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FROM THE PASTOR

Mathew 6:9, Pray then like this: “Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name“.

We have made it to June. We will be having confirmation a little later this year coming up on the 14th, Flag Day. A week later we will recognize Fathers. We kind of passed over Mother’s Day this year but I imagine most of you got a chance to do something for Mom.

Jesus on the mount, had all sorts of teachings with most of this part of Matthew in red showing what Jesus taught. It is in this chapter that Jesus provides the prayer He taught us, the Lord’s Prayer.

Jesus recognizes that when we pray we are to call on one of the persons of the Trinity, our Father. As our Father, He is the one to watch over and protect those of His family. He as the perfect Father knows what is best for His children. It doesn’t mean that His children get everything they desire but what they need. As children of the Heavenly Father, we have a Father who is going to be the best for us, disciplining and giving just what we need to live this life in Him, being the Christians we should be.

We know a father will give of himself in order to provide for his family. God the Father has given much for us, especially sending His own Son to take our place on that cross.

We can’t give as He gave but we can give as He provides for us. Is there another perfect father, No. But we can do as He provides us opportunity to guide those He gives us as we do those things a father is supposed to do, even to those who may not be our flesh and blood.

The Lord gives us opportunities to be a role model for others who may not have fathers in their lives and as the Lord provides, He is right there to help us to be “fathers” seeking to do what we can to provide what is needed in the lives of others. He provides for us so that we can, in turn, provide for others.

Being a father brings with it responsibility but also a joy of seeing those under your care, growing up, accomplishing those things that can be carried on to the next generation.

When one calls on Our Father, who art in heaven, we are calling on one who is watching over even us fathers as we are given by Him those things that can be passed on to the next generation and all those He puts into our lives.

Fathers, enjoy the day especially as you look forward to what the Lord has for you in the days, months and years ahead, using what He has given you to provide to others.

Pastor

ELDER MESSAGE

By the GRACE of OUR LORD, we are gathering together once again to worship HIM.

We are subject to some guidelines for our worship as directed by the temporal officials at the federal, state and local levels. During our May meeting the TLC Board of Directors adopted the following procedures for worship during this COVID19 period:

- ♦ Wearing facial coverings while worshipping is an individual decision.
- ♦ Social distancing will be maintained by using every other pew on both sides of the sanctuary. Families may sit together in the same pew without the six foot interval between persons. All others will maintain six foot intervals between individuals. Couples will sit together at either ends of the open pews.
- ♦ Overflow will be directed to the great room where tables and chairs have been setup according to six foot intervals.
- ♦ The service is being live streamed into the great room and shown on the screen with audio.
- ♦ Bulletins with the entire service are on the table in the entryway to the sanctuary. Do not use the hymnals. Those who wish to use their personal electronic device to view the bulletin are encouraged to do so.
- ♦ The offering plate is on the same table.
- ♦ Communion will be conducted one side of the sanctuary at a time at the Baptismal font, not at the altar rail. The wine cups will be deposited in containers at the side aisles.

The service is being live-streamed at www.trinityalamogordo.org for those who do not feel comfortable attending in person.

As we are learning, the rules change each day. We will adapt our guideline as necessary.

As we worship our heavenly Father, we also

remember our earthly fathers on Fathers Day. They provided us with a stable home life and guidance to be where we are today. All of us that are parents now see what our parents went through raising us.

We seek the continuing Grace of Our Lord to guide us in our daily life.

James R. Wilkes, Elder

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The Board of Directors did not meet in March or April due to COVID-19 directives.

Jim Wilkes, Head Elder, reported that Lee Wood will be contacting Sarah Eikjer about playing piano and training on the organ. Pastor and Elders decided to resume church services following social distancing restrictions. Jim Wilkes, Head Elder, asked for input from the board members. After discussion it was decided to start services on May 24th, with Communion being given. Jim will create an instruction list for how the service will be conducted within state guidelines. The elders asked that they be notified any time you have a need for care, i. e. hospitalized, need transportation, etc.

Cheryl Sandenaw, Treasurer, reported the following: **February 2020** General Fund Income: \$17,377.35; Expenses: (\$20,906.78) expenses exceeded income by (3,529.43); **March 2020** General Fund Income: \$13,617.00; Expenses: (\$18,350.40) expenses exceeded income by (4,733.40). **April 2020** General Fund Income: \$13,313.00; Expenses: (\$12,777.38) income exceeded expenses by \$535.62

Our year-to-date financial status: General Fund Income: \$65,980.45 (envelopes and loose plate); Expenses: \$72,948.77) expenses exceeded income by (\$4,862.38).

Cindi Anderson, Education Chair, reported: **Sunday School** will start back when Church is

resumed. We will adjust to a bigger rooms or meeting outside if necessary, to maintain social distance. Confirmation is on June 14. The **Summer Youth Program:** We would like to continue the Summer Youth Program with a Summer Intern as approved in the budget this year. Middle school and high school kids will meet 2-3 times a week and elementary kids will meet 1-2 times a week. NM State guidelines for summer programs call for a 5-1 adult to kid ration. We will make sure to maintain this ratio. Activities will be planned to maintain social distance as much as possible. Frequent hand washing and cleaning of surfaces will be implemented. (See new business): **VBS:** We recommend not having a VBS program this year due to concerns with having enough volunteers to maintain the 5 to 1 ratio and concerns of liability with bringing several kids from outside the congregation. We will plan to have VBS again in 2021. The BOD approved the recommendation

Allen Burmeister, Trustee Chair: Pastor noticed that the alarm system was not functioning properly and called for repairs. The company terminated the use the 3G network which caused us to have to upgrade to 4G.

New Business: In March, the BOD electronically voted not to have a booth at the Otero County Fair this year. The reasons being a lack of membership gain from the effort and the doubling of the booth rental cost. Susan Weitzel asked to be relieved of her Congregation Secretary duties. The BOD voted electronically to appoint Bobby Anderson to fill the remaining term. The board approved a motion to hire Garrett Anderson as our summer intern youth leader again this year.

Bob Klose, President

STEWARDSHIP

Dear Friends at Trinity,

My prayer is that all of you are doing well (Spiritually, physically, and mentally) throughout this pandemic. It has been a time of seclusion and for some, loneliness. It has also offered us time to spend in His Word and to draw closer to our Creator.

My mom once gave me a small embroidered wall hanging. It says, "What we are is God's gift to us. What we become is our gift to God." We know everything we have is a gift from God. Do we stop to think that what we do or become is our gift to God? How are you doing with giving back to God during these difficult times. What can we do? How can we do for Him when we are stuck at home?

Here are a few suggestions I have thought about.

- ♦ Use this time to study the Bible.
- ♦ Use this time for prayer. It definitely helps us through these times.
- ♦ Use this time to connect (call, email, write a letter, etc.) with someone you think about and wonder how they are.
- ♦ If you are into crafts, what a great time to finish some of those incomplete projects stored in the drawer or closet.
- ♦ Spring housecleaning. Go through and give away some of those 'things' you don't need or use anymore.
- ♦ Offer to get groceries for someone who can't or shouldn't get out right now.
- ♦ REST in the LORD for He is good!! Trust in Him and He will provide what we need.

Whatever you do, do it as your gift to the Lord!!

God's blessings,
Sandy Klose, Stewardship Chair

LWML

Year End Business for Trinity LWML – was held thru email this year due to all meetings being cancelled. Society members elected a new Board:

Board Officers:

President	Yvonne Steeby
Co-VP	Bev VanDuyn & Hannah Keeler
Secretary	Belinda Burmeister
Treasurer	Chris Schelhuser
Christian Growth	Cyndi Hiethold

It was voted to dispense our yearend funds (9 to 5 vote) was for Option #3 - half to go to RMD LWML Mites/Mission Grants; And half to split to purchase gift cards for the following: Lutheran Valley Retreat, Ysleta Mission, and Navajo Ministry.

I thank everyone who responded. I Look forward to starting our new year in August. Remember that during this shut-down and summer, the two LWML Websites are excellent resources for daily scripture, devotions, & Bible Studies. I know several have been doing the Bible Study with Donna Pyles Snow on Tuesday evenings, and are enjoying it. If you missed getting started on Tuesdays, You can still go to LWML.org to do the study on your own.

Sadly we will be losing a very supportive member of LWML, Susan Wietzel. She will be moving in July to live closer to family, & especially her grandchildren. Thank you Susan for all your work & support!! You will be missed.

-- SAVE THE DATE --

The Annual Rummage Sale is planned for Saturday, August 15th. Setup will be from the Aug. 10-14. **Please plan on helping support this annual fund raiser with your donations and hands to help setup, sort, and attend that day.** Many hands sure help lessen the work load. Start cleaning out now to help support LWML and our mission grant goals.

LWML MISSIONS

2019-2021 National Mission 12 - Women's Witness and Mercy Asia Mission Central \$100,000. This grant will help support these women in their unique mission setting in Asia.

2019-2021 National Mission 13 – Digital Media Development Lutherans For Life \$30,000
This digital media initiative will serve as a visual witness and virtual conversation for Lutheran individuals and congregations to engage people using social networks like YouTube, Facebook, iTunes, and Instagram.

LWML DISTRICT MISSION GRANTS

Rocky Mountain District LWML Grants for 2020-2022 -- Will be presented soon, delay because of COVID-19.

Please, Please continue with your MITE Giving!
There will be a two **hour virtual District Convention at LWMLRMD.org on June 6 at 1 p.m.** to announce voting results of new District Board members and mission grants for 2020-2022. Bible Study, Convention speakers, and news will be included.

RUNNING THE RACE, LOOKING TO JESUS

The Lutheran Women's Missionary League (LWML) invites all women and men to the 39th Biennial Convention Thursday, June 24–Sunday, June 27, 2021, Rupp Arena at Central Bank Center, Lexington, Kentucky. For more convention information go to LWML.org

Any questions? Contact Yvonne, Belinda, Bev, Hannah or Cyndi H.

LWML On The Go, is available through your podcast provider, at lwml.org, and on the LWML App.

SUMMER YOUTH INTERN

Hello, all youth of Trinity Lutheran Church! It is almost time for summer fun at youth group again! This year's schedule is jam-packed with fun activities, bible studies, and service projects! Below is a schedule of all these youth events (dates and times are subject to change for your convenience).

Youth events will be held from 1-3 pm on Mondays and Thursdays for the older kids (5th grade to 12th grade) and from 1-2:30 pm on Wednesdays for the younger kids (preschool to 5th grade). Service projects, for the older youth group kids, will be held on Fridays from 1-3 pm. **Hope to see you all there!!!**

Garrett Anderson. Summer Intern

JR. YOUTH GROUP SCHEDULE

Day	Date	Event
W	June 10 th	Jr. Music Day
W	June 17 th	Jr. Space Day
W	June 24 th	Jr. Space Day
W	July 1 st	Jr. Art Day
W	July 8 th	Jr. Cowboy Day
W	July 15 th	Jr. Easter in July
W	July 22 nd	Jr. I Can't Believe it's
W	July 29 th	Jr. Water Day
W	August 5 th	Last Jr. Group Day

NOTE: NM State guidelines for summer programs call for a 5-1 adult to kid ration. We will make sure to maintain this ratio. Activities will be planned to maintain social distance as much as possible. Frequent hand washing and cleaning of surfaces will be implemented.

SR. YOUTH GROUP SCHEDULE

Day	Date	Event
M	June 1 st	Pasta Day/Opening Day
TH	June 4 th	Neighborhood Scavenger
F	June 5 th	Make Cards for the Home-
M	June 8 th	Music Day
TH	June 11 th	Olympics Day
M	June 15 th	Blast to the Future Day
TH	June 18 th	Space Day
F	June 19 th	Sanitize the Church*
M	June 22 th	Boardgame Day
TH	June 25 th	Fashion Day
M	June 29 th	Hiking Day
SAT	July 4 th	Family Picnic (6:00 PM)
M	July 6 th	Spooky Day
TH	July 9 th	All-Business Day
F	July 10 th	Town Cleanup Competition*
M	July 13 th	Cowboy Day
TH	July 16 th	Easter in July
M	July 20 th	I Can't Believe it's Not VBS
TH	July 23 rd	Spy Day
F	July 24 th	Service Project Day*
M	July 27 th	Rock Day
TH	July 30 th	Water Day
M	Aug. 3 rd	Lego Day
TH	Aug. 6 th	Last Youth Group Day

*** Service Projects**

JUNE SPECIAL DATES

- ✦ Trinity Sunday, *June 7, 2020*
- ✦ Flag Day, *June 14, 2020*
- ✦ Confirmation Day, *June 14, 2020*
- ✦ First Day of Summer, *June 20, 2020*
- ✦ Father's Day, *June 21, 2020*

LIKE FATHER, LIKE CHILD

As we celebrate Father's Day, we likely see traits in our dads (or other father figures) that we hope to be known for ourselves; integrity, gentleness, a great sense of humor, a love of learning, a humble spirit.

Amy Grant's song "Father's Eyes" tells of a young girl who wants nothing more than for others to recognize her father—and her heavenly Father—in her. "When people look inside my life, I want to hear them say, 'She's got her father's eyes.'"

What characteristics of God your Father are reflected in your eyes, heart and life? And what godly qualities would you like to cultivate?

May others see our heavenly Father in us!

HAPPY FATHER'S DAY!



"Dad's really lovin' the pastor's Father's Day sermon on the fifth commandment."