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THE NEWSLETTER OF
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FROM THE PASTOR

Gal. 3:28 There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is no male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus.

One in Christ. If Paul were writing this letter to us today, would he use these same terms. I don't think so but would use terms more appropriate for today. What he is saying is, it doesn't make any difference if you have a darker or lighter skin color or have a different religion or consider yourself one of many so called genders, there is no difference, we all are one in Christ Jesus.

It seems there is an effort though in today's world to seek to try to pit one person against another based on some arbitrary set of guides. It may be skin shade, gender variant, income, religion and the list goes on and on.

There are some new terms that have come to the fore lately too. Have you all heard these terms? Social Justice, Critical Race Theory, White Privilege or Gender fluidity?

You may wonder if these have anything to do with the church and your faith. Would you like to find out how they may affect you and the church?

I will be starting a new Bible Study on Sunday morning beginning May 12th, next week. It will be a study that Pastor Paul Dare of Zion Lutheran Church in Alexandria Minnesota presented last fall. Being just up the interstate from Minneapolis, I imagine many people were affected by these issues a little earlier than we are or will be down here in Southern New Mexico.

There will be a video along with a study guide where you will fill in blanks as the video goes along. It looks to be interesting and informative and give us a heads up as to what we should look for and how we should address things coming in our lives. We need information to deal with these issues. I hope this study will help us, so that we will be prepared to give a reason for the hope we have in Christ so that we can do it with gentleness and respect. 1Peter 3:15

Look forward to seeing you on Sunday mornings.
Pastor Heithold

ELDERS MESSAGE

Looking for Loopholes

I found an old VHS tape starring W. C. Fields in one of his funniest roles as a bank security guard. Fields was a comedian from the 1930s -1940s era. He was known far and wide for his bawdy, gin soaked persona and as an avowed atheist. His lifestyle caught up with him and in 1946 he was dying. A friend visited him in the sanitarium and found him perusing a Bible. Shocked to find Fields reading the Bible, he asked "What are you doing? Fields replied "Looking for loopholes."

This particular anecdote has been used by clergymen on numerous occasions to correctly intone::

THERE ARE NO LOOPHOLES TO LIVE AN ETERNAL LIFE WITH JESUS CHRIST. IT IS A FREE LOVE OFFERING FROM GOD. John 14:6

Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me."
PRAY!!!!

Jim Wilkes, Head Elder

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Members present: Bob Klose, Sandy Klose, Dick Dommers, Jim Wilkes, Cindi Anderson, Robert Anderson, Pastor Heithold, Cheyl Sandenaw

Members absent: Allen Burmeister, Robyn Luevano, Glen Schlehuser, Matt Clark, Vicki Leonard, Jesse Elkjer

Call to order: 7:02

Bible Study: "Reason to Be"

Minutes: Approved with one change

Vice President: I currently have 15 volunteers to be ushers. We have three of four Sundays with a full team of four ushers and a team of three for the second Sunday, The youth and volunteers will man fifth Sundays, as in the past.

Elders: The elders met on April 8, 2021. Pastor reported that Susan Rentschler and Robyn Haymes were both home and recovering. The minutes for the Feb. 11th meeting were approved. There was not a meeting in March. Unfinished Business: Elder training –Elder at work, two videos viewed; Review of attendance lists-Ongoing Pastor suggested looking at the mailboxes if full then member not attending; Contact members on your lists via telephone, text or email- ongoing. New Business: Erica Clark needs to be added to the elder list for the Clark family; Henry Uttke needs to be added to Elder 1 list; Thermostat settings- Decrease/increase temp setting walk away.

Adjourn: 1930. Closed with the Lord's Prayer

Financial Secretary: Total Income for March.: \$ 15,879.00; General Fund: \$ 14,473.00; Special Funds: \$1,406.00.

Treasurer: General Fund income as of March 31, 2021 was \$14,517.00 (envelopes & loose plate); expenses were \$\$14,701.20; Profit Loss (\$184.20.)

Evangelism: The Evangelism Committee met Monday, April 12th @ 5:30pm. During the meeting it was decided that we will update the spinner rack and begin offering a Tract of the Month again. Further, it was decided that we should also put together & distribute a monthly prayer calendar. We agreed that if the BOD votes to have a potluck supper & movie after church on the 25th, we will sponsor it. Cheryl has not yet contacted Matt Anderson about the website, so that project is on hold. Other ideas discussed were: finding a way to reach out more to the people in our congregation, National Day of Prayer, and having a contemporary service once a month. We are also trying to come up with ideas to reach out more within our community. These will require some research and we will have more information at a latter date.

Trustee: Ben and Erika Clark have agreed to perform the custodial duties on a per job basis until the board meeting. This is meant to be an opportunity to discover the actual time required to perform all the tasks in the job description, get the church cleaned until a decision is reached, and provide the time for all applications to be submitted and reviewed. This does not indicate a choice for the position and Ben and Erika are aware of this. I will be submitting several requests at the board meeting.

Education: Kelly and Lewis Thomas have gone on their summer trips. Cindi Anderson has offered to take their grandkids to Sunday School. We're looking for a few more people to give rides.

Stewardship: We currently have a total of \$771.05 in memorial funds from: Rev. Stewart, Erma Tenopir, Lorraine Jorgenson, Shirley McCastle. The sound system is paid in full. There is a balance of \$676.00 remaining in Dr. Oscar Marquardt's memorial fund from his family. It well be determined at a later date how that money will be used. I am unaware of the status of purchasing a nativity set for the church lawn.

Ongoing Business: We don't know what's causing the slow upload speed with our livestream. It might be that the computer in the closet is overheating. It also may be that too many people are using the church WIFI. We're going to try and get the church goers to stop using their tablets this next Sunday. We also need to train some more people on how to use the sound system. Looking into purchasing a nativity set

Unfinished Business: Donation Electronic Deposit Instructions: No info yet; Memorial/Restricted Funds Status: See Stewardship Report; Custodian Replacement: No one yet. We're going to go with Ben and Erica for now; Name Tags for Church Members: We'll poll the congregation Sunday morning to see if they want to wear nametags; "Here I Stand" Sunday-Schedule Luther Film? It's a bit late to schedule a film for this Sunday. We're going to reschedule it for April 25th. A motion was made by Jim Wilkes, Cindi seconded, it passed. We could put part of the "here I stand" speech that Martin Luther gave in the bulletin. We could then put full copies of the speech on the table as well. Weekly vs. Monthly Envelopes: Tabled cause Viki isn't here.

New Business: Bob Klose moves that we approach Garrett Anderson about becoming our Summer intern. Jim Wilkes seconded. The motion carries. We don't have an Africa Fund. It was a free will offering for Pastor Cramm. We'll approach the congregation when we know more about this.

Correspondence: District Audit Letter – Trinity to confirm FYE 2021 donations to district. Tabled for now. Robyn just needs to verify the information. She may have already taken care of this, if she hasn't it's pretty easy to do.

Meeting adjourned: 8:00 PM with the Lord's Prayer

VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

I want to start by saying thank you to the folks who volunteered for usher duty. There are a multitude of tasks that need to be accomplished to make our worship services, church building and grounds, and administration function smoothly. It takes a lot of willing people to make it all work. Thankfully, the members of Trinity are willing to step up and volunteer to do these jobs. However, we do need more help. Vicki Leonard has asked for more people to step up and become tellers. As Vicki has said the more tellers, we have the fewer times each must do the job. We are also asking for volunteers to learn how to operate the sound system and video camera. The goal is to have enough trained personnel to do a monthly rotation once every three or four months. Please let me or Cindi or Matt Anderson know if you are willing to do this work (we will ask Judah Webb, the installer of the equipment to come back and give us more in-depth training).

Bob Klose

STEWARDSHIP

Happy Mother's Day! May is the month we honor mothers.

In Isaiah 66:13 God says, "As a mother comforts her child, so will I comfort you..." I am sure we all hold special memories of our mother. For many of us, our mother is with our Lord, but we are still drawn to those special memories. Perhaps we still yearn to be comforted as only a mother can do.

Proverbs 1:8 "Listen, my son, to your father's instruction and do not forsake your mother's teaching. As a mother we seek to teach our children compassion, forgiveness, and love for one another. The best way I know of to teach these virtues is by teaching children about the source of all these virtues, Our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Sunday School for all children ages 5 and up is happening here at Trinity every Sunday morning from 9 to 10 AM. If you need a ride for you child, you can call Cindi Anderson at 575 921 6932 to make arrangements.

So, during this month of May, allow yourself to be comforted by the Source of all comfort, JESUS! Also, take time out to honor a special mother you know in some very special way.

As I was searching the Scriptures for this article, I came across a prayer that really caught my attention. It is a prayer by Agur found in Proverbs 30:7-9.

“Two things I ask of you, O Lord; do not refuse me before I die; Keep falsehood and lies far from me; give me neither poverty nor riches but give me only my daily bread. Otherwise, I may have too much and disown you and say, “Who is the Lord?” Or I may become poor and steal, and so dishonor the name of my God.”

I pray God’s blessings on each of you as you seek to serve Him!

Sandy Klose, Stewardship Chairperson

EVANGELISM

Greetings All!

On Thursday May 6th we would like for our church to participate in 24 hours of prayer. We would like everyone to sign up for at least one 1-hour time slot. The 24 hours would begin at 12 a.m. on the 6th. You can do your hour of prayer either at the church or in your home, the choice is yours. Pastor said he would supply a list of things we can pray for. Please sign up for the time you would like. The sign-up sheet is on a bulletin board in the narthex.

I am pleased to announce the Evangelism Committee is resurrecting the Tract of the Month. The tract for this month is “**Live the Six: Learning to Live as an Everyday Missionary.**” In this tract, the author “shares practical, down-to-earth strategies for taking the Gospel to the streets, sharing it with all those *exotic* people we meet – like our neighbors, our friends, maybe even somebody at our church.” I know that there are probably a few people reading this newsletter that are shy about sharing the good news. If that description fits you, or if you can use a refresher course, then read this tract, perhaps it will help you be less shy in reaching out to share with others.

Pastor Cramm’s Monday Bible Study has finished Matthew. We are going to spend some time studying Psalm 22. We hope that perhaps you might consider joining us. The study meets on Mondays at 7pm.

The next Evangelism meeting will be Tuesday May 11th at 5:30pm. Anyone is welcome to attend!

In closing I would like to quote Matthew 5:14-16 (NIV). “¹⁴You are the light of the world. A city on a hill cannot be hidden. ¹⁵Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. ¹⁶In the same way, let your light shine before men, that they may see your good deeds and praise your Father in heaven.”

Yours in Christ,

Cheryl Sandenaw, Evangelism Chairman

LWML

Reflecting the Immense Love of God

The earth was without form and void, and darkness was over the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters (Genesis 1:2).

Have you ever looked at your reflection in a pool of water? Imagine seeing the Spirit of God reflected there! God’s Spirit created faith in your heart at Baptism, and you now reflect God to the world. Water is vital to maintain life — without water we all would die. Without faith our soul will perish.

God wants us to help spread the Good News of Jesus throughout the world so all people can be in His family. LWML mission grants we support with our mites and prayers help bring souls to Christ. May we always reflect the immense love of God as we strive to live for Him!

EVENTS

At our Spring Workshop in March - Fellowship, Bible Study, & Potluck – Election for VP & Secretary was held. Bev Van Dyn and Hannah Keeler will CO-VP, and volunteers will be Secretary. Cyndi H. conducted a very meaningful bible study for us. Thank you to all of you who attended & contributed to this day.

Mite Challenge - The LWML Rocky Mountain District Board of Directors met on February 6, 2021 via Zoom. Attendees participated in a mite challenge and raised \$287.23 in mite offerings during the virtual meeting. Those present were asked to put change in their mite boxes whenever they heard the words purple, LWML, Lexington, and you're muted. Please continue to support LWML Mission Mites thru the summer, we are only half way in our goal to supporting the RMD mission grants and helping others.

39th Biennial Convention of the Lutheran Women's Missionary League –

The 2021 LWML National Convention is on the horizon and the energy being generated to joyfully celebrate with our national LWML Sisters in Christ is already being felt. In case you have been out of the loop due to COVID-19 and haven't yet heard, the is at hand: The location: **Lexington, Kentucky; the date: June 24th-27th, 2021**; the theme: **Running the Race...Looking to Jesus; the Scripture verse: Hebrews 12: 1-2**. The Convention Goal Statement is "Looking to Jesus, we run the race set before us and proclaim the joy of the Lord." Joy indeed! For all of us who are blessed to be attending the Convention, the Objectives for the four days will be to focus on Jesus through God's Word and Sacrament, to joyfully celebrate our salvation with song and prayer, and to serve our neighbors through witness and **I'm so excited** I can hardly stand it. As the time for Convention gets closer, it gets worse. I love LWML Conventions, but this year I look forward to it more than before. It might be because our Convention last summer was canceled, and I miss seeing everyone in person. It might be because my MS cousin is going to attend with me, and I get to watch the wonder and fun of Convention through her eyes. It might be just because I love having time to worship with my LWML sisters, & several of my Trinity sisters will be going!!!

NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER

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YOU ARE INVITED

for a Reception to honor our 2021 High School graduates **Rebekah Clark & Trey Johnson** and our College Graduate, **Garrett Anderson** following the worship service on Sunday, May 23rd.

LONG-TERM PRAYERS

Eric Bell, Michael Burger, Red Chesbro, Carol Collins, Mike Debaar, Paul Douglas, Ashton Flaco, Christopher Douglas, Emma Heithold, **Kristi & John Humphrey**, **Connie Johnson**, Pastor Krohn, Ty Landt, Eva Luevano, Betsy Miller, Pastor Shelby Moon, Emiclio Mutis, Cindy Oberling, MaryPalomos, Margaret Romero, Carol Schultz, Jessie Sharette, Robert Spain, Austin Tice, Marlea Turnbull, Rhihann Williams

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Thou to the mercy-seat our souls dost gather,
To do our duty unto Thee---OUR FATHER,
To whom all praise, all honor should be given;
The great almighty GOD WHO ART IN HEAVEN.
Thou by Thy wisdom, rul'st the world's whole frame;
Forever, therefore.....HALLOWED BE THY NAME;
Let nevermore delay divide us from
Thy glorious grace, but let.....THY KINGDOM COME;
Let Thy commandments be opposed by none;
But Thy good pleasure and THY WILL BE DONE,
And let our promptness to obey be even
The very same ON EARTH AS IT IS IN HEAVEN;
For everything of Body, heart, and soul we pray,
If so it please Thee, Lord GIVE US THIS DAY,
The food of life, wherewith our souls are fed,
Sufficient raiment and.....OUR DAILY BREAD,
With every needful thing to do Thou relieve us,
And of Thy mercy, pity.....AND FORGIVE US
All our misdeeds for Him whom Thou did'st please
To make an offering for.....OUR TRESPASSES,

And foreasmuch, O Lord, as we believe
That Thou will pardon us.....AS WE FORGIVE,
Let that love teach, wherewith Thou dost acquaint us,
To pardon all THOSE WHO TRESPASS AGAINST US.
And though sometimes Thou findest we forgot
This love for Thee, yet help AND LEAD US NOT
Through soul's or body's want to desperation,
Nor let earth's gain drive us INTO TEMPTATION.
Let not the soul of any true believer
Fail in the time of trial.....BUT DELIVER,
Yea, save them from the malice of the devil,
And both in life and death keep US FROM EVIL.
Thus pray we, Lord, for that of Thee, from whom
This may be had.....FOR THINE IS THE KINGDOM.
This world is of Thy work, it wondrous story
To Thee belongs....THE POWER AND THE GLORY,
And all Thy wondrous works have ended never,
But will remain FOREVER AND EVER.
Thus we poor creatures would confess again,
And thus would say eternally AMEN.

NOTE; The above composition is a trophy of the Civil War. It was printed on heavy satin, July 4, 1823, and was picked up by A.P. Green of Auburn, Ind., at Corinth Miss., the morning the rebel forces evacuated it, May 30, 1862. It was sent in by Mrs. Ralph P. Nightingale of Auburn, Ill., who found it in a scrapbook made by her husband's grandfather.

This Day Magazine, May 1952

ARE WE GETTING READY?

The Window by Herman W. Gockel, *This Day Magazine*, May 1959

Little Margie came home from Sunday school and said to her mother: "Mama, teacher told us today that God puts people into the world so that they can get ready for heaven."

Almost without thinking the mother replied as she tested the roast in the oven "Yes dear, that is right."

Wrinkling her little forehead into a thoughtful frown, Margie hesitated a moment and then asked in all seriousness: "Then why don't we see anybody getting ready?"

A childlike question! And yet, in a very real sense, how true! "If God puts people into this world so that they can get ready for heaven, then why don't we see anybody getting ready?"

In the hurry and hubbub of our busy world people have become so preoccupied with the affairs of the day, with the pressing problems of this world, that many of them have forgotten all about "getting ready" for the *next* world.

And yet the psalmist tells us: "Thou carriest them away as with a flood...they are like grass...In the morning it flourished and groweth up; in the evening it is cut down and withereth."

Flowers are here today and gone tomorrow. Surely, we have every reason to continue with the psalmist and pray: "So teach us to number our days, that we may apply our hearts to wisdom." Psalm 90.

In other words, teach us to “get ready.” Teach us to regard this life only as a period of preparation for a greater and much more wonderful life which is still to come – the life with Thee and all of Thy redeemed in heaven. And teach us to employ our days, our years, so that they might stretch out in the sure direction of our heavenly home.

Are we doing that? Are we really “getting ready”? Do we daily confess our sins to God, our Father, and pray Him in Jesus’ name to forgive us? Have we rested our entire case, for time and for eternity, in the hands of Jesus, who is mightily able to save to the uttermost them that come to God by Him?

Then, in the words of little Margie, we are ready.

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR MEMBERS

HAPPY MOTHER’S

To all the mothers in our congregation!

“I remember my mother’s prayers, and they have always followed me. They have clung to me all my life,”

---Abraham Lincoln

Jill Clark was named as Alamo West State EMT-B of the Year for 2020.! Jill was selected from applicants all over New Mexico. Thank you Jill for your service to the Otero County community!

Ben Clark was recently sworn in as a City of Alamogordo, NM firefighter! Congratulations Ben!

Our High School graduates for 2021 are **Trey Johnson** and **Rebekah Clark**. Congratulations to these two individuals and best wishes in the future.

Garrett Anderson will graduate from NMSU on May 16th with a Ba degree in Music Performance with emphasis in Trombone. He graduates as a Crimsom Scholar. Garrett plans to attend Concordia University in Chicago next summer for a MA in Music with emphasis in the organ. In the mean time he will continue his work on his shgarrett videos and getting lots of practice on the organ for his audition for Concordia University, Chicago.

MAY 2021 STEWARDS FOR CHRIST

ELDERS

May 2 Matt Clark
May 9 Jesse Elkjer
May 16 Jim Wilkes
May 23 Jim Wilkes
May 30 Matt Clark

ACOLYTES

May 2 Reilly Quinn
May 9 Madie Sanchez
May 16 Zac Sanchez
May 23 Ryan Sebring
May 30 Reilly Quinn

READERS

May 2 Cheryl Sandenaw
May 9 Larry & Beverly Van Duyn
May 16 Matt Anderson/Ruth Wilkes
May 23 Susan Kelly/Gerald Moore
May 30 Youth

MAY FLOWERS

May 2 Bob & Sandy Klose
May 9 Dick & Cheryl Richey
May 16 Jim & Ruth Wilked
May 23 Ray & Sandy Krueger
Tom & Darlene Gilmore
May 30 Vicki Leonard

HOSTS

May 2 George & Marianne Schweers
May 9 Nora & Rick Sotak
May 16 Bob & Jan Thede
May 23 Becky & Margaret Worley
May 30 Youth

OUR MEMORY OF THE FALLEN

Your silent tents of green
We deck with fragrant flowers;
Yours has the suffering been,
The memory shall be ours.

---Henry Wadsworth Longfellow

USHERS

May 2 Tom Blackmon, Jim Fladhammer
Beverly & Larry Van Duyn
May 9 Matt Anderson, Marvin Bunker
Jesse Elkjer, Susan Kelly
May 16 Robert Johnson, Trey Johnson,
Ray Krueger, Bob Thede
May 23 Bob Klose, Sandy Klose
Gerald Moore, David Teller
May 30 Youth

TELLERS

May 2 Sandy Klose & Susan Kelly
May 9 Bob Klose & Joyce Macon
May 16 Yvonne Steeby & Becky Worley
May 23 Shirley Enyeart & Patty Quinn
May 30 Megan Bowman & Dick Dommers

MAY ALTAR COMMITTEE

Belinda Burmeister
Cheryl Richey

MAY ATTENDANCE

Shirley Enyeart



CHILDREN'S COLORING PAGE

