

PLATTE, SD

Trinity Lutheran Church

NEWSLETTER

MARCH 2024

Easter Every Day

On the first day of the week, very early in the morning, the women took the spices they had prepared and went to the tomb. ² They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, ³ but when they entered, they did not find the body of the Lord Jesus. ⁴ While they were wondering about this, suddenly two men in clothes that gleamed like lightning stood beside them. ⁵ In their fright the women bowed down with their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, "Why do you look for the living among the dead? ⁶ He is not here; he has risen! Remember how he told you, while he was still with you in Galilee: ⁷ 'The Son of Man must be delivered over to the hands of sinners, be crucified and on the third day be raised again.' " ⁸ Then they remembered his words. Luke 24:1-8

Easter is one of those odd holy days that falls on a different date every year. In 325CE, the Council of Nicaea established that Easter would be held on the first Sunday after the first full moon occurring on or after the vernal equinox. That means that Easter can occur as early as March 22nd or as late as April 25th. While that might lead to some difficulty trying to plan your Easter celebration, I like the fact that the date for Easter Sunday varies from year to year. I like it most of all, because that means Easter will almost always fall during Jewish Passover, just as it did on that first Resurrection Day. But I also like Easter's ever-changing dates because it helps me to think we are to celebrate Easter every day.

In our scripture passage from Luke, the angels said to the women, "**Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here; he has risen!**" That is the thought I need to celebrate every day of my life:

JESUS CHRIST IS ALIVE! HE IS NOT DEAD! HE HAS RISEN! AND VERY SOON, HE IS COMING BACK! WILL HE FIND ME READY?

Jesus's resurrection fills me with hope. It reminds me of Christ's promise to all believers in **John 3:16: For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.** If I keep the truth of Easter in my heart and mind every day, I don't have to fear death for myself or for those I love because I know God keeps His promises. I know all who died believing in Jesus will be with Him for all eternity; and when He returns in all His glory, we will be given our glorious new resurrection bodies.

The main reason I want to celebrate Easter every day is because I need to constantly remind myself that I live daily in the power of the resurrection. When Jesus Christ became Lord of my life, He filled me with the Holy Spirit. The apostle Paul reminds us in **Romans 8:11 the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in us!** That means I know these things are true: **He (God) anointed us, set his seal of ownership on us, and put his Spirit in our hearts as a deposit, guaranteeing what is to come.** (2 Cor. 1:21b-22) I don't have to wonder any more whose I am because: **The Spirit himself testifies with our spirit that we are God's children.** (Romans 8:16) I don't have worry about being able to understand God's Word or about remembering what Jesus told me because: **the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things and will remind you of everything I have said to you.** (John 14:26) I don't have to worry about knowing the truth or being prepared for the

future because: *when he, the Spirit of truth, comes, he will guide you into all the truth. He will not speak only what he hears, and he will tell you what is yet to come.* (John 16:13)

I hope you will join me in celebrating Easter every day and walking in Christ's resurrection power every day of your life!

Happy Lenten Season and Easter!

Love, Pastor Dave

Church Council Minutes

Trinity Lutheran Church Council met Monday, February 19, 2024

Present: Pastor Dave, Mike Gilbertz, Donna Boysen, Scott VandenBerge, Scott Dingus, Alisha Nachtigal, Jan DuFrain and Jim Holter.

Absent: Tom Boltjes, Carey Hoffman, Tony Schrank and Jason Huizenga.

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

Secretary's Report:

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

Treasurer's Report:

The council reviewed the treasurer's report. Jim made a motion to approve, Scott VandenBerge seconded it, the motion carried.

Trustee's Report:

There was nothing to 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:

Extending Altar-A discussion was held on this with no action taken.

Changing Tables-Alisha made a motion to install three changing tables in the Fireside, Men's and Women's bathrooms. Donna seconded the motion, the motion carried.

Projector/Big TV-The bulbs for the projectors were not as expensive as originally thought and a quote has not yet been received from Cole's Computers on Tv's. After discussion, a motion was made by Jim Holter to order two bulbs for both projectors. Jan seconded the motion, the motion carried.

New Business

Annual Meeting Potluck-Discussion was held with no action taken. This will be revisited in November or December.

Scott VandenBerge made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Alisha seconded it.

We closed with the Lord's prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Alisha Nachtigal

From the WOW Co-Presidents

Tricia Meyerink & Marla Tegethoff

Lion or Lamb?

Revelation 5:12 "In a loud voice they were saying, 'Worthy is the Lamb who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and strength and honor and glory and praise.'"

Does March really come in like a lion and go out like a lamb? I would like to think so. This old folkloric saying gives me hope that warmer weather may just be on the way. I am not sure though, just how reliable this saying is. Its source is simply from farmer's observations over the centuries. But in any case, March often serves as a transition month between seasons.

The image of a lion and a lamb is used in Scripture to refer to Jesus Christ. He is the "Lion of Judah" spoken of in this same chapter (verse 5) as He was born in the line of Judah. Our verse for today honors Jesus as the Lamb of God. He is the sacrificial Lamb that is forever victorious!

It is much more comfortable to think of Jesus as a lamb than a strong ferocious lion. Yet He is both. His avenging justice and judgement reminds me of a lion. His gentle warm love reminds me of a lamb. Both are true. He would not be a God worth worshiping if He did not use His mighty power to right wrongs. As a lamb He is worthy as well of all our love and adoration for the ultimate sacrifice He made.

The Lamb of God is undeniably as strong and victorious as a lion. The two images seem to come together in this heavenly scene. But because Jesus is my sacrificial Lamb, I can approach His holy, ferocious and fearsome presence with confidence.

WOW Treasurer's Report

Balance on Hand February 1, 2024	\$ 2999.65
Deposit	\$ 4241.00
Congregation Soup Supper donations	\$ 1125.00
Soup Supper Donations	\$ 3116.00
Thrivent Action	\$ 250.00
Dividend	\$ 0.24
Deposit	\$ 0.34
Congregation Soup Supper donations	\$ 60.00
Priscilla Bible Study	\$ 84.00
Balance on Hand before Disbursements	\$7634.89
Disbursements:	\$ 130.00
Marla Tegethoff (soup supper supplies)	\$ 183.10
44 Pizza Plus (soup supper supplies)	\$ 26.69
County Fair (Soup supper supplies)	\$ 858.61
Platte Enterprise (soup supper ads)	\$ 160.00
Wings & Hope (soup supper profits)	\$ 3500.00
Total Disbursements	\$ 4728.40
Balance on Hand February 29, 2024	\$ 2906.49

Bible Study Groups

Martha Bible Study Group:

meets Tuesday, March 5 at 7:00 PM
studying Lesson 2 Worship in the Waiting

Priscilla Bible Study Group:

meets Thursday, March 21 at 9:00 AM
Studying Lesson 3 in new Bible Study Book
Lesson Leader: Joyce VanderHam
Hostess: Donna Boysen

Hannah Bible Study Group:

meets Thursday, March 21 at 1:30 PM
Studying Lesson 3 in new Bible Study Book
Lesson Leader: Karen Dimick
Hostess: Joan Hoversten

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.

March	Greeters	Ushers	Communion Servers	Cookie/Coffee Servers
3	Aaron & Emily VandenHoek	Darrel Hildebrand & Jim Holter	Tony Schrank, Tom Boltjes, Jason Huizenga	LouAnn Qualm, Wendy Qualm, Rebecca Qualm
10	Scott & Laura Vanden Berge	Confirmation Students	No Communion	Nicki Reiser, Amy Ringling, Mary Ringling
17	Randy & Marla Tegethoff	Darrel Hildebrand & Jim Holter	Tony Schrank, Tom Boltjes, Jason Huizenga	Sharon Rommen, Brittany Ruen, Chelsey Schrank
24	Alan & Sheila Summerville	Todd Strand & Bill Hoffman	No Communion	Jackie Olsen, Vicky Pavlis, Dee Rasmussen
31	Lucas & Meredith Suits	Todd Strand & Bill Hoffman		No Cookies (Easter)

This Month's Birthdays

3/1	Regan Hoffman	3/8	Jacoby Severson	3/16	Doug Kuipers	3/26	Jeff Konstanz
3/5	Kade Boltjes	3/9	Bryce Kahler	3/17	Ila Vae Antonsen*	3/27	Tricia Meyerink
3/6	Adrian DeHaan	3/10	Kyler Konstanz	3/17	Matthew Warejcka	3/27	Charlotte Qualm
3/6	Mike Konechne	3/11	Tamera Darling	3/17	Richard Johnson*	3/29	Arnold Larson*
3/6	Heidi Dingus	3/11	Joan Falor*	3/17	Pat Walz*	3/30	Donna Hanten
3/7	Parker Bailey	3/13	Joseph Gilbertz	3/22	Caroline Butler	3/31	Aaron VandenHoek
3/7	Thielen DeHaan	3/14	Nevaeh Severson	3/22	Sharon Warejcka	3/31	Bexley Timmerman
3/8	Mason Schrank	3/15	Tara Severson	3/25	Alan Summerville		

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

March Mission Offering – Chosen People Ministries

The March Mission of the Month is designated for *Chosen People Ministries*. On Sunday, March 17th, at 5:00 PM in our Fellowship Hall, Rabbi Neal Surasky of *Chosen People Ministries* will lead us in a Seder Meal, explaining how the Jews celebrate Passover, and detailing the many ways this meal points to the Messiah. We want to bless this ministry and will collect a special offering for them at our morning service March 17th. **If you plan to give to the Mission Offering, please write a separate check to *Chosen People Ministries* and include it in the same envelope as your offering to the church general fund. If you are giving cash, please clearly indicate on the front of your envelope how much you want to go to *Chosen People Ministries* and how much you want to go to the general fund.**

Chosen People Ministries was founded in Brooklyn, New York in 1894 by Rabbi Leopold Cohn, a Hungarian Jewish immigrant with a zeal to share the knowledge of Yeshua (Jesus) the Messiah with God's chosen people. Today, *Chosen People Ministries* serves in eighteen countries across the globe. Their outreach programs include evangelism and discipleship, Messianic Centers and congregations, equipping the local church for Jewish evangelism, digital evangelism through our [Isaiah 53](#) Campaigns and [I Found Shalom](#) videos, and benevolence work. With your help, they will continue proclaiming the Good News through Jesus the Messiah to Jewish people around the world.

Children’s Worship Sunday

Children’s Worship Sunday: Please take note that the children’s worship Sunday has been moved to Sunday March 10. The Sunday School students will be participating in the worship service through ushering, the Children's Sermon, reading Scripture, and special music.

"NOISY OFFERING"...The Sunday School kids will be taking their next “noisy offering” **March 10** 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 – Carla, Karis, Dan

Lenten Worship Service Times

Join us for Lenten Worship services on Mondays at 2:30 PM during Lent. We will alternate Monday Lenten services between Avera Care Center and Twilight Vista. Please see the schedule for location.

Date	Time	Location
Monday, March 4	2:30 PM	Avera Care Center
Monday, March 11	2:30 PM	Twilight Vista
Monday, March 18	2:30 PM	Avera Care Center
Monday, March 25	2:30 PM	Twilight Vista

We will sing several Lenten songs, read scriptures, have a short message and pray. Stay for fellowship and goodies with the residents. We hope you can join us!

First Communion Training for 5th Graders Begins April 3rd

Parents and Grandparents of 5th Graders, please be aware that Training for First Communion begins Wednesday, April 3rd at 3:45 PM in Classroom 9. This is the classroom located just south of the Fireside Room. Classes will be held on Wednesday, April 3rd, Wednesday, April 10th, Wednesday, April 17th, and Wednesday, April 24th, and will run from 3:45 PM to 5:15 PM. It is helpful if a parent, grandparent, or some other adult relative or friend can accompany your child, so they have someone with whom to share this learning experience.

Students should bring their *Faith Alive Bibles* with them. I will have a light snack for them each class period, so parents, please let me know if your child has any food allergies. Following completion of the course, students will celebrate their First Communion on Sunday, May 5th at our regular morning worship service.

If you have any questions or wish to communicate to me a food allergy your child has, please call or text me at 605-680-9958 or email me at tlcpastor57369@gmail.com.

God bless,

Pastor Dave



March 28 at 7 pm **Maundy Thursday**

March 29 at 7 pm **Good Friday**

March 31 at 7 am **Easter Sunrise**

Serving 8-9 am **Easter Breakfast** Egg Bakes, Rolls, Fruit

(Free will donation to camping ministry

Join us after sunrise or before regular worship time)

March 31 at 9:30 am **Easter Morning Worship**



Messiah in the Passover

A CHOSEN PEOPLE MINISTRIES EXPERIENCE

Sunday March 17 at 5 PM

On Sunday, March 17th, at 5:00 PM in the Fellowship Hall, Neal Surasky of Chosen People Ministries will lead us through a Passover celebration as most Jews would celebrate it today. He will walk us through a Seder meal, explaining the significance of each dish and each cup of wine used, as the congregation samples them with him.

Neal is a messianic Jew, a Jew who believes in Jesus Christ. As he walks us through the Seder meal, he will not only explain what the Jews believe about each part of the meal, he will also show how the meal points emphatically to Jesus Christ as the Messiah. Understanding the celebration of Passover and understanding Passover as a foreshadowing of what was coming through Jesus Christ dramatically enhances our understanding of the Messiah.

Following Neal's presentation, the congregation will do as a Jewish family does. Once we have completed the ceremonial celebration of Passover, we will eat a full-blown Passover banquet meal.

Banquet Menu

- Matzo Ball Chicken Soup • Roast Lamb • Potato Kugel (Potato Casserole)
- Tzimmes (Mixed Fruit and Vegetables in a traditional Jewish sauce)
- Matzo (Unleavened Cracker Bread)
- Fresh Strawberries with Whipped Cream and Macaroons
- Grape Juice, Water, Coffee

Please sign up by Sunday, March 3rd for this event so we can plan and prepare food. There is a sign up sheet on the bulletin board in the hallway or email tlcplattsd@gmail.com

If you are someone who enjoys cooking or serving food and would like to assist with the meal, please email the office with your information and we will contact you.