

PLATTE, SD

Trinity Lutheran Church

NEWSLETTER

JULY 2023

Alpha Course to Begin August 27 - Sneak Preview August 6

We are preparing to launch a second fall season of Alpha at Trinity, beginning Sunday, August 27th, at 6:30 PM. Alpha is an 11-week course in the foundational elements of Christianity and is a great resource for people wherever they might be in their faith life. Participants will be divided into small groups, which become their Alpha family for the entire eleven weeks. All sessions begin in the Fellowship Hall with a delicious meal eaten with one's small group family. Following the meal, the small groups will proceed to the Fireside Room, where they will watch a video together. Each week's video lasts approximately 30 minutes. At the conclusion of the video, the small groups are dismissed to their assigned breakout rooms to work through discussion questions about the video. It is during these breakout sessions, that members of the group grow to know one another well, eventually developing deep friendships. These breakout sessions soon become safe places, where participants know they can share whatever is on their hearts and minds. As they come to trust one another more, they learn to pray for each another and minister to one another.

On Sunday, August 6th, we will offer a sneak peek at what the course has to offer as we view the video "Is There More to Life than This?" We will show the video at 10:50 AM in the Fireside Room. This will give everyone a chance to grab some refreshments from the Fellowship Hall, use the restrooms, and find a seat in the Fireside Room following the morning service.

The course begins Sunday, August 27th at 6:30 PM in the Fellowship Hall, and lasts until 8:30 PM. The course will meet weekly Sunday evenings at 6:30, and run through Sunday, November 12th. **The one exception being that we will not meet on the Sunday preceding Labor Day. There will be no class Sunday, September 3rd.**

An important component of the Alpha Course is the Alpha Retreat Weekend, which is scheduled for October 14th – October 15th at New Hope Christian Camp. The retreat begins Saturday morning at 8:00 and runs through noon on Sunday. All participants are encouraged to attend the retreat as this is where some of the most significant spiritual growth occurs. The church **will not provide childcare at the retreat,** so be thinking of a friend or family member who might be willing to provide childcare for you. The retreat weekend is not an overnighter. The Saturday session should be complete by 6:00 PM, with the Sunday session beginning again at 8:00 AM.

The course is open to people outside our congregation. If you have a friend or relative, who isn't sure what they think about Christianity, this could be the perfect vehicle to bring them to faith. The course is intentionally structured to be as non-threatening as possible. We will not say a prayer for the meal until after our fourth session, where the topic of prayer is introduced (unless we know all the participants are comfortable with prayer). We welcome non-believers to give us their honest comments about the topics we discuss. No one will be told they are wrong. We believe they will discover that themselves as we love on them, and they continue through the course.

There are sign-up sheets available on the hall bulletin board. Please sign up as soon as possible. This could be one of the most significant sources of spiritual growth you will ever encounter. Sign up and let us grow together.

Love in Christ,
Pastor Dave

Church Council Minutes

Trinity Lutheran Church Council met Monday June 19, 2023

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

Absent: Ryan Lantz and Tony Schrank

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, Donna seconded it, the motion carried.

Trustee's Report:

Nothing new 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:

Altar-Terry Antonsen said the nap is wrong in the closet so it will not be able to be used for the extended altar. New carpet will need to be looked at in the future.

Sound Equip-The amplifier will be installed by the end of the week.

Painting Sanctuary/Fellowship-Jeff Martin has been informed that he got the paint job.

New Business:

Nursery-Wendy has been working hard on updating the nursery and making it look nice. We will be trying the monitor in the nursery next week at church to see how it works.

P&L Budget Review-We reviewed profit and loss reports and looked at where we are sitting within our budget for the year.

New Janitor-Tori Konechne has been hired as our new Janitor. The council reviewed the list of duties and felt they were outdated and needed to be redone. Donna, Carey and Alisha will meet with George, Tori and Allison to get their input on an updated list.

Heating and A/C -It is time to start thinking about replacing the units. There have been problems that continue to build up every year. We received quotes from Konechne Heating and Cooling and Severson Heating and Cooling. This agenda item will be discussed further at the next meeting.

Kyle made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Carey seconded it. We closed with the Lord's prayer.

Respectfully submitted, Carey Hoffman

From the WOW Co-Presidents

Pearl Feiock & Dee Rasmussen

The Lord is My Rock

This statement presumes a BIG Rock! It cannot be a tiny one, the One on whom we count! This Rock is eternal, it is secured with enduring faithfulness, a block On this Rock, this solid Rock, we stand--- all else is sinking sand, no doubt.

God's commandments were etched in stone, given to Moses for teaching the way, to honor and to obey. Our God had etched these in our hearts, so we remember to atone. Because we stumble on the way and need reminders for forgiveness to pray.

Hannah prayed, *there is no Rock like our God*, this too we shout and declare. He hears our cries each time we call, on You we can depend, oh God. He is our fortress, our stronghold and our deliverer, our repair.

Then Hannah prayed and said, "My heart rejoices in the Lord; my horn is exalted in the Lord, my mouth speaks boldly against my enemies, because I rejoice in Your salvation. There is no one holy like the LORD indeed, There is no one besides You. Nor is there any rock like our God."

- *1 Samuel 2:1-2*

For are my rock and my fortress; therefore, for Your name's sake, lead me and guide me.

- *Psalms 31:3*

WOW Treasurer's Report

Balance on Hand June 1, 2023	\$ 3662.73
Expenses:	
Steve Walters Hannah Mission Offering	\$ -260.00
Income:	
Dividend	\$ 0.30
Hannah Offering (May)	\$ 70.00
Priscilla Offering	\$ 59.00
Balance on Hand June 30, 2023	\$ 3532.03

Bible Study Groups

Martha Bible Study Group

meets Thursday, June 13th at 7 pm
studying Session 2 – Nehemiah

Priscilla Bible Study Group:

meets Thursday, July 20th at 9:00 AM
Studying Lesson 6
Lesson Leader: Gladys Kuipers
Hostess: Jeanne Kott

Hannah Bible Study Group:

meets Thursday, July 20th at 1:30 PM
Studying Lesson 6
Lesson Leader: Peggy Martin
Hostess: Karen Dimick



WOW Mission Project

WOW July & August Mission Project:

Paper products for Helping Hands Food Pantry. Please place any toilet paper, paper towels, or napkins, etc. in the blue totes in the fellowship hall and they will be donated to the Helping Hands Food Pantry.

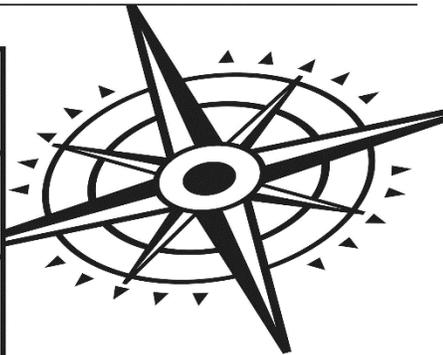


SEPARATION FROM SIN

David praises God for his love and compassion.
What does God do for people who fear him?

Directions: Using each grid pattern marked below, find the word that appears in all three of those squares. Write the words in the spaces below to complete Psalm 103:12, NIV.

FROM as is can	NORTH from far	at the EAST FROM
is South AS	do far EAST	the THIS up as
WEST THAT is East	far down WEST	THE be AS West



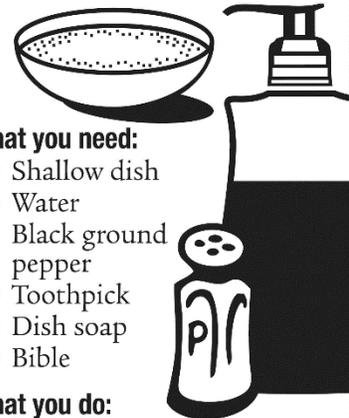
... so far has he removed our transgressions from us.

PSALM 103:12, NIV

Answer: As far as the east is from the west

Sprinkle and split

A sprinkle of pepper and a dab of soap illustrate a big concept from God's Word.



What you need:

- Shallow dish
- Water
- Black ground pepper
- Toothpick
- Dish soap
- Bible

What you do:

1. With the dish on a table, fill it halfway with water. Don't jiggle the dish.
2. Sprinkle pepper on the water.
3. Dab the toothpick into a drop of soap. Then touch its tip to the center of the water and observe.
4. Read Psalm 103:8-12.
How does this experiment illustrate God's forgiveness?
5. Explain the science behind this experiment: The soap disturbs the water's surface tension. The soap molecules don't want to interact with the water. This repels the water molecules from the soap, causing the floating pepper to also move to the sides.

Parents of Campers: Please let the camping committee know when and where your child is going to church camp. Send us a pic of your kid while at camp so we can include it in our church presentation. Thanks! - Camping Committee: Wendy Wollman, Chelsey Schrank & Tricia Meyerink

This Month's Birthdays

7/5	Anthony DeHaan	7/15	Sharon Rommen	7/25	Lacie Chambers
7/5	Logan Holter	7/17	Floyd Dimick	7/25	Kaetlyn Engebretson
7/6	Donna Nelson	7/20	Chance Hermanek	7/25	Riley Timmerman
7/6	Tess Ringling	7/21	Riley Koopal	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	7/29	Theo Johnson
7/10	Kensley Wollman	7/23	Jacob Johnson	7/30	Terry Erickson
7/13	Derek Wollman	7/25	Bev Antonsen	7/30	Pearl Feiok
7/14	Vicky Pavlis				

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

July	Greeters	Ushers	Communion Servers	Cookie/Coffee Servers
9	Ryan & Carla Lantz	Tony Schrank & Ryan Kott	No Communion	Mary Ringling & Sharon Rommen
16	Ryan & Traci Kott	Tony Schrank & Ryan Kott	Mike Gilbertz, Alisha Nachtigal, Shirley Johnson	Chelsey Schrank & Jennifer Severson
23	Larry & Mary Beth Kuiper	Mike Gilbertz & Jeff Engebretson	No Communion	Tara Severson & Stacy Severson
30	Doug & Gladys Kuipers	Mike Gilbertz & Jeff Engebretson	No Communion	Liz Spawn & Tonya Standy

July Mission Offering – Melanie Lubinus

The June Mission fund offering is to be designated to Melanie Lubinus’s ministry, which provides food, clothing, hygiene kits, and other essentials to Venezuelan refugees in Costa Rica. This offering is taken Sunday, July 16th. Please make checks payable to “Trinity Lutheran Church Church.”

An update from Melanie: The number of Venezuelan migrants moving through Costa Rica has increased again. The last few weeks we have been seeing anywhere from 15 to 30 people in the streets in downtown Heredia on any given day. I've heard there are even more in the city of San Jose, and more are heading north from Venezuela every single day. We have been able to give out water, snacks of peanuts, bandaids, new socks, and occasionally apples and something small for the kids like stickers or crayons and coloring pages. However, we haven't had the funds to do much more. We would like to be able to give sandwiches, bags of toiletries, groceries and meet other needs.

Lunch with Jane Schubert is Planned

We hope you can join us for lunch on Wednesday, July 26th at 11:30 AM at Pizza Plus to have lunch with Jane Schubert.

Pastor Daryl (who pastored here from 1994-2000) and Jane Schubert are planning to spend 10 months in Australia following his retirement from New Home Lutheran Church in Mitchell the end of July. Jane would love to see her friends from Trinity and the Platte area at lunch.





The **Platte Community Independence Day Worship** is planned for **Sunday, July 2 at 9:30 a.m. at North Park**. Pastor Drew Hoekema of the Platte Christian Reformed Church will be the speaker. Music will be provided by Trinity Lutheran Church and First Reformed Church. Refreshments will be provided by Olive Presbyterian Church to enjoy fellowship following the service. Please bring your lawn chairs and blankets, your Bibles, a hunger to worship Jesus together, and join us for the Independence Weekend Community Service. The offering will go to the Men Right Here group. In case of rain, the service will be held at the Olive Presbyterian Church.

 A graphic for a Vacation Bible School (VBS) event. The central text reads "Join us for" in a cursive font inside a light green oval, followed by "Vacation Bible School" in large, bold, black capital letters. Below this is a 3D-style illustration of the word "MONUMENTAL" in gold letters, with "CELEBRATING GOD'S GREATNESS" written in smaller white letters on a banner below it. The background of the illustration shows a desert landscape with a butte, cacti, and colorful flowers. Surrounding the central text are several cartoon illustrations of desert animals: a cactus on the left, a colorful parrot, a blue and white bird, a rabbit, a grey armadillo, a spotted lizard, and a tan wolf on the right.

August 8, 9, 10 1-5 PM

We need volunteers of all ages to help at VBS! We need 8-10 (6-8 graders) and an additional 25 volunteers to make this VBS a success. Volunteers can include adults of all ages (adults & HS). You can help 1 day or all 3 days. We need volunteers to sign up by July 17th to make VBS happen this summer! Contact the Board of Ed (Carla Lantz, Caitlin DeGroot or Karis DuFrain) if you would be willing to help! Thank you!