SERIES: BUILDING LASTING RELATIONSHIPS THROUGH SMALL GROUPS

Creating an Environment for Friendship

THEREFORE BE IMITATORS OF GOD,
AS BELOVED CHILDREN. AND WALK IN LOVE,
AS CHRIST LOVED US AND GAVE HIMSELF UP
FOR US, A FRAGRANT OFFERING
AND SACRIFICE TO GOD.
EPHESIANS 5:1-2



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16 Trinity — September 15, 2024 9:30 AM Worship — 10:45 AM Sunday School

God Gathers His People to Worship

Welcome & Announcements

Opening Prayer

Sharing the Peace of the Lord

Song "Praise Him! Praise Him!"

GHF 442

Confession and Forgiveness

Pastor: Confident in the assurance of forgiveness through Jesus Christ, let us confess our sin in the presence of God.

Silence for reflection

C: Heavenly Father, we confess to you that we choose to walk in places far from your light. We neglect opportunities to do justice, to love kindness, and to walk humbly with you. We hide the light that is your gift to us. Forgive us and guide us in our way, that we may shine before others and give you the glory. Amen.

P: Arise, shine, your light has come. God forgives us all our sins through the wisdom and power of the cross and sends the Holy Spirit to rest upon us. People of God, no longer live in darkness, but in the light of Christ. **All: Amen.**

God Speaks to Us in His Holy Word

Scripture Lessons:

Psalm 46:7-11

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John 15:14-15

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Children's Sermon

Song "Isn't the Love of Jesus Something Wonderful" GHF 450

Sermon Text: Ephesians 4:29-5:2 Page 1244

Sermon "Creating an Environment for Friendship"

Series: Building Lasting Relationships Through Small Groups

Give Thanks to God

Song "I Am Thine, O Lord"

GHF 314

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 "Thank You, Lord"

Thank You Lord for saving my soul,

Thank You Lord for making me whole

Thank You Lord for giving to me

Thy great salvation so rich and free

(repeat all)

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Benediction

Enter to Worship - Depart to Serve

Thank you for joining us this morning to worship with us! We continue the sermon series "Building Lasting Relationships through Small Groups." Please join us following the service with coffee and goodies in the fellowship hall. Sunday School will begin at 10:45 AM with singing in the sanctuary and then to classrooms for lessons until 11:45 AM.

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Sept 8 General Offering: \$3037.00 Attendance: 102

Organist Shirley Johnson

Greeters Sept 15—Larry & Mary Beth Kuiper

22-Ryan & Traci Kott

29—David & Jeanne Kott

Ushers Sept 15 & 22—Kevin Nelson & Chris Nelson

29—Randy Tegethoff & Foster Tegethoff

Communion Servers Donna Boysen, Scott Vanden Berge, Scott Dingus **Coffee Cookie Servers**

Sept 15—Darla Johnson, Hailee Johnson, Lisa Johnson

22—Katie Johnson, Melissa Johnson, Shirley Johnson

29—Wanda Johnson, Estelle Konechne, Tori Konechne

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.

Church Council Meeting is Monday, September 16 at 7:00 PM

Monday, September 16 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.

Priscilla Bible Study Group meets Thursday, September 19 at 9:00 AM Studying Lesson 9 Lesson Leader: Paula Nelson, Hostess: Joan Falor

Hannah Bible Study Group meets Thursday, September 26 at 1:30 PM (NOTE: Date change to next week) Studying Lesson 9
Lesson Leader: Karen Dimick, Hostess: Caroline Butler

Our September Mission of the month is designated for Melanie Lubinus and the ministry that she is doing in Costa Rica. Here is an update Melanie: The people are always very grateful and ask us to send blessings your way. This is what we are able to do this round:

- 6 bags of (ready-to-eat) groceries & 10 cases of water
- 15 boxes of peanuts
- 13 sandwiches + oranges
- 7 hygiene packs (socks, soap, toothbrush(es)/paste, washcloth, wipes, bandaids, kleenex)
- Helped repaired glasses for one man
- Helped purchase medicine for one man
- Helped with warm clothes and mattress for one man
- 4 boxes of crayons

We are still going out to the streets weekly. Some weeks we see 4 or 5 families or more, while others we only see one. It's currently inconsistent, but we are thankful for the opportunity to brighten their days and help out a little. We always try to have something special for the kids: coloring sheets and crayons, stickers, a piece of candy etc. Thank you for supporting this ministry! We pray the Lord blesses the church and the individuals who are giving. We will be taking this offering TODAY. Checks can be written out to Trinity Lutheran Church and note mission fund offering on check or envelope.

TEC #21 is in the plans! Missouri Valley TEC is a Christ-centered ministry dedicated to bringing teens into vital relationship with God, developing strong Christian leaders in their communities and the world.

Dates: November 22-24, 2024 Go to movalleytec.org for all applications: candidate, teen worker and Adult worker. Questions? Call Shawn Wynia 605-680-2244 or Kris Kuipers 605-680-4694

Community Wednesday Activities:

3:45-5:45 PM GEMS - Christian Reformed Church

6:30-8:00 PM Awana - Calvary Baptist Church

6:30-8:15 PM Junior High Youth Group - Christian Reformed Church

7:15-9:00 PM Senior High Youth Group - Trinity Lutheran Church

Prayer Praises and Concerns

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

Bud Bakken, Mary Lee Erickson, Ruth Gruenig, Laura Johnson, Moe Johnson, Richard Johnson, George & Nancy Miller, Caroline Peterson

Please pray for:

- Please keep Alison Dykstra's sister, Julie Pepper, her husband, Matt, & her
 entire family in your prayers. Her recent scan revealed that her cancer has
 spread significantly. She will be starting some new treatments soon to see
 if they can control the cancer. Please pray for the new treatments to be
 effective, for improved pain management, and for Julie to not lose hope.
 Pray they all feel the Lord's hand of protection, provision, and presence
 with them in this trial.
- Please also pray for Dave's & Peggy's friends, Donnie & Val Curtis, from Mitchell. Donnie is battling cancer and growing weaker by the day. Please pray for their faith to remain strong and for them to feel the Lord's comfort, love, strength, & presence every day.
- Praise God our son, John, got the job in Pierre we have been praying for.
 He will work for the state of SD in disaster relief management. We don't
 know a lot of details at this point, but we are so thankful for the faithful
 prayers of our Trinity family. A month ago, the job seemed to have been
 given to someone else. Two weeks ago, they called John to see if he was
 still interested, and now the job is his. Thanks again for the many prayers
 you offered up on his behalf.
- Please pray for George & Nancy Miller's transition into Avera Care Center to go well. Pray for them to make many new friends there & to renew old friendships. Pray God would guard them from feelings of homesickness & that they would be able to fully accept this as their new home.
- Praise God Mary Lee Erickson's transition to the White Lake Nursing Home has gone well. Pray for her to make many new friends there and to accept that this is now her home. Pray for her to know the Lord's comfort, love, & peace throughout.
- Praise God Karla Kuiper continues to improve, her pain is diminishing, and she is daily getting stronger. Please pray for the Lord's 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.

- 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.