

Sermon Series:
Knowing Where You're Going

*Living
on the
Bread of Life*

John 6:35-40



PO Box 427 - 500 S Penn Ave

Pastor Dave Martin

4 Epiphany – January 28 2024

9:30 AM Worship - No Sunday School

GOD GATHERS HIS PEOPLE TO WORSHIP

Welcome & Announcements

Opening Prayer

Songs **“Are You Washed in the Blood?”**

GHF 208

Confession of Sin & the Promise of God's Forgiveness:

P: Before we set out upon the week, we stop for refreshment, food for the journey--God's Word to convict, comfort and strengthen.

(A Moment of Silence)

All: Almighty and gracious God, we confess to you our sin. For deeds and words that hurt another, for neglect of prayer and praise, for silence in the presence of wrong and fear in the presence of opportunity, for failure to follow our Lord, and failure to strive for justice and peace, please forgive us.

P: Because the Father's Word is truth, because Jesus died on a cross and was raised up from the grave, because the Spirit gives us faith, we are free to live in victory, free from the sin of our self-deceit and free from Satan's power. Praise God for His goodness. Amen.

GOD SPEAKS TO US IN HIS HOLY WORD

Scripture Lessons:

Psalm 34:9-16

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Hebrews 7:23-25 (NIV)

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Children's Sermon

Song **“My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less”**

LBW 293

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Sermon **“Living on the Bread of Life”**

GIVE THANKS TO GOD

Song **“Turn Your Eyes upon Jesus”**

GHF 204

Apostles Creed

Offering

Offertory

Come and join the reapers, all the kingdom seekers,
Laying down your life to find it in the end.

Come and share the harvest, help to light the darkness,
For the Lord is calling faithful men.

Prayers of the Church

The Lord's Prayer

GOD CALLS US TO SERVE

Song "Heaven Came Down and Glory Filled My Soul" GHF 473

Benediction

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Thank you for joining us this Sunday morning to worship today! We hope you were blessed and felt the love of God. We continue the sermon series "Knowing Where You're Going."

We are back to passing the offering plate during our morning worship. You can give both to our general offering and mission fund offering. Simply put "mission fund offering" in your check memo line or use the envelopes in the pew to designate what fund you are giving to.

To GIVE ONLINE through Breeze, go to our website www.tlcplattedsd.org. Click on "GIVING" on our homepage and you will be directed to our online giving platform Breeze. It is a convenient, safe and simple way for our members or visitors to make automated payments through bank ACH directly or credit/debit cards.

January 21 General Offering: \$1190.00 **Attendance:** 107

Greeters Jan 28—Zach & Lizzy Warejcka

Feb 4—Mick & Sharon Warejcka

Feb 11—Jay & Deb VanDerWerff

Feb 18—Joyce VanderHam & Bonnie Ringling

Feb 25—Jim & Sue Vanderboom

Ushers Jan 28—Chad Johnson & Jason Huizenga
Feb 4 & 11—Jeff Olsen & Kyle Meyerink
Feb 18 & 25—Eldon Qualm & Toby Qualm

Musician Donna Nelson

Coffee Cookie Servers

Jan 28—No Cookies – Annual Meeting/Potluck
Feb 4—Peggy Martin, Erynn Meyerink, Tricia Meyerink
Feb 11—Alisha Nachtigal, Donna Nelson, Nicki Nelson
Feb 18—Allie Nelson, Paula Nelson, Susan Nelson
Feb 25—Jackie Olsen, Vicky Pavlis, Dee Rasmussen

Our congregational annual meeting is today Sunday, January 28 at 10:30 AM following morning worship. We will be having a potluck following our annual meeting. We encourage you to stay for food and fellowship even if you did not bring a dish. No Sunday School or Confirmation today due to annual meeting.

There's Still Time to Sign Up for Platte Community Alpha. We had 18 people show up for our Alpha "Sneak Peek" on January 21st and are open to growing. The course officially begins February 4th at 6:30 PM at New Hope Christian Camp and Retreat Center. If you would like to be a part of it, please fill out one of the registration forms found on the devotional table in the narthex and drop the completed form in the box on Pastor Dave's door.

On Monday, January 29, we will continue a Bible Study on the book of John. We will meet from 1:00 to 2:15 PM on Mondays in the Fireside Room. Following an opening prayer, we will start each session by watching one chapter of the book of John on the Visual Bible. There is something powerful about hearing God's Word and seeing it walked out on the television screen before us. After watching the video, we will read through the chapter and discuss it verse by verse.

Men, **please join us Saturday, February 3rd at 7 AM** in the Fellowship Hall for our **weekly Men's Breakfast**. After eating, we will adjourn to the Fireside Room, where we will watch a video from the Authentic Manhood 33 Series. Following the video, we will break into small groups, discuss the video, and pray with and for one another.

The installation of the 2024 Church Council will be during worship next Sunday, February 4.

Martha Group is going to ring in the New Year by starting a new Bible Study on the Gospel of Luke. The presenter is Lisa Harper. It will be the same format - a video, small group time and then personal studies between sessions. Our first session will be **TUESDAY, FEB 6TH @ 7PM** in the Fireside Fellowship room. Hoping you will join us!

Mary Ringling is placing a bulk order of study guides, if you would like me to order you one let her know. The study guide will also come with a code to access the video, which will be nice if you can't make it a session at least you can still watch the video. The cost of the study guide/code is \$12.50.

Mark your calendars! Our **Soup Supper will be Wednesday, February 7 serving from 5-7 PM**. We will be serving homemade soups, sandwiches and desserts. There is a sign-up sheet in the narthex. Please **consider signing up** to help serve at the supper, bring food or donate money for supplies.

There is a Christmas newsletter from our **WOW missionary Steve Walters** hanging on the bulletin board in the hallway. Check out what is new with his ministry.

The Vine's Table will have their Egg bake meal on Feb 10 starting to serve at 11:30. This free meal is available to all who is 50 and older. Please join us for fellowship and Bingo afterwards!

Laura Johnson's new address is Good Samaritan Village, 3901 S Marion Rod Room #803, Sioux Falls, SD 57106

Helping Hands Food Pantry would like to thank everyone for their support in donating food, money and other methods of supporting our ministry. This year has been amazing and we continue to be grateful. So many people help in so many ways. Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow. -Helping Hands Community Pantry

PRAYER PRAISES AND CONCERNS

Those in nursing and assisted living homes or home-bound:

Assisted Living: Mary Lee Erickson, Ruth Gruenig, Laura Johnson, Richard Johnson, Arnie Larson, Caroline Peterson

Please pray for:

- Please pray for Diane Gilbertz's brother-in-law, Ron Steffen, his wife, Dona, and their daughters, Kristen and Kelli, as Ron battles an unknown disease that is causing CO2 to build up in his body. He is hospitalized at McKennan in Sioux Falls and has been intubated and given a feeding tube. Please pray that doctors will discover the cause of Ron's illness and find the right course of treatment for him. Pray for God's hand of healing, strength, comfort, and peace to be upon Ron and his entire family. Pray for Ron's body to be strong enough to recover from this attack and for Dona to have God's wisdom and discernment in making difficult decisions.
- Praise God Karsen Foxley was able to come home from the hospital on January 23rd. Doctors were able to regulate his heart rate with medication and are hopeful this might be something he outgrows. Pray in the meantime that he would be healthy and happy and that he, Blake, Mica, Mychael, Willa, and all their loved ones would know the Lord's peace that surpasses all understanding.
- Please continue to pray for Laura Johnson. The hospital was able to rehydrate her and cure her UTI and greatly increase her strength and energy levels. She was scheduled to go to the Good Samaritan Village for rehab on Jan. 24th, and then to a long-term care facility. Please pray for her and her loved ones to feel the Lord's hand in this trial. Pray for Laura to adjust quickly to rehab and to long-term care. Pray she would make a few good friends at both facilities and could feel at home at each of them.
- Please continue to pray for Mary Beth & Larry Kuiper's daughter-in-law, Erica, their son, Mike, and their entire family. Erica had major surgery on January 18th to battle aggressive breast cancer. Please pray for her swift recovery, free from infections and complications. Pray her doctor's visit on Jan. 24th revealed good news. Thank God she does not have to have any radiation treatments. Pray for Erica and her family to know the Lord's peace in this trial and for them to fully feel His love, comfort, strength, and joy throughout her recovery.
- Please keep Mike Erickson in your prayers. He resumed chemo treatments on Jan 17-19 and will start his next course of treatment on Jan 31. Pray the chemo kills the cancer without side effects and that he would soon be cancer free. Pray the Lord would grant him restful sleep, a good appetite, and relief from his back and stomach pain, while holding Mike in His arms of peace & love.

- Thank God for Ken Mason's successful surgery on his right leg on January 22nd. Please pray for his swift and complete recovery and that he will soon be able to resume his normal active lifestyle. Pray his recovery would be free from any complications and infections and that he would know the Lord's close-abiding presence throughout.
- Please pray for Floyd & Karen Dimick as Floyd recovers from a fractured collarbone and bruises and lacerations on his hand and cheek suffered in a fall a few weeks ago. Pray the Lord's healing hand would be upon Floyd, that he would feel an increase in strength, energy, stamina, and balance, and that his pain would diminish daily. Pray for Karen to have a double portion of God's grace that she could take great care of Floyd without getting run down herself. Please pray for them to have the wisdom & discernment to find a place to live where both would be comfortable.
- Please keep Alison Dykstra's sister, Julie Pepper, her husband, Matt, and their extended family in your prayers. Her latest scan revealed minor progression of her cancer. They are starting her on a chemo pill in place of the infusions she had been getting and will do a molecular biopsy to determine correct treatment of the tumor. Please pray the Lord will relieve the pain in her kidney, will guard her from adverse effects of new drugs, will bring her cancer into remission.
- Please continue to pray for Dan Daum's brother, Jim. The ablation surgeries he had recently have done little to diminish his back pain. Please pray for the Lord to sovereignly heal him and give him a new lease on life. Pray he would feel God's hand upon him throughout his recovery and would experience the Lord's love, peace, and joy in a powerful way.
- Thank you for your prayers for Peggy's mom, Phyllis Olesen, who continues to improve. Please pray God would heal her completely of the sciatica pain in her leg, restore her to full health, and give her many good years ahead. Pray for her to feel the Lord's comforting presence.
- Thank you for your prayers for our daughter, Brooke. Her fever broke at 3:30 PM on the day we began to pray. Please continue to pray for her sinuses to clear, her cough and scratchy throat to go away, and for her to be restored to full health & vitality soon. Pray for her to feel the Lord's love and presence & for her to be healed in body, soul, & spirit.
- Please continue to pray for Pastor Mike De Jager of the First Reformed Church in Platte. Please pray for the Lord to heal his spine and stabilize his neck, especially where it attaches to the brain stem. Pray for the Lord to heal him quickly and completely and for Mike to be blessed with many years of active life ahead of him. Pray his next check-up would reveal his stem cell transplants are doing well and they wouldn't have to repeat the procedure.