

PLATTE, SD

Trinity Lutheran Church

NEWSLETTER

MAY 2024

Bread-Breakers; a New Vehicle for Christian Fellowship at Trinity?

While I was pastoring at Emmanuel in Longview, Washington, a young couple came in to talk to me to see if they could introduce a fellowship ministry for the summer called "Bread-Breakers." The church from which this couple had come had made it a summer ministry for several years to bring members of the congregation closer together. I gave them permission to see if they could find people willing to participate. We ended up with 8 groups of 8 people, which would meet once a month to enjoy a meal together at someone's home. The group decided the dates they would meet and the times.

Peggy and I belonged to a group and thoroughly enjoyed our involvement. We got to know people on a whole new level and had fun in the process. We also hosted one of the meals at our home, so people got to see a personal glimpse of their pastor.

I want to start a Bread-Breakers at Trinity this summer. There is a question mark behind the title because it all hinges on the congregation's willingness to get involved as to whether this happens or not.

Here's how we will decide if this will happen or not. I will have Wendy put sign-up sheets for 8 groups of 8 on the Fellowship Hall bulletin board. Participation is open to couples or singles, but we will limit this to adults only at this time. Signing up indicates you are willing to host one meal at your home. The host family provides the main course for the meal, while other participants of the group agree to bring a salad, a dessert, or a side dish. The hosts provide ice water and

coffee. If guests want to drink something else, they would bring it with them.

We will start in June and end in August. Each group of 8 will stay together for the entire summer. Hopefully, each month will feature a new host with non-hosts taking on a different course each month.

I hope we can fill up several groups of 8, but if we can only fill one, that group can meet for the summer. This is a very low-key ministry. It is focused on fellowship and having fun together. While I hope each meal would start with a prayer, and faith matters would be discussed from time to time, there is no Bible study accompanying the meal.

Each group has complete authority to choose when and where they'll eat their meal. They can meet for breakfast, brunch, lunch, or supper. Normally, I would see most meals being held at someone's house, but groups could also have a picnic at a nice shelter, meet on a boat, etc.

The question is, "**Are you willing to invest some time and energy to get to know your church family better?**" I pray you would be excited to sign up and would invite your friends to do so as well.

Love in Christ,

Pastor Dave

Church Council Minutes

Trinity Lutheran Church Council met Monday, April 15, 2024

Present: Pastor Dave, Mike Gilbertz, Donna Boysen, Carey Hoffman, Scott Dingus, Jan DuFrain, Tom Boltjes, Tony Schrank, Scott VandenBerge and Jim Holter.

Absent: Alisha Nachtigal 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, Jim made a motion to approve, Tom seconded it, the motion carried.

Treasurer's Report:

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

Trustee's Report:

Discussion was had on some metal flashing on some of the shingles. The Trustees will have someone look at it.

Deacon's Report:

Visits are being done and bulletins are being sent out.

Pastor's Report:

We reviewed Pastor Dave's report.

Old Business:

Extended Altar-Terry Antonsen quoted around \$1800 to tear out the existing carpet on the altar and install new carpet. We are on his list to get this done. He thinks it will be sometime in June; however, depending on the exact time we may wait until after June due to 2 weddings scheduled at the church.

New Business

Livestream-Scott VandenBerge reported that we have been having problems with the livestream. He met with Cole and Wendy to look at different options. We currently are using Sling which seems to be the problem. Castor is a different option and it seemed to work this past Sunday. This costs \$19.99 per month or \$149.99 if you pay for the full year. Jim made a motion to try Castor for one month and if it works ok to pay for a yearly subscription, Tom seconded the motion, the motion carried.

Pastor Dave asked the council to consider purchasing 12 flags to put outside of the church for Pentecost Sunday. This also falls on the Sunday that 10 kids will get confirmed. These flags have a base that would go into the ground with the flag sliding in on a pole. This is something you could use every year during Pentecost. The flag and pole system are \$103.75 each. Pastor Dave was wondering if this is something that the memorial committee would be willing to purchase. After discussion, Jim made a motion to ask the memorial committee to purchase the flags, if they decline, the flags would be taken out of the general fund, Carey seconded the motion, the motion carried.

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

We closed with the Lord's prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Carey Hoffman

From the WOW Co-Presidents

Tricia Meyerink & Marla Tegethoff

1 Samuel 17:20-40

David found King Saul's reward for Goliath's defeat interesting—in fact, he asked to have it repeated twice (1 Sam. 17:26, 30). However, David may have been young, but he wasn't foolish. The reward was a nice perk, but it wasn't the young shepherd's motivation.

David's reason for standing against Goliath was to serve the Lord. He openly criticized the giant: "For who is this uncircumcised Philistine, that he has dared to defy the armies of the living God?" (v. 26). Challenging the chosen nation of Israel was the same as defying the Lord Himself. David was prepared to defend Yahweh's holy name and His people, even against this fearsome warrior. A right and holy motive gives a person confidence to obey God, even if doing so defies human wisdom.

When facing life's Goliaths, we might be tempted to approach God with a plea like, I'm tired of being in this mess, or I want to run away but can't, so You'll have to remove this problem.

However, the right motive for facing a problem is the desire to follow, serve, and honor God—no matter what. Giant challenges may tax our comfort or wellbeing, but wanting a quick way out can impede our obedient walk with God. So pray, "Lord, help me to stand strong in Your name. And grant me victory over the Goliaths in my life, bringing you honor and glory each step of the way."

Bible in One Year: 2 Kings 24-25

Thank you Lord, for Your incredible mercy and grace!

Bible Study Groups

Martha Bible Study Group:

meets Tuesday, May 14 at 7:00 PM
studying Lesson 4 "Gut Level Compassion"

Priscilla Bible Study Group:

meets Thursday, May 16 at 9:00 AM
Studying Lesson 5

Lesson Leader: Shirley Johnson

Hostess: Joyce VanderHam

Hannah Bible Study Group:

meets Thursday, May 16 at 1:30 PM
Studying Lesson 5

Lesson Leader: Peggy Martin

Hostess: TBD



WOW Mission Project

Purse Project

*(From each group: Hannah-2 or more,
Martha-6 or more, Priscilla-6 or more)*

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.

May	Greeters	Ushers	Communion Servers	Cookie/Coffee Servers
5	Jarod & Brooklyn Severson	Mike Erickson & Dan Daum	Jim Holter, Jan DuFrain, Scott Dingus	Deb VanDerWerff, Sharon Warejcka, Lizzy Warejcka
12	Tony & Chelsey Schrank	Mike Konechne & Derek Wollman	No Communion	Carla Weisser, Wendy Wollman, Bev Antonsen
19	Justynn & Brittany Ruen	Tom Boltjes & Ryan Lantz	Jim Holter, Jan DuFrain, Scott Dingus	Cheri Antonsen, Casey Bailey, Vickie Boltjes
26	Morries & Sharon Rommen	Tom Boltjes & Ryan Lantz	No Communion	Donna Boysen, Caroline Butler, Joyce Carter

This Month's Birthdays

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

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

May Mission Offering Designated for Campers

The **May Mission fund offering** is to be designated our campers going to Bible camp this summer. We had 9 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 today, Sunday, May 19. Checks can be made payable to "Trinity Lutheran Church."

Join Us for the National Day of Prayer May 2

"I do not ask for these only, but also for those who will believe in me through their word, ²¹ that they may all be one, just as you, Father, are in me, and I in you, that they also may be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me. John 17:20-21

On the night in which Jesus was betrayed, He took time to pray for you and for me and for all who would believe in Him because of the work His disciples had done. He wanted all who believed in Him to be unified. That means He wants every church that proclaims Jesus Christ to be Lord to be unified with every other church that does the same. Jesus says when His believers do this then ***the world may believe that God sent Jesus.*** Our unity—our willingness to work with other churches—will be a sign to the world that God sent Jesus to the earth.

The National Day of Prayer on **May 2nd** is a perfect opportunity for us to exercise that unity as we join believers from churches around our area to pray together for our community, our nation, and the entire world. **Join us at Calvary Baptist Church on May 2nd. Morning Prayer will run from 6:30 AM to 7:15 AM, with Evening Prayer running from 5:15 PM to 6:00 PM.**

I hope to see you there! Love in Christ,
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FIRST COMMUNION

First Communion will be celebrated on Sunday, May 5th during morning worship. Blessings to our 5th Graders who will receive communion for the first time: *Emersyn Hermanek, Bryce Kahler, Cash Lantz & Wyatt VandenHoek*. The First Communion Celebrants and families will receive Holy Communion before the rest of the congregation.

SUNDAY, MAY 5
Last Day
of Sunday School
Celebration

We will celebrate our last day of Sunday School on **Sunday, May 5** with indoor and outdoor games and activities.

Note: confirmation class will meet Sundays, May 5 & 12 for class.



On Sunday, May 12th, our High School Seniors will be presented a quilt made by the ladies of our congregation to congratulate them on their accomplishment.



Blessings to our 8th grade students: **Adrian DeHaan, Hayes DeVries, Joseph Gilbertz, Kolbi Hoffman, Hayes Holter, Abigail Meyerink, Brynn Meyerink, Thomas Nelson, Charlotte Qualm and Hayden Strand** as they are confirmed into the faith on Sunday, May 19th during worship.

Please join us to support and encourage our students and be encouraged yourselves as you hear our confirmands share their Statements of Faith.



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.