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PLATTE, SD

# Trinity Lutheran Church

# NEWSLETTER

## ***Let's Vote for Values, not Personalities***

In an election year when our choices for president are less than ideal, I pray we will not pay so much attention to a candidate's personality that we lose track of their values.

I have a very difficult time with Donald Trump's personality. I think he is a pompous windbag, who all too often speaks before he thinks. And yet, I trust his values and his track record. I'm not sure how strong his faith in Jesus is, but I know he is not threatened by my faith in Jesus. I trust him to be pro-life and I am not worried about him trying to turn us into a socialist nation.

Kamala Harris, on the other hand, seems cool, calm, and collected when she speaks. She "seems" nice, but I have never been as frightened of any politician as I am of her. She does not have a Christian worldview. Her values are extremely left-wing. Her programs are anti-family and anti-God. I fear four years of Kamala would have us racing down the road to socialism and worse.

As Christians, it is our duty to vote for values not personalities—not just for president, but for every candidate on the ballot. Likewise, it is our duty to make Christ-like choices when voting for the referendums. So, let's go out to the polls and let the Holy Spirit guide our choices.

God bless,

*Pastor Dave*

## ***The Recipe for a Happy Thanksgiving and a Happy Life***

***Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise! Give thanks to him; bless his name! For the Lord is good; his steadfast love endures forever, and his faithfulness to all generations. Psalm 100:4-5***

Psalm 100:4-5 gives us the recipe for a happy Thanksgiving and a happy life. The secret to coming into the Lord's presence is contained in verse 4. Apparently, thanksgiving and praise are the ingredients that throw open the gates of heaven and allow us to draw close to God. Verse 5 tells us why we should have this attitude of gratitude—not just at Thanksgiving—but all year long. We should have this attitude because ***the Lord is good; his steadfast love endures forever, and his faithfulness to all generations.***

Gratitude has the power to focus our attention on the multiple blessings God pours into our lives each day. When we thank God on a regular basis, we are reminded repeatedly how good our God is and how faithfully He provides for us. Thankfulness can take us from a place where we are concerned with what we lack to a place where we celebrate the abundance of God's blessings. Giving thanks regularly helps us feel connected to God and makes us aware of the steadfastness of His love.

So, enjoy your turkey dinner with all the trimmings. Enjoy the good company of family and friends. Enjoy the Thanksgiving parade and the multiple football games on TV. But also, be sure to enjoy the Lord's presence as you give Him heartfelt thanks for all He has done for you and continues to do. And let that enjoyment extend far beyond November 28<sup>th</sup> as you continue to thank Him daily for His steadfast love and provision. Happy Thanksgiving & Happy Life!

Love, Pastor Dave & Peggy

## Church Council Minutes

Trinity Lutheran Church Council met Monday, October 28, 2024.

**Present:** Tom Boltjes, Donna Boysen, Scott Dingus, Mike Gilbertz, Jason Huizenga, Pastor Dave Martin and Alisha Nachtigal.

**Absent:** Jan DuFrain, Carey Hoffman, Jim Holter, Tony Schrank and Scott Vanden Berge.

The meeting was called to order by President Mike Gilbertz and Pastor Dave led with a Scripture reading & prayer.

### **Secretary's Report:**

The secretary's reports was reviewed, Donna made a motion to approve, Scott D. seconded it, the motion carried.

### **Treasurer's Report:**

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

### **Trustee's Report:**

The ceiling tiles in the Fellowship Hall have been replaced.

They have yet to hear anything on the roof situation with Summit and will touch base with either Summit or insurance on it.

It was brought to their attention of possible mold at the bottom of the basement steps which they are looking into.

The irrigation at the church and parsonage has been blown out for the Winter.

They will be pouring water down all floor drains in the church monthly which will hopefully keep them from smelling.

They still plan to pull up the existing rock around the church foundation and build it up to hopefully help with water drainage.

The rugs in the entries of the church need to be replaced. They have been in touch with Lieuwen's on prices etc. It was also suggested to remove the rugs that are outside some of the entryways and only have them inside which council agreed.

**Deacon's Report:** Visits are being done and bulletins are being sent out.

**Pastor Dave's Report:** We reviewed Pastor Dave's report.

**Old Business:** There was no old business.

### **New Business:**

Pastor Dave will be checking with Synrgy on getting some seasonal flags like the ones that were put up for Pentecost hoping to have some in time for Thanksgiving.

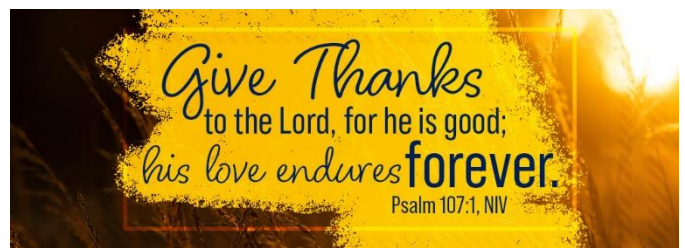
The Worship Committee has asked that there only be one Christmas Eve service at 4:00 p.m. The council agreed to try it for this year.

Jason made a motion to adjourn, Tom seconded it, motion carried.

We closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Alisha Nachtigal



## From the WOW Co-Presidents

*Tricia Meyerink & Marla Tegethoff*

Thanksgiving is a time rich with traditions: family, feast, and football. As you gather with your family at the table, it is good to talk about the things for which you are thankful. But don't forget the One who has given all these things.

Whether this past year has left you feeling encouraged and refreshed or weary and wanting, give thanks to the Lord. Giving thanks to God shows that we trust Him and His purposes no matter what. Consider using this short devotion to lead your children in a time of thanksgiving.

Ask: "Does anyone know why we celebrate Thanksgiving?" Explain that we celebrate Thanksgiving as a time to thank God for His blessings. Thanksgiving is a special time to say thank you to God.

Ask: "What are you thankful for?" Invite each family member to share a few things he or she is thankful for. Point out that these things are all good gifts, and we can be thankful that we have them.

Ask: "Who gives us these good gifts?" Explain that every good gift is from God. (James 1:17)  
Open your Bible to Psalm 107:1. Read the verse aloud or, if your child can read, encourage her to read the verse aloud.

***Prayer: Father God, we come to You with thankful hearts. Year after year, You are faithful to us. You give us good gifts—far more than we deserve. Most of all, Lord, we are thankful for You. You love us so much that You sent Your Son, Jesus, to save us from our sins. Thank You for welcoming us into Your family. We give ourselves to You. In Jesus' name, amen.***

**Trinity Women, we are looking for committee members for the next year.** You will be contacted soon. If you have ideas of areas you would like to serve, please contact Nicki Nelson or Marsha Cutler

## Treasurer's Report

Balance on hand Oct 1, 2024	\$3781.39
INCOME	
Deposit: Priscilla Bible Study	\$40.00
Dividend	\$0.31
Balance on hand October 31, 2024	\$3821.70

## Bible Study Groups

### Martha Bible Study Group

Hosting Advent Bible Study, more on page 6

### Priscilla Bible Study Group:

meets Thursday, November 21 at 9:00 AM

Studying [Lesson 11](#)

Lesson Leader: LouAnn Qualm

Hostess: Sharon Rommen

### Hannah Bible Study Group:

meets Thursday, November 21 at 1:30 PM

Studying [Lesson 11](#)

Lesson Leader: Caroline Butler

Hostess: Karen Dimick



O GIVE THANKS  
UNTO THE LORD,  
FOR HE IS GOOD.

## WOW 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.

Nov	Greeters	Ushers	Communion Servers	Cookie/Coffee Servers
3	Wanda Johnson & Melissa Johnson	Jay VanDerWerff & David Kott	Mike Gilbertz, Alisha Nachtigal, Carey Hoffman	Allie Nelson, Paula Nelson, Susan Nelson
10	Hunter & Katie Johnson	Jay VanDerWerff & David Kott	No Communion	Jackie Olsen, Vicky Pavlis, Dee Rasmussen
17	Jake & Hailee Johnson	Larry Kuiper & Lee Hanten	Mike Gilbertz, Alisha Nachtigal, Carey Hoffman	LouAnn Qualm, Wendy Qualm, Rebecca Qualm
24	Chad & Darla Johnson	Larry Kuiper & Lee Hanten	No Communion	Nicki Reiser, Amy Ringling, Mary Ringling

## This Month’s Birthdays

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|------|------------------|-------|-----------------|-------|-------------------|-------|-------------------|
| 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      |

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

## 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. There will be cards available in the narthex for you to write a note of encouragement to our college students. We will be taking the offering on Sunday, November 17<sup>th</sup>. Please make checks payable to “Trinity Lutheran Church”

## First Bible Classes continue for 3<sup>rd</sup> Graders

Bible Instruction for all third graders will continue on Wednesdays through November 20th. Classes will be held in the North Overflow Room and will run from 3:45 to 5:00 PM. If possible, we would like to have a parent, grandparent, or other family member accompany each child to help them in our journey through God's Word. A light snack will be served each session.

**Bible presentation to our 3<sup>rd</sup> graders will be made Sunday, December 1 during Sunday morning worship.**

## Please Reply YES

If you haven't responded to the automated text message from Breeze, there is still a way to respond and then get messages from the church.

- ✓ Open up a new text message on your phone
- ✓ Type 87447 in "To" field
- ✓ Type YES in message

Please do this as soon as possible. You can stop in the office any afternoon and Wendy can show you how if you are having difficulties.



## Sign up for Life Groups today!

There are sign-up sheets on the bulletin board where you can begin your own Life Group with the day of the week and time of your choosing or you can choose to join one of the three that have already been started. We hope you can find a date and time that works for you. We plan to launch the groups by Sunday, November 3.

## Christmas Program Practice begins

We will begin practicing for our upcoming Christmas Program during Sunday School time starting Sunday, November 10 from 10:45-12:00 PM. Please take note of the following dates.

- November 10** Program Practice 1<sup>st</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> Grade (Preschool & Kindergarten – regular Sunday School)
- November 17** Program Practice for 1<sup>st</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> Grades (Preschool & Kindergarten – regular Sunday School)
- November 24** Program Practice for Preschool through 6<sup>th</sup> Grades
- December 1** No Practice - Thanksgiving Break
- December 8** Program Practice for Preschool through 6<sup>th</sup> Grades
- December 15** Christmas Program during Sunday morning worship

# Advent Bible Study

Hosted by Martha Group at Trinity Lutheran Church

## MEETING ON MONDAYS

Nov 25 | Dec 2 | Dec 9 | Dec 16

6:30 PM

in the Fireside Fellowship room

*Everyone is Welcome!*



YOU MAY PURCHASE A BIBLE STUDY GUIDE  
AT FAITHGATEWAY.COM, CHRISTIANBOOK.COM OR AMAZON  
OR CONTACT MARY RINGLING FOR ONE AT 680-1893