

PLATTE, SD

Trinity Lutheran Church

NEWSLETTER

JUNE 2024

Sharing Our Faith without Fear

Jesus gave the Church its marching orders in **Matthew 28:18-20: And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. ¹⁹Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age."**

It is clear from this passage that Jesus intended that everyone who followed Him (in other words, His disciples) were to be about the business of making disciples of others. They were to be encouraged by the fact that all authority in heaven and on earth has been given to Jesus, and that they (we) were being sent out in and with that same authority. This fact, coupled with the truth that Jesus is with us always to end of the age, was intended to strengthen all believers in sharing the Good News about Jesus with those around them.

The problem today is that most Christians don't think the Great Commission applies to them. After all, Jesus was just speaking to His 11 remaining disciples when He spoke these words. The truth is Jesus considers everyone who calls themselves a believer to be His disciple and the charge upon us is no different than the charge given to the 11 faithful disciples. We are to be disciples, who make disciples, who make disciples. This has always been God's plan for growing His Church and it will always be His plan for growing His Church.

On May 21st, three members of Trinity and I attended a workshop at Bethel Lutheran put on by Alan and Vickie Greene. The topic of the workshop was

Evangelism and being able to share your personal testimony in one minute was the goal. At the workshop, we heard this very disturbing statistic:

ONLY 4% OF CHRISTIANS WILL EVER TALK TO ANYONE ABOUT JESUS.

Why, if we have the best news ever, are Christians so reluctant to share it with others?

There are many reasons. Here are the primary excuses:

- 1. Insecurity.** We feel we lack the knowledge and ability to properly evangelize someone. We would do well to remember one of the most powerful things we can share with others is what Jesus has done in our own lives. People really can't argue with our own story because it's ours. So, share your testimony, trusting that the Holy Spirit within you will direct you in how and when you are to do it.
- 2. Fear of rejection.** We aren't responsible for bringing people to faith. That is the Holy Spirit's job. Our job is to tell them what Jesus has done in our life and hope they will be inspired to want Jesus in theirs. We are simply called to plant seeds of faith. Sometimes, they will bear immediate fruit, but usually others will have to feed and water these seeds before the fruit comes.

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Church Council Minutes

Trinity Lutheran Church Council met Monday, May 20, 2024

Present: Pastor Dave, Mike Gilbertz, Donna Boysen, Alisha Nachtigal, Scott Dingus, Jan DuFrain, Tom Boltjes, Tony Schrank and Scott VandenBerge.

Absent: Jim Holter, Carey Hofman 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, Tom made a motion to approve, Jan seconded it, the motion carried.

Treasurer's Report:

The treasurer's report was reviewed. Tony made a motion to approve, Scott V seconded it, the motion carried.

Trustee's Report:

These are the different things the Trustees are working on:

- There is water coming in from the ceiling in the Nursery Room.
- A broken window needs to be replaced in a Sunday School classroom.
- The smell from the drains will now be maintained more regularly.
- The changing tables are here and need to be installed.
- All plants and buses on the west side of the church have been removed and will be replaced in the fall.
- They are looking into replacing some of the Enter and Exit signs in the parking lot.

Deacon's Report:

Visits are being done and bulletins are being sent out.

Pastor's Report:

We reviewed Pastor Dave's report. The Council is looking into providing rides to church for members of the church that may be in need.

Old Business:

New Business:

- Trustees will look at getting new bathroom stall door latches.
- There is moisture building up under the chair mats in the offices of Pastor Dave and Wendy that need to be looked at.
- Discussion was had on roles and expectations of committees

Tony made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Donna seconded it, motion carried.

We closed with the Lord's prayer.

Respectfully submitted, Alisha Nachtigal

From the WOW Co-Presidents

Tricia Meyerink & Marla Tegethoff

“Through him then let us continually offer up a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that acknowledge his name.” Hebrews 13:15 (ESV)

Staring back at me from the bathroom floor is a pile of dirty clothes. Specifically, size-large gym shorts, one sweaty workout shirt, an undershirt, well-worn briefs and haphazardly balled-up socks. As usual, the mass of neglected garments sits not inside but beside the hamper, clear evidence that my husband has been on the scene.

Today, as I stare back at the messy mound, I fold my arms across my chest and smile. Laugh, even. I catch myself elbowing past annoyance and choosing gratitude instead.

I once heard a radio talk-show host doling out advice to a sourpuss bride who had called to tattle on her clutter-hound husband. “It sounds to me like you’ve got two options,” the host said. “You can live in happiness with a sometimes-frustrating husband or you can live in sparkling cleanliness alone.” The comment went deep, both for the caller and for me.

Besides the relationship between humankind and God, marriage is the only covenantal bond noted in Scripture. Which I assume means it’s a connection prized by God. I want my attitudes and my actions to show that I prize it as well, and I’m realizing more and more that part of how that gets worked out in my life is by knowing what things to focus on and what things can stand to be overlooked.

And so despite occasional golf clubs in the kitchen, spare sunflower seeds dotting the floorboard of the car, unwashed dishes left stacked in the home office and derelict duds strewn about the bathroom floor, I thank my heavenly Father for giving me a man to know and be known by, to love and be loved by, to serve and to be served by each day. My darling husband may be prone to untidiness, but untidy companionship carries a certain appeal when it involves such a magnificent human being.

Thank You, Lord, for eyes to see an abundance of blessings all around.

- Ashley Wiersma

Treasurer’s Report

April 2024

Balance on hand April 1, 2024	\$4116.91
Dividend	\$0.27
Disbursements:	
TLC Camping Fund	\$500.00
Balance on hand April 30, 2024	\$3617.18

May 2024

Balance on hand May 1, 2024	\$3617.18
Deposit	\$287.00
Hannah Offering (April)	\$55
Hannah Offering (May)	\$82
Priscilla Offering (April)	\$83
Priscilla Offering (May)	\$67
Dividend	\$0.30
Balance on hand May 31, 2024	\$3904.48

Bible Study Groups

Martha Bible Study Group:

meets Tuesday, June 11 at 7 PM
Session 5 “The Tender Heart of Obedience”

Priscilla Bible Study Group:

meets Thursday, June 20 at 9:00 AM
Studying Lesson 6
Lesson Leader: Dee Rasmussen
Hostess: Sarah Hoffman

Hannah Bible Study Group:

meets Thursday, June 20 at 1:30 PM
Studying Lesson 6
Lesson Leader: Karen Dimick, Hostess: Jeanne Kott

WOW Mission Project

Purse (New or Gently Used) filled with items such as lotion, nail file, nail clipper, chapstick, small mirror, comb, Kleenex, sanitary hygiene products, devotional, or anything you might carry in your own purse.

June	Greeters	Ushers	Communion Servers	Cookie/Coffee Servers
2	Marshall & Mary Ringling	Kevin Severson & Jarod Severson	Tony Schrank, Tom Boltjes, Donna Boysen	Lori Chambers, Marsha Cutler
9	Ross & Amy Ringling	Kevin Severson & Jarod Severson	No Communion	Tammy Darling, Phyllis Daum
16	Aaron & Nicki Reiser	Dennis Meyerink & Jeremiah Konechne	Tony Schrank, Tom Boltjes, Donna Boysen	Karen DeGroot, Jonna DeHaan
23	John & Dee Rasmussen	Dennis Meyerink & Jeremiah Konechne	No Communion	Ramsey DeHaan, Whitney DeHaan
30	Toby & Wendy Qualm	Scott Dingus & Marshall Ringling	No Communion	Nicole DeVries, Karen Dimick

This Month's Birthdays

6/1	Scott Vanden Berge	6/15	Dan DuFrain	6/23	Eve Meyerink	6/26	Susan Nelson
6/3	Breyden Wollman	6/17	Jemma Severson	6/23	Andrew Nachtigal	6/27	Mikenna Gilbertz
6/4	Zeke Huizenga	6/18	Tori Konechne	6/23	Dee Rasmussen	6/27	Maggie Dyk
6/4	Aubrey Warjecka	6/20	Owen Dyk	6/23	Sheila Summerville	6/28	Daniel Daum
6/5	Jerni Severson	6/21	Darla Johnson	6/25	Ken Mason*	6/29	Foster Tegethoff
6/10	George Miller*	6/23	Emily Konechne	6/25	Jaxton Reiser	6/30	Karen Dimick
6/11	Melissa Johnson	6/23	Mary Beth Kuiper*	6/26	Jordan Konechne	6/30	Ethan Kirsch
6/13	Doug Holter						

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

New Members' Class Scheduled for Sunday, June 2

Trinity Lutheran Church will be holding a **New Members' Class Sunday, June 2nd at 11:00 AM in the Fireside Room.** The class will last about 1-1/2 hours and begin with a light lunch. The class will focus on Trinity's values, beliefs, practices, methods, and expectations, and will give you some ideas of ways you might become involved here. Attending the class does not require one to become a member.

If you are interested in attending, please sign up on the bulletin board just outside the Fellowship Hall or email me at tlcpastor57369@gmail.com. If you have any questions, you may contact me at 605-680-9958.

June Mission Offering – Steve Walters with the Navigators

The June Mission fund offering is to be designated to Steve Walters with the Navigators. Steve Walters has been a missionary that WOW group has partnered with for many years. Steve has been to our church to speak a few times also give us updates what is happening with their mission in sub-Saharan Africa. **This offering will be taken on Sunday, June 16.** Checks can be made payable to "Trinity Lutheran Church."



Class of 2024

*Front: Katie Holter, Baleigh Nachtigal, Bria Severson, Hannah Kirsch, Harper Kirsch
Back: Parker Bailey, Kasen Konstanz, Skyler Hanten, Jordan Konechne, Jack Ringling*



Confirmation Class

May 19, 2024

*Front: Kobli Hoffman, Charlotte Qualm, Adrian DeHaan, Abigail Meyerink, Brynn Meyerink
Back: Joseph Gilbertz, Thomas Nelson, Hayden Strand, Hayes Holter, Hayes DeVries, Pastor Dave Martin*



SAVE THE DATE!

VBS

AUGUST

6 - 7 - 8

5:00-7:30 PM

Trinity Lutheran Church

Join us for Vacation Bible School this summer!

- ❖ Dive into God’s Word this summer at VBS
- ❖ Connect with new and existing friends
- ❖ Enjoy yummy food, fun crafts, outdoor games, and a time of music and worship!
- ❖ Make plans to join us! We will need volunteers to make year’s VBS a success!

Contact the Board of Ed with ?s:
Carla Lantz, Karis DuFrain & Dan Daum

3. Lack of compassion. If we would only remember that hell is the fate of those who die without knowing Jesus, perhaps, then, we would be more willing to share our testimony with many more people. Let's resolve to bring as many people as possible to heaven with us, since this is God's will for us.

4. Apathy. Most of the time we are just too caught up in our own lives to care about obeying Jesus or evangelizing others. Remember that Jesus will return at a time we are not prepared for Him. Wouldn't it be good if He returned to find us sharing our faith with others?

I want us at Trinity to be people, who know the Lord, and know how to tell others about Him. Toward that end, I invite you to attend the One Minute Witness workshop on June 13th from 6:30 to 8:30 PM in the sanctuary. Come discover a means of evangelism that makes sense and isn't difficult to remember. Come discover that you really can tell others about Jesus and do so with confidence. I look forward to seeing you there.

In Christ's love,

Pastor Dave




ONE MINUTE EVANGELISM WORKSHOP

THURSDAY JUNE 13 6:30-8:30 PM
TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH SANCTUARY

ENJOY COOKING? EATING GOOD FOOD?
MAKING NEW FRIENDS?

We invite you to join

Bread Breakers

a Group of 8 Adults who meet once a month
in June - July - August for food & fellowship

Sign up on the bulletin board

