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THE NEWSLETTER OF
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FROM THE PASTOR

. . .**“You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the great and first commandment. And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. Matthew 22:37B-39 ESV**

What do you know about your neighbors? What might be some things that would help you in your witness to them that would be good to know about them?

I don't know how you get to the point of witnessing to your neighbor. The one way I use to get to know a little about them when it comes to their faith life is to ask them if they are or were church members. It is fairly benign.

I know that this might come up on your first visit but it might work out that way. Usually if they are attending church you might find out about their faith or it would set the stage to dig a little deeper.

You have all heard the adage that “people don't so much care about what you know until they know how much they care.” What are some ways that people know you care? Might remembering their names and maybe the names of their kids be a good step. You might even remember the name of their dog or cat.

I don't remember names very well these days but maybe you could write them down as soon after you learn them as you can so you can review before the next meeting. Once you have these things in place then you will grow to be a friend in many instances. If that happens, then that closer relationship may grow to the point of your having a Christian love for them.

Yes, we think of Valentines day, a day where love is celebrated. That neighborly kind of love was found in many classrooms growing up. How many handed out valentine cards to members of your class? You might have even put a couple of those valentine candies with the sayings on them in with the card. I think they are still making those candies.

These cards were given to enjoy and to tell others that you cared about them. Jesus pointed out what might come to pass in your relationship with a friend in His statement from **John 15:13 “Greater love has no one than this, that someone lay down his life for his friends.**

I know we think that we might lay down our lives for a friend but Jesus went a large step further by laying down His life for His enemies. Yes He did it to obtain friends afterward. What He obtained is the point we then like to make with friends as we point them to Jesus, their Savior and ours.

Witnessing, where do YOU start? Might getting to know you neighbor be a start that might lead to the Holy Spirit working through the “friendship” of a neighbor?

Pastor

LENTEN SERVICES

How long has it been since you were in Confirmation class? This year we will be looking at the 6 chief parts of Luther's small catechism in the sermons. Can you name them? By the time you listen to the sermons, you should be able to name them and know why it should even matter to you.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Trinity donated a total of \$1,983 for the Siberian Seminary. We welcome the opportunity for the Russian people to hear God's Word.

ELDERS

February is the month of love.

We celebrate Valentine's Day by getting our significant other gifts of flowers, candy and other trinkets to show our love and affection. Certainly it's not the only day we choose to show our love, but it's the day in February when it becomes foremost, especially if we forget. It's almost as bad to forget Valentine's Day as it is to forget your wedding anniversary. Fortunately, rampant commercialism makes it virtually impossible to forget Valentine's Day.

GOD doesn't forget HIS love for us every day of our lives through HIS SON JESUS CHRIST. We need to celebrate our love for HIM through daily prayer, attendance at HIS church and celebration of HIS HOLY SACRAMENTS.

GOD sacrificed HIS SON out of love for us. John 3:16

James R. Wilkes, Elder

FINANCIAL STATUS REPORT

December 31, 2023

Total Income	\$20,827.97
Ordinary Expenses	<u>(\$18,593.45)</u>
Profit/Loss	\$ 2,234.52

YEAR-TO-DATE for 2023 as of December 31, 2023

Total Income	\$214,126.36
Ordinary Expenses	<u>(\$200,661.45)</u>
Profit/Loss	\$ 13,464.91

Bob Klose, Vice-President

EVANGELISM

Tract of the Month: February's booklet is "[A Biblical Response to Addiction](#)". "You or someone you love is in a dark place. You are looking for light, for hope, for peace, for a solution that works. Jesus is that light. This booklet addresses the crisis of addiction by reminding readers that no one is without sin, but by God's grace through the work of Jesus Christ, there is light in this darkness." When reading this booklet, you are going to want to keep your Bible handy to look up some of the scriptures they reference. If you or someone you know has a problem with any kind of addiction, be sure to pick up a copy of this month's tract. It is on the spinner rack in the Narthex.

The mission for January & February is Ysleta Lutheran Mission Care, El Paso. This very active mission needs the support of other churches to survive. Not only does the mission conduct worship services, Bible Studies, Sunday School and VBS, but it also attends to the needs of the poor through many, many outreach services.

"The Chosen": The next showing of "*The Chosen*" will be on February 11th. The featured episode from season 2 will be [Spirit](#). In this episode Jesus, Simon Peter, Andrew, and Phillip meet with John the Baptist, Jesus' cousin. Jesus speaks with John privately, where John tells Jesus of his plans to confront King Herod.

John asks Jesus why he's taking so long to begin His public ministry. Please plan to join us after the church service, in the Bible Study room.

The Next Evangelism Committee meeting will be Monday February 12th at 5:30pm. We welcome anyone that may wish to attend.

In Closing I would like to quote Psalm 51:10-13 & 15 (NIV). "10Create in me a pure heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me. 11Do not cast me from your presence or take your Holy Spirit from me. 12Restore to me the joy of your salvation and grant me a willing spirit, to sustain me. 13Then I will teach transgressors your ways, and sinners will turn back to you. 15O Lord, open my lips, and my mouth will declare your praise."

Yours in Christ,
Cheryl Sandenaw, Evangelism Chairman

LWML

Saturday, January 6th we had a great turnout for the Christmas undecorating of the church followed by a meeting and a potluck. Thank you everyone who came! -everything went quickly, we had some good fellowship and even got some business taken care of.

Saturday, January 27th women of the church will be working on the preparation on pastoral stoles for the African pastors. Nora Sotak is hosting (with Diane Kline assisting) and the workshop will be followed by a lunch. Thank you everyone that is helping with this.

On Sunday, February 4th our new altar parament that was purchased will be dedicated during the church service. This has been a work in progress so it is nice to have it completed. Thank you Hannah Keeler and Nora Sotak.

February is traditionally our month to host a Meal for Mites. This year's will be held on Sunday, February 18th immediately after the service. The menu will include brisket and all the fixings as well as dessert. Donations are accepted and all funds will be sent for Mites. Saturday, February 17th we will have a short meeting and set up for the meal. Sign up sheets will be posted for attendance so we can estimate the amounts of food needed as well as sign up to make the necessary sides.

The District convention in Greely Colorado "In His Hands" is scheduled for June 7-9, 2024. Registration forms have been updated and are on the website but I will also post them on our board. Early registration is to be completed by April 1st and is at the Double Tree Hilton in Greely. It is a distance so either carpooling or flights might be something to check into.

Again, thank you for the great turnout for the undecorating-there were other members as well helping with the youth trees and other things but I will not name just because I will miss someone but know it was much appreciated!

Vicki, LWML President

BABY BOTTLE CAMPAIGN

Our efforts to raise \$2000 for Pregnancy Resources Plus in ongoing. We will end on February 18th. Please return your contributions on or before that date. Thank you for your support of this worthwhile service to our community. Hannah

Submit Your Recipes



TRINITY LUTHERAN COOKBOOK

Do you have a favorite recipe that others have asked you to share or just something you really enjoy eating or preparing? We would like to do a Trinity Lutheran Cookbook this year. This is not going to be a quick project, but you can begin submitting either legible handwritten recipes or type written recipes by email or printed to the church office or my box. Please include your name and phone number with the recipe. The phone number will just be to confirm the recipe if we have questions. Also, if you can think of a good Name, please submit it as well. We may need volunteers at some point as well. Once printed, we will keep extras to give to new members.

Vicki Leonard/Jan Thede

JESUS OF NAZAETH PASSETH BY

Mark 10:46

The church is repeating the age-old cry:
"Jesus of Nazareth passeth by."
Come at this holy season of Lent,
Humbly acknowledge your sins and repent.
O Earth! Earth! Heed the solemn cry:

Blind Bartimaeus was glad to hear
That the God-Man Jesus was drawing near.
And none could silence his anxious plea:
"Thou Son of David, have mercy on me."
He wanted that Savior's help just then,
And the lord never passed that way again.

Yes, the Master stopped at that beggar's plea,
And oh, that is comfort for and for me.
"What would'st thou have? Did this beggar dare
To voice the wish of his heart in prayer?
Ah yes, and the Master's healing touch
Gave him the sight that he wanted so much.

We are beggars all and blind from our birth.
Stumbling and falt'ring we walk on this earth,
For sins robs us all of our spiritual light,
And Jesus alone can restore our lost sight.
O Earth! Earth! Earth! Hear the Lenten cry:
"Jesus of Nazareth passeth by."

*Esther A. Schumann, Milwaukee, WI
This Day Magalne, March 1952*

FEBRUARY 2024 STEWARDS FOR CHRIST

ELDERS

Feb. 4 Matt Anderson
Feb. 11 Jim Wilkes
Feb. 14 Jim Wilkes (Ash Wednesday)
Feb. 18 Robert Rentschler
Feb. 21 Robert Rentschler (Wed Lent)
Feb. 25 Matt Anderson
Feb. 28 Jim Wilkes (Wed Lent)

READERS

Feb. 4 Ruth Wilkes & Susan Kelly
Feb. 11 George & Marianne Schweers
Feb. 14 Yvonne Steeby & Susan Kelly
(Ash Wednesday)
Feb. 18 Dick Dommers & Cheryl Sandenaw
Feb. 21 Shirley Enyeart & Yvonne Steeby
(Wed Lent)
Feb. 25 Sandy & Bob Klose
Feb. 28 Cheryl Sandenaw & Hannah Keeler
(Wed Lent)

TELLERS

Feb. 4 Sandy Klose & Susan Kelly
Feb. 11 Joyce Macon & Bob Klose
Feb. 14 Yvonne Steeby & Becky Worley
(Ash Wednesday)
Feb. 18 Shirley Enyeart & Vicki Leonard
Feb. 21 (Wed Lent)
Feb. 25 Dick Dommers & Merry Zumwalt
Feb. 28 (Wed Lent)

SOUND TECH

Feb. 4 Bob Klose
Feb. 11 Vicki Leonard
Feb. 14 Vicki Leonard (Ash Wednesday)
Feb. 18 Bob Klose
Feb. 21 Bob Klose (Wed Lent)
Feb. 25 Matt Anderson
Feb. 28 Matt Anderson (Wed Lent)

HOSTS

Feb. 4 Matt & Cindi Anderson
Feb. 11 Tom Blackmon & Hannah Keeler
Feb. 18 Megan & James Bowman
Feb. 25 Marvin & Joyce Bunker

USHERS

Feb. 4 Tom Blackmon, Jim Fladhammer
Larry & Bev Van Duyn
Feb. 11 Marvin Bunker, Susan Kelly
Glen & Christine Schlehuser
Feb. 18 Robert Johnson, Trey Johnson
Bob Thede, Tammy Thede
Feb. 25 Gerald Moore, Bob & Sandy Klose
Irvin Torres

MUSIC

Feb. 4 Lisa Cramm
Feb. 11 Lisa Cramm
Feb. 14 Merry Zumwalt & Cyndi Heithold
(Ash Wednesday)
Feb. 18 Lola Ableidinger
Feb. 21 Merry Zumwalt & Cyndi Heithold or Bobby
Anderson (Wed Lent)
Feb. 25 Lola Ableidinger
Feb. 28 Merry Zumwalt & Cyndi Heithold or Bobby
Anderson (Wed Lent)

FEBRUARY ATTENDANCE

Diane Kline

FEBRUARY SUNDAY SCHOOL

Abby & Cindi Anderson

FEBRUARY FLOWERS

Feb. 4 Vicki Leonard
Feb. 11 Pastor Kerry & Ruth Buttke
Feb. 18 Larry & Beverly Van Duyn
Feb. 25 Robin Haymes

FEBRUARY ATTENDANCE

Hannah Keeler

FEBRUARY ALTAR COMMITTEE

Hannah Keeler
Gayan Moore

FEBRUARY SUNDAY SCHOOL

Abby and Cindi Anderson

