



THE TRINITARIAN



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FROM THE PASTOR

Titus 3:1 Remind them to be submissive to rulers and authorities, to be obedient, to be ready for every good work,

This week, if you haven't voted yet, you will probably need to get in line to vote. You will be voting on those who will rule or have authority in one way or another over your life. Have you considered those you are voting for and what they have in mind for your life?

We live in a nation where people choose those who are to be in positions of authority so we as citizens who have been given the right to vote, should look at those who are on the ballot and find out about how they will use that authority.

Peter writes: 1Pet. 2:13-14 Be subject for the Lord's sake to every human institution, whether it be to the emperor as supreme, or to governors as sent by Him to punish those who do evil and to praise those who do good.

With the Chinese virus and how leaders have handled it, we wonder if all that is decreed has been for our good. I have been guilty of not taking everything that is said and decreed as what I think I need to do. Yes, much of that has to do with the freedom we are to have in this nation and to the information out there that really can't settle on what is good and beneficial for those governed.

Why not wear a mask? Does it do any good? There is information that it does and other information by just as knowledgeable authorities that it does no good. I may be wrong in my lack of submission to this but always in the back of my mind is if we are going to be ruled by fear then who are we trusting in?

Is it fear on my part that this might be the first step toward those who are in authority are just using this to turn us into a herd? Are we being driven toward a life contrary to what He put in place through those He had to set up the governance of this nation?

Will I begin to wear a mask more? Yes, I think I will even if it does no good. I believe as a citizen with the freedoms given us by the laws of this nation and the authority there of, I have a choice. If it might possibly help, I can do those things all the while paying attention to the rights I have as a citizen of this nation but also being ever vigilant that I am not being led to go against God's Word.

If you haven't voted yet, get out and vote Tuesday. To not vote when you have that privilege is not supportive of what God would have you do, especially in this nation that He has established with its laws and authority. He is still in authority no matter how this election turns out.

Pastor

ELDERS MESSAGE
BALL OF CONFUSION

To paraphrase the lyrics of the 1970 song written by Norman Whitfield and Barrett Strong for Motown records, sung by the Temptations:

That's what the world is today.

People moving out ,people movin in, why because of the color of their skin.

Run,run,run, but you sho' can't hide.

An eye for an eye, a tooth for a tooth, vote for me and I'll set you free.

Well the only person talkin' bout love thy brother is the preacher.

The sale of pills is at an all time high, young people walkin' round with their heads in the sky.

Cities aflame in the summer time, eve of destruction, tax deduction ,evolution, revolution, gun control, the sound of soul.

Politicians say more taxes will solve everything, and the band played on.

Round and round we go, where the world is headed nobody knows.

Great googa mooga, can't you hear me talkin' to you.

Fear in the air, tension ev'rywhere, unemployment rising fast, the Beatle's new record a gas, and the only safe place to be is on an Indian reservation.

Eve of destruction, tax deduction, population out of hand, suicide, too many bills, hippies movin' to the hills.

Ball of confusion, that's what the world is today.

To cite some other sayings:

History repeats itself.

The more things change, the more they stay the same.

This song is prophetic and pathetic at the same time.

The last fifty years haven't changed us very much, have they?

The only constant in this whole" Ball of Confusion" is **God's love for all his people.**

God's LOVE for us is the only reason we are still able to deal with the 'World' and all of its travails.

God's plans for the world are known only to him, just as the Day of Judgement is known ONLY TO HIM.

Our only recourse is to repent, ask for forgiveness, believe in HIS SON, JESUS CHRIST, **WHO DIED FOR ALL OF OUR SINS.**

James R. Wilkes, Elder

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The Board of Directors met on October 15th.

Jim Wilkes, Head Elder, reported that the elders met October 8th. Elder training – Accountability within the church, with elder visits and written contacts. Glen suggested that elders contact their members via telephone during this covid19 situation. Talking to members is much more personal than letters. Visits are not going to happen due to covid19. Elder budget proposal for 2021 will be finalized once we get input from education committee about intern pay.

Vicki Leonard, Financial Secretary, reported total income for September was \$13,454.00 of which \$12,555.00 went to the general fund and \$899.00 went to special funds.

Cheryl Sandenaw, Treasurer, reported the following: General Fund income for September 2020 was \$12,555.00 (Envelopes + Loose Plate); expenses were (\$13,890.52) giving net loss of (\$1,335.52). Our year-to-date financial status: General Fund Income: \$144,058.28 (envelopes and loose plate); Expenses: (\$153,608.03) expenses exceeded income by (\$9,549.75).

Allen Burmeister, Trustee Chair reported the following actions: The faucet in the Youth room was repaired; the trustees recommend removing the sink and cabinet due to water damage. George Haynes trimmed the bushes on the south side of the church, looks great. Thanks George. A fire extinguisher inspection was completed; two issues were noted, the kitchen fire suppression system needs to be inspected and escape route maps need to be posted. An issue with ants at the front of the church was dealt with. We learned that our pest control contractor was no longer in business. Dewitt Pest Control has been contracted. If anyone notices needed repairs, please let Allen know.

Sandy Klose, Stewardship chair, reported: As of October 13th, Vicki Leonard informed me that there is \$2545.00 in the Marquardt Memorial fund. Adding the \$500.00 from Suse Lehmann's memorial funds gives us a total of \$3,045.00. Bob Klose informed me that the committee investigating the sound system replacement received two bids one from FIRM STEP SOLUTIONS and two from HB Pro Sound. They then met with representatives from each of these companies to discuss their proposals. They are currently awaiting revised proposals.

Unfinished Business:

1. After much discussion, a proposed budget for 2021 was approved. It will be presented for congregation approval at the meeting on November 8th. (Closed)
2. The BOD approved the ballot for the BOD officers to be elected at the congregation meeting. (Closed)

3. Bob Klose reported that the committee met with representatives from both companies who submitted proposals for the sound/media system. A tentative selection has been made pending receipt of a revised invoice. (Open)
4. The board passed a motion, made by Sandy Klose, and seconded by Cindi Anderson to give Pastor Heithold, Jan Thede, Lee Wood, Cyndi Heithold, Cheryl Sandenaw and Ester Ortiz cash Christmas bonuses the same as last year. (Closed)
5. The weathered church sign west of town has been removed. (Closed)

New Business:

1. Matt Clark made a motion, seconded by Jim Wilkes, to appoint Robyn Luevano as Treasurer effective January 1, 2021. Motion passed. (Closed) There was discussion concerning safety precautions relating to the COVID 19 pandemic. It was decided to put signs encouraging members to wear masks.
2. Glenn Schlehuser suggested that at least one usher be present to assist people who might need help finding seating. Matt Anderson agreed to work the issue. (Closed)

Correspondence:

1. A letter from LCMS regarding donations to their Student Assistance Fund and/or Joint Seminary Fund was discussed. The BOD decided not to support this request. (Closed)
2. Bob Klose informed the board of a letter received from LCMS Rocky Mountain District (RMD) asking that a free-will offering be taken on Reformation Sunday, October 25th. Jim Wilkes will see that this is accomplished. (Open)
3. Bob Klose reported on email traffic from Lindsey Schultz of Verkada Inc. wanting us to purchase a security camera system. The request was denied. (Closed)

Bob Klose, President

STEWARDSHIP

Dear Friends at Trinity,

“Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.” 1Thessalonians 5:16-18.

It is so hard to believe it is already November and plans for Thanksgiving are already being made.

We have so much to be thankful for. God in His infinite mercy and love gives us everything we have. We are to be good stewards of His gifts. In 2Corinthians 9:7 God shares how we should give back to Him. “Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.”

If you have read the treasurer’s report, you will notice we are almost \$10,000 short in our giving to meet our expenses. I fully understand that many are not coming to the church services due to health issues and concerns. However, the church still must pay bills and keep up the facility. If you would like to give back to God for all He has given to you; you can mail your check to:

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Or you can drop it into the mailbox (it is secure).

I am just asking you to prayerfully consider how you can help your church meet its expenses.

May God continue to bless each of you during this difficult and challenging time.,

God’s blessings this Thanksgiving season,
Sandy Klose, Stewardship Chairperson

LWML

Connected.... In the words of Jesus found in John 15:5 - I am the vine, you are the branches. Paul also tells of our connectedness in Romans 12:4...So we, though many, are one body in Christ. Being connected in Christ, as the grapes are connected to the vine, has been a challenge for many at this time. Ecclesiastes 3:1 tells us that there is a time for everything. To everything there is a season, and a time to every purpose under heaven. The scripture goes on to list times to be born, die, plant, harvest. In this vein, we tell people that things happen “in God’s time” and not ours. I know for me this has become almost cliché. But here we are, waiting...Waiting to be allowed to go back to school, waiting to go to the store without masks, waiting to be told we’re safe from this virus. When Paul was in prison, he didn’t get impatient, he learned to be content. He knew he was in God’s hands, and the situation would be resolved in God’s time.

As LWML Sisters we are together in faith, ministry, and prayer. At this time in our world, we are so blessed to be able to take all our thoughts, wishes, hopes, problems, thanks, worries, and frustrations to our God in prayer. As sisters in Christ, we can also liftup everything to God through our LWML Rocky Mountain District Prayer Circle. A quick email with any prayer request can be sent to prayers@lwmlrmd.org. Additionally, if you would like to add your email address to the prayer circle group, please also send it to prayers@lwmlrmd.org.

LWML Sunday – *THANK Everyone for their support in purchasing Muffins for Mites Bake Sale. We will be able to send \$350 to Mission work. Thank you ladies for your outstanding contributions of baked items.*

FALL RALLY – *we were blessed with approximately 30 ladies (ten of which were from Trinity) from our zone who attended by zoom and hosted by RMD President Debbie Yockie, & Zone President, Belinda Burmiester. Pastor Cramm presented a Bible Study on Matthew 25, and highlighted some meaningful revelations to us. Belinda Burmiester, Trinity, was elected Zone President, and Karen Davis from El Paso, Treasurer. Nora Sotak will serve 1 year as VP. Those that were Unable to attend either in person or by zoom really missed out on our LWML commitment to each other and our mission work. We enjoyed a DELICIOUS PotLuck prepared by the ladies, and wonderful fellowship time.*

UPCOMING EVENTS

Nov. 14 – Our next gathering at 10a.m. at Trinity. We will have devotion time, and be planning Thanksgiving Baskets. **PLEASE!!** let Pastor or a LWML Board member know of any families in need that we can assist.

Nov 16 – LWML RMD “Eager Conversation Worship” presented by Lutheran Hour Ministry at 6:30p and again on Nov 21st at 9:30a. This will be an hour of “virtual” Worship. Please register on line lwmlrmd.org by Nov. 9th. More info on website.

DISTRICT MISSION GRANTS 2020-2022

#3 God Cares About You – “Children’s Weekend Food Bag Ministry” - Grant amount: \$8,000

In one of the most crime-ridden and poorest neighborhoods in Albuquerque, NM, several Lutheran churches have begun the God Cares About You Mission, which serves to provide children and their parents with clothes, school supplies, food, meals, a back to work program, Bible studies, worship services and counseling. The Mission is a safe space in a violent neighborhood for parents and children to gather. Ten (10) to thirty (30) children come from the neighborhood each week for Sunday School and VBS time together with Jesus. A new “Children’s Weekend Food Bag Ministry” would provide meals to these children who do not have reliable food sources for the weekend.

#4 - Mercy Meals of Colorado Springs - Grant amount: \$5,000

Volunteers from Immanuel Lutheran Church, Colorado Springs and surrounding churches gather to assemble Mercy Meal bags that are shipped internationally by Orphan Grain Train to places like the war-torn Republic of Georgia. Each bag contains rice, soy, dried vegetables and nutrient-rich vegetable base powder. They package an average of 360 meal bags a week, with a cost of 13 cents per bag, and have at least 15 volunteers at work sessions. The Christian organizations that receive and distribute these Mercy Meals present the Gospel to those receiving the meals, providing the spiritual food that endures to eternal life. This grant would provide supplies for two shipments of Mercy Meals.

NATIONAL MISSION GRANTS 2019-2021

National Mission #16 - Preparing Leaders for Tomorrow-LCMS School Ministries - \$8,000

It is critical that we identify and recruit Lutheran School administrators to provide leadership for schools where teachers integrate theology in their teaching, model the Christian life, apply Law and Gospel to disciple students and assist them in their faith development to attain the fullness of the promise of life in Christ. These grant funds will provide training to equip 30 qualified candidates for placement as administrators in LCMS schools who will directly impact thousands of students, helping them grow as disciples of Christ. Currently only 28% of the educators serving in our schools are LCMS Rostered-Active members. Educators who are Non-Rostered and contracted, reflect the majority of the educators currently serving in Lutheran schools at 51%.

Yvonne Steeby, Trinity LWML President

Any questions? Contact Yvonne, Bev, Hannah, Christine, Belinda, or Cyndi H. *LWML On The Go*, is available through your podcast provider, at lwml.org, and on the LWML App.

THANKSGIVING FOOD BASKETS

October / November Mission Project is to fill food baskets for those in Need. The following is a fun easy way to fulfill (of Course, you can always do it YOUR Way!) the project:

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| Week 1 | 30-Oct | Box of Cereal |
| | 31-Oct | Jar of Peanut Butter |
| | 1-Nov | Stuffing Mix |
| | 2-Nov | Box Potatoes |
| | 3-Nov | Macaroni & Cheese |
| Week 2 | 4-Nov | Can of Fruit |
| | 5-Nov | Cake Mix/Icing |
| | 6-Nov | Jar of Applesauce |
| | 7-Nov | Can of Sweet Potatoes |
| | 8-Nov | Can of Tomatoes |
| | 9-Nov | Can of Tuna |
| | 10-Nov | Can of Cranberries |
| Week 3 | 11-Nov | Pkg of Beans |
| | 12-Nov | Box of Crackers |
| | 13-Nov | Bag of Rice |
| | 14-Nov | Pkg of Pasta |
| | 15-Nov | Spaghetti Sauce |
| | 16-Nov | Chicken Noodle Soup |
| | 17-Nov | Tomato Soup |
| | 18-Nov | Can of Corn |
| | 19-Nov | Can of Mixed Vegetables |
| Week 4 | 20-Nov | Can of Green Beans |
| | 21-Nov | Box of Pancake Mix |
| | 22-Nov | Can of Pie Filling (or) |
| | \$\$\$\$ | Towards a Turkey |

THANK YOU

HYMN OF THE MONTH
“CHILDREN OF THE HEAVENLY FATHER”

Behold what manner of love the Father has bestowed on us, that we should be called children of God! 1 John 3:1 (NKJV)

This Scandinavian hymn was penned by Carolina (Lina) Sandell-Berg, the “Fannie Crosby of Sweden.” She was born in a parsonage in Froderyd, Sweden, on October 3, 1832, into a home full of music and literature. Lina (pronounced Lie-nah) was a “daddy’s girl” in childhood, for her frail health often kept her indoors, in his study, when other children were outside playing.

When she was twelve, she fell ill and was paralyzed. Eventually Lina regained her health, and out of the experience came her first book of poems, published when she was a teenager. But another tragedy awaited her.

When she was twenty-six, she and her dad were traveling by boat outside the harbor of Goteborg when he fell overboard and drowned. Out of this experience came a flood of poems and hymns, including her classic, “Day by Day, with Each Passing Moment.”

Some hymn histories claim that “Children of the Heavenly Father” was one of the hymns written in response to her father’s death; but it was first published in 1855, three years before this tragedy. This has prompted other historians to claim it was one of the poems she wrote as a teenager. All we know is that “Children of the Heavenly Father” first appeared in Lina’s book, *Andeliga Dagg-Dropper* in 1855, when she was twenty-three.

The simple, lilting tune to “Children of Our Heavenly Father” is a Swedish folk melody called “*Tryggare Kan Ingen Vara*,” which translated, is: “No One Can Be Safer.” Its origins are unknown, but “Sweden’s Spiritual Troubadour,” Oskar Ahnfelt, set many of Lina’s poems to music. At the time, the state-sponsored church didn’t allow simple pietistic hymns like “Children of Our Heavenly Father.” But Ahnfelt sang them anyway, traveling around with his ten-string guitar. When opposition arose, he was ordered to sing before King Karl XV. To the chargin of church officials, the king loved Ahnfelt’s simple melodies and tender hymns, saying, “You may sing them as much as you desire in both of my kingdoms.”

He did, and many of his texts were written by Lina Sandell-Berg, who wrote about six hundred fifty hymns and poems during her lifetime. “Ahnfelt has sung my songs into the hearts of people,” she later said.

---Then Sings My Soul, Book 2, Robert J. Morgan

MY WORLD

Why should I worry --- why should I care?
The world gets along without me there,
I don't need people nor do they need me,
They have the idea: "You just wait and see."
Why should I worry if feelings are hurt,
Or my smile unfriendly, my answers curt?
O friends, why should such a world be?
Try to explain so that I may see.
Our feelings are weary --- our hearts are
 numb
Will there be a day when peace will come?
I don't mind this world in which I live,
But if there were something good to give,
Or to say or to comfort a wandering soul,
Such a radiant crown would be my goal,
In this world of Why-Should-I-Care ---
Some people do, because God is there.

---- Julie Marshal, La Junta, Colo.

NOVEMBER 2020 STEWARDS FOR CHRIST

ELDERS

Nov. 1 Jim Wilkes
Nov. 8 Ray Bailey
Nov. 15 Glen Schlehuser
Nov. 22 Ray Bailey
Nov. 26 Jim Wilkes
Nov. 29 Matt Clark

ACOLYTES

Nov. 1 Reilly Quinn
Nov. 8 Emma Fuller
Nov. 15 Madie Sanchez
Nov. 22 Zac Sanchez
Nov. 26 Ryan Sebring (Thanksgiving)
Nov. 29 Reilly Quinn

HOSTS

Nov. 1 Cyndi Heithold & Jennifer Sebring
Nov. 8 Jim & Verna Fladhammer
Nov. 15 Robert & Stacy Johnson
Nov. 22 Ray & Sandy Krueger
Nov. 29 Youth

READERS

Nov. 1 George & Marianne Schweers
Nov. 8 Shirley Enyeart & Hannah Keeler
Nov. 15 Larry & Beverly Van Duyn
Nov. 22 Cheryl Sandenaw
Dick Dommers
Nov. 26 Matt Anderson & Ben Clark
Nov. 29 George & Marianne Schweers

TELLERS

Nov. 1 Megan Bowman & Dick Dommers
Nov. 8 Cheryl Sandenaw
Linde Van Cleave
Nov. 15 Lola Ableidinger & Nora Sotak
Nov. 22 Susan Kelly & Sandy Klose
Nov. 26 Patty Quinn & ???????
Nov. 29 Bob Klose & Joyce Macon

USHERS

Nov. 1 Tom Blackmon, Larry & Bev Van Duyn
Nov. 8 Matt Anderson Marvin Bunker,
John Marquardt
Nov. 15 Ray Krueger, Robert Johnson,
Bob Thede, Trey Johnson
Nov. 22 Gerald Moore, Bob & Sandy Klose
Nov. 29 Youth

NOVEMBER FLOWERS

Nov. 1 Lola Ableidinger
Nov. 8 David & Yvonne Steeby
Nov. 15 Larry & Beverly Van Duyn
Nov. 22 Cheryl Sandenaw
Nov. 29 Vicki Leonard

NOVEMBER ATTENDANCE

Shirley Enyeart

NOVEMBER ALTAR COMMITTEE

Christine Schlehuser
Beverly Van Duyn

