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LOOKS BEAUTIFUL!!

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THE NEWSLETTER OF  
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Divine Service 10:15 AM



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## **FROM THE PASTOR**

**Prov. 22:6 Train up a child in the way he should go; even when he is old he will not depart from it.**

I was thinking the virus might be a boon for the local Christian schools. Surely the teachers would see the education of students as a necessary “business” as we know a child should be trained to know about God and about the workings of the world we live in.

I thought it might be a good time to have a billboard with a split screen advertising Imago Dei and Legacy and their in person classes. I talked to a representative from one of the schools and I was surprised to learn that they were hurting for funds because parents were scared to send their kids to in person classes.

The virus according to what I have been reading and hearing seems not to affect most children very negatively and children seem to be more affected by the normal flu cycle. I know there is so much conflicting information out there it is hard to make an informed decision.

Needless to say, the schools are hurting financially. I know we don’t have a Lutheran school but to have children being educated with a Biblical world view should be a priority as we want children trained in the way they should go.

For those children who are staying at home or aren’t allowed to attend classes, even in the public schools, they need our prayers as many don’t learn very well outside in person settings.

I mention children but keep the teachers in your prayers as well as they are challenged in trying to educate children outside of a classroom as well as some in-person classes. More work, more frustration as they want to do the best by their students.

If you have the ability, it might be good to assist the Christian schools at this time, so they can keep their doors open.

Here are the addresses:

Imago Dei Academy  
3601 N. Scenic Ave.  
Alamogordo, NM 88310

Legacy Christian Academy  
2907 Thunder Rd.  
Alamogordo, NM 88310

Pastor

## ELDERS MESSAGE

### 'MAY YOU LIVE IN INTERESTING TIMES'

This is purported to be an ancient Chinese proverb or curse.

This phrase was repeated by none other than Senator Robert F. Kennedy on June 6, 1966, in a speech to the Nationalist Union of South African Students at the University of Capetown, South Africa.

However, it is neither a Chinese proverb nor curse. Its origin was in correspondence between two British diplomats, Frederic R. Courdert and Sir Austen Chamberlain in 1936. Chamberlain claimed he heard it from a British diplomat in China who noted it as a principal Chinese curse. The Yale Book of Quotations, edited by Fred R. Shapiro, says "No authentic Chinese saying to this effect has ever been found."

It is quite possible an iteration of this phrase may have been uttered by a Chinese acquaintance of a British diplomat serving in China. It may have been mischaracterized as an ancient Chinese proverb/curse to give it more 'gravitas' (Another term overused by the Main Stream Media(MSM) during the 2000 election to denigrate George W. Bush. The MSM is trusted less than Congress.)

How many times have you heard a politician say something that he/ she has to recant or clarify once they retrieve their foot from their mouth. Or a focus group tells them how non PC their faux pas sounded, or they offended a protected group.

**Do we live in interesting times?** Watch the news, read the internet, think about your own life. Yes, our times are extremely interesting, chaotic, unnerving and worrisome. Read Matthew Chapter 24. We are studying it now in Pastor Cramm's Monday evening Bible class. It is a fascinating study of JESUS' answer to the questions of the Disciples about HIS return, and when the end times would occur.

We must rely upon our faith in GOD and JESUS' sacrifice on the Cross to get us through the "interesting times."

We know our prayer chain works, so please continue to pray for those who are suffering. PRAY LIKE YOUR LIFE DEPENDS ON IT, BECAUSE IT DOES.

Jim Wilkes, Head Elder

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### THANK YOU

A big thank to the trustee committee, especially to Ray Krueger, Bob Thede, Larry Van Duyn and Kerry Buttke. The new color looks beautiful on our organ! As you sit in your pews during the worship service you might want to turn around and take a look at the organ.

## **BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

The Board of Directors met on August 20<sup>th</sup>.

Jim Wilkes, Head Elder, reported that the elders did not meet in August. The elders asked that they be notified any time you have a need for care, i. e. hospitalized, need transportation, etc.

Vicki Leonard, Financial Secretary, reported total income for July was \$15,826.00.00 of which \$12,869.00 went to the general fund and \$2,957.00 went to special funds.

Cheryl Sandenaw, Treasurer, reported the following: General Fund income for July 2020 was \$12,869.00 (Envelopes + Loose Plate); expenses were (\$17,943.16) giving net loss of (\$5,074.16). Our year-to-date financial status: General Fund Income: \$115,479.28 (envelopes and loose plate); Expenses: (\$122,543.76) expenses exceeded income by (\$7,064.48.)

Cindi Anderson, Education Chair, reported: The Youth will meet at Pastor and Cindi's house on September 5<sup>th</sup> to have a mini Higher Things conference using the virtual material provided by the Higher Things organization. They use the recorded break-out session from the conference as lessons when Sunday Schools meetings resume.

Allen Burmeister, Trustee Chair reported the following actions: Painting of the organ and organ bench. Front flower bed was finished, and flowers planted, he thanks Garrett Anderson and the summer youth group for accomplishing this, UV lights have been installed in all seven HVAC systems the cost of \$1800 was covered by donation. Allen reported that several on the rocks in the wall surrounding the altar need to be re-installed.

Sandy Klose, Stewardship chair, reported: After the family of Oscar "Doc" Marquardt conferred with Pastor as to what the Church needs, he told them we had been considering a new media system. The family requested that in lieu of flowers people should donate to Trinity for a new media system. Two companies have been contacted for bids on a media system for the live streaming.

### **New Business:**

1. The BOD was given a worksheet to start the budget planning process for 2021.
2. Nominations for upcoming BOD openings: President, Vice-President, Financial Secretary, and the Board Chairs of Education and Evangelism along with two elder positions were discussed. Outgoing members were appointed as the nomination committee.
3. The media system upgrade was discussed at length. The first proposal was presented by Bob Klose. The Anderson family was given a copy of the proposal for review. If you have an interest or input about the system talk to Matt Anderson or Bob Klose.

Bob Klose, President

## **STEWARDSHIP**

### **The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod -- LCMS Stewardship Ministry**

“Whatever your hand finds to do, do it with all your might” (Eccl 9:10).

God bids us to be faithful in the tasks He calls us to do. He calls us to be members of a family (husbands and wives; fathers and mothers; sons and daughters). He calls us to be members of society (those who govern and those who are governed). And He calls us to be members of His family, the Church (those who preach and teach and those who hear and learn). Each of these callings from God places a duty on us.

As members of a family, husbands are given the duty to die for their wives as Christ gave His life for His bride, the Church; while wives are given the duty to respect their husbands and submit themselves to them as the Church does to Christ. Fathers and mothers are to raise their children in the fear and admonition of the Lord, teaching them the Ten Commandments, the Creed, the Lord’s Prayer, and the Scriptures concerning Baptism, Confession, the Office of the Keys, and the Lord’s Supper. Children are to honor their parents throughout their lives, and even when their parents are no longer alive, serving and obeying them, loving and cherishing them, and speaking well of them.

As members of society, God calls those who govern to bear the sword, that is, to punish those who do evil (those who live contrary to God’s will) and to reward those who do good (those whose lives are lived in conformity with God’s will). Those who are governed are to obey their leaders as to the Lord Himself, for their leaders bear the sword of God’s temporal justice for a purpose.

As members of God’s own family, the Church, He calls those who preach and teach to do so in faithfulness to His holy Word. To preach and teach the Law of God to convict the hearts of hearers of their sin and to encourage, admonish, and exhort them to do good works in accordance with God’s will. They are to preach and teach the Gospel, the full forgiveness of their sins accomplished by Christ and received through faith, not by works. They are to administer the means of grace in accordance with the Gospel and the Word of God. They do all this for the young and old alike, for those who are near and far off. Those who hear and learn are to submit themselves to their preachers and teachers. They are to support them by their prayers and their gifts.

Each of these callings from God place a duty on us. They make a claim on our presence; on our prayers; and our time, talents, and treasures. So, “Whatever your hand finds to do, do it with all your might” (Eccl 9:10). Pray for your family, your government, and your church. Give of yourself by means of your time, your talents, and your treasures to your family, your government, and your Church. That is what it means to be faithful in the tasks that God has given us. That is what it means to do it with all your might.

Sandy Klose, Stewardship Chair

**HYMN OF THE MONTH**  
**“IF THOU BUT SUFFER GOD TO GUIDE THEE”**

*For this is God, Our God forever and ever; He will be our guide. Even in death.*

The newer hymnbooks list this as “If You Will Only Let God Guide You.” I still like the older, archaic phrasing, since that’s the way I learned it; but never mind—it’s a glorious hymn, however it’s rendered, especially when you know the tender story behind it.

In 1641, a bright German youth, Georg Neumark, twenty, packed his few belongs and left his home in the Thuringian forests. By hard work and frugality, he had saved enough for his first year at the University of Konigsberg. Seeking travel with others because of roving thieves, Georg joined a group of merchants in Leipzig. But after passing through Magdeburg, they were waylaid and robbed on the Gardelegan Heath. Georg lost everything except his prayer book and a few hidden coins.

His university hopes dashed, the young man retraced his way through villages and towns, looking for work. Months passed, and the onset of winter found Georg poorly fed, scantily clothed, cold and homeless. Just when he was near despair, a pastor named Nicolaus Becker of Kiel befriended him.

Becker wanted to help Georg secure employment, but how? There was nothing. Just then, a position opened unexpectedly—a tutoring job in the home of a local judge named Henning. Georg was hired on the spot, and that very day he composed “If Thou But Suffer God to Guide Thee.”

While tutoring, Georg conserved his money, and the next year he proceeded to Konigsberg and enrolled in the university on June 21, 1643. Shortly afterward, he again lost everything, this time in a fire. But by now, he had no doubt in God’s ability to both guide and provide.

In 1657, “If Thou But Suffer God to Guide Thee” was published in Neumark’s own book of songs, set to melody he himself had written. The seven stanzas were entitled, “A hymn of consolation. That God will care for and preserve His own in His own time—based on the saying, ‘Cast Thy burden upon the Lord, and He shall sustain thee’ (Psalm 55:22).”

In later years, Neumark recorded the circumstances of the hymn, saying that his “good fortune, coming suddenly as if it had fallen from heaven, greatly rejoiced me, and on that very day I composed to the honor of my beloved Lord the well-known hymn, “Wer nur den Lieben Gott lastt walten.””

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

**NOTE:** The title of this hymn in the Lutheran Service Builder is “If Thou But Trust in God to Guide Thee.”

## THANK YOU

Allen Burmeister and the Trustee Committee would like to thank Garrett Anderson and the youth for adding more dirt to the flower bed in front of the church and planting flowers. The flower bed looks really nice !

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## SEPTEMBER 2020 STEWARDS FOR CHRIST

### ELDERS

Sept. 6 Glen Schlehuser  
Sept. 13 Ray Bailey  
Sept. 20 Matt Clark  
Sept. 27 Jim Wilkes

### ACOLYTES

Sept. 6 Madie Sanchez  
Sept. 13 Zac Sanchez  
Sept. 20 Ryan Sebring  
Sept. 27 Emma Fuller

### HOSTS

Sept. 6 Kerry & Ruth Buttke  
Sept. 13 Matt & Jill Clark  
Sept. 20 Laurie & Dino Di Paolo  
Sept. 27 Dick & Jan Dommers

### READERS

Sept. 6 Yvonne Steeby/Matt Anderson  
Sept. 13 Louis Mauriot/Cheryl Richey  
Sept. 20 Mary-Leslie Schmitt  
Dick Dommers  
Sept. 27

### TELLERS

Sept. 6 Megan Bowman/Dick Dommers  
Sept. 13 Cheryl Sandenaw  
Linde Van Cleave  
Sept. 20 Lola Ableidinger & Nora Sotak  
Sept. 27 Susan Kelly & Sandy Klose

### SEPTEMBER ATTENDANCE

Bekah Clark

### SEPTEMBER ALTAR COMMITTEE

Sheila Anderson  
Wilma Jaecks

### USHERS

Sept. 6 Tom Blackmon, Larry & Bev Van Duyn  
Sept. 13 Matt Anderson Marvin Bunker,  
John Marquardt  
Sept. 20 Ray Krueger, Robert Johnson,  
Bob Thede, Trey Johnson  
Sept. 27 Gerald Moore, Bob & Sandy Klose

### SEPTEMBER FLOWERS

Sept. 6 Larry & Beverly Van Duyn  
Sept. 13 Pastor & Cyndi Heithold  
Sept. 20 Dave & Colleen Thompson  
Sept. 27 Larry & Beverly Van Duyn

### ALL WORKERS ARE ESSENTIAL

The concept of vocation, Latin for “to call”, previously referred only to a calling to church work. But then Martin Luther emphasized the importance—and even sanctity—of *all* types of labors. The reformer pointed out that “God doesn’t need our good works but our neighbor does.”

RJ Grunewald, in a blog post titled “God Makes Pizza” describes how this looks today: “God is busy about *His* work in the midst of *your* work whether you realize it or not. The laundry, the spreadsheets, the phone calls and the cups of coffee are all deeply spiritual because God is at work in the world. He is serving your family, your co-workers and your community through the work you do. God is at work providing ‘daily bread’ through the work you do no matter what that work is.”

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