



Trinity Lutheran Church  
605-498-2343  
info@teatrinity.org  
www.teatrinity.org

## TRINITY CONNECTION

APRIL 26, 2024

Dear Beloved of Trinity,

This week we continue with the theme of Beyond Grateful where we are reminded of our thankfulness to God in all things. This time of year, it is not hard to find reasons to be grateful in our world and in our lives. All we need to do is glance outside and see the beauty of a budding creation.

In scripture this Sunday, we will hear about how Jesus feeds the multitudes. It is a familiar story about a large crowd who had gathered to hear Jesus preach but as lunchtime approaches, it became evident that the crowd was hungry. We know that a boy had five loaves and two fish, which he shared. Jesus took that gift and shared it abundantly, feeding over 5000. But an often-overlooked detail in the story is after Jesus took the loaves and fish from the boy, he had the large crowd sit down and he gave thanks.

What a simple gesture in this story of extreme abundance and the gratitude shown by Jesus sets an example for us.

### **Giving thanks**

For bread and fish  
For gathering in fellowship  
For laughter

### **Beyond Grateful**

For shared service  
For youth leading worship  
For volunteers who step up  
For members who gather in worship and study  
For Trinity Lutheran Church

Your grateful minister,  
Deacon Christie



## Church Calendar

### Tuesday, April 30

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

### Wednesday, May 1

No Quilting Group  
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, May 2

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

### Friday, May 3

8:30 am: Preschool (Pre-K)

### Sunday, May 5

8:00 am: Worship  
9:15 am: Coffee and Cookies, Adult Bible Study,  
Sunday School Kickoff Summer Party  
10:30 am: Worship (online and in person), Sunday  
School Youth Sing (All Crews)

### Monday, May 6

8:30 am: Preschool (Pre-K)  
6:30 pm: VBS Committee Meeting

### Tuesday, May 7

6:30 pm: Men's Breakfast  
8:30 am: Preschool (3 & 4 yr olds)  
6:00 pm Executive Committee Meeting

### Upcoming Important Dates

May 12: 12th Grade Milestone Celebration &  
and Reception

May 19: Busy Blessings

May 19: Trinity Spring Planter Class

## Attendance

**Wednesday, April 17**      **Sunday, April 21**

6:30 pm: 79                      8:00 am: 88  
10:30 am: 230

## Church Finances

### Week of April 21, 2024

Total Operating Cost:      \$13,774  
**Actual Total Giving:      \$ 6,513**  
**Difference of:              \$ 7,261**  
**April Globe Offering      \$ 645**

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

- Steve Franzen ▪ Amy Martens ▪ 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
- Judy Reshetar's brother and sister-in-law, Mike & Deb Schuster
- Amy Biddle's father, Gwen Thompson

## Milestone Ministry

**12th Grade Milestone-Graduation—Moving On  
Celebration:**

**Sunday, May 12 at 8:00 or 10:30 am**

**Reception: 9:15 am in the Fellowship Hall**

Join us as we celebrate our seniors in a time of fellowship and recognition during worship.



## CANCELLED -Quilters Group

**See you next month: Wednesday, June 5**

**9:00 am**

**in the Fellowship Hall**

May's Quilters Group is cancelled. We hope you can join us in June as we continue to work on putting together more quilts together. No sewing or quilting experience is necessary. All are welcome.

## 2024 Mother's Day Gift Card Fundraiser

A gift card to Central Dakota Perk is the perfect Mother's Day or Teacher Appreciation Gift! Trinity High School Youth will be selling \$20 Central Dakota Perk Gift Cards for Mother's Day or Teacher Appreciation! This is a great idea for any mom, wife, sister, grandma or any special person in your life! Also this would make a great Teacher Appreciation gift! Gift cards can be used to purchase coffee or any food item at the Tea or Harrisburg location or the Food Truck. *The youth will receive 20% of the sales.*

The youth will be selling the gift cards in the Gathering Space between services on Sunday mornings and on Wednesday evenings. Orders can be placed in person in the Gathering Space.

### **Dates available to purchase:**

Wednesday, May 1 | Sunday, May 5 | Wednesday, May 8 | Sunday, May 12

### **Orders and payment due:**

Payments is due at the time of purchase or by Friday, May 10.

**Gift card amount available: \$20**

**Make check payable to:** Central Dakota Perk

**Mail check to:** Trinity Lutheran Church %Central Dakota Perk, PO Box 37, Tea SD 57064  
*(put in the memo: "Trinity Mother's Day")*

## Tea Area Community Garden Meeting

**Thursday, May 9**

**6:30 pm**

**in the Gathering Space**

**Cost: \$10 per plot**

Spring is almost here, so it's time to start thinking about gardening. Please join us for our yearly meeting! For those of you new to the garden, the meeting is used to go over the guidelines and assign plot locations. There are 84 6' x 6' foot plots divided by 3' paths. There will be a wider main path running east to west. Each individual gardener's plots will be contiguous so you may plant in the paths between your plots. The maximum number of plots per gardener is 6 or 8 (depending upon the total number of plots needed to assure each gardener gets a garden). Payment of the plot is due the evening of the meeting. Call the church office to sign up for a plot!



## 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!



## Beyond Grateful

Recently a member of the Board of Stewardship saw a thank you card that had the simple phrase, "Beyond Grateful" printed on the front. That card started a conversation with the Board members to invite the congregation to spend the next several months cultivating the spiritual practice of gratitude. A few suggestions. Each morning say a simple prayer of gratitude for the new day. Write a note to a family member or friend to let them know how much you appreciate them. If you have young children in your home, speak aloud your gratitude for the beautiful day or the light bulb that comes on when you flick the switch so your children can learn about gratitude.

## Hospitalizations / Life Changing Events

Did you know that the hospitals do not notify the church or pastor if a member has been admitted, even if you've been asked about your church membership upon arrival? Pastor Tom and Deacon Christie want to be there to support you or your loved one in a time of sorrow or joy.

Please notify the church when:

There is a hospitalization in your family.

There is a death in your family.

You would like a pastoral visit.

There is a birth or adoption.

Someone becomes home bound.

Someone becomes unemployed.

Trinity Lutheran Church, the body of Christ, wants to bring you Christ's love in all the seasons of your life. You may contact either Pastor Tom or Deacon Christie by calling 605-498-2343.

## Thrivent Choice Dollars

**Are you a Thrivent member? Ready to give back?**

**Do you know about Thrivent Choice Dollars?**

Through Thrivent Choice, with your membership can contribute to Trinity Lutheran Church through Choice Dollars. Contact your Thrivent representative for more information.

## Technology Upgrade

Trinity is happy to say we are in the final stages of our technology upgrades. Over the past few months the following upgrades have been made throughout the building:

- Upgraded the front projectors in the sanctuary
- Installed a back projector in the sanctuary
- Hardwired all TVs in the Sunday School and adult bible study rooms
- Upgraded network infrastructure
- Upgraded Wi-Fi connectivity

Now that these upgrades have been completed, there is a new guest Wi-Fi network with a new password. Please look for the new password located on the office window in the Gathering Space.

## Trinity is hiring: Wednesday Night Coordinator (part-time)

Trinity Lutheran Church in Tea, SD is hiring a Wednesday Night Coordinator. The successful applicant will oversee the programming of our Wednesday night youth groups which includes working with the current ministry staff, volunteer leaders and youth from grades 5th-12th. The position is part-time at approximately ten hours per week with a start date of June 23, 2024.

Contact the church office for the full job description.

**Please send resume to:**

Trinity Lutheran Church, c/o Deacon Christie Meier, PO Box 37, Tea SD 57064  
or email it to [christie@teatrinity.org](mailto:christie@teatrinity.org)

## Trinity Lutheran Church Directory

- **Mobile Version Now Available \***

Trinity Lutheran Church Directory is finally here! We are happy to announce that the mobile version is now available. 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.  
Call the church office for more information or to register.

## 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.

**Sunday School youth did a great job of collecting books for their book drive and earned an ice cream party! Thanks to everyone who donated books and who volunteered to help with the ice cream.**



**Busy Blessings was so much fun, this month they learned about Noah's Ark!**

