



ALMA LUTHERAN CHURCH

NEWSLETTER

May 2021

Let's talk about that fancy word that gets thrown around a lot in church circles today. I'm talking about *evangelism*. What are some of your initial thoughts and feelings when you think of that word? I encourage you to pause and even make a list! Quite simply put evangelism is, proclaiming the good news of Jesus Christ!

But what were some of your thoughts that you wrote down? *"Did you gravitate towards the folks on the corner of a street with a blow horn? Did you think, I am uncomfortable in those situations? Is it something that only those churches do? Is evangelism only in big suburban and urban churches? Is it the pastor's job to do that?"*

The reality is that this is our work and it is also the necessary work of the church. As Kevin Ruffcorn writes in his book *Rural Evangelism*, "All congregations, including the ones in which we find ourselves, are called to be evangelistic." Heck, we do belong to the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America! It's in our very name as a denomination. I was told by a dear professor at Luther Seminary, that we as Lutherans have a great theology; however, we do a crap job of talking about it.

So what can we actively be doing to reengage this essential part of ministry and our Christian identity. I will be taking a break from the lectionary series this summer and focusing on a brief 4 week sermon series on the bible and evangelism. Did you know that most of Paul's ministry traveling and writing letters to the early church was evangelistic in nature? What does it mean for us to have this great commission from Matthew 28?

Let us dive headfirst into these questions and ask ourselves, where is God already at work. My hope is that in doing this work we might encounter the fragrance of life, that we might be filled with the Holy Spirit and not only see but meet God in our neighbor!

Blessings, Pastor Quinlan

ACTIVITIES

Chat & Sew – Meets the 1st Tuesday at 8:30am. Contact Sharon Hollst or Lana Krumpus for more information.

Book Club – Location and date varies. Contact Viki Miller for more information.

Children's Sunday School - 9:30am every Sunday except the 1st Sunday of the month. Ages 3 years old through 8th grade. Meets in the basement of the church. Contact Moriah Wellman for more information.

Book Study: Will be over Chapters 5 and 6. Meeting date is TBA.

Senior Sunday – Celebration of High School Graduates on May 16th. Congratulations Jack Munter, Blaine Nicola, Lexi Johnson, and Kelly Richards! And congratulations to Dylan Taylor and June Johnson for their graduation from college!

Blaine's Graduation Party – Mead Fire Department, Friday, May 14th at 4:30pm.

Looking for Assistant Ministers! If you are interested in being an assistant minister during worship, contact Pastor Quinlan or June Johnson. We will be adding assistants back to worship soon.

AtleEn –If you are interested or concerned with the happenings at AltEn contact Pastor Quinlan.

Faith is inspired at camp—join us! Learn about God's promised faithfulness in the midst of life's unpredictability and challenges through Bible study, hiking, swimming, fishing, worship, creative arts, snow cones, games, devotions, and much more. Making time for your child to reconnect with nature and their peers will be especially restorative this summer, as we explore God's call to live FEARLESS through Joshua 1:9. View the schedule and register at CarolJoyHolling.org Living with the reality of COVID-19, some elements of camp will look different this summer. For information on what adjustments are being made, visit CarolJoyHolling.org/safety At Carol Joy Holling Camp, no child is turned away due to their inability to pay thanks to the support of congregations, families and individuals across the state.

Contact Jessica Wertz at JWertz@NLOM.org or 402-944-2544 for campership information.



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BUDGET

As of 4/28/21

Income: \$25,884.00
Expenses: \$26,218.59
Balance: -\$334.59
World Hunger YTD: \$23.16

INFORMATION

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MISSION STATEMENT

Disciples by grace, Growing in faith, Living our hope, Sharing God's love.