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TRINITY CONNECTION

NOVEMBER 10, 2023

Dear Beloved of Trinity,

This Sunday we are wrapping up our Stewardship emphasis, Trinity, In It Together. Did you know that there are over 2500 passages in the Bible on how we manage money? It says more about money than it does about prayer. Not to minimize the importance of prayer but from God's perspective, this is a big deal but perhaps not in the way we think that it is a big deal. It's not about the amount of money we have or don't have, it's about our hearts and what we make more important than Him.

When I teach 4th grade Milestone, which is "What Does God Have to Say About Money?", we look to the Bible for answers. The first Biblical principle is from Psalm 24:1, "the earth is the Lord's and everything in it. The world and all its people belong to him." And Psalm 89:11, "the heavens are yours and the earth is yours; everything in the world is yours – you created it all." So, stewardship is the good management of all God has given us, our time, our possessions and our money. We are called to be good stewards. Corinthians 9:7 says, "you must each decide in your heart how much to give. And don't give reluctantly or in response to pressure. For God loves a person who gives cheerfully."

Mark Allen Powell, in his book, *Giving to God*, says we should not give to a budget but instead give from the heart. The amount we give shouldn't be determined by the church budgetary needs but by "the goodness of God that takes hold of us and transforms us within."

What a good God we serve. A God who provides for our needs and more. It is a privilege to give back to God and to care for our neighbor. The good news is, we are a team in this endeavor. We work together for the greater good. We are Trinity, In It Together.

In faith,

Deacon Christie

Church Calendar

Tuesday, November 14

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

Wednesday, November 15

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 - 6th Grade, Confirmation, High School Milestone

Thursday, November 16

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, November 17

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

Saturday, November 18

9:00 am: 5th Grade Milestone

Sunday, November 19

8:00 am: Worship, 5th Grade Milestone Celebration (First Communion)
9:15 am: Coffee and Cookies; Sunday School; Adult Bible Study
10:30 am: Worship (online and in person), 5th Grade Milestone Celebration (First Communion)
6:00 pm: Men's Choir Rehearsal
7:00 pm: Mixed Choir Rehearsal

Monday, November 20

8:30 am: Preschool (Pre-K)
7:00 pm: Bible Crash Course

Tuesday, November 21

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

Upcoming Important Dates

Nov. 23-24: Church office closed due to holiday
Nov. 30: Trinity serves at The Banquet
Dec. 3: Trinity Christmas Concert

Attendance

Wednesday, Nov. 1 **Sunday, Nov. 5**

6:30 pm: 109 8:00 am: 111
10:30 am: 162

Church Finances

Week of November 5, 2023

Total Operating Cost: \$13,205

Actual Total Giving: \$10,921

Difference of: - \$ 2,284

Outstanding Expenses: \$35,674

November Globe Offering \$ 92

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

November Globe Offering

BERAKHAH HOUSE

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
- Gordon & Dorothy Fritz's son Carl
- Delores Wells' brother-in-law, Jerry Boellaard
- Amy Kuhnert's family member, Jeremy Josephsont
- Melva Hilmoe's friend, Fred Carpenter
- Doug Mette sister and brother-in-law, Gene and June Neises
- Dawn Arp's mother, Darlene Sheeler
- Shirley Oltmann's brother, Kevin Schoffelman
- Gordon Bergjord's family member, John Markstrom
- Rex & Clem Boyd's sister-in-law, Dodie
- Sympathy to Phil, Christie, Seth, Holly Meier & family in the death of Christie's mother and Seth's grandmother, Maxine Thoreson

Milestone Ministry

5th Grade Milestone - First Communion

Lesson #3: Saturday, Nov. 18

9:00 am - Noon

in the Fellowship Hall

Celebration: Sunday, Nov. 19 at 8:00 am or 10:30 am or Wednesday, Nov. 29 at 6:30 pm worship

Join Deacon Christie and learn about what communion means. In the Lutheran Church, we have 2 sacraments, Holy Communion and Baptism. Each is a gift from God. Communion is not a reward for the completion of these sessions but instead a gift to explore what Holy Communion means to us as believers.



WELCA Bible Study

Thursday, November 16

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, November 16

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, November 15th.

Fundraiser for the National Youth Gathering: Date Night Daycare

Friday, Nov. 17

6:00 - 10:00 pm

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\$10 Donation suggested per child

Registration deadline: Wednesday, Nov. 15

Back by popular demand! Enjoy a night out and support Trinity's Youth! All proceeds will go toward the youth attending this summer's mission trip to Wausau, WI. 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 sign up.

College Student Care Packages Donations Needed

Donations due to the church office: Sunday, Nov. 19

The Board of Outreach is needing donations of snacks (individual size) to help fill their care packages that will be sent to Trinity's college students! Monetary donations will also be accepted to help buy additional snacks and postage. If you have questions, contact the church office at 605-498-2343.

Join us at Banquet West!

Wednesday, November 30
2:00 - 5:00 pm and 5:00 - 8:00 pm
Banquet West
710 N Marion Rd, Sioux Falls
(use northeast door)

Are you interested in doing a community service project? Do you want to give back to those in need? If so, join us as we serve those in need at Banquet West. We are need of 6 volunteers to prepare the meal and 15 volunteers to serve the meal.

Bring your whole family, 12 and older may serve in the dining room and kitchen! No open toed shoe for your safety and please dress in work appropriate attire. Thank you for your commitment to The Banquet ministry! Contact the church office to sign up at 605-498-2343.

Hy-Vee Scrip Cards Available: Limited Availability

We have a limited number of Hy-Vee Scrip Cards available. First come, first serve! 5% of the sales go back to the youth to help pay for the youth attending the 2024 National Youth Gathering or summer camps! Thank you for your continued support of Trinity's youth!



Volunteer Drivers Needed

Did you know that Trinity partners with Active Generations and are a host site for the meals to be picked up? The Meals on Wheels program consists of a hot meal delivered to client's door between 10:45 a.m. and 12:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. Trinity Lutheran delivers meals every Thursday and we are looking for one or two more volunteer drivers. The route typically takes 30-40 minutes and all deliveries are in Tea city limits. Volunteer would deliver roughly every 2 months! If interested, contact the church office by calling 605-498-2343

Winter gear now 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

Thank you for your supporting Trinity!

A huge thank you to everyone that made our annual WELCA Trinity Turkey Dinner such a success! We served over 540 community members. We couldn't have done it without all of your donations of food, roasters, coolers and your time. This event takes many hands and we are grateful for each and everyone of you!. Also thank you to everyone that attended the dinner, your generosity was appreciated. The money earned from this event WELCA purchases bibles for the 4 year olds and 3rd graders, cakes for confirmation, graduation and other special youth events and provide scholarship money to the youth to attend camps and mission trips.

The Over 55 Group is thankful for all the donations and purchases to the Country Store and looks forward to seeing you next year!.

Don't forget to pickup your roasters, pans and/or dishes, they are located in the fellowship hall!

November Food Pantry Donation: Hamburger & Tuna Helper

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 November we will be collecting hamburger and tuna helper. 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.

Trinity had another great Turkey Dinner, thanks to everyone who donated and attended! See you next year.



More property upgrades happened this week at Trinity, the air exchange unit was installed!

