

PLATTE, SD

Trinity Lutheran Church

NEWSLETTER

NOVEMBER 2023

What I'm Thankful for this Year

I'm thankful that God called Peggy and me to Trinity Lutheran Church and to Platte, SD. I'm thankful for the warmth with which we've been received here and for the willingness of church members to be stretched and to try something new. I'm thankful for a Church Council that works together and seems to have the same goals in common. I'm thankful for the collegiality of the other pastors in town and the fact that I can call them all friends. I'm thankful the Holy Spirit is moving in our church and in our community.

I'm thankful for the large number of children and teenagers we have in our church and for the fact that most of them worship not only with their parents but also with their grandparents as well. I'm thankful for every Children's Sermon I get to give and for the chance to know these children better. I'm thankful for every Confirmation student I've had the opportunity to teach and for the things they've taught me.

I'm thankful for the parsonage and for the way it has felt like home from day one. I'm thankful for a congregation that has allowed us to put our own touches on the property. I'm thankful for the big yard, the beautiful lawn, and the bountiful gardens we've been able to have. I'm thankful for the amazing neighbors that surround us and for the kindness, love, and support they've shown us.

I'm thankful for the friends we've made and for the new friendships that are growing. I'm thankful for the friendliness of our community and for conversations that just happen wherever we seem to go in Platte.

I'm thankful for the beautiful soulmate God has given me in Peggy and for how easy it is to love her. I'm thankful for the wisdom, discernment, and common-sense God has given her, and how often she has

helped me find an easier way to accomplish something God has called me to do. I'm thankful for our son, John, and our daughter, Brooke, and would be thankful to everyone who would pray for them to grow daily in their love and knowledge of Jesus as the Holy Spirit leads them.

I'm thankful for the wonderful parents God gave me and for the ways they always let my sisters and me know that we were loved. I'm thankful they made sure we knew about Jesus and faithfully took us to church and Sunday school. I'm thankful for my sisters, half-sisters, and half-brothers and for the way they loved me and were so easy for me to love back. I'm thankful for my entire extended family and for the family that's mine through marriage.

But of all the things I'm thankful for, I am most thankful that I have a God who didn't give up on me. I am thankful He was patient and steadfast in His love and in His pursuit of me. I'm thankful the Holy Spirit gave me the faith to accept Jesus Christ as my Lord and Savior, and that the moment I did, He immediately began to transform me. Thank You, Lord, for letting me know I am forgiven, I am loved, and I am accepted into Your family as a child of God. Thank You that You have empowered me with Your Spirit, that You've called me to a life of meaning and purpose, and that You aren't done with me yet.

I wish you all a safe, healthy, and blessed Thanksgiving. May you glorify the lord as you share with Him those things for which you're thankful this year.

God bless and Happy Thanksgiving,
Pastor Dave

Church Council Minutes

Trinity Lutheran Church Council met Monday October 17, 2023

Present: Pastor Dave, Jim Holter, Kyle Meyerink, Mike Gilbertz, Donna Boysen, Carey Hoffman, Shirley Johnson, Jan DuFrain, and Ryan Lantz.

Absent: Tony Schrank, Carey Hoffman and Alisha Nachtigal.

The meeting was called to order by President Jim Holter and Pastor Dave led with a devotion and prayer.

Secretary's Report:

The secretary's report was reviewed, Ryan made a motion to approve, Donna seconded it, the motion carried.

Treasurer's Report:

The council reviewed the treasurer's report. Tom made a motion to approve, Kyle seconded it, the motion carried.

Trustee's Report:

We reviewed Trustees report.

Deacon's Report:

Visits are being done and bulletins are being sent out.

Pastor's Report:

We reviewed Pastor Dave's report.

Old Business:

Heating and AC units are ordered with some portions backordered. Kevin will maintain all units as well.

The sidewalk gutter has been fixed by Jeff Engebretson.

New Business

No new business to report.

Ryan made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Tom seconded it.

We closed with the Lord's prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Carey Hoffman

**REJOICE
ALWAYS,
PRAY
CONTINUALLY,
GIVE THANKS
IN ALL
CIRCUMSTANCES.**

1 Thessalonians 5:16-18, NIV



From the WOW Co-Presidents

Pearl Feiok & Dee Rasmussen

About Yesterday

Yesterday, He asked? It is gone, forgotten, I do not remember. as far as the east is from the west, so far has he removed, our transgressions from us! I only know today, today, together. We will walk as though new, this is your second chance, approved.

My gift of today is precious, I receive it to bring honor to You, my Holy God, thank You for the brand-new start. Today I will hold Your hand all day. I will not let go! You are my guide. None fit this qualification, You are all to me, my drill.

Thank You for lifting my head, for steadfastness, and goodness, for mercy and love. You are faithful too, and I need You. You forgive, You heal, You redeem, You crown with loving-kindness, and satisfy us with good things, thank You. Psalm 103:12

Forty Days Prayer/Poems by R. Patricia Esquibel Homes

WOW Treasurer’s Report

Balance on Hand October 1, 2023	\$ 3659.17
INCOME:	
Dividend	\$ 0.32
Deposit	\$ 135.00
Priscilla Bible Study \$68.00	
Hannah Bible Study \$67.00	
Deposit	\$ 450.00
Leo Nelson Funeral \$250.00	
Harold Pavlis Funeral \$200.00	
DISBURSEMENTS	
County Fair (napkins)	\$ (7.97)
Balance on Hand October 31, 2023	\$ 4236.52



WOW November Mission Project

Backpack Project for Helping Hands Food Pantry:

The food pantry committee is trying to fill backpacks of groceries to send home with students. Some of these items would include non-perishable foods such as soup, crackers, canned chicken and tuna, Tuna Helper, Hamburger Helper, breakfast bars, pudding 4-packs, cereal, macaroni and cheese, spaghetti, veggies, or any items that children would like. A tote will be in the fellowship hall so let's fill it up several times.

Bible Study Groups

Priscilla Bible Study Group:

meets Thursday, November 16 at 9:00 AM
 Studying Lesson 10
 Lesson Leader: Paula Nelson
 Hostess: Sharon Rommen

Hannah Bible Study Group:

meets Thursday, November 16 at 1:30 PM
 Studying Lesson 10
 Lesson Leader: Karen Dimick
 Hostess: Caroline Butler

Nov	Greeters	Ushers	Communion Servers	Cookie/Coffee Servers
5	Sunday School Kids	Sunday School Kids	Mike Gilbertz, Alisha Nachtigal, Carey Hoffman	Rhonda Engebretson, Pearl Feiok, Diane Gilbertz
12	Dave & Joyce Carter	Tyson Dyk & Lucas Suits	No Communion	Jodene Foxley, Maggie Dyk, Donna Hanten
19	Donna & Skyler Hanten	Tyson Dyk & Lucas Suits	Mike Gilbertz, Alisha Nachtigal, Carey Hoffman	Jessica Hegge, Amanda Hermanek, Valerie Hildebrand
26	Joel & Jodene Foxley	Austin DuFrain & Ethan DuFrain	No Communion	Carey Hoffman, Sarah Hoffman, Susan Holter

This Month's Birthdays

**Please remember these special 80+ Birthdays with a prayer, card or phone call*

11/1	Ryan Kott	11/9	Hayes Holter	11/17	William Warejcka	11/23	Jackson Johnson
11/2	Laura Johnson*	11/11	Justynn Ruen	11/18	Cody Qualm	11/24	Ryan Lantz
11/2	Kenny Antonsen	11/11	Eloise Konechne	11/18	Marla Tegethoff	11/24	Dennis Meyerink
11/2	Terry Hildebrand	11/12	Khloe DeGroot	11/18	Nicole DeVries	11/25	Samantha Ringling
11/3	Jarod Severson	11/13	Emerson Qualm	11/20	Liz Spawn	11/26	Maisey Suits
11/4	Kade Konstanz	11/13	Larry Tucker	11/20	Lizzy Warejcka	11/27	Tyler Nelson
11/5	Jalen Severson	11/14	Jackson Olsen	11/21	Alaina VandenHoek	11/28	Collins DuFrain
11/7	Kasen Konstanz	11/14	Carla Lantz	11/22	Casey Bailey	11/30	Tonya Standy
11/9	Jim Vanderboom	11/17	Jerry Dykstra	11/23	Abby Spawn	11/30	Amy Ringling

November Mission of the Month – TLC Care Packages

The month of November the Mission Fund Offering will be used for remembering our college students of Trinity Lutheran Church with a care package. College life is an exciting and challenging time filled with new experiences which sometimes can be stressful and to receive a care package from their church can be a source of comfort and joy while knowing we are thinking about them and praying for them. Care packages serve as a reminder of home and the support system that they have, they can serve as a stress relief, a little brightness in maybe a hectic time, and can also boost their motivation knowing that others are thinking about them.

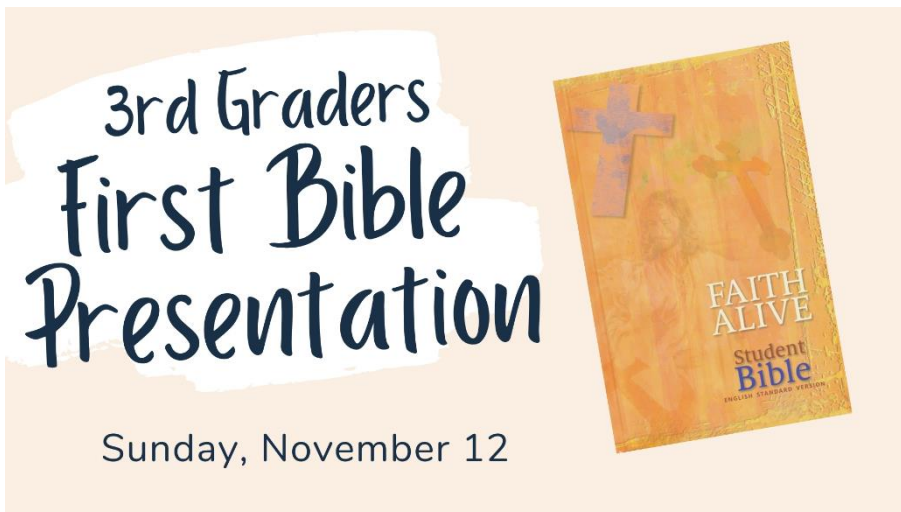
College care packages are a wonderful way to show our support, love, and build a powerful connection with our college aged members as they navigate the challenges and adventures of higher education. We will be taking the offering on Sunday, November 19th. Please make checks payable to "Trinity Lutheran Church"

Important Senior Meeting

Senior citizens don't miss out on this important meeting sponsored by the Older Adult Resource Network on Thursday, November 9th, at 11:00 AM, at the Senior Center in Platte. The main topic of discussion will be Help at Home. Representatives from a variety of area agencies will let you know what kinds of services they can provide for you. Learn what's available as you enjoy free coffee and donuts.

First Bible Class for 3rd Graders

Bible Instruction for all third graders will continue Wednesdays, November 1st and 8th from 4:00-5:15 PM. The students will look up key verses in their Faith Alive Bibles ESV to familiarize themselves with the Bible and how to look up chapters and verses.



Children's Worship Sunday & Noisy Offering

Thank you our Sunday School students who are participating in the worship service through greeting, ushering, reading Scripture, and special music.

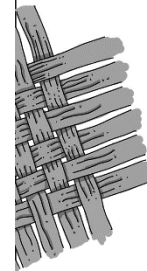
"NOISY OFFERING"...The Sunday School kids will be taking their the "noisy offering" on November 5.

If any other parents, grandparents or congregation members have any loose change laying around and would like to contribute, please give it to a child to put in the bucket or feel free to put it in yourselves. Thanks so much for helping our youth understand the importance of giving back to the Lord for all we do receive.

Board of Ed – Chelsey, Carla & Karis



Handicrafts can spark appreciation for simple items. Weave this basket as a gift.



What you need:

- Paper plate
- Pencil
- Scissors
- Yarn (different colors)

What you do:

1. In the center of the plate, trace something round. Draw 9 lines (evenly spaced) from the circle to the plate's edge.
2. Cut along each line, stopping at the center circle. Trim more of the plate off so the cuts make a gradual V shape.
3. Fold the plate's sides upward to form basket sides. Keep these upright as you weave a bowl-shaped basket.
4. Begin weaving a length of yarn at the circle's base. Hold the end of the yarn in place as you spread the length over and under each side of the plate.
5. Switch colors to make a pattern. Keep the yarn tight as you weave up the sides.
6. To finish, bend down any remaining paper. Leave a tail of yarn and tuck it under a woven portion. Share your craft with a friend!

Take Note of the following days:

November 19: No Sunday School or Confirmation Class will meet

November 26: No Sunday School or Confirmation - Thanksgiving break

Advent Worship Services Planned at Senior Facilities

Please join us once again for Advent Worship services at our senior facilities on Mondays in December at 2:00 PM. Each service will begin with a prayer, the singing of several Christmas carols, followed by the reading of three scriptures, a ten-minute (or less) message, and Holy Communion. Following each service, we will fellowship with residents over coffee and cookies. (If you love to bake, maybe that's one way you can bless some of our shut-ins this Advent season.)

Please see the worship schedule below for times and locations.

Date:	Time:	Location:
December 4th	2:00 PM	Twilight Vista Assisted Living, 211 Iowa St., Platte
December 11th	2:00 PM	Avera Care Center, 601 E. 7th Street, Platte
December 18th	2:00 PM	Twilight Vista Assisted Living, 211 Iowa St., Platte

Prayer: How a Church Becomes Filled to Overflowing with the Holy Spirit

Jonathon Graf, the founder of *Pray!* magazine, wrote the paragraphs that follow in italics: *How does a church become filled to overflowing with the Holy Spirit of God? There is only one way: through prayer. The Spirit's working doesn't come through gaining Bible knowledge, though that's important. It doesn't come through learning about leadership, though that's important. The Spirit's work doesn't come through dynamic small groups or the latest church growth ideas, though they are important, too. The transforming, life-giving work of the Holy Spirit only comes through powerful prayer. It comes through becoming a prayer-saturated church. How do I know this?*

Luke 11:5-13 is an interesting passage on prayer. Usually, this passage brings sermons on persevering in prayer. But there is a hidden little message in its powerful thoughts. At the end, Jesus says, "How much more will your Father in heaven give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!" The passage wasn't about the Holy Spirit; it was about asking for what we need—ask and keep on asking, seek and keep on seeking, knock and keep on knocking. And what do we get as we pray more and more? Luke says we get the Holy Spirit! We get the river of God that flows in and through us.

More than anything, I want our church to be overflowing with the Holy Spirit of God and growing in our ability to pray. Toward that end, I am inviting you to participate in a class based on a study of *The Prayer Saturated Church* by Cheryl Sacks. I'll be holding classes on Tuesdays, with a morning class offered from 10:00 to 11:00 AM, and an evening class offered from 5:45 to 6:45 PM. The odd evening time is to allow people to take the class and still be able to attend home basketball games.

Please don't exclude yourself from participating in this class. Please don't demean your own ability to pray. Please don't listen to the devil, who will do everything in his power to keep you from being a part of this class. Please *do listen* to the Holy Spirit. Please *do believe* God wants *you* to be growing in your understanding of prayer and your ability to pray. Please *do imagine* what God might be able to do at Trinity if we were to become a prayer saturated church.

There *will be* homework for this class. I will expect everyone to read one chapter of the book per week. There is no written homework, though you might want to jot down ideas the Lords gave you as you read. You may also want to highlight and bookmark sections of the book you found particularly enlightening.

This class does require you to sign up, as I need to know how many books to order. Please sign up on the bulletin board just outside the Fellowship Hall. Please indicate what class time you prefer and let's grow together in our understanding of prayer and our ability to pray. I am praying for two decent-sized classes, and I am praying you will be a part of one of them.

Love in Christ,
Pastor Dave