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TRINITY CONNECTION
FEBRUARY 23, 2024

Dear friends in Christ,

Last week our Tuesday morning Men's Breakfast group read the following passage from Joel 2:

Blow the trumpet in Zion; sound the alarm on my holy mountain! Let all the inhabitants of the land tremble, for the day of the LORD is coming, it is near...a day of clouds and thick darkness.

Being good Midwesterners, we quickly began talking about the weather. "Sound the alarm!" We spoke about the old storm sirens that in the days before pagers and electronic communication sent the firefighters running to their trucks. "A day of clouds and thick darkness!" We remembered where we were when the derecho wall storm walked across the prairie and turned daylight to night. We talked about near misses with tornados and skies that turned green. Midwesterners are familiar with alarms, sirens, and storms.

We also talked about the odd desire to stand on the front porch and watch the tornado come even when we know that fleeing to the basement is the wiser choice. People sometimes have odd responses to storms.

Joel uses this storm imagery as a reminder that our rebellious and sinful nature can destroy our personal and communal worlds much like a tornado can tear a neighborhood to shreds. God calls us to turn away from selfishness and toward the loving and just ways of living that resonate with the kingdom of God. The alarm is God's warning to step back from danger.

As we continue our journey through the season of Lent, we are invited to listen to the warning about the damage our self-destructive ways harm ourselves, our neighbors, and the world. Sometimes we need to be reminded to take the storm warning seriously.

Peace and best wishes,
Pastor Tom Opoien

Church Calendar

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

Wednesday, February 28

8:30 am: Preschool (Pre-K)
5:15 pm: Lenten Meal, Confirmation Mentoring
(meal and worship with mentor)
6:30 pm: Worship
7:15 pm: KFC-5th & 6th Grade, High School Youth,
Wednesday Men's Group
8:15 am: National Youth Gathering Parent Meeting

Thursday, February 29

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

Friday, March 1

8:30 am: Preschool (Pre-K)
6:00 pm: Date Night Daycare

Sunday, March 3

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)
11:30 am: New Member Orientation
6:30 pm: Financial Peace University

Monday, March 4

8:30 am: Preschool (Pre-K)

Tuesday, March 5

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

Upcoming Important Dates

March 6: New Member Orientation
March 10: Pickleball Day with Trinity
March 13: A New Norm Presentation by Tom Roberts
March 14: Food to You Mobile Food Pantry

Attendance

Wednesday, Feb 14 **Sunday, Feb 18**

6:30 pm: 344 8:00 am: 63
10:30 am: 115

Church Finances

Week of February 18, 2024

Total Operating Cost: \$13,774

Actual Total Giving: \$ 8,560

Difference of: \$ 5,214

February Globe Offering \$ 437

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

- Bonnie Wolthuis ▪ 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 Gayle Hendricksen for the death of her husband, Jerry

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. 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!

National Youth Gathering Parent Meeting

Wednesday, February 28
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!

Fundraiser for the National Youth Gathering: Date Night Daycare

Friday, March 1
6:00 - 10:00 pm
Trinity Lutheran Church
Cost: Suggested donation \$15 per kid
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.

Milestone Ministry

6th Grade Milestone—Books of the Bible

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.

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.



Quilters Group

Wednesday, March 6
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..



Pickleball Day with Trinity

Sunday, March 10
1:00 - 3:00 pm
Gloria Dei Lutheran Church
5500 East 57th Street, Sioux Falls, SD
Cost: \$5 per player (include paddle and ball)

Join us for Trinity's Pickleball Day at Gloria Dei! This session will include a lesson and practice for beginning players for the entire family. Bring your friends and family and signup today, we are limiting this to 24 participants! Please drop off your \$5 per player payment to the church office, price includes the paddle and ball. The doors will open 15 minutes prior to the event, please use west entrance. We ask that you wear appropriate footwear. No food is allowed in the gym, only water is allowed. Call the church office to signup!

Volunteers Needed: Food To You Mobile Food Pantry

Thursday, March 14
4:15 - 7:30 pm or 5:10 - 7:30 pm
Messiah New Hope Lutheran Church
5001 E Madison St, Sioux Falls

Grab your friends and join us as for at the Food To You - the Mobile Food Pantry! This organization is our March Globe Offering recipient and is part of the Charis Ministry Partners. We hope you are able to join us for this great service project opportunity! Orientation and training will be provided, no experience is necessary!

Two types of volunteers are needed:

Early Bird Volunteers: You will sort and distribute food.

Other Volunteers: You will distribute food.

Call the church office to signup!



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.

Thank you to everyone that attended Chili Bingo!

