



From Pastor Jason's desk

In the journey of life, everyone encounters challenges and difficult moments. For Christians, turning to their faith becomes a source of strength and solace during times of struggle. The teachings of Christianity offer guidance on resilience, hope, and perseverance, providing a foundation for believers to navigate through adversity.

At the core of Christian teachings is the belief in a loving and merciful God who is present in every aspect of life. When faced with challenges, Christians often turn to prayer as a means of seeking comfort and guidance. Prayer is seen as a direct line of communication with God, where believers can express their fears, doubts, and hopes. Through prayer, Christians find a sense of peace and assurance that they are not alone in their struggles.

The Bible, considered the holy scripture by Christians, is a rich source of inspiration during difficult times. Passages such as Psalm 23, which speaks of the Lord being a shepherd who guides and comforts, or Philippians 4:13, proclaiming the strength that comes from Christ, become guiding lights for those facing adversity. Reading and meditating on these verses provide Christians with a sense of perspective, reminding them of the enduring love and strength found in their faith.

Community plays a crucial role in how Christians handle times of struggle. The fellowship within a church provides a supportive network where individuals can share their burdens and receive encouragement. Whether through small group discussions, prayer circles, or pastoral counseling, the community becomes an extended family that offers both spiritual and emotional support. The bonds formed within these communities strengthen individuals, helping them face challenges with a sense of unity and shared purpose.

Worship services also play a vital role in helping Christians navigate tough times. During these gatherings, believers come together to worship, reflect, and receive teachings that offer insights into facing adversity with faith. The music, prayers, and sermons often focus on themes of hope, resilience, and trust in God's plan. Participating in worship provides Christians with a sense of connection to something greater than themselves, fostering a deeper understanding of purpose and meaning in their struggles.

The concept of forgiveness is another fundamental aspect of Christian teachings that aids individuals in times of struggle. Christians are encouraged to forgive those who have wronged them, mirroring the forgiveness they believe they receive from God. Choosing to forgive allows believers to release the burden of resentment and bitterness, promoting emotional healing and resilience in the face of adversity.

In summary, when navigating times of struggle, Christians draw strength from their faith through prayer, scripture, community, worship, and forgiveness. The teachings of Christianity provide a solid foundation for believers to face challenges with resilience, hope, and a sense of purpose. Ultimately, the journey through adversity becomes an opportunity for spiritual growth and a deeper connection with God and fellow believers.

Until Next Time,
Pastor Jason

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TRINITY UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH

The February meeting of Trinity United Women in Faith will be on February 1 at 12:30 in the Christian Ministry Center. Hostess for the day is Joyce Darling with Kathy Wanhanen bringing the program. Agenda items in the business meeting will include the Ash Wednesday Soup Supper and Service, the Reading Program, and the annual Conference UWF Prayer Vigil dates and times for our unit.

As usual, the UWF Meeting will be preceded by the Adopt a Platoon greeting card preparation at 10:30 for those who can come early for the day's events. There will be a light lunch served at noon for everyone.

The United Women in Faith resource book for 2024 is titled "Food, Faith, and Fellowship" The introduction to the book states in part:

"You are cordially invited to the banquet of a lifetime! This year we picked the theme of food and fellowship as we learn more about what it means to break bread together. This means going beyond what's on the plate and showing respect not just for the ingredients and the hands that prepared them, but also for the local community and heritage. When we gather, we gather not just with those present at the table with us, but with all who had a hand in our meal.

Let us join around the table, giving one another grace to come as you are, join as you feel comfortable, and partake as you choose. This journey is about enjoying the relationships around the table, sharing as best we can, and finding God's presence is our gathering. In turn, let us consider others in what we bring and share with one another. How do we best care for others with what we contribute?

This journey is inclusive and loving and hospitable. This is about learning to be good hosts as well as good guests as we gather whether it is at home, at church, in the community or on the created earth.

Trinity United Women in Faith has evidently been ahead of the writers of the resource/program book as we have gathered for Food, Faith, and Fellowship regularly at our meetings for many years: 1) Food to enjoy together and more importantly spiritual food to sustain us in our relationship with our Creator God. 2) Faith in one another as projects need to be organized and accomplished as well as faith to see us through both the good and difficult times of our organization and in our individual lives. 3) We enjoy fellowship in our unit, in our Trinity congregation and in the wider community where willing workers and leaders are also needed.

February 1, 2024 Everyone is Welcome!

10:30 Adopt a Platoon Card Preparation

12:00 Gather for a light lunch and fellowship

12:30 Trinity United Women in Faith program and business

**As you depart you will have experienced Food, Faith, and Fellowship
at this meeting and every meeting of UWF!**



Missions and Outreach Ministry

Meals on Wheels: Our next delivery week is February 12th through the 16th. Contact Sue at 605-920-7788. The route is smaller so takes less than an hour. Many thanks to the DeGooyers, Hauges, McNeills, Prays and Weisenbergs for faithfully delivering meals for the last year. As a church, we would not be able to participate in this community project without them.

Adopt-A-Platoon: March is an interesting month with both St. Patrick's Day and Easter! The cards will be Irish themed, and the envelopes will have Easter themed stickers. Our effort will be enhanced with the help of the Middle School's Fellowship of Christian Athletes. They will be assembling 200 cards to add to our 500. So, 2 boxes will be sent to Adopt-A-Platoon. Join us at 10:30 on Thursday, February 1st and stay for a Taco lunch provided by Joyce Darling and then the United Women in Faith gathering. This is a great way to have fellowship and provide service!



Bible Study

The Men's Bible Study meets throughout the year. This study is held on Saturday mornings at 7:30 am in the CMC. This is a dedicated group of men that welcome anyone who wants to attend. For information, contact the office or Syd DeVries at 510-910-3594.

Women's Coffee Break Bible Study will be meeting on Thursdays at 9:30 am in the CMC. They start with coffee, goodies and prayer, followed by the Bible Study which typically lasts about an hour. This is where they read passages of the Bible together and answer, discuss, share responses to the lesson questions. They end the meeting with prayer and prayer requests. All are welcome to join in this great time of study and conversation. Any questions can be directed to Shelli DeVries at 209-480-9974.

SUNDAY SCHOOL



All children are welcome to participate in Sunday School. The curriculum is based on the stories of Jesus. If you are interested in helping with our sweet young children, please contact the office at 584-1328.

The CMC is in need of a six foot artificial Christmas tree. If you have one you would like to get rid of please bring it to the office.



Thank you!

THANK YOU!!

Please join in thanking these wonderful men for their devoted service in keeping our parking lot safe and clean.

Drivers:
Ron Pray
John Hauge
Bob McNeill
Don Rogers
Emergency:
Mike Darling
Back Up:
Dean Geiman
Royal Brooking
Jim Wolff

The Back Pew - Jeff Larson



GOT SNOW?.. GET MO! If Moses lived in South Dakota today he could make a fortune in snow removal.

Pastor Jason sharing a story with the children during Christmas Eve services.





Please remember our homebound members by sending them a greeting card



Doris Adamson
52 Dunlap Ave.
Deadwood, SD 57732

Orrin Aldrich
921 Addie
Lead, SD 57754

Betty Bender
122 Wall St.
Lead, SD 57754

Evelyn Berstch
Edgewood Vista
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Spearfish, SD 57783

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Friendly Horizons
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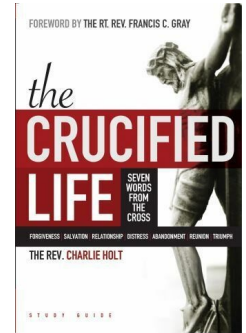
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LENTEN STUDY

Pastor Jason will be leading a Lenten study entitled The Crucified Life. This curriculum provides a space in which we can listen to Jesus' final words from the cross. As we listen, we understand and identify with His suffering in a way that challenges us, transforms us, and ultimately brings us hope.

It centers on the Seven Last Words spoken by Christ on the cross:

- Forgiveness: Father, forgive them for they know not what they do,
-Salvation: Today you will be with me in Paradise,
-Relationship: Woman, behold your Son, behold your mother,
-Distress: I thirst,
-Abandonment: My God, My God, why have you forsaken me,
-Reunion: Father, into your hands I commend my Spirit,
-Triumph: It is finished.



The class will be held on Wednesday evenings, Feb. 21 & 28, March 6, 13, 20, & 27, at 6:00 pm in the Christian Ministry Center.

If you would like to attend the study & purchase the book (cost is \$6.00), please contact the office.

GOT MUSIC?

Are you looking to provide special music during worship service? We would enjoy hearing you sing, playing your instruments, sharing your musical talents, please contact the office.

Are you wanting to help with worship through song? Come practice with the praise team on Sundays at 8:00 am

I will sing to the LORD all my life; I will sing praise to my God as long as I live. Psalms 104:33

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Pastor Jason will be holding coffee hours at Lotus Up on Tuesdays from 9 to 11 a.m. Please stop by for a visit.

He will honor the Sabbath on Fridays.

The Last Supper Presentation

The Lead/Deadwood Ministerial Association is putting on the dramatization of Leonardo da Vinci's The Last Supper.

If you are interested in being part of this production, there will be auditions at the Homestake Opera House on Sunday, February 11th and Monday, February 12th from 4:00 to 8:00 pm. For more information contact the office or Pastor Jason.

The Last Supper performance will be on Good Friday, March 29th at the Homestake Opera House at 7:00 pm.

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

Birthdays:

Feb. 4-Jason Campbell
Feb. 10-Jean Martin
Feb.11-David Gilbery
Feb 16-Corlis Percy
Feb. 20-Delaney Mattson
Feb. 21-David Schumacher
Feb. 24-Justin Thorp
Feb. 25-Clarissa Heisinger
Feb. 27-Luke Weisenberg
Feb.28-Tyneal Thorp
Feb.28-Zayah Thorp
Feb. 28-Sherry Yost
Feb. 28-Pam Kirby

Anniversaries:



Please join us for
Ash Wednesday Service
on February 14th
at 7:00 pm in the
church sanctuary

SERMON SERIES:

Lessons from the Desert (Jan 7-Feb 11)
2/04—God provides a way we never expected

2/11—Sin can take us farther down the wrong road than we want to go

Are You Called? (Feb 18-March 31)

2/18—Baptism of Jesus Christ

2/25—Jesus Christ is tempted in the wilderness

Hymn Dinger Handbell Choir

The handbell choir will practice on February 6th and 13th at 3:30. They will play during worship service on Sunday, February 18th.



*Memorial Garden
Sunday, March 31st*


If you'd like to donate an Easter lily, potted plant, or bouquet of flowers in memory of a loved one or in honor of someone please bring them to the CMC or church Wesley room by Saturday, March 30th at 9:00 am.



Please call the office with who provided flowers and who it is in honor or memory of so that information can be included in the Easter bulletin.

There are no minutes from the Administrative Council/Finance Committees as they didn't meet in January.

The Board of Trustees didn't meet in January so there are no minutes to report.

 Trinity United Methodist Church will be joining in the Community Vacation Bible School that will be held this summer. There will be a planning meeting on Tuesday, February 27th at 5:00 pm at Lead Assembly of God Church. If you are interested in being involved in this event please contact the office.

SUMMER CAMP INFORMATION

Registration for Summer Camp 2024 is now open!

The people of Trinity UMC are committed to helping send people to camp, so please inquire about available scholarships. Some of the camps have limits on how many campers they can have so register early.

There are brochures and registration forms located at the back of the church or call the office with any questions.

Check out dakcamps.org for all of the camp opportunities!

Contact the office for the camp code

Early bird registration deadline is April 30th



Trinity United Methodist Church Library Notes



The holidays are over, and our guests have left, the days are short and the weather is cold. This is the time to read a book. It doesn't matter whether you read electronic books or paper ones, just read!

We have some real good books that are made from paper in our little library. Come and browse, and take one home! Just sign it out so I know where it is!

Our latest addition: **John Stott: Basic Christianity**

This short book is packed with the essentials of Christian faith, written by one of the greatest biblical scholars of the 20th century. Dr. Stott was the rector (pastor) of All Souls Church in London, and was a leader among evangelists around the world. The book **Basic Christianity** was named "Book of the Century" by Christianity today. We have 4 copies on the shelf. He has numerous other titles to his name. We will add them to our collection later.

In **Basic Christianity**, Dr. Stott asks: Who is Jesus Christ? If he is not who he said he was, and if he did not do what he said he had come to do, then Christianity does not have a leg to stand on. Was Jesus truly divine? And if so, what does this mean for us? This book is a clearly written sensible guide for all who seek a simple, yet intellectually satisfying explanation of the Christian faith and the historical facts supporting it. It begs the question that we all have to answer: **Who is Jesus Christ?**

Next month, we will discuss another new addition to the library, CS Lewis' classics.



February 2024



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	
4 Music practice at 8 Worship at 9 Fellowship at 10 Communion Sunday 5th Sunday after Epiphany	5 Pastor PCL 11-2 Kiwanis 5:30 pm	6 Pastor Jason Coffee Hours 9-11, Lotus Up Exercise 9:30 L-PEO 1-3 Bells Practice 3:30 Faith & Fellowship 6:30-7:30		1 Pastor's Meeting 8-10 Coffee Break Bible Study at 9:30 am Platoon Cards 10:30 UWF 12:30	2 Exercise 9:30	3 Men's Bible Study at 7:30 am	
11 Music practice at 8 Worship at 9 Fellowship at 10 Last Sunday after Epiphany	12 Pastor PCL 11-2 Senior Citizens 10-2	13 Pastor Jason Coffee Hours 9-11, Lotus Up Exercise 9:30 Bells Practice 3:30 Faith & Fellowship 6:30-7:30	7 CYC Meeting 4:30	8 Pastor's Meeting 8-10 Coffee Break Bible Study at 9:30 am SC Cards 1-4 pm	9 Exercise 9:30	10 Men's Bible Study at 7:30 am CMC Rental, Dance Perf. 3:00-5:00	
18 Music practice at 8 Worship at 9 Fellowship at 10 Handbells Play 1st Sunday in Lent	19 Office Closed PRESIDENTS' DAY No L/D School	20 Pastor Jason Coffee Hours 9-11, Lotus Up Exercise 9:30 Y-PEO 5:30-7:30 Faith & Fellowship 6:30-7:30	Meals on Wheels February 12-16				
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Pastor Jason on Vacation February 26—March 3							

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Trinity United Methodist Church is a welcoming congregation where God can be found in worship, music, and fellowship. Children always welcome.

WORSHIP SERVICES

SUNDAY MORNING AT 9 AM.

