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Grace and Peace

A message from Pastor Bryan

TRAIN yourself in godliness

1 Timothy 4:7

(bonus memory verse if you need to trade out a space)

What does it really mean to follow Jesus in our everyday lives? While discipleship is a lifelong journey, the church has long recognized **six spiritual practices**—simple, intentional habits—that help us grow deeper in faith and closer to God. This summer, we invite you to explore them in a creative new way through a fun, all-ages challenge called **Disciplopoly!**

Here's a quick look at the **Six Marks of Discipleship**:

1. **Worship** – We honor God when we regularly gather to praise, sing, pray, and hear God's Word together. Worship centers our hearts and reminds us who God is.
2. **Prayer** – Through daily prayer, we build a personal relationship with God—offering our thanks, confessing our struggles, and listening for His voice.
3. **Study** – Reading Scripture and engaging with Christian teachings helps us understand God's story and our place in it. Faith grows when we ask questions and seek truth.
4. **Fellowship** – We're not meant to walk this journey alone. Sharing life with others in Christ strengthens and encourages us.
5. **Serving** – Jesus said he came not to be served but to serve. When we help others, we reflect His love in real, tangible ways.
6. **Giving** – A generous heart reflects a trust in God's provision. Through financial gifts, time, or talents, we invest in God's kingdom.

So... what's **DISCIPLOPOLY**

It's a congregational summer challenge designed to help you explore and engage with each of these six areas in fun, meaningful ways. Think of it like a faith-based version of a board game: complete activities in each category, mark your "game board," and see how far you can go by the end of summer!

Whether it's attending a worship service, praying with a friend, studying a Bible passage, bringing a meal to someone, joining a church event, or donating to the food pantry—*it all counts*.

This is not a competition—it's an invitation. An invitation to deepen your faith, discover new rhythms, and experience the joy of following Jesus more intentionally.

Pick up your Disciplopoly board at worship or print it out at home (the whole board is included in this newsletter) . Let's grow together—and have some fun doing it!



Youth and Family

Events for specific age groups

Vacation Bible School June 9 – 12 6:00pm – 7:30pm

**This is the day the Lord has made;
let us rejoice and be glad in it!**

Psalms 118:24

Get ready for an unforgettable week of *JOY, LOVE, and POWER*! This summer at VBS, kids will dive into the truth that God gives us **joy that can't be shaken, love that never fails, and power to do all things through Christ!**



Each day, we'll explore one of these core promises found in the Disciplopolity memory verses:

- ☐ **JOY** – Because every day is a gift from God, and his joy is our strength!
- ☒ **LOVE** – Because *nothing* in all creation can separate us from the love of God!
- ☐ **POWER** – Because we can do all things through Christ who gives us strength!

There will be games, music, crafts, snacks, and stories that help kids see how God's presence in their lives changes everything. Whether it's your child's first VBS or their favorite part of summer, this is one adventure they won't want to miss! **BRING A FRIEND!** Let's make this summer a celebration of the unstoppable goodness of God!

Dinner served until 6:15 and we will get started in the sanctuary at 6:20. If you can, Let us know if you are coming and if you are bringing friends so we have an idea how to prepare. To do so contact Angie Wicklander – angiewicklander@gmail.com or 402-201-7817

Want to help out with the lesson? Come share the joy, love, and power of Christ with the next generation. Contact Meema (Caroline Rice) at 402-297-4263

Praise Team

Last year we gathered people interested in leading a contemporary pattern for worship while kids were off doing some hands on exploration of lessons from the Bible. The team led worship about three times after that and we are looking to get the team back together and maybe even expand it. Do you sing or play an instrument? Would you be interested in being part of the team? Of course our young people will have some songs to sing as well. If you have any questions call or text Katheryn at 402-708-5214.



Pool Party

We're going to close out the week with a pool party at Meema's house on Thursday. Same time, but the location is 18202 Nicholas Rd. Plattsmouth, NE 68048.

Youth and Family

Events for specific age groups

Middle & High School

Game Night

June 1, 4:30pm-6pm

Join your friends from church for games, pizza and other party food at the Pastor's house. (13503 South 22nd Street). We attend different schools but having people outside of school to help you grow your faith can be a huge asset. Just ask any of the people in the young adult group.



Young Adults

Post-High School

Top Golf – June 8, 7pm

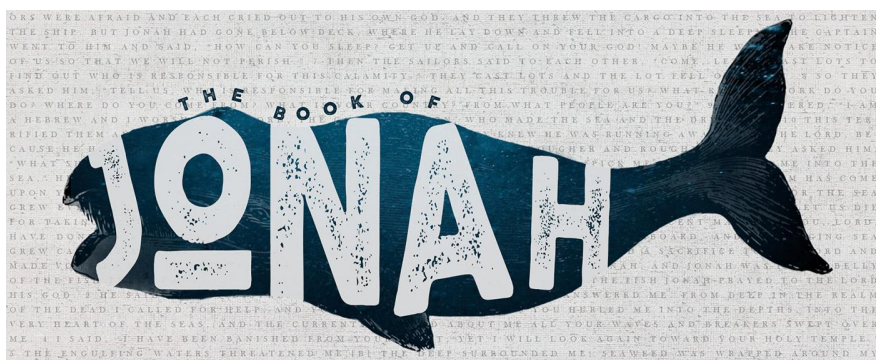
Start the summer with your friends from church at Top Golf! Only \$10. RSVP with Pastor Bryan 402-618-7847 by June 5!

Worship

Prayer of a Nation

July 6

A worship service for Independence Day weekend. Veterans and active duty service members will be recognized.



Gen Z Proclamation Series

July 13 – August 3

Our Gen Z Theology Club (*no, Pastor Bryan did not name this group*) will be walking us through the book of Jonah. Matt, Ender and Charlotte will be going deep into the text and will be bringing us the message during worship.

Jonah is a story that's far more than a tale about a big fish. It's about a big God—one who pursues the reluctant, extends grace to the undeserving, and invites us to see others through his eyes. Whether you're in a season of running, wrestling, or returning, this story is for you. Invite a friend and come ready to be challenged—and changed—by the radical grace of God.

Congregational Life *Events for the whole community*



Mid-Month Breakfast

Served
9:00am-10:30am

June 14 and July 12

Start your weekend off with a nice breakfast and conversation with some friends at church. There is always hot coffee and good conversation.



June 29 – Following Worship
**Caring and
Sharing Lunch**

Join us for a Fellowship Lunch at Don and Millie's after worship. We get a portion of the receipts to put toward the Capital Fund, so tell all your friends to go to Don and Millie's and say, "I'm with Christ the King!"

Mission and Service

School Kits for Lutheran World Relief

Again this year we will collect items for LWR School Kits in July. July is a good month as "back to school" sales usually begin in July. Instead of asking you to buy all of the items for a complete kit, starting June 30, there will be a tree in the entry that will have decorations listing the items for you to purchase. Each school kit must contain:

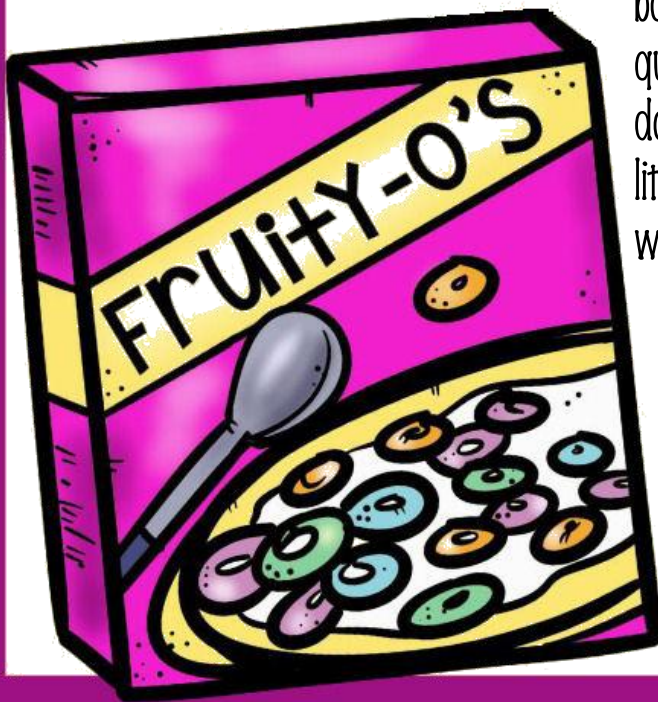
- ✓ Four 70-sheet notebooks of wide or college-ruled paper
- ✓ One 30-centimeter ruler, or a ruler with centimeters on one side and inches on the other
- ✓ One blunt scissors (safety scissors with embedded steel blades work well)
- ✓ Five black/blue ballpoint pens (no gel ink)
- ✓ Five unsharpened #2 pencils with erasers
- ✓ One box of 16 or 24 crayons
- ✓ One pencil sharpener
- ✓ One eraser



Our goal is to assemble 30 complete Lutheran World Relief school kits. We ask for you to bring your items to church no later than August 10. Our Sunday School children will be assembling the kits as part of Back to Church Sunday.



CEREAL BOX CHALLENGE



From now until August 10 we will be collecting cereal boxes for the food pantry at San Andreas. Cereal is a quick and easy breakfast for kids as they head out the door for school. On August 10, we are going to have a little fun and set up the boxes in a line and see how far we can make a chain reaction.



In a “domino effect”—one small action sets off a chain reaction, each piece knocking into the next.

It’s a powerful image of how a single moment can spark a cascade of consequences.

When you pick up a few extra boxes of cereal at the store and remember who they’re for
You might find that with every act of generosity, your heart opens a little wider... and so does your joy.

That’s what Jesus promised— that his joy would be in us, and that our joy would be complete.

That’s what it means to be a disciple... a follower of Jesus.

We participate in the mission to bring about the kingdom of God. So, start the chain reaction, set the first domino.

News and Information from the Office

Our Church Directory is Online!

View our church directory online or via the
FREE mobile app today.

Our church directory is a great resource tool that allows you to get to know our church family better! To view the directory online, go to members.instantchurchdirectory.com and follow the prompts under "Sign In" to "Create a login now." Please remember, you must confirm your email address before you can sign in. This is to make sure that only people in the directory have access to it.

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Please check your information. Summer is a great time to take a new picture and send me an updated one!

Taylor Compton, Office Assistant



25th Anniversary of Ordination

Dr. Bryan J. Rice, our pastor, mixes the usual with the unusual. At first glance he follows a traditional path. His military family put down roots in Nebraska and Bryan graduated from Bellevue West in 1988. Like many graduates he wanted to spread his wings and attend college away from home. He chose Augustana College in Sioux Falls SD to begin his college adventure. After his first year he decided to come back to Bellevue – maybe it was because his car got buried in snow on the street, but small-town Sioux Falls just wasn't for him. His brother was attending Creighton University and took Bryan to the admissions office to find out if he could transfer. He graduated in December 1992 with a BA in Art and a teaching certificate. Did you know French counts as a math credit? Ask him! See, the usual with the unusual.

Bryan's first teaching position was still close to home. Although he did his student teaching in Omaha at Belle Ryan and Benson high, he took his first fulltime position teaching high school art for Plattsmouth Public Schools. The highlight of the teaching years was marrying his high school sweetheart, Sheli in 1994.

With Sheli's encouragement, Bryan finally began to answer the call to ministry by entering seminary at Wartburg Theological Seminary in Dubuque, IA. But Bryan didn't pack up and move to Dubuque, he rented a crash pad with a couple of raccoons and opossums he fed through the back window near school and spent weekends and every day off back at home with Sheli. Many would consider this an unusual arrangement.

Finally, after 4 years of commuting, he was ordained at Christ Lutheran Church, Louisville, NE where his father Harold was pastor. He answered his first call as assistant pastor at Trinity Lutheran Church. It was at Trinity he began outreach with international Lutherans and refugees. In 2003 he and Sheli traveled with the Nebraska Synod to Tanzania leaving the twins at home with his parents. This was before smartphones and international cell phone plans, so what do you think was more stressful, international travel or two weeks away from the twins? He did enjoy the opportunity and picked up decorating ideas. Ask him about the paint scheme in the fellowship hall. Bryan worked with Sundanese refugees while at Trinity helping them with their religious services. Learning how to provide support within their culture and language. Unusual.

Bryan and Sheli were called to Christ the King in 2008. After getting settled as head Pastor and Katherine and Daniel in school, he decided to pursue his doctorate at Sioux Falls Seminary, completing his Doctor of Ministry in 2016. Doctor Bryan J. Rice. But with the usual, comes the unusual. He has coached archery and tennis teams at Cornerstone Christian School for the past 9 years, even after Daniel and Kathryn have long since graduated. He also coaches archery at Concordia Lutheran. He has been active with the Boy Scout troop that Christ the King sponsors for many years. He won awards for pottery and choreographed a dance presentation for the celebration of the 75th anniversary of Boy's Town. Besides being Pastor, Bryan is head of maintenance at Christ the King, Leads the youth programs and youth education, attends weekly bible study with adults. He leads the Christ the King support to San Andreas food pantry. In his limited spare time, he is beekeeper. Pastor Bryan has followed the usual path but shows how the unusual blends and improves the usual. Congratulations on your first 25 years as an ordained pastor!

**Come celebrate 25 years of ordained ministry
with Pastor Bryan on June 22nd.
Worship – 10am Lunch – 11:15**

June and July 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 9am Adult Study 10am Worship 11:15am Fellowship 4:30 pm Game Night at Pastor's House 13503 S. 22 nd St.	2 12pm Fitness Club 5:30pm T.O.P.S.	3	4	5 9am Metro East Cluster at CTK 12pm Fitness Club	6	7
8 9am Adult Study 10am Worship 11:15am Fellowship 7:00 pm CTKYA Top Golf	9 12pm Fitness Club 5:30pm T.O.P.S. VBS 6-7:30pm	10 VBS 6-7:30pm	11 VBS 6-7:30pm	12 12pm Fitness Club VBS 6-7:30pm @ Meema's 18202 Nicholas Rd Plattsmouth NE 68048	13	14 9am Mid-Month Breakfast
15 Father's Day 9am Adult Study 10am Worship 11:15am Fellowship	16 12pm Fitness Club 5:30pm T.O.P.S.	17 11:30am WELCA	18	19 12pm Fitness Club	20	21
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