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TRINITY CONNECTION

OCTOBER 6, 2023

They are like trees planted by streams of water, which yield their fruit in its seasons and their leaves do not wither. Psalm 1:3

Dear friends,

The other day I left my church work for a couple of hours to plant a tree that I bought awhile back and hadn't gotten in the ground yet. Since it is a big tree in a flat bottomed plastic pot I assumed it would stand up on its own for a several days (or to be more accurate, a week or more). I was wrong. Each morning I'd stand it up and sometime during the day the wind would lay it out like it had been tackled by a linebacker. Eventually, I quit picking it up. Having it lying right next to the street didn't make me look like the most thoughtful neighbor either. Then I witnessed a miracle. The tree stood up seemingly on its own two days in a row. I didn't actually see it stand up, but I'd leave for work in the morning with it splayed out and come home to it reaching for the heavens. Hmm.

On Wednesday, I estimated that I had enough time between staff meeting and teaching confirmation to slip into my blue-striped, Key-brand, bib overalls and get those roots in the ground. I had finished digging the big hole right near the street when a stranger stopped his car and asked if I needed a hand. After a street side introduction, he told me that he had seen the tree on the ground a couple of times when he went to pick up his kids from school and had stood it up. Ah ha! The miracle.

I found out that Chris had moved into a house a couple of blocks away after moving from another part of the country. We shared experiences about moving and had a pleasant chat. I thanked him for the offer but told him that I'd be able to take my time and get the tree planted. We both enjoyed the conversation and with a neighborly wave he left.

Psalm 1 compares people delighting in the law of the Lord to trees that yield good fruit. As I thought of the opportunity to meet a new neighbor and open the opportunity for an unexpected friendship, I felt like the tree I was planting had already borne fruit. When I thought I was slipping away from church to plant a tree, God had another idea. That tree planning would bring the church to my neighborhood.

Like the church musician, Jay Beech, reminds us:

"The church is not a building where people go to pray.
It's not made out of sticks and stones.
It's not made out of clay.
We are the church."

Peace and best wishes,
Pastor Tom Opoien

Church Calendar

Tuesday, October 10

Church Directory Photo Sessions
6:30 am: Men's Breakfast
8:30 am: Preschool (3 & 4 yr olds)
6:30 pm: Church Board Meetings
7:00 pm: Church Council Meeting

Wednesday, October 11

Church Directory Photo Sessions
8:30 am: Preschool (Pre-K)
5:45 pm: Band Rehearsal
6:30 pm: Worship
7:15 pm: Bell Choir Practice, Wednesday Men's Group, KFC-5th & 6th Grade; Confirmation, High School Youth

Thursday, October 12

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

Friday, October 13

Church Directory Photo Sessions
8:30 am: Preschool (Pre-K)
12:00 pm: Friday Sack Lunch Bible Study

Saturday, October 14

Church Directory Photo Sessions

Sunday, October 15

8:00 am: Worship, 4th Grade Milestone Celebration
9:15 am: Coffee and Cookies; Sunday School, Adult Bible Study
10:30 am: Worship (online and in person), 4th Grade Milestone Celebration
4:00 pm: Confirmation Retreat

Monday, October 16

8:30 am: Preschool (Pre-K)

Tuesday, October 17

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

Upcoming Important Dates

Oct. 22: Semi-Annual Meeting
Oct. 31: Directory Photo Orders Due
Nov. 4: Turkey Dinner

Attendance

Wednesday, Sept. 27

6:30 pm: 96

Sunday, Oct. 1

8:00 am: 78
10:30 am: 244

Church Finances

Week of October 1, 2023

Total Operating Cost: \$13,205

Actual Total Giving: \$16,375

Difference of: \$ 3,170

Outstanding Expenses: \$35,674

October Globe Offering \$ 221

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/donate

Text Giving: (605) 777-7223

Envelopes: In-person or Mail to the church

October Globe Offering

LUTHERAN CAMPUS MINISTRIES

Prayer Requests

- Sonia Ensz • Ken Kahl • Greg Myrmoe • Ray Kelly
- 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-in-law, Jerry Boellaard
- Amy Kuhnert's family member, Jeremy Josephson
- Larry Panning & Jo Garner's sister
- Melva Hilmoe's friend, Fred Carpenter
- Doug Mette sister and brother-in-law, Gene and June Neises
- Dawn Arp's mother, Darlene Sheeler r-in-law, Pam Panning and niece, Alyssa
- Shirley Oltmann's brother, Kevin Schoffelman
- Gordon Bergjord's family member, John Markstrom



Trinity Church Directory

Photo Session Dates:

****LAST WEEK****

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.

Weekly Wednesday Men's Group

Wednesdays

Now - November 1

7:15 - 8:15 pm

in the Connection Room

All men are invited to a new men's group which will meet for six Wednesdays. Duane Gors will lead a study based on Martin Luther's Small Catechism. If you would like to get to know some new people, learn about the way Lutherans understand Christianity, and be a support for other men, please feel free to drop into this group. Call the church office to signup or show up as a walk-on.

Fresh Evergreen Christmas Decor now available!

Our Trinity youth will be selling fresh evergreen Christmas wreaths, crosses, door swags and other evergreen choices this fall.

All proceeds will help fund their confirmation, youth camp for the summer of 2024 and the high school students attending the 2024 National Youth Gathering in New Orleans, LA.

Contact your favorite youth directly or fill out a paper form on the welcome desk.

Orders are due on October 11 and will be delivered to the church for you to pick up approximately mid November.

Any questions, please contact Laura Stewart at 605-310-7896 or at lenandlaura@iw.net or the church office at 650-498-2343 or info@teatrinity.org.

Milestone Ministry

4th Grade Milestone - God and Money

Celebration: Sunday, Oct. 15 at 8:00 am or 10:30 am or Wednesday, Oct. 18 at 6:30 pm

High School Milestone—Balancing Work, School and Play

Lesson : Wednesday, Nov 1

7:15 - 8:15 am

in the Loft

Celebration: Sunday, Nov 5 at 8:00 am or 10:30 am or Wednesday, Nov 8 at 6:30 pm worship

Join Deacon Christie and learn about how to balance work, school and play!



WELCA Bible Study

Thursday, October 19

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, October 19

5:00 - 6:00 pm

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If you need help with food, or know someone who does, call the church office at 605-498-2343. Registration is required. Please register by Wednesday, October 18th.

Semi-Annual Meeting

Sunday, October 22

11:30 pm

in the Sanctuary

Join us online or in person for Trinity Lutheran's Semi-Annual Meeting, a zoom link will be available ahead of time, watch your email for more information. Contact the church office if you have questions!

TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

Semi-Annual
MEETING



"Bible Crash Course"

Monday evenings

7:00—8:15 pm

Oct. 23—Nov. 13

This 4 week Crash Course is designed for those who would like a general overview of the bible – major stories and themes. It is also designed for people who have a good working knowledge but would like to learn more – points of interest, fun facts, connections. You will learn something even if you come to only one lesson. It is for men, women and teens



Make a joyful noise!

Sundays - Oct 9—Nov 27
Men's Chorus 6:00 –7:00pm
Mixed Choir 7:00—8:00pm
Concert: Sunday, Dec 3

We want to invite you to join one or both of the Christmas choirs listed below. We have fun together and get to create beautiful music together. Youth are encouraged to participate. Call the church office to signup!

Thrivent Choice Dollars

Are you a Thrivent member? Ready to give back?
Do you know about Thrivent Choice Dollars?

Through Thrivent Choice, with your membership can contribute to Trinity Lutheran Church through Choice Dollars. Contact your Thrivent representative for more information.

Turkey Dinner and Country Store

Saturday, Nov 4

4:00—7:00 pm

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Adults: \$12 | Kids (6-14): \$5 | Kids (5 and under): FREE

Dine in or Carry Out

Join us for our annual WELCA Trinity Turkey Dinner. We will be serving turkey, dressing, corn, mashed potatoes, gravy, coleslaw, dessert and drink. We will also have the Country Store for your favorite homemade baked goods, canning or crafts!

Watch your email for more information about areas you can volunteer or donate items. .

Birthday Card Shower

Help us wish Calvin Schriever a very happy birthday by showering him with birthday cards! He celebrated his 99th birthday on Oct 8. Greeting may be sent to:

Calvin Schriever, 27430 471st Ave, Harrisburg, SD 57032



Journey of Hope Donations

Donation Items for October: Toothpaste & Deodorant

"You are fearfully and wonderfully made." Psalm 139:14

Journey of Hope is a local non-profit whose goal is to provide basic hygiene products to those in need. Partnering with other local non-profits, they provide mental health, addiction and reintegration services, giving tangible hope. Trinity Lutheran is a collection point for this month's items of toothpaste and deodorant. Thank you for your generosity.

WANTED: Cooking/Baking Class Leader

Do you have a old family recipe and have the art of making Krumkake, Gingerbread, Rosettes, Kolaches or Lefsa? Or are you talented in decorating Christmas cutout cookies? The Youth & Family Board is looking for that special someone with the talent that would be willing to show a small group during a holiday cooking/baking class.

If this person is you, please contact Deacon Christie, any member of the Youth & Family Board (Laura Stewart, Deonne Portner, Deb Svanda or Kristi McKinney) or email the church office at info@teatrinity.org or call 605-498-2343.

October Food Pantry Donation: Grape Jelly

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 October we will be collecting grape jelly. 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!



Steve and Kim Baker



Jennifer, Ryan, Elijah, Ella, Hadeigh and Hayden Deibert



Bev and Dennis DeKam



Terry and Carolyn Ebright



Matt, Sarah, Janet and Katelyn Gaul



Jim and Pat Koerner



Tyler, Shae and Elliott Pierson



Jacob, Trystan and Braxley Schreier

*Not Pictured: Steve and Wanda Franzen

OVER

The Quilting Group has been busy packing up kits for Lutheran World Relief!

We will be shipping 86 school kits and 31 health kits out this month.
Thank you to everyone who donated items to this great ministry!



Trinity Directory Prints

You took your Directory Photo, now what?

Time to order your prints and/or directory! Photos are typically available to view about 24 hours after your photo has been taken.

- Contact the office and you can set up an appointment, call 605-498-2343

When will I get my photos or printed directory?

- **Photo orders are due October 31st!** Orders placed after Oct. 31 will be shipped to your home address for a fee.
- **Photo Prints:** The photo prints will be delivered to the church mid-November as a bulk shipment unless otherwise noted in your order. Just in time for Christmas
- **Photo Directory:** The photo directory will be delivered to the church beginning of December as a bulk shipment.
- **Digital Photo Download:** You can download the photo immediately after the photographer releases the order.

What is a Digital Directory?

This is a new option Trinity is offering a digital version of the directory that you can access on your computer, tablet or phone! This will be available mid to late November. Watch your email for more information in the coming weeks.

Having trouble ordering?

- **Sunday Mornings:** Volunteers will be available on Sunday mornings between services to help order your photos, print directory or just ask questions about pricing. Look for the "Church Directory Photo Signup" table in the Gathering Space.
- **By Appointment:** Contact the office and you can set up an appointment, call 605-498-2343.

Can I still take my photo?

Yes! We are still taking appointments for the following dates, specific times are available in the signup link.

- October 1st - 6th
- October 10th - 14th
- Call the church office at 605-498-2343.
- **Sessions are only 10 minutes or less!**

Continue to watch your email for more communication! Thank you again to all those that have already taken photos and if you haven't already please sign up as the directory won't be complete without YOU!