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TRINITY CONNECTION

SEPTEMBER 1, 2023

Dear beloved of Trinity,

In scripture this Sunday, we will hear about an interaction between Jesus and his disciples, primarily with Peter. Jesus has been teaching his disciples, traveling with them, opening them up to many experiences of God's love and grace. It is a pivotal moment when the light bulb goes off in Peter's head.....and heart, that he proclaims that Jesus is the Messiah. Jesus responds like a proud parents with, "good job, Peter. You are correct." It is a proud moment for Peter who was typically the first to raise his hand or blurt out an answer. Jesus tells him that he will call him "the Rock" and he will play a major role in God's kingdom on earth. Maybe some first century high fives were exchanged.

But the tune changes and Jesus tells his gathered closest friends that he will face persecution and death in Jerusalem (where they are heading). Again, Peter jumps to Jesus' side with, "no Lord! That can't be true!" Jesus' rebuke is swift and seemingly harsh. "Get behind me, Satan!"

Jesus is not really calling Peter Satan. He is pointing out that Satan will do anything to blur and create misunderstanding for Jesus' mission and purpose here on earth.

We, too, see through the eyes of the world instead of the eyes of God. We, too, can misinterpret God's mission and plan for the world. So we remain in Christ. We hear his word. We talk to him, asking for understanding and sight.

My friends, we are at the end of summer. I give God thanks for the sunshine....I know, the heat has been exhausting, but we are blessed. School is in session and routines have been established. Take time to enjoy your family. Make a phone call, enjoy their presence. Life is good. God is good.

In love and faith,
Deacon Christie

Church Calendar

Tuesday, September 5

6:30 am: Men's Breakfast
8:30 am: Preschool (3 & 4 yr olds)
9:00 am - 5:00 pm: Bloodmobile
7:00 pm: Executive Committee

Wednesday, September 6

8:30 am: Preschool (Pre-K)
9:00am: Quilting Group
7:15 pm: High School Youth

Thursday, September 7

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

Friday, September 8

8:30 am: Preschool (Pre-K)

Sunday, September 10

8:00 am: Worship;
9:15 am: Coffee and Cookies; Sunday School; 3rd
Grade Milestone; Church Photo Directory Signup
10:30 am: Worship (online and in person)
11:30 am: Church Photo Directory Signup

Monday, September 11

8:30 am: Preschool (Pre-K)
7:00 pm: Fall Women's Bible Study

Tuesday, September 12

6:30 am: Men's Breakfast
6:00 pm: Church Board Meetings
7:00 pm: Church Council Meeting

Upcoming Important Dates

September 16 - 22: Church Directory
Photo Sessions
September 20: Filipino Cooking Class
September 18: Fall Women's Bible Study
September 20: Filipino Cooking Class

Attendance

Sunday, August 27

8:00 am: 92 10:30 am: 200

Church Finances

Week of August 27, 2023

Total Operating Cost: \$13,205

Actual Total Giving: \$ 12,081

Difference of: \$ 1,124

Outstanding Expenses: \$ 35,674

August Globe Offering \$ 434

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

Online Giving: www.teatrinity.org Click "GIVE"

Text Giving: (605) 777-7223

Envelopes: In-person or Mail to the church

September Globe Offering

REACH LITERACY

Prayer Requests

- Sonia Ensz ▪ Ken Kahl ▪ Greg Myrmo
- Ray Kelly ▪ Dorothy Fritz
- Melva Hilmoe's brother & Sarah Hilmoe's uncle Fred Tidemann
- Michael Schmidt's uncle Larry Schmidt
- Jami Atkin's dad Kevin Roth
- Gordon & Dorothy Fritz's son Carl
- Delores Wells' brother & brother-in-law, Roy Wells & Jerry Boellaard
- Amy Kuhnert's family member, Jeremy Josephson
- Larry Panning & Jo Garner's sister-in-law, Pam Panning
- Dick & Alma Gors' friend, Joann Muller
- Sympathy to Gordan & Dorothy's Fritz for the death of their daughter Margaret Fritz

Quilters



Quilters Group

**Wednesday, Sept. 6
9:00 am
in the Fellowship Hall**

Join us as we continue to work on putting together more quilts together for Lutheran World Relief. No sewing or quilting experience is necessary. All are welcome



Trinity Church Directory

**Photo Session Dates:
September 16 - 22
October 1 - 6
October 10 - 14**

Specific times are available at signup.

Trinity Lutheran Church Directory is coming soon! But first we need your photo, our photographer will be available for a variety of dates and times, pick a time that works best for your family! The directory won't be complete without YOU!

Signup is now available, call the church office for times and signup information. You can also signup after worship, look for the "Directory Photo Signup" table in the Gathering Space.

You will have the option to view and order your photos directly from the photographers website with no high pressure sales onsite. Plus, digital downloads will be available for purchase!

Printed church directory will be available to purchase or download the free photo directory app! This will allow you to have all your church friends contact info right at your finger tips either in print or on your phone for ease of access. If you have questions, please contact the church office by calling 605-498-2343.

Milestone Ministry

I love this time of year when Milestones begin. Milestones are a way for parents and caring adults to keep the promises made at Baptism. Milestones are "steps along the way" on a lifelong journey of faith. God's promises are always kept, and grace is a gift we receive through Baptism regardless of what we do. Milestones help parents and children live into this gift and use it everyday. Trinity offers Milestones for 4 year olds through 12th grade. Deacon Christie teaches the Milestone lessons, meeting in the Fellowship Hall. Watch for a flyer in the mail when it is your child's time for Milestone.

3rd Grade Milestone

Sunday, Sept. 10, 9:15 am - Lesson #1

Sunday, Sept. 17, 9:15 am - Lesson #2

Sunday, Sept. 24, 9:15 am - Lesson #3

Celebration: Sunday, Oct. 1 at 8:00 am or 10:30 am or Wednesday, Oct. 4 at 6:30 pm

It's Bible Time! Join Deacon Christie and learn about what the Bible is all about.

Receive a Bible and decorate a Bible cover.

Sunday Mornings Adult Bible Study

Sunday Mornings
Starting September 10
9:15 am

in the Connections Room

Please join us for this great opportunity to get to know your bible as well as meet new people. All are welcome to join us, no signup is needed!



Friday Sack Lunch Bible Study

The Character of God
September 15—October 20
12:00—12:45 pm

in the Connection Room or online via Zoom

For six Fridays during September and October you are invited to join Pastor Tom for a small group Bible study on the character of God as described in Exodus 34:6-7. You can join us in person or via Zoom for those who would like to join digitally from home or work during your lunch break.

Specifically, we will study and discuss how God is compassionate, gracious, slow to anger, loyally loving, and faithful. We will begin each session with a five-minute video from the Bible Project.

This course is designed both for people who are brand new to small group Bible study and for seasoned veterans alike. If you can't make it every week, drop in when you can.

All are welcome and we can't wait for you to join us! Call the church office to signup at 605-498-2343.

Filipino Cooking Class

Wednesday, September 20
5:30 pm

Trinity Lutheran Church Kitchen

Cost: \$5 | Signup by Monday, Sept. 18,



Trinity's Youth and Family Board is hosting a Filipino cooking class with Lerma Ballman! Join us as we explore Filipino dishes and learn what Filipino cooking is. Don't hesitate to signup, limited seating of 12 participants only! Please drop off the \$5 at the church office by Monday, Sept. 18 to make sure you secure your spot. Let's get cooking and learn about Filipino cooking! Call the church office at 605-498-2343 or contact Laura at (605) 310-7896 .



Lutheran World Relief school kits now available!

Return filled bags by Sept. 30th!

All bags have been picked up, thank you to everyone who donated. If you still have a bag that needs to be filled, please return it to the Gathering Space by Sept. 30! Contact the church office with any questions.

2023—2024 Sunday School Registration and Volunteer Signup

Signup for 2023-2024 Sunday School!

- Sunday mornings between worship services (9:15 - 10:15 am)
 - Mid August through the beginning of May
 - Sunday School Ages: Pre-K to 4th grade
 - Sunday School Volunteer Still Needed: 3rd Grade Teacher
- Call the church office to register or learn more at 605-498-2343!

2023—2024 Kids For Christ (KFC) Registration

Wednesday evenings

7:15—8:15 pm

following 6:30 pm worship

2023-2024 KFC Registration is open! KFC (Kids for Christ) Youth Group meets on Wednesday evenings during the school year - alternating 5th grade one week and 6th grade the next week. These early middle school years can be challenging for kids to navigate. KFC offers an opportunity for them to come together to learn how to grow their relationship with God, learn how to grow their relationships with each other, and we have some fun along the way. We also provide various music, service projects, and volunteer opportunities throughout the year.
Call the church office to register or learn more at 605-498-2343!

2023—2024 Confirmation Registration

Wednesday evenings

7:15—8:15 pm

following 6:30 pm worship

2023-2024 Confirmation Registration is open! Confirmation meets on Wednesday evenings during the school year and is for 7th and 8th graders!
Call the church office to register or learn more at 605-498-2343!

September Food Pantry Donation: Cereal

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 September we will be collecting cereals. 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.

The Over 55 group hosted Pastor Jeff Backer with St. Dysmas last week and enjoyed his presentation!



Welcome Trinity Lutheran Preschoolers! We are so glad to have them here, we can't wait to watch them grow and learn.

