaste & Deodorant

"You are fearfully and wonderfully made." Psalm 139:14

Journey of Hope is a local non-profit whose goal is to provide basic hygiene products to those in need. Partnering with other local non-profits, they provide mental health, addiction and reintegration services, giving tangible hope. Trinity Lutheran is a collection point for this month's items of toothpaste and deodorant. Thank you for your generosity.

College Student Care Packages Donations Needed

Donations due to the church office

Sunday, Nov. 19

The Board of Outreach is needing donations of snacks (individual size) to help fill their care packages that will be sent to Trinity's college students! Monetary donations will also be accepted to help buy additional snacks and postage. If you have questions, contact the church office at 605-498-2343

Winter gear now available and accepting donations!

Items most in need:

- Adult coats (sizes XL, XXL, XXXL)
- Kids boots (all sizes)
- Kids coats and snow pants (all sizes)

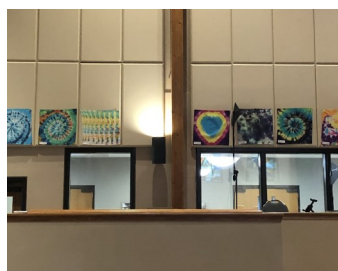


Board of Outreach is collecting new and gently used cold weather gear in the east entrance of the church and is available to the public. We are currently collecting coats, jackets, snow pants, hats, gloves, and boots that will be made available to our neighbors in the community. Used items are accepted, but please launder before you drop them off. We accept new items as well. Simply drop off the items in the bin in the Gathering Space. If you have questions, contact the church office at 605-498-2343

October Food Pantry Donation: Grape Jelly

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 October we will be collecting grape jelly. 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.

Check out KFC (5th & 6th graders) tie dye handkerchiefs on display at the back of the sanctuary. They turned out great!



Trinity Directory Prints

You took your Directory Photo, now what?

Time to order your prints and/or directory! Photos are typically available to view about 24 hours after your photo has been taken.

- Contact the office and you can set up an appointment, call 605-498-2343

When will I get my photos or printed directory?

- **Photo orders are due October 31st!** Orders placed after Oct. 31 will be shipped to your home address for a fee.
- **Photo Prints:** The photo prints will be delivered to the church mid-November as a bulk shipment unless otherwise noted in your order. Just in time for Christmas
- **Photo Directory:** The photo directory will be delivered to the church beginning of December as a bulk shipment.
- **Digital Photo Download:** You can download the photo immediately after the photographer releases the order.

What is a Digital Directory?

This is a new option Trinity is offering a digital version of the directory that you can access on your computer, tablet or phone! This will be available mid to late November. Watch your email for more information in the coming weeks.

Having trouble ordering?

- **Sunday Mornings:** Volunteers will be available on Sunday mornings between services to help order your photos, print directory or just ask questions about pricing. Look for the "Church Directory Photo Signup" table in the Gathering Space.
- **By Appointment:** Contact the office and you can set up an appointment, call 605-498-2343.

I didn't get my photo taken, can I submit my own?

Yes! We will accept submitted photos, however they may not be included in the printed directory due to the tight timeline to produce the printed directory. If you would like to submit a photo, please your name and photo to info@teatrinity.org or contact the church office.