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TRINITY CONNECTION

MARCH 15, 2024

Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. - John 12:24

Dear friends in Christ,

In the gospel of John, Jesus describes himself in bold and sweeping metaphors. He is the Lamb of God; the bread of life; the light of the world; the door; the good shepherd; the resurrection and the life; the way, the truth, and the life; and the true vine.

This Sunday in the reading from John 12 we will hear Jesus comparing death and resurrection to a grain of wheat that is planted in the earth. A single grain of wheat is planted in the earth and from that one seed comes an impressive harvest.

When Jesus is crucified, his disciples think that single grain of wheat named Jesus is gone. But they and the world soon learned that the harvest of resurrection had just begun.



Jesus' people are the fruit of that first grain of wheat that was planted in the tomb. Jesus is concretely present in the Christian community as we live and service in his name. The passage for Sunday ends with these words, "Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also" John 12:26. It is a good reminder that the harvest of resurrection is still producing abundantly.

Peace and best wishes,
Pastor Tom Opoien

Church Calendar

Tuesday, March 19

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

Wednesday, March 20

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, Bells Choir Practice

Thursday, March 21

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, March 22

8:30 am: Preschool (Pre-K)

Sunday, March 24 – Palm Sunday

8:00 am: Worship
9:15 am: Coffee and Cookies; Adult Bible Study,
Sunday School
10:30 am: Worship (online and in person), Trinity
Preschool and Sunday School
All Crews Sing
6:30 pm: Financial Peace University

Monday, March 25

8:30 am: Preschool (Pre-K)

Tuesday, March 26

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 28: Maundy Thursday Worship
March 29: Good Friday Worship
March 31: Easter Sunday Worship
(7:30 am, 9:00am, 10:30 am)
April 1: Church office closed due to the holiday
April 8: Bible Crash Course #2
April 13: Trinity Auction and Meal

Attendance

Wednesday, March 6 **Sunday, March 10**

6:30 pm: 256 8:00 am: 67
10:30 am: 181

Church Finances

Week of March 10, 2024

Total Operating Cost: \$13,774

Actual Total Giving: \$ 10,626

Difference of: \$ 3,148

March Globe Offering \$ 364

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

March Globe Offering

FOOD TO YOU, MOBILE FOOD PANTRY

Prayer Requests

- Bonnie Wolthuis ▪ Gordon Fritz
- Sharon Nelson ▪ Greg Myrmoe
- Melva Hilmoe's brother & Sarah Hilmoe's uncle Fred Tidemann
- Gordon & Dorothy Fritz's son Carl
- Amy Kuhnert's family member, Jeremy Josephson
- 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
- Joe Holman's brother, Andrew
- Carol Schroeder's sister, Roxie
- Laura Stewart & Kristi Heidinger's friend, Leisha Watkins
- Sympathy to Jacob and Lauren Jensen in the death of Jacob's mother Debra Jensen

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. 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

Easter Basket Fundraiser

Easter is right around the corner and you can get your Easter baskets here at Trinity! The high school youth will be selling Easter Baskets as a fundraiser for their upcoming National Youth Gathering trip in July to New Orleans! The youth will be selling the baskets in the Gathering Space between services on Sunday mornings and on Wednesday evenings. .

Dates available to purchase: Wednesday, March 20 | Sunday, March 24

Cost: \$20 per basket | **Gender specific:** Boy or Girl

Orders and payments due: Sunday, March 24

Pickup dates: Thursday, March 28 | Friday, March 29
During office hours (8:30 - 4:30 pm) or before and after worship

If you have questions, contact the church office by calling 605-498-23433



WELCA Bible Study

Thursday, March 21
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, March 21
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.



Over 55 Group

Tuesday, March 26

9:30 am Blood Pressure Screening
10:00 am Meeting, Speaker & Lunch
in the Fellowship Hall

Join us as for a short meeting, devotion, guest speaker Kevin Nissen from the City of Tea and a potluck lunch to follow. All are welcome!



Trinity Preschool Bake Sale

Easter Sunday,
Sunday, March 31
8:00—11:45 am

Free Will Donation

Help support Trinity Lutheran Preschool and bake (or purchase) goodies to be sold at our *free will donation bake sale!* All proceeds go towards the preschool to purchase supplies and activities for the students. Please drop off your donations at the church on:

Friday, March 29 from 8:30 am - 7:30 pm OR Saturday, March 30 from 9:00 am - 2:00 pm
Contact the church office to sign up or for more information. .

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 sign up. If you have questions, contact Deacon Christie by calling 605-498-2343.

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. Call the church office for more information or to register.

March Food Pantry Donation: Pork and Beans

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 March we will be collecting pork and beans. 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.

Welcome New Members!



Kevin, Stacie, Jack
(not pictured)
and Taye Carlson



Craig and Peggy
Ellman



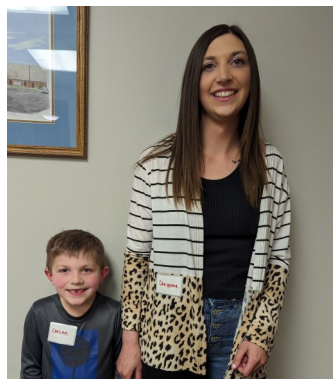
Kari, Tim, Zoe, Bree,
Ian and Ella Reynolds



Valerie
West-Svendsen



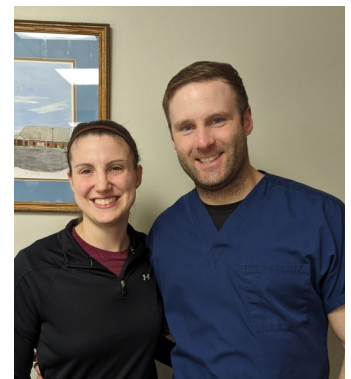
Tim and Amy Biddle
Landon, Alexis and
Vivian Biddle
(Not pictured)



Cheyenne Langley
and Carson Schaefer
Beckham Schaefer
and Berklyn Langley
(not pictured)



Justin, Shelby,
McKenna and
Kennedi Sjaarda



Alyssa and Jordan
Slusser
Ryder and Wyatt
Slusser (not pictured)