## Building Lasting Relationships Through Small Groups

# FOLLOWING THE EXAMPLE OF JESUS

## Matthew 10:1-4



God Gathers His People to Worship

Welcome & Announcements **Opening Prayer** Sharing the Peace of the Lord Song "To God Be the Glory" **Confession & Forgiveness** 

**GHF 449** 

All: Strong and faithful God, we confess that we have not lived as your holy people in the world. We have closed our hearts to your love. We have resisted your light. We have failed to proclaim your mercy. Forgive what we have done and what we have left undone, heal us with your abundant grace, and help us walk as children of the light. Amen.

Pastor: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ, was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. Strengthened by the Holy Spirit, let us serve the Lord in newness of life. Amen.

God Speaks to Us in His Holy Word

Scripture Lessons: Proverbs 27:17 Page 696 1 Peter 4:8-10 Page 1296 Children's Sermon Song "There is a River of Life" Sermon Text: Matthew 10:1-4 Page 1035 Sermon "Following the Example of Jesus" Series: Building Lasting Relationships Through Small Groups

Give Thanks to God

Song **"Come, Thou Font of Every Blessing"** Apostles Creed Offering Offertory Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below; Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host; Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen. Prayers of the Church

Celebration of Holy Communion

Words of Institution The Lord's Prayer Distribution Communion Blessing

God Calls Us to Serve

Song **"Victory in Jesus"** Benediction GHF 496

**LBW 499** 

Enter to Worship - Depart to Serve

Thank you for joining us this Sunday morning to worship with us today! We begin a new sermon series "Caring Enough to Share."

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#### Aug 11 General Offering: \$1692.00 Attendance: 104

Greeters Aug 18—Chris & Nicki Nelson

Aug 25—Andrew & Alisha Nachtigal

Communion Servers Jim Holter, Jan DuFrain, Carey Hoffman

Ushers Aug 18 & 25—Jerry Dykstra & Morries Rommen

Coffee Cookie Servers Aug 18—Julie Gustad, Donna Hanten

Aug 25—Amanda Hermanek, Valerie Hildebrand

#### Today we will be celebrating Holy Communion.

Visitors are welcome to share with us the Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, given and shed for us, for the forgiveness of sins.

#### Join us for a Hymn Sing at the Avera Care Center today at 2:30 pm. Stay for coffee, goodies and fellowship following the hymn sing.

**Our August Mission of the month is designated for Lifeline Children's Services,** a ministry which does incredible work in the areas of adoption, pregnancy ministry, family restoration, global orphan care, and education and counseling. In 2023, Lifeline Children's Services:

- Served 688 women through their Pregnancy Counseling Services.
- Trained and licensed 56 new families to be Foster Parents.
- Found homes for 131 children through International Adoption and for 85 children
- through Domestic Adoption.
- Positively impacted 17,637 children through initiatives with Global Orphan Care.
- Provided 2,993 counseling sessions through their licensed therapists.
- Trained 18 churches to utilize Lifeline's Church-Based Programs.

Please give generously to support this ministry that is making such a difference in the lives of so many children. **The offering will be taken TODAY.** Please make checks payable to Trinity Lutheran Church.

Monday, August 19 from 1:00-2:15 PM, we will continue a Bible Study on the book of John. 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.

#### Church Council meeting is Monday, August 19th at 7 PM

Sunday School begins Sunday, September 8 at 10:45-11:45 am. We would like to thank those of you who offered your time last year to teach one of our Sunday School classes. It is again to prepare for another year. We have found that co-teaching seems to work well and would like to continue with that. However, that does require 2 teachers per grade level (Preschool thru 6th Grade & High School) If you find yourself hesitating to volunteer because committing to every Sunday can be difficult, co-teaching does allow you more flexibility throughout the year! *If you feel the Lord is calling you to teach this year, please contact the Board of Ed. Carla Lantz, Karis DuFrain or Dan Daum.* Thank you for helping our youth grow in their faith & walk with God!

GEMS is a program for 3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> grade girls where we sing and fellowship with each other, do a bible badge, and complete other badges such as: arts & crafts, cooking, biking, baking, scrapbooking, candle making and etc. GEMS is looking for Bible leaders and badges leaders of all ages that have hobbies or skills they would like to share with the girls. It is a 12-week program that we split into 6 weeks in the fall & 6 weeks in the spring. If you would like to be a part of GEMS, please contact April Van Zee (680-1303) or Melissa Huizenga (712-348-6032).

#### Revelation – The Hope | Bible Study Fellowship

Revelation centers on Jesus Christ whose return provides present hope that all which is broken will be restored and all suffering redeemed. This 30-week study (not denominational specific) runs from September 12, 2024 – May 2025.

<u>Women</u>, join Bobbi Brink on Mondays at 7:30pm beginning September 9th at Calvary Baptist Church. For information and sign-up contact Bobbi @ 605.680.1459.

<u>Men</u>, join Brian Fite on Thursdays at 7:30pm beginning September 12th at Calvary Baptist Church. Call or text Brian Fite at 605.680.0116 or email <u>brainfite@midstatesd.net</u> for info and book (\$20) orders.

**The next Vine's Table** will be Thursday Sept 12 starting at 5:30 p.m. Menu: Beef Enchiladas (No Spice - Promise!) This free meal is available to all who are 50 and older. Please join us for fellowship.

#### There's a River of Life

I've got a River of Life flowing out of me, Makes the lame to walk and the blind to see; Opens prison doors, sets the captives free, I've got a River of Life flowing out of me.

Spring up, O well, within my soul! Spring up, O well, and make me whole. Spring up, O well, and give to me That life abundantly. *(repeat all)* 

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## Prayer Praises and Concerns

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

Mary Lee Erickson, Ruth Gruenig, Laura Johnson, Moe Johnson, Richard Johnson, Arnie Larson, Caroline Peterson

#### Please pray for:

- Please keep Joan Falor in your prayers. While at her daughter's home on August 14th, she woke up with stroke-like symptoms on the left side of her body. Thankfully, they were able to get her to the Armour Hospital, and with quick treatment the symptoms cleared up. Please pray for her continued improvement, for God's protection against any additional episodes, and for her & her loved ones to know the Lord's comfort, love, peace, and strength throughout.
- Please keep Arnie Larson in your prayers as he battles lung cancer and pray for his breathing to be easier. Please pray he feels the Lord's comfort, strength, and love in body, soul, and spirit, and that, by the Lord's hand, every day he has left will be a good day. Please pray for him & his loved ones to know the Lord's peace that surpasses all understanding throughout this trial.
- Praise God Doug Holter's recovery continues to go well. His pain has diminished and he is able to walk in the house without a cane or walker. Please pray for his strength & energy levels to increase. Pray for Doug & his family to feel the Lord's close-abiding presence throughout his recovery. Doug would appreciate visitors. His address is 712 Kansas.
- Please pray for Nancy Miller, who continues in swing bed at the Platte Hospital. Pray for her strength & energy levels to improve & for George & her to have an extended season of good health & vitality. Pray that upcoming transitions will go well for them, and that everyone feels the Lord's comfort, love, peace, & joy daily.
- Please pray for Mary Lee Erickson's transition to the White Lake Nursing Home to go well & for her to make lots of good friends there. Thank God for healing her of pneumonia & allowing her to breathe much easier. Pray for her & her loved ones to feel the Lord's close-abiding presence & to live in His love, peace, & joy.
- Praise God Karla Kuiper continues to improve, and her pain is diminishing. Please pray for increased strength & energy, protection against infection & complications, & for her to feel the Lord's presence, healing, comfort, love, & peace, in her recovery. Pray her 3-month CT scans would yield increasingly better news.

- Please pray Alison Dykstra's sister, Julie Pepper, would respond well to her new chemo & that it would completely eradicate her cancer. Pray for her to be pain & infection free, for her appetite to return, & for her to grow in strength & energy. Pray for her, her husband, Matt, & all their loved ones to know the Lord's comfort, peace, joy, & strength throughout.
- Praise God Erica Kuiper's recovery from cancer continues to go well. Pray against fatigue and loss of energy. Pray for Erica, Mike, & their entire family to feel the Lord's powerful presence, strength, and comfort throughout.
- Praise God Mike Erickson continues to do well. Thank Him Mike's cancer numbers continue to be very low. Pray his cancer would be gone completely & that God would stabilize his blood sugar levels. Pray for Mike and all his loved ones to know God's close-abiding love & presence.
- Please continue to pray for Bud Bakken as he recovers from his hip surgery. Pray he would have less pain & would feel stronger with each passing day. Pray he would feel the Lord's comfort, love, & presence in all he does.
- Please keep Pr. Mike DeJager from 1st Reformed Church in your prayers. He recently had another stem cell procedure for his neck in hopes of reducing the abnormal measurements even further. Praise God the procedure went well. Please pray the Lord's hand would be upon Mike in his recovery and that his neck would be greatly improved by this procedure. Pray for Mike & his family to know the Lord's comfort & peace throughout.
- Please keep Calvary Baptist Church in your prayers as they search for a replacement for Pr. Dave Anderson. Pray God would make clear to the Call Committee exactly who they are to call, and that person would not only bless Calvary but would bless our entire community.