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**TRINITY CONNECTION**  
JANUARY 12, 2024

Dear friends in Christ,

As I look out the window, the trees are starting to sway and people are getting ready for the blizzard, especially those who are serving the public in special ways. Today I'm praying for those who are bundling up to serve others, the state troopers and tow truck drivers who respond to frightened people stuck in the ditch, the snowplow drivers who keep the roads open as much by feel and experience as by sight, the furnace and boiler techs working overtime to keep the heat on. There are people serving in other vocations out there too. I'm grateful for them.

Yes, many of us are trained to do specific jobs, but the calling of our vocations is much broader than we think. At any given time, our vocations may include child, spouse, parent, grandparent, neighbor, student, employer or employee, citizen, friend, community member, etc. Martin Luther often taught about the spiritual and societal importance of our various vocations as part of our callings from God by referring to 1 Corinthians 12:

*12 For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. 13 For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.*

God uses our various vocations to serve as the body of Christ in the world. The gifts and vocations that God has given you are important and make a difference in the world.

Peace and best wishes,  
Pastor Tom Opoien

## Church Calendar

### Tuesday, January 16

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

### Wednesday, January 17

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  
8:15 pm: National Youth Gathering Parent Meeting

### Thursday, January 18

8:30 am: Preschool (3 & 4 yr olds)  
11:15 am: Meals on Wheels Delivery  
1:30 pm: WELCA Bible Study  
5:00 - 6:00 pm: Tea Community Food Distribution  
5:30 pm: TOPS

### Friday, January 19

8:30 am: Preschool (Pre-K)

### Sunday, January 21

8:00 am: Worship  
9:15 am: Coffee and Cookies; Sunday School;  
Adult Bible Study; Kindergarten Milestone  
10:30 am: Worship (online and in person)  
6:30 pm: Financial Peace University

### Monday, January 22

8:30 am: Preschool (Pre-K)

### Tuesday, January 23

6:30 pm: 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

Jan. 28: Trinity's Annual Meeting  
Jan. 26: Date Night Daycare  
Feb. 6: Bloodmobile  
Feb. 14: Ash Wednesday  
Feb. 17: Chili Bingo  
Feb. 19: Church office closed due to the holiday

## Attendance

### Wednesday, Jan 3

6:30 pm: 92

### Sunday, Jan. 7

8:00 am: 85  
10:30 am: 205

## Church Finances

### Week of January 7, 2024

Total Operating Cost: \$13,205

**Actual Total Giving: \$ 8,992**

**Difference of: - \$ 4,213**

**January Globe Offering \$ 269**

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

## January Globe Offering

## LUTHERAN OUTDOORS

## Prayer Requests

- Sharon Nelson ▪ Bonnie Wolthuis ▪ Sonia Ensz
- Ken Kahl ▪ Greg Myrmoe ▪ Ray Kelly
- Debbie Jensen, Jacob Jensen's mother
- Melva Hilmoe's brother & Sarah Hilmoe's uncle Fred Tidemann
- Gordon & Dorothy Fritz's son Carl
- Delores Wells' brother-in-law, Jerry Boellaard
- Amy Kuhnert's family member, Jeremy Josephsont
- Melva and Sara Hilmoe's friend, Corey Stethens
- Doug Mette sister and brother-in-law, Gene and June Neises
- Dawn Arp's mother, Darlene Sheeler
- Rex & Clem Boyd's sister-in-law, Dodie
- Sympathy to Melva and Sara Hilmoe for the passing of their family member, Marydell Ronning

## National Youth Gathering Parent Meeting

Wednesday, January 17  
8:15 am  
Gathering Space



This is an informational meeting for all parents and youth that have youth attending the National Youth Gathering in New Orleans. Please plan to attend as we continue to plan the details of the trip!



## WELCA Bible Study

Thursday, January 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, January 18  
5:00 - 6:00 pm  
Trinity Lutheran Church

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.

## Milestone Ministry

Kindergarten Milestone—Learning to Pray  
Sunday, Jan. 21, 9:15 am - Lesson #2

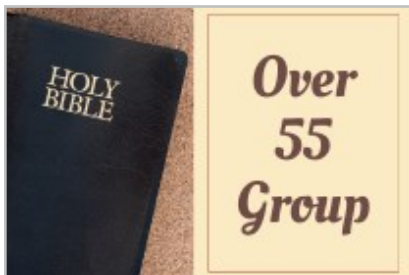
Celebration: Sunday, Jan. 28 at 8:00 or 10:30 am or Wednesday, Jan. 30 at 6:30 pm

Join Deacon Christie and learn about how prayer is essential for a faith life. Come learn how to pray for our own needs and the needs of others!

## Over 55 Group

Tuesday, January 23  
9:30 pm Blood Pressure Screening  
10:00 pm Meeting and Lunch  
in the Fellowship Hall

Join us as for a short meeting, devotion and a potluck lunch to follow. All are welcome!



## Fundraiser for the National Youth Gathering: Date Night Daycare

Friday, January 26

6:00 - 10:00 pm

Trinity Lutheran Church

Free Will Donation

Registration deadline: Wednesday, Jan. 24

Enjoy a night out and support Trinity's Youth! All proceeds will go toward the youth attending 2024 National Youth Gathering in New Orleans. We welcome kids ages 1-12 year olds. Food will be provided from 6:30-7:00 pm. Contact the church office for more information or to signup.

## Trinity's Annual Meeting

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Sunday, Jan. 28

11:45 am

in the Sanctuary



## 2024 Offering Envelopes

Available to pickup in the Gathering Space!

If you are not able to pick up your offering envelopes please contact the church office at 605-498-2343 and we can mail it to you.



## Trinity Lutheran Preschool registration now open!

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 now 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.

## Mission Endowment Fund to Update Bylaws

We are fortunate to have various avenues at Trinity for financial gifts to be directed toward ministry. One of those ways is through our Mission Endowment Fund. The interest earned from gifts to this fund goes toward ministry projects at Trinity as well as in the Tea area communities and beyond.

At the congregation's annual meeting to be held on January 28, 2024, updated bylaws for the Mission Endowment Fund will be presented for consideration. Thank you to Kathy McHenry from Lutheran Planned Generosity in South Dakota, members of the Mission Endowment Committee, and members of the church council for input in this revision process. If you would like to view the proposed bylaws, you can pick up a copy at the Welcome Desk in the Gathering space.

If you have questions, contact the church office by calling 605-498-2343.

## Winter gear is 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

## Otten's Celebrating 50 years!

Curt and Darla Otten will be celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary on January 18th.

Greetings may be sent to:  
Curt and Darla Otten  
330 N Carla Ave, Tea, SD 57064



## January Food Pantry Donation: Cake Mix and Frosting

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 January we will be collecting cake mix and frosting. 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.

## Trinity's Sunday School did a great job with their memory verses and enjoyed our special guest, Taylor, for the children's sermon!

