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## TRINITY CONNECTION

APRIL 5, 2024

Dear Beloved of Trinity,

As I write this newsletter, I am still basking in the alleluias of last Sunday's Easter services. I'm sure you know but I'll remind you anyway, but it takes a lot of people to make Easter services come to life.... Jesus being the main star, of course. (You should be smiling by now) Seriously though, it's a wonderful conglomeration of talents and volunteer hours, which are appreciated immensely.

A huge shout out to the musicians who rehearsed for many hours preparing for multiple services – organists, youth choir, Bell Choir, soloists, brass band. Thank you to our youth who put on our Easter skit and helped with worship. Thank you to those who prepared and baked for our Preschool Bake Sale. Thank you to the volunteer Worship Teams. Thank you to the Board of Worship and Music for all the prep work they have done.

Holy Week and Easter are my favorite times of the church year. They are the busiest times but the best and most holy times. This year was especially good and difficult as I was reminded of two big losses – a granddaughter and my mom. I was also reminded of the undeserved gift of eternal life from our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ who made the gift possible. Hearing the Word proclaimed, the music sung and being in your presence lifted my spirits. You are a wonderful congregation.

This week in scripture we hear the story of what is commonly known as “Doubting Thomas”. I think through the years, Thomas has gotten a bad rap with this or wondering. And actually, Thomas does not “doubt” so much as have “unbelief”. Jesus appears to his disciples as the risen Christ. Jesus’ response to Thomas isn’t in reprimand but instead in blessing. “Blessed are those who believe without seeing me.” Jesus is pointing to generations to come, who through the testimony of other believers, would come to believe without seeing.

Blessed Easter season to you, my friends as we continue to journey together in faith.

In Faith,  
Deacon Christie

## Church Calendar

### Tuesday, April 9

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

### Wednesday, April 10

8:30 am: Preschool (Pre-K)  
5:45 pm: Band Rehearsal  
6:30 pm: Worship  
7:15 pm: KFC - 5th & 6th Grade, Confirmation,  
High School Youth

### Thursday, April 11

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

### Friday, April 12

8:30 am: Preschool (Pre-K)

### Saturday, April 13

5:30 pm: Auction Meal  
6:30 pm: Auction

### Sunday, April 14

8:00 am: Worship  
9:15 am: Coffee and Cookies, Adult Bible Study,  
Sunday School, 2nd Grade Milestone  
10:30 am: Worship (online and in person), Sunday  
School Youth Sing Crews 5-8

### Monday, April 15

8:30 am: Preschool (Pre-K)  
7:00 pm: Bible Crash Course #2

### Tuesday, April 16

6:30 pm: Men's Breakfast  
8:30 am: Preschool (3 & 4 yr olds)  
11:15 am: Meals on Wheels Delivery

### Upcoming Important Dates

April 21: Busy Blessings  
April 26: Date Night Daycare

## Attendance

### **Maunday Thursday, March 28**

6:30 pm: 264

### **Good Friday, March 29**

6:30 pm: 178

### **Easter Sunday March 31**

7:30 am: 123  
9:00 am: 380  
10:30 am: 289

## Church Finances

### Week of March 31, 2024

Total Operating Cost: \$13,774

**Actual Total Giving: \$ 13,556**

**Difference of: \$ 218**

**March Globe Offering \$ 1,080**

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

**Envelopes:** In-person or Mail to the church

**Online Giving:** [www.teatrinity.org/donate](http://www.teatrinity.org/donate)

**Venmo:** teatrinity

## April Globe Offering

## ST DYSMAS

## Prayer Requests

- Bonnie Wolthuis ▪ Gordon Fritz
- Greg Myrmoe ▪ Ray Kelly
- Melva Hilmoe's brother & Sarah Hilmoe's uncle Fred Tidemann
- Gordon & Dorothy Fritz's son Carl
- Melva and Sara Hilmoe's friend, Corey Stephens
- Sara Hilmoe's friend, Randi Van Der Sloom
- Doug Mette sister and brother-in-law, Gene and June Neises
- Rex and Clem Boyd's sister-in-law, Dodie
- Carol Schroeder's sister, Roxie
- Laura Stewart & Kristi Heidinger's friend, Leisha Watkins

## Milestone Ministry

### 2nd Grade Milestone-The 10 Commandments

Sunday, April 14, 9:15 am - Lesson #2

**Celebration: Sunday, April 21 at 8:00 or 10:30 am or Wednesday, April 24 at 6:30 pm**

Join Deacon Christie and learn about the 10 commandments and what they mean. The 10 commandments were given to us to teach us about our relationship with God and live in community with others.

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### 7th Milestone-Honoring My Body

Wednesday, April 17 at 7:15 pm - Lesson

**Celebration: Sunday, April 21 at 8:00 or 10:30 am or**

**Wednesday, April 24 at 6:30 pm**

Join Deacon Christie as we will talk about abstinence, body image and safe social media practices. We also ask that parents also attend this very important session.

## Bible Crash Course #2

Monday Evenings

April 8 | April 15 | April 22

7:00 - 8:15 pm

in the Fellowship Hall



If you've ever wondered if the Bible is true, this course is for you. If you've ever wondered how the Bible came to be, this course is for you. If you've ever wondered how they chose which books, this course is for you. Mark these three Mondays, April 8, 15 and 22 on your calendar. Call the church office to signup. If you have questions, contact Deacon Christie by calling 605-498-2343.

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Auction &  
Fundraiser!



## Auction and Fundraiser

Saturday, April 13

5:30 pm Meal | 6:30 pm Auction

in the Fellowship Hall

The Church Council is excited to host this annual event. Proceeds will benefit (broken down by %): Partner Ministries 10%, Improvement Fund 45% and General Fund 45%. Free will donation meal. Evening Festivities Include: Dessert Dash & Ticket Raffle Drawing. If you are interested in donating Baked Goods, contact the church office.

**WELCA**  
Bible Study

## WELCA Bible Study

Thursday, April 18

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, April 18  
5:00 - 6:00 pm  
Trinity East Parking Lot

If you need help with food, or know someone who does, call the church office at 605-498-2343. Registration is required each month. Due to limited supply of food, we will only be accepting 140 registrations. Registration will then close and we will no longer take signups.



## VBS registration now open!

Trinity Vacation Bible School  
June 3 - 6, 2024  
5:15 pm (optional meal)  
6:00 - 8:00 pm

We can't wait for you to join us for a fun filled 4 days as kids explore what it means to have a friendship with God! Kids participate in memorable Bible-learning activities, sing catchy songs, play teamwork-building games, experience one-of-a-kind Bible adventures, and test out science-fun experiments that get imagination bubbling. Each day concludes with a Fin-tastic Finale that gets everyone involved in living what they've learned.

Are you interested in volunteering but no longer have children attending? Are you a high school student looking for a fun week with kids or want to log service hours? We would love to have you help out! Contact the church office to register or to volunteer!

## Confirmation Camp

Lutherans Outdoors - NeSoDak  
August 4 - 9, 2024

**\*\*Register before April 15 and get an early bird discount\*\***

Attention confirmation students parents, have you sign up to attend bible camp yet? It is a great faith building experience. Register before April 15th and you get an early bird discount! All students attending are eligible for a \$100 scholarship from Trinity's Youth and Family Board. Contact the church office or Zach Gors with questions or for more information,

## Trinity Lutheran Church Directory

**\* Mobile Version Now Available \***  
**\* Printed Version Arriving Soon\***

Trinity Lutheran Church Directory is finally here! We are happy to announce that the mobile version is now available and the printed version will be arriving soon! We appreciate your patience with the delay in releasing it. We are now excited to have this available to you!

For more information about the mobile version please contact the church office at 605--498-2343





## Trinity Lutheran Preschool registration available

**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 2024-2025 registration is available. 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.

## Thank you from the Hanson family

We would like to extend a thank you to our son-in-law Mark Peterson, Seth Meier and the usher who brought me water after I had fallen during Easter service due to low blood pressure. We appreciate the support. - Rollie and Lorraine Hanson

## April Food Pantry Donation: Pizza Sauce and Crust

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 April we will be collecting pizza sauce and crust. 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.

## Thank you to everyone who baked and purchased items for the Preschool Bake Sale! We appreciate your continued support.



**Thank you for all of your support with our fundraiser!**  
**- High School Youth**

