

TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

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“Looking at Church a New Way”



But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.” Acts 1:8

When we read Jesus’s instructions to his disciples in Acts 1:8, we typically interpret ***and to the ends of the earth*** as describing exotic, far off places such as Haiti, Nigeria, India, Saudi Arabia, and the like. Of course, Jesus *was* talking about places like these—but He was also talking about 509 S. Wisconsin Avenue—my address and my neighborhood—and every one of your addresses and neighborhoods. I am ashamed to say I have dedicated far more time to touching lives for Christ in Haiti and Nigeria than I have ever dedicated to touching lives for Christ in my own neighborhood. Here’s what I believe is at the core of the problem. I am willing to devote a week, or two weeks, or even a month to the Lord on a ***short-term mission*** trip, but I have not yet fully come to the realization that, as a follower of Christ, I am on ***full-time mission*** for the Lord. That means, wherever I am and whatever I’m doing should, in some small way, point people to Jesus. And if you’re a follower of Christ, then the same is true of you as well.

Both keynote speakers at the 2019 LCMC National Gathering spoke of the importance of developing genuine friendships in our neighborhoods, in our workplaces, in our schools, and in our social settings. Leading people to Jesus happens most naturally when those being disciplined and those doing the discipling know and trust each other. I think for too long we’ve viewed evangelism or discipleship in the Lutheran Church as the work of a committee or some select, gifted few. We’ve viewed it as work to be done in short, organized, formulaic bursts, rather

than as a lifestyle meant to be lived out to God’s glory.

There’s an old saying that goes like this: “No one cares what you have to say, until they know you care.” It may be an old saying, but truer words were never spoken. Our neighbors and co-workers and social acquaintances won’t care a bit about what we have to say about Jesus, until we first demonstrate to them that we really care about them. Would you join me in seeking to cultivate genuine friendships wherever God gives us the opportunity in the year ahead? Would you join me in making it a point to get to know two of our neighbors well in the year ahead? Would you join me in becoming bold in inviting neighbors and new friends to share meals with us with increasing frequency? Would you join me in showing our neighbors in tangible ways that we really love them and care about them?

As you’re looking for new friends, please look at those people, who always seem to be alone—at work—at school—and even in their social settings. Take a chance on one of these loners. Pray for the Holy Spirit to open some common bond between the two of you so you can begin to have conversations, then, pray He would increase those things you have in common as you continue to sow into his or her life. This is not likely to happen quickly. It will require time and effort on your behalf. There may be bumps along the way. Just continue to love him or her with the love of Christ and he or she will come to trust you and Jesus.

I do not believe we are called to build Trinity Lutheran Church. Our job is to build God’s Kingdom in our community and around the world. When we do that, God will build our church. Join me in building God’s Kingdom by touching our neighbors for Christ.

Have a blessed summer! Love, *Pastor Dave*

Church Council Minutes

Trinity Lutheran Church Council met Monday, June 20, 2022.

Present: Pastor Dave, Tonya Standy, Kyle Meyerink, Shirley Johnson, Jan Dufrain, Tom Boltjes, Jim Holter, Liz Spawn and Mike Konechne. Absent: Jeff Engebretsen, Randy Tegethoff, and Ryan Lantz.

The meeting was called to order by President Kyle Meyerink and he led with prayer.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

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

TREASURER'S REPORT

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

TRUSTEE'S REPORT

Kyle will talk to Todd Strand about the basement project, to see who is responsible for finishing it up.

Kyle will also talk to Randy about the new sign location west of town.

DEACON'S REPORT

Pastor Dave will lead a bible study at Twilight Vista on June 21 and will do so the third Tuesday of each month.

They are going to start up the hymn sing at the Care Center again.

Our missionary, Steve Wolters, was here on Sunday, June 19 and gave an update on the work he is doing.

The deacons will begin meeting with Pastor Dave prior to council meetings at 6:30 p.m.

Pastor asked that we be in prayer for a lot of interest in Alpha, which will begin on Tuesday, August 23.

OLD BUSINESS

Jonna is working on the new highway signs for the church.

Kevin is setting up a meeting with the representative in Pierre about the worship equipment.

We are still waiting on repairs for the central vacuum system.

The new blinds have been installed.

Tom will take care of replacing some of the table leg protectors.

We will be getting quotes for painting the original part of the church.

Tom and Pastor Dave will get together about some updating at the parsonage.

NEW BUSINESS

Mary Ringling has talked to Tammie Olson about taking pictures for a new directory, she will probably begin taking pictures in the fall.

Pastor Dave talked about the need for a color printer, Brother has a reasonably priced one and Pastor Dave has used those before. Mike made a motion to purchase a color printer for the church office, Liz seconded it, the motion carried.

Pastor Dave, as part of the Platte Ministerial Association will lead bible studies at the Care Center on August 10, September 19 and October 31.

Trinity is sponsoring New Hope Camp July 6-8, Pricilla Circle will be preparing & serving the meals for this.

Pastor Dave said that if there are meetings, etc. at the church, he would like to know about them.

Mike made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Liz seconded it. We closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
Tonya Standy

From the WOW Co-Presidents

Phyllis Daum & Sharon Warejcka

Freedom In Christ

What does freedom mean to you? What are you 'free' from, 'free' to do, 'free' to pursue? According to Dictionary.com freedom means

- 1) the power or right to act, speak, or think as one wants without hinderance or restraint;
- 2) absence of subjection to foreign domination or despotic government;
- 3) the state of not being imprisoned or enslaved.

One of our missionary partners, Steve Walters, enlightened a few of us concerning 'freedoms' or lack thereof in Africa as he just returned from a trip to Uganda with two of his grandsons. Most people there do not have the same life freedoms we so often take for granted here in the United States. However, many times church services in Africa and other third world countries tend to be more focused on the freedom they have in Christ.

If someone accused you of worshiping as though you had freedom in Christ, would you be convicted? Do you praise God with gusto in your prayers and singing? Do you actively seek and hang on to the ways God has given you freedom through the reading of scriptures and during the sermon? Do you talk about and invite others to join in those freedoms in conversations you have during fellowship time, at home, or at your work during the week? Do you have family members or close friends who don't appear to be excited about the freedoms they also have in Christ? We have been given so many freedoms; however, are we using those freedoms to honor God and point others to Him OR are we focused on ourselves? Do we step out of our 'me freedoms' and investigate how we can possibly make a difference in others' freedoms –perhaps even in other countries? "Matthew 28:19 states "Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and the Holy Spirit."

There are many verses in the Bible that talk about freedom. Take some of your free time to explore ways God gives you freedom. Use some free time to memorize a few verses so you have them ready to share with others. Don't have any free time? Skip FB for a day, set your alarm 15 minutes earlier, write a verse on a

WOW Treasurer's Report

Balance on Hand 5/21/2022	\$ 3718.04
Circle Offerings	\$ +190.00
Balance on Hand 6/21/2022	\$ 3908.04

WOW Mission Project

For July and August, we will be collecting paper products for the Helping Hands Food Pantry. Please place your donations in the blue tote in the fellowship hall. Thank you!

Bible Study Groups

Pilot Lesson: Monday, July 18 at 3 pm

Priscilla Bible Study Group:

meets Wednesday, July 20 at 7 PM

Studying Lessing 6

Lesson Leader: Gladys Kuipers

Hostess: Phyllis Daum

Hannah Bible Study Group:

meets Thursday, July 21 at 1:30 PM

Studying Lesson 6

Lesson Leader: Caroline Butler

Hostess: Karen Dimick

Martha Bible Study Group:

meets Monday, July 25 at 7 PM

studying Bible study lesson 6 of "Fierce"

notecard and hang it on your mirror or put in your wallet and read while brushing your teeth or waiting in a check-out line, tear a page out of a devotional book (plenty in narthex) and use as a bookmark, put in your pocket, or tape on the visor or your vehicle.... Here are a few to get you started:

John 8:36 - "So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed."

Galatians 5:13 - "You, my brothers and sisters, were called to be free. But do not use your freedom to indulge the flesh; rather, serve one another humbly in love."

2 Corinthians 3:17 - "Now the Lord is Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom."

This Month's Birthdays

7/5	Anthony DeHaan	7/14	Vicky Pavlis	7/25	Lacie Chambers
7/5	Logan Holter	7/15	Sharon Rommen	7/25	Kaetlyn Engebretson
7/6	Donna Nelson	7/17	Floyd Dimick	7/25	Riley Timmerman
7/6	Tess Ringling	7/20	Chance Hermanek	7/26	Kory Meyerink
7/6	Jessica Hegge	7/21	Paxton Dyk	7/27	Kelly Timmerman
7/6	Addison DeVries	7/22	Wyatt VandenHoek	7/28	Valerie Hildebrand
7/7	Asher Kott	7/23	Gladys Kuipers	7/28	Hailey Wagner
7/10	Kensley Wollman	7/23	Jacob Johnson	7/30	Terry Erickson
7/13	Derek Wollman	7/25	Bev Antonsen	7/30	Pearl Feiock



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

Communion

Servers

July 17

Jeff Engebretson
Liz Spawn
Shirley Johnson

Ushers

10—Tony Schrank, Bill Hoffman
17—Tony Schrank, Bill Hoffman
24—Mike Gilbertz, Jeff Engebretson
31—Mike Gilbertz, Jeff Engebretson

Coffee & Cookies Servers

10—Jodene Foxley, Maggie Foxley
17—Donna Hanten, Jessica Hegge
24—Amanda Hermanek, Valerie Hildebrand
31—Carey Hoffman, Susan Hoffman

Senior Project – Chemo Care Packages

Hello, I am Natalie Severson and for my senior project I am doing **chemo care packages**. I wanted to give to those battling cancer in memory of my grandma, who lost her battle after 2+ years of fighting. The items that I am looking for, but not limited to are lotion, Chapstick, hats, scarfs, blankets, travel-sized Kleenex, water bottles, and entertainment option such as Sudoku or Word Searches. There are totes placed in the church where you can donate. Any monetary donations will go towards items put into the packages. My goal is to deliver 75 packages to the Prairie Center at Avera McKennan in Sioux Falls by August 13. Thank you!

Care Center Hymn Sing Re-Launch

The **Platte Care Center** would love to re-launch their **Sunday afternoon Hymn Sings** for the Residents on 2:30pm Sunday afternoons and would include a short prayer and then singing for about 30 minutes. If you would be interested, please contact Glee Deffenbaugh at the Care Center 605-337-3131 or at glee.deffenbaugh@avera.org

Helping at New Hope

At New Hope Christian Camp, volunteers from our church will be helping at the Pioneer Camp July 6-8. They volunteers will be responsible for preparing and serving an evening meal on July 6th, preparing breakfast, lunch and dinner on July 7th, and preparing and serving breakfast on July 8th. Pastor Dave will present two 45-minute teachings during the camp.



COMMUNITY INDEPENDENCE DAY WORSHIP SERVICE

*The Platte Ministerial Association invites you
to join us as we worship together*

Pastor Dave Martin will give message

Offering designated towards New Hope Camp
(please make checks payable to Platte Ministerial Association)

Bring your own lawn chairs
Plan to stay for refreshments after the service

**SUNDAY
JULY 3RD
9:30 AM
NORTH PARK**