

PLATTE, SD

# Trinity Lutheran Church

# NEWSLETTER

MAY 2023

## *May, a Month of Celebrations*

May is a month chock-full of celebrations. I want to highlight seven things we will be celebrating in May, recognizing I am ignoring May Day and Cinco de Mayo in the process.

### **Thursday, May 4<sup>th</sup>, is the National Day of Prayer.**

Please join Christians from around our community in celebrating this important day. You will have two opportunities to participate at **Calvary Baptist Church**. **Join us for morning prayers at 6:30 AM or for evening prayers at 5:15 PM.** Both services will last approximately 45 minutes.

**Sunday, May 7<sup>th</sup>, we will celebrate First Communion for Zoey DeHaan, Mikenna Gilbertz, Dani Meyerink, and Holden Suits.** Celebrants and their guests will be allowed to receive Communion before the rest of the congregation is invited forward. Please join us on this special day to encourage and bless these students and their loved ones.

**Sunday, May 14<sup>th</sup> is Mother's Day.** Please join us for a special service dedicated to our moms. All women in attendance will receive a carnation. Please do what you can to make this a special day for your mom.

**Saturday, May 20<sup>th</sup> is Graduation Day at Dakota Christian and at PGHS. Congratulations to our PGHS graduates: Avery DeVries, Camden DuFrain, Regan Hoffman, Oakley Kott, Madison Nachtigal (graduated in December), Jamie Nelson, and Natalie Severson.** We are so proud of your accomplishments and ask God to bless you as you transition into your next season of life. May you feel His guidance, provision, protection, and presence every step of the way.

**Sunday, May 21<sup>st</sup> is Confirmation Day. Audrey DeHaan, Abigail Konechne, Asher Kott, Ryker Nachtigal, Taylor Schrank, Jerni Severson, Isabelle Suits, and Laila Wollman will be confirmed into the faith.** Please join us to support and encourage our students and be encouraged yourselves as you hear our confirmands share their Statements of Faith.

**Sunday, May 28<sup>th</sup> is Pentecost Sunday.** Please join us as we celebrate the day God poured out His Spirit on the 120 in the Upper Room. I invite you to wear red that day and/or to donate a red geranium to help set the stage with "tongues of fire" throughout the sanctuary. I am praying each of us might experience our own personal Pentecost that day.

**Finally, Monday, May 29<sup>th</sup> is Memorial Day.** As we celebrate this special day, may we do it with thanks and gratitude in our hearts for those who willingly laid down their lives so we might continue to walk in freedom and liberty.

I wish all of you a very joyous May and a great summer ahead. As we enjoy the pleasures of summer, let us not forget to love and worship the Lord. Please make Him a regular part of each day and make Sunday worship a regular part of your life.

Love in Christ,  
*Pastor Dave*

## Church Council Minutes

Trinity Lutheran Church Council met Monday April 17, 2023.

**Present:** Jim Holter, Donna Boysen, Pastor Dave Martin, Alisha Nachtigal, Tom Boltjes, Jan DuFrain, Kyle Meyerink, Shirley Johnson and Carey Hoffman.

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

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

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

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

The council reviewed the treasurer's report. Carey made a motion to approve, Shirley seconded it, the motion carried.

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

There is not a timeline on when the amplifier will be done but they will get it here and installed.

Wendy's computer is very slow and needs to be replaced. Carey made a motion to get a comparable computer to replace what she currently has, Alisha seconded the motion. The motion carried.

### **Deacon's Report:**

Visits are being done and bulletins are being sent out.

### **Pastor's Report:**

We reviewed Pastor Dave's report.

### **Old Business:**

Terry Antonsen is going to look at the carpet in the balcony closet to see if it would work to put on the extended altar.

Ryan Lantz will be talking to Jeff Martin again on the painting of the Sanctuary and Fellowship area.

### **New Business:**

We received quotes for a reverse osmosis system and water softener for the parsonage. A motion was made by Carey to purchase both for the parsonage, Shirley seconded it, motion carried.

One of the nursery chairs needs to be replaced. We will be keeping a lookout on Platte Area for a rocker.

Jan made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Kyle seconded it.

We closed with the Lord's prayer.

Respectfully submitted,  
Carey Hoffman

## From the WOW Co-Presidents

*Pearl Feiok & Dee Rasmussen*

### Downcast

When you are downcast, oh my soul. The surety of His Word will make you whole, Read it, believe it, trust it and keep it. Hide it in your heart, do not forsake it.

His Word tells of His Infinity , of His Omnipotence, Of His Omnipresence of His Holiness!

All big words, simply:

He is Infinite, He was and is forever God; He is Omnipotent (powerful) enough to guard and protect us and much more.

He is Omnipresent (always with us), forever in us and for us. He is Holy and He commands, 'BE HOLY, FOR I AM HOLY'.

To be Holy, stay in His Word, guard your heart. Keep it pure, this is His truth and His command. We are reminded, this is the way, do not depart! He does not need to throw a dart; He will not demand.

*But as He who called you is holy, you also be holy in all your conduct, because it is written, 'be holy for I am holy'.*

*1 Peter 1:15-16*

## WOW Mission Project

### WOW May-June Mission Project: Purse Project

We are asking for purses (new or gently used) filled with items such as: lotion, nail file, nail clipper, chapstick, comb, small brush, facial tissue, sanitary hygiene products, devotionals, bandaids, mints, gum, antibacterial hand wash or anything you might normally carry in your purse. We will be collecting until the end of June and there will be a box in the fellowship hall to place the purses. These will be delivered to the Compass Center in Sioux Falls which partnerships with several domestic abuse and sexual assault centers.

## WOW Treasurer's Report

Balance on Hand April 1, 2023	\$	2050.21
Dividend (Feb)	\$	0.13
Deposit	\$	230.00
Priscilla Offering (Mar)	\$ 80.00	
Hannah Offering (Mar)	\$150.00	
Deposit	\$	1137.00
Priscilla Offering (Apr)	\$ 64.00	
Hannah Offering (Mar)	\$73.00	
Sonny & LaVonne Qualm Memorial	\$1000.00	
Balance on Hand April 30, 2023	\$	3417.34



## Bible Study Groups

### Martha Bible Study Group

meets Tuesday, May 9th at 7 pm  
Lesson 6 – God is With You When You Need Grace

### Priscilla Bible Study Group:

meets Thursday, May 18th at 9:00 AM  
Studying Lesson 4  
Lesson Leader: Shirley Johnson  
Hostess: IlaVae Antonsen

### Hannah Bible Study Group:

meets Thursday, May 18th at 1:30 PM  
Studying Lesson 4  
Lesson Leader: Karen Dimick  
Hostess: Peggy Martin

Birthdays This Month

# PUZZLE



## Wind, fire & spirit

Acts 2 describes the amazing events of Pentecost, when the apostles received the Holy Spirit.

*Directions: The last letter(s) of each word is the beginning letter of the next. Fill in the missing words to complete Acts 2:1-4, NIV.*

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|-------------------|-----------|
| 1. HEAV           | 6. OGETHE |
| 2. ABLE           | 7. ES     |
| 3. AY OF PENTECOS | 8. ONGUE  |
| 4. ONGUE          | 9. A      |
| 5. PIRI           | 10. IND   |



“When the \_\_\_\_\_<sup>3</sup> came, they were all \_\_\_\_\_<sup>6</sup> in one place. Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent \_\_\_\_\_<sup>10</sup> came from \_\_\_\_\_<sup>1</sup> and filled the whole house where they were sitting. They \_\_\_\_\_<sup>9</sup> what seemed to be \_\_\_\_\_<sup>4</sup> of fire that separated and came to \_\_\_\_\_<sup>7</sup> on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy \_\_\_\_\_<sup>5</sup> and began to speak in other \_\_\_\_\_<sup>8</sup> as the Spirit \_\_\_\_\_<sup>2</sup> them.”

**ACTS 2:1-4, NIV**

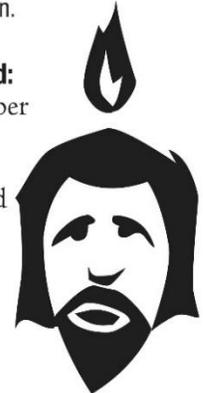
Answer: 1. heaven, 2. enabled, 3. day of Pentecost, 4. tongues, 5. Spirit, 6. together, 7. rest, 8. tongues, 9. saw, 10. wind

# Spirit SPINNER

For Pentecost, make a thaumatrope, a spinning toy that creates an optical illusion of motion.

**What you need:**

- White paper
- Cup
- Scissors
- Pencil and markers
- Plastic drinking straw
- Glue



**What you do:**

1. Using the cup's circular shape, trace two identical circles on the paper. Carefully cut them out.
2. In pencil, draw a person's head on one circle. Then place the blank circle on top and use the image beneath to guide you in drawing a flame above the head.
3. Color the two images with markers.
4. Apply glue to the backs of the circles and sandwich the top of the straw between them so it looks like a lollipop. Let dry.
5. Roll the straw quickly between your hands to view a mini motion picture.

**Sunday, May 7:** Last day of Sunday School with games & activities  
 Children's Worship Sunday & Noisy Offering  
 First Communion for 5<sup>th</sup> graders

**Sunday, May 21:** Confirmation Sunday for 8<sup>th</sup> graders

## This Month's Birthdays

5/1	Brooks Marshall	5/13	Nancy Miller*	5/17	Paula Nelson	5/25	Carsynn DeHaan
5/1	Howard Severson	5/15	Evelyn Tucker	5/18	Marshall Ringling	5/26	Maylou Stanforth*
5/4	Ethan DuFrain	5/15	Chelsey Schrank	5/19	Kara Johnson	5/26	Hannah Kirsch
5/4	Susan Holter	5/15	Mike Erickson	5/20	Ella Reiser	5/26	Harper Kirsch
5/4	Quinn Hanten	5/15	Thomas Nelson	5/20	Blake Foxley	5/26	Doug Chambers
5/6	Cheri Antonsen	5/15	Abigail Meyerink	5/20	Myles Kott	5/28	Xavier Marshall
5/7	Darcie DuFrain	5/16	Whitney DeHaan	5/25	Emmie Huizenga	5/29	Brynn Meyerink
5/12	Larry Kuiper	5/16	LouAnn Qualm				

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

May	Greeters	Ushers	Communion Servers	Cookie/Coffee Servers
7	Sunday School Students	Confirmation Students	Jim Holter, Jan DuFrain, Ryan Lantz	Jeanne Kott, Traci Kott, Mary Beth Kuiper
14	Melissa & Kara Johnson	Tom Boltjes & Ryan Lantz	No Communion	Gladys Kuipers, Carla Lantz, Erynn Meyerink
21	Kevin & Susan Nelson	Kevin Severson & Jarod Severson	Jim Holter, Jan DuFrain, Ryan Lantz	Tricia Meyerink, Alisha Nachtigal, Nicki Nelson
28	Mike & Diane Gilbertz	Kevin Severson & Jarod Severson	No Communion	Allie Nelson, Paula Nelson, Susan Nelson

## Prayer Equipping Class

The **Prayer Equipping Class** will meet for the final time on Thursday, May 4 at 6:30 PM in the Fireside Room. The goals of this class are to teach people the biblical truths of prayer, to instruct them how to pray under the guidance of the Holy Spirit, and to provide training so they can practice praying with and for one another in a variety of circumstances.

## First Communion Celebration

**First Communion** will be celebrated on Sunday, May 7<sup>th</sup> with First Communion Celebrants and their families receiving Holy Communion before the rest of the congregation.

***Blessings to our First Communion students who are communing for the first time:***

*Zoey DeHaan, Mikenna Gilbertz, Dani Meyerink, & Holden Suits*

## May Mission Offering – Campers going to Bible Camp

The May Mission fund offering is to be designated our campers going to Bible camp this summer. We had 17 campers sign up for camp so far. We would like to bless the families in our church by covering the cost of the student's tuition to camp this summer. **This offering will be taken on Sunday, May 14.** Checks can be made payable to "Trinity Lutheran Church."

## Confirmation Sunday – May 21

**Sunday, May 21<sup>st</sup> is Confirmation Day.** Blessings to our 8<sup>th</sup> grade students: Audrey DeHaan, Abigail Konechne, Asher Kott, Ryker Nachtigal, Taylor Schrank, Jerni Severson, Isabelle Suits, and Laila Wollman will be confirmed into the faith. Please join us to support and encourage our students and be encouraged yourselves as you hear our confirmands share their Statements of Faith.

# May 7

## • CHILDREN'S WORSHIP SUNDAY

- The Sunday School will be participating in the worship service through ushering, the Children's Sermon, reading Scripture, and special music.

## • NOISY OFFERING

- If any kids, 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 - Caitlin, Carla, Karis

## • LAST DAY OF SUNDAY SCHOOL

- We will be celebrating with indoor and outdoor games and activities.
- Note that confirmation class will meet Sundays, May 7 & 14.

## The Class of 2023

presented a quilt made by the ladies of our congregation on Sunday, May 14 during worship.



Avery DeVries



Camden DuFrain



Regan Hoffman



Oakley Kott



Madison Nachtigal



Jamie Nelson



Natalie Severson



Taylor Even