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TRINITY CONNECTION
FEBRUARY 16, 2024

Dear Beloved of Trinity,

We are in the church season of Lent, which lasts 40 days excluding Sundays. It is a time of self reflection, recognizing our sin and our need for a Savior.

This week in scripture we get the Gospel of Mark's very short version of 3 big events- Jesus' Baptism, Jesus' temptation by Satan in the wilderness and the beginning of Jesus' ministry...all wrapped up in 7 verses. (Mark 1:9-15)

So what do these succinct verses tell us? Remember Mark loves to use the word Immediately so he flows from one event to another rather quickly. "Immediately the Spirit sent him into the wilderness."

Three words emerged as I thought of these 3 events: prepare, strengthen and go. Baptism prepares us to go out into the world filled with the Spirit. It is a gift! And when we are out in the world, full of temptations, God strengthens us in our trials. And when we are filled and strengthened we are sent to a broken world to bear the redeeming news of Jesus.
Prepare- Strengthen- Go

Lord, you have given us the gift of the Spirit at our baptism. When we face temptations and hardships, you are near, giving us comfort and strength. Help us joyfully serve you where you put us- in our homes, our work places, school, stores, etc. May we love like you love.
Amen

Peace be with you, my friends,
Deacon Christie.

Church Calendar

Tuesday, February 20

Due to the holiday no preschool

6:30 pm: Men's Breakfast

11:15 am: Meals on Wheels Delivery

Wednesday, February 21

Due to the holiday no preschool, KFC and high school youth

5:15 pm: Lenten Meal, Confirmation Mentoring (meal and worship with mentor)

6:30 pm: Worship

7:15 pm: Wednesday Men's Group

Thursday, February 22

Due to the holiday no preschool

11:15 am: Meals on Wheels Delivery

5:30 pm: TOPS

Friday, February 23

Due to the holiday no preschool

Sunday, February 25

8:00 am: Worship

9:15 am: Coffee and Cookies; Adult Bible Study, Sunday School, 6th grade Milestone

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

6:30 pm: Financial Peace University

Monday, February 26

8:30 am: Preschool (Pre-K)

Tuesday, February 27

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

March 1: Date Night Daycare

March 3: New Member Orientation

March 6: New Member Orientation

March 10: Pickleball Day with Trinity

March 14: Food to You Mobile Food Pantry

Attendance

Wednesday, Feb 7

6:30 pm: 105

Sunday, Feb 11

8:00 am: 73

10:30 am: 269

Church Finances

Week of February 11, 2024

Total Operating Cost: \$13,774

Actual Total Giving: \$ 10,758

Difference of: \$ 3,016

February Globe Offering \$ 366

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

Venmo: teatrinity

February Globe Offering

CASA

Prayer Requests

- Gordon Fritz ▪ Sharon Nelson ▪ 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 Stephens
- Sara Hilmoe's friend, Randi Van Der Sloot
- Doug Mette sister and brother-in-law, Gene and June Neises
- Dawn Arp's mother, Darlene Sheeler
- Rex and Clem Boyd's sister-in-law, Dodie
- Shirley Oltmann's brother, Kevin Schoffelman
- Sympathy to the family and friends of Marlys Andahl

Holden Evening / Holy Week / Easter Sunday Services

Our theme throughout Wednesday evening Lenten services is “Holy Lament” and will look at how lament, both individual and communal, is a part of our life of faith. Each week we will look at scripture and an accompanying song and how it relates to the laments in our lives.

Family meal begins at 5:15 pm. You do not have to cook at all on Wednesday nights! Come enjoy a warm meal served until 6:15 pm.

Family worship begins at 6:30 pm. Feb. 21 | Feb. 28 | March 6 | March 13 | March 20
We will be using the beautiful and popular Holden Evening Prayer.

Confirmation in Lent: Confirmation in Lent takes on a different format. Each confirmation student and their mentor will meet for the meal and discuss questions pertaining to the evening’s sermon. Then they will worship together at 6:30 pm. Afterwards, they are free to go home.

Palm Sunday
Sunday, March 24 at
8:00 or 10:30 am

Maunday Thursday
Thursday, March 28
6:30 pm

Good Friday
Friday, March 29
6:30 pm

Easter Worship Services
Sunday, March 31
7:30 am, 9:00 am and 10:30 am

Over 55 Group

Tuesday, Feb. 27
9:30 am Blood Pressure Screening
10:00 am Meeting & Lunch
in the Fellowship Hall

Join us as for a short meeting, devotion, guest speaker from Church on the Street and a potluck lunch to follow. All are welcome!

Milestone Ministry

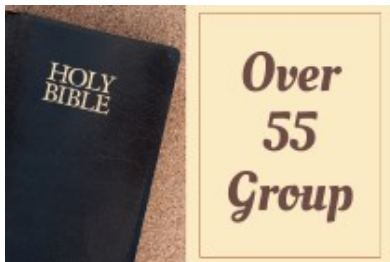
6th Grade Milestone—Books of the Bible

Sunday, Feb. 25, 9:15 am—Lesson #1

Sunday, March 3, 9:15 am - Lesson #2

Celebration: Sunday, March 10 at 8:00 or 10:30 am
or Wednesday, March 13 at 6:30 pm

Join Deacon Christie and learn the Books of the Bible. These sessions will make learning the books of the Bible engaging and relevant.



Fundraiser for the National Youth Gathering: Date Night Daycare

Friday, March 1

6:00 - 10:00 pm

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Free Will Donation

Registration deadline: Wednesday, Feb 28

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.

New Member Orientation — 2 sessions available!

Sunday, March 3

11:45 am - 1:00 pm

in the Fellowship Hall
(lunch will be served)

Wednesday, March 6

7:15—8:15 pm

in the Connection Room

Not a member? Interested in becoming a member? Join us for lunch and learn more about what Trinity is all about! **Please RSVP by Wednesday, Feb. 28. Call the church to register.**

Welcoming of new members will be held on Sunday, March 10 at 8:00 or 10:30 am or Wednesday, March 13 at 6:30 pm.



Bible Crash Course #2

Coming in April!

Monday's April 8, 15 and 22

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.

If you have questions, talk to Deacon Christie..



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.

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

February Food Pantry Donation: Cream Soups

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 February we will be collecting cream of mushroom, cream of chicken and cream of celery soup. 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.

Valentine's Day with the Trinity's preschool kids is always a fun time with crafts, treats and lots of energy!



Thank you to everyone that attended our Ash Wednesday meal and worship!

