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## **FROM THE PASTOR**

Ezek. 18:20-21 The soul who sins shall die. The son shall not suffer for the iniquity of the father, nor the father suffer for the iniquity of the son. The righteousness of the righteous shall be upon himself, and the wickedness of the wicked shall be upon himself. But if a wicked person turns away from all his sins that he has committed and keeps all my statutes and does what is just and right, he shall surely live; he shall not die.

In the May Trinitarian article I pointed out a few terms that were going to be discussed in the Sunday morning Bible Study. We have now moved on to another Bible Study that focuses on some new terms.

The study on Sunday mornings is now looking at Marxism and especially Cultural Marxism. You may be thinking to yourselves what does this have to do with the Bible and the Study of it?

It is right to question things like this and some of you may think, if it doesn't directly look at passages in the Bible, then it isn't worth my time to get up and come to hear about this stuff.

When you study the Bible, do you study it only for your individual edification? Yes, it is important to look to God's Word to look at ourselves and to realize that we are sinners and are in need of what Jesus came to bring, but is there more?

We know we are saved by Jesus purchasing us with His Body and Blood on the cross and we have that sure hope that on the last day our bodies will rise to be with Him forever in the New Heaven and Earth. Our future is secure in Him.

We are secure but why are we still around on this floating ball in the middle of outer space? We are here to let others know of the great gift that is ours and theirs. To do that, we need to find out about how they deal with life and where their hope lies so that we can bring them the truth of God's Word.

If you know anything about Marxism and especially cultural Marxism, you know that it is completely antithetic to God's Word. So how are you going to deal with so many, who see their world in light of Marxism, even if they don't recognize it? Things like white privilege, equity, social justice and others are wanting to rule the way people think and deal with their neighbor.

We will be looking at this in the coming weeks. These things are going to hit close to home. Are we going to be prepared to deal with people with these ideologies or are we going to stick our heads in the sand and let them go down that dark road to their destruction?

Pastor

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## **ELDERS MESSAGE**

### **I Say a Little Prayer**

The opening lyrics to this song by Aretha Franklin are "The moment I wake up, before I put on my makeup, I say a little prayer for you."

Well, after I wake up, I'm not concerned with my makeup, putting lipstick, eyeliner and blush won't change this face!!

But, I do as many of you, say that prayer to the Lord to guide me through the day and do HIS will. Not what the world dictates, but what HE wants me to do. Do I fail to do HIS will? Of course, but that's why I ask for forgiveness and try to repent for my sins. It is a battle for my soul, between me and satan. We all suffer from the same internal conflict. The little prayers certainly help put my fate in the hands of God and Jesus Christ.

Last Tuesday, Ruth and I shared a belated Fathers' Day dinner with Arin, Cara and all the children. Ruth noticed that Elana, our nine year granddaughter, was fidgety and anxious. Ruth took her aside and asked why she was anxious. Elana explained she was very nervous about the surgery to remove the tubes from her ears scheduled for the next day. It was a very understandable anxiety for a young girl whose only previous encounters with doctors were routine checkups. Ruth told her to put it in God's hands through prayer. Ruth joined her in praying to God to watch over her. Elana was visibly calmer after her prayer and enjoyed the rest of the evening.

We all can seek God's help just as Elana did by "Saying a little prayer."

That goes for all things in our lives if we just depend on the LORD for guidance on how to live our lives. We must choose through the Holy Spirit, to adhere to GOD's will, follow His commandments, repent of our sins and believe in HIS GRACE to stay in His SALVATION. John 3:16 should guide our lives. Big or little, PRAYER WORKS.

JAMES R. WILKES, ELDER

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### **BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

This month our Board of Directors met to discuss several current issues important to our congregation.

1. Donations by Electronic Funds Transfer. An account has been set up through LCEF to facilitate the process of donation by ETF. In order to fully implement the process, we have to update our Trinity website with the proper links and instructions, then perform several trial transactions to verify the process. Once verified, detailed instruction will be made available for any member to utilize the system.
2. Our Treasurer's report for this month shows an annual deficit of \$10, 405 (expenses less income). While the increase in attendance with relaxation of COVID restrictions is encouraging, it has not been accompanied by sufficient donations to offset expenses. Consequently the board will be asked to review our expenses by the next meeting and determine where savings can be effected to bring the budget back into balance. Member suggestions are also welcome.
3. Nametags will be prepared for all members to be worn during services and events. This small gesture will permit us to recognize newer members as well as facilitate greeting guests.
4. A special log-in will be set up on the Trinity website for members only that will include names, birthdays and other information for our members only that will not be accessible by the general public.

With the Lord's help, we hope to get back to the normal routines and full attendance that we enjoyed before the COVID restrictions. Please keep our Trinity family in your prayers.

In Christ's service,  
Dick Dommers. President

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### **EVANGELISM**

The tract of the month for July is What about... Christian Stewardship. This booklet addresses Stewardship from the perspective of the Gospel rather than the perspective of the law. It covers the topics: "Why are we here?", "What went wrong?", "How did God deal with our greatest need?", "What is the steward's highest priority?", and "How do Christian stewards use their material blessings?". It is a short booklet and doesn't take long to read. I considered it to be thoughtful and interesting. Hopefully you will too.

**HELP!!** We are in need of a couple more people to help with picking up the Attendance Records at the end of the service. It is easy and doesn't take very long. We schedule each person to do a month at a time, but if you need to miss a Sunday, others are happy to fill in. Please let me know if you are interested in helping. (BTW – this counts as Stewardship!)

**Evangelism Conference:** As you know, there was an Evangelism Conference at Westminster Presbyterian Church, 2201 15<sup>th</sup> Street, Friday June 11<sup>th</sup> through Sunday June 13<sup>th</sup>. Trinity was represented at this conference by Lola Aleidinger, Belinda Burmeister, Vicki Leonard and myself. The speakers at the conference were excellent and much was learned by each of us. All the speakers and sessions are available for viewing on the Westminster website. If you are interested go to [wpcpca.org/sermons/](http://wpcpca.org/sermons/). The titles that were from the conference are: I Am Not Ashamed of The Gospel, Evangelism in Cultural Context, “Evangelism in Generational Context: Reaching Millennials & Gen Z with The Gospel”, 2021 Evangelism Conference: Panel Discussion: “Practical Difficulties in Personal & Corporate Evangelism”, The Centrality Of The Church In Evangelism, and The Ultimate Goal of Evangelism.

**The next Evangelism Meeting** will be Tuesday July 13<sup>th</sup> at 5:30pm. All are welcome to attend.

**In closing**, I would like to quote Colossians 3:23-24 (ESV) – 23 Whatever you do, work heartily, as for the Lord and not for men, 24 knowing that from the Lord you will receive the inheritance as your reward. You are serving the Lord Christ.

Yours in Christ,  
Cheryl Sandenaw, Evangelism Chairman

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### **STEWARDSHIP**

We all know God gives us everything, including the very breath of life. In our baptism, we receive the Holy Spirit to guide us through this life. We are truly blessed in America with easy and free access to God's Holy Word, our instructions book for this life so we are prepared for eternal life. How can we show our appreciation to God for all he gives us? In the Old Testament the Israelites were to give back 10% of everything they had as a sacrifice to God. In Matthew 9:13, Jesus quotes Hosea 6:6 when he says, 'I desire mercy not sacrifice.' Jesus wants us to have compassionate hearts. We want to have a heart like Jesus. When we give back to God for what He has given us, we give thanks in prayer; we give of our treasures; and we share His love with others.

God's blessings,  
Sandy Klose, Stewardship Chairperson

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### **LWML**

#### **ANNUAL RUMMAGE SALE – AUGUST 14TH**

LWML will be hosting the annual rummage sale in August. Please start putting your donations in the last Sunday School room down the hall on the right, next to doors into the Great Room or In the storage shed **starting July 10<sup>th</sup>**. Please plan on giving your time to this annual effort to raise funds to support missions. We will need help setting up tables **Sunday, August 8<sup>th</sup>**. And getting items out of the storage shed. We also, need more help setting up and pricing all the donations mornings on **August 8-13. Please, Please....**Consider donating your time & efforts for this worthwhile cause. It will take more than 4-5 Ole' Women!! **Yvonne Steeby**

## WHAT A FRIEND WE HAVE IN JESUS

“This is my last ride as a bride”

They were rowing on a lake in Canada on the day before the wedding, a young lady and her friends. She was going to be married to one of the finest of Christian men; and she herself was a sweet Christian girl. They had decided to never quarrel. If ever there would be come a time when they thought they must quarrel, then they would stay there each go by himself and pray. They would stay there until they could meet each other with a smile. God was going to be their guide in everything, and they would take all their troubles to Him in prayer.

“This is my last ride as a bride,” she said. But it was her last ride altogether. Suddenly a strong wind hit the boat and it turned over. All her friends were saved, but she sank to the bottom.

Meanwhile Joseph Scriven was sitting in his room, thinking about how happy he would be with such a good wife. There was a knock at the door. An envelope was handed him. In it was the story of his bride’s death.

It came to him like lightning out of a clear sky. All his hopes were dashed in that one minute. All the things that he had dreamed of were not going to be. What he had looked forward to doing with his young wife, their home, and the way they would arrange it, would never be. It was a bitter sorrow.

Then Scriven remembered that they had promised God to take everything to Him in prayer. So he knelt down to tell God all his sorrow and ask for help. He stayed on his knees for three hours God was his best friend. He felt much more hopeful after that prayer. There was peace in his heart once more, and he was willing to take his sorrow, and the sad feeling that came with it, and carry it bravely.

Joseph Scriven had been born in Ireland, and had come to Canada in 1845, when he was 25 years old. His bride died in a Canada lake. There in Canada he learned the meaning of that prayer: “God’s will be done.”

Shortly after this, his mother was in great trouble. Joseph remembered how sad he had felt when he was in his great trouble. He knew just what his mother needed most. So he sat down to write a hymn for her: “What a Friend we have in Jesus, all our sins and griefs to bear.”

In 1886, seventy years ago this year, when he was 66 years old, he was very sick and died soon after. During that sickness a neighbor visited him and saw this hymn on his table. He read it and liked it very much. He later took it to a publisher and had it printed.

That is how we came to have the hymn “What a Friend We Have in Jesus.”---Adapted from THE CHURCH YEAR IN SONG by W. G. Polack.

*“My Chum” magazine, July-August, 1956*

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## **JULY 4<sup>TH</sup>** **ICE CREAM SOCIAL**

Garrett Anderson, our summer intern would like to invite everyone to join him on Sunday, July 4 at 8:00 p.m. for an Ice Cream Social. Since VBS will be starting on Monday, July 5<sup>th</sup>, the picnic has been changed to an Ice Cream Social. Come join us for some fun and fellowship!

## THE NEW YOUTH GROUP SCHEDULE 2021

Hello, Trinity Lutheran Youth! The youth group schedule has changed quite a lot since the beginning of the summer due to weather forecasts and the attempts to accommodate all the youth. Because of this I wanted to send out an updated youth group schedule for the rest of our summer!

The senior youth group events will be mostly held from 3 to 5 PM on Tuesdays and Thursdays and the junior youth group events will be held from 1 to 3 PM on Wednesdays.

Garrett Anderson, Summer Youth Intern

<b>SENIOR YOUTH GROUP SCHEDULE</b>		
Day	Date	Event
TH	July 1 <sup>st</sup>	All-Business Day
SUN	July 4 <sup>th</sup>	Fourth of July Ice Cream Social (8PM)
M-F	July 5 <sup>th</sup> -9 <sup>th</sup>	God's Wonder Lab VBS Helping (9 to 11:30 AM)
T	July 13 <sup>th</sup>	Water Day
TH	July 15 <sup>th</sup>	Pasta Day
F	July 16 <sup>th</sup>	Prayer Walk* (3 to 5 PM)
T	July 20 <sup>th</sup>	Christmas in July
F	July 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Mystery Lock-In (6 PM to 8 AM)
T	July 27 <sup>th</sup>	Boardgame Day
TH	July 29 <sup>th</sup>	Hiking Day
F	July 30 <sup>th</sup>	Town Cleanup Competition
T	August 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Lego Day
TH	August 5 <sup>th</sup>	Greatest Hits Day

<b>JUNIOR YOUTH GROUP SCHEDULE</b>		
Day	Date	Event
W	June 30 <sup>th</sup>	Jr. Animal Day
M-F	July 5 <sup>th</sup> -9 <sup>th</sup>	God's Wonder Lab VBS (9 to 11:30 AM)
W	July 14 <sup>th</sup>	Jr. Water Day
W	July 21 <sup>st</sup>	Jr. Christmas in July
W	July 28 <sup>th</sup>	Jr. Cardboard Box Day
W	August 4 <sup>th</sup>	Last Jr. Youth Day

## **FREEDOM**

The following two articles were written by Sarah Krueger and Garrett Anderson about 15 years ago. It is about their thoughts on Freedom. Today more than ever we need to pray for our freedom!

### **WHY I AM AN AMERICAN PATRIOT**

By Sarah Krueger, daughter of Darrel & Janice Krueger & granddaughter of Ray & Sandra Krueger

An American patriot is loyal to their country and they respect it. They love their country and their freedom. Patriots can support their country by voting, joining the military, supporting the military, showing respect to the flag, obeying the laws, and paying taxes.

Showing respect to your country is a very important part of being a patriot. It shows that we love our country. You can show respect by saying the Pledge of Allegiance, singing the National Anthem, and respecting what our president says and does.

Great American patriots fought for freedom. But patriots do not have to fight or be in the army. They can be people who are young or old, male or female, or disabled or healthy, who have normal jobs and love and respect their country. Anyone who loves and supports their country is a patriot.

We are very fortunate to have freedom. We are free to do what we want when other countries do not have that luxury. We should be thankful that our country's founding fathers, men like Thomas Jefferson and George Washington, helped establish America based on freedom. We have our military veterans to thank for our freedom.

Like many people in America, I am an American Patriot. I love the United States. I am proud to live in the United States and to have my freedom. I love going to my church and knowing I do not have to hide my faith. I have the freedom to choose my job when I get older and move where I want to live. My family and I pray for the troops who are fighting in Iraq. I say the Pledge of Allegiance every day at school. Studying American history is part of being a patriot. These are the reasons why I am an American patriot.

*(Sarah entered this in an essay contest for VFW.s "Patriots Pen" and placed third in the New Brunfels, TX local post. She received a \$100 savings bond>)*

### **WHAT FREEDOM MEANS TO ME**

By Garrett Anderson, 8 year old son of Matt & Cindi Anderson and grandson of Bob & Jan Thede.

If there was no freedom we would all be bossed around. Everybody would be miserable slaves! We wouldn't be able to go to our churches and schools! We are very fortunate to have freedom. Freedom means liberty, country, and being nice, so we can do things that we want to do. But we still have to follow the law. Freedom is a good thing. Some countries don't have freedom. The USA thinks freedom is important. We fought for freedom to not be part of England which is the same as fighting for freedom. Israel was in slavery by a Pharaoh but Moses set the Israelites free! All need freedom! The song "The Star Spangled Banner" is talking about freedom. And Ben Franklin wanted freedom for his country. And that's what freedom means to me!!

*(Garrett entered this in the writing fair at Yucca School last fall and received Honorable mention.)*

## **JULY 2021 STEWARDS FOR CHRIST**

### **ELDERS**

July 4 Jesse Elkjer  
July 11 Jim Wilkes  
July 18 Jim Wilkes  
July 25 Matt Clark

### **ACOLYTES**

July 4 Madie Sanchez  
July 11 Zac Sanchez  
July 18 Ryan Sebring  
July 25 Reilly Quinn

### **HOSTS**

July 4 James & Megan Bowman  
July 11 Marvin & Joyce Bunker  
July 18 Miriam & Lisa Collins  
July 25 Kerry & Ruth Buttke

### **READERS**

July 4 George & Marianne Schweers  
July 11 Dick Dommers & Ruth Wilkes  
July 18 Miriam & Lisa Collins  
July 25 Kerry & Ruth Buttke

### **TELLERS**

July 4 Yvonne Steeby & Becky Worley  
July 11 Shirley Enyeart & Patty Quinn  
July 18 Megan Bowman & Dick Dommers  
July 25 Cheryl Sandenaw, Linde Van Cleave

### **USHERS**

July 4 Tom Blackmon, Jim Fladhammer,  
Larry & Beverly Van Duyn  
July 11 Matt Anderson, Marvin Bunker  
Jesse Elkjer, Susan Kelly  
July 18 Robert Johnson, Trey Johnson  
Ray Krueger, Bob Thede  
July 25 Bob & Sandy Klose  
Gerald Moore, David Teller

### **JULY FLOWERS**

July 4 Jesse Elkjer  
July 11 Jim Wilkes  
July 18 Jim Wilkes  
July 25 Matt Clark

### **JULY ATTENDANCE**

Lisa Collins

### **JULY ALTAR COMMITTEE**

Belinda Burmeister  
Cheryl Richey

### **THE FLAG WE LOVE**

*By Margaret Beck*

On this day our flag we raise.  
She flies, unfurled, above.  
Her streaming colors, in the breeze.  
Fly o'er the land we love.

We thank God for America  
Where people can be free  
To honor and to worship Him,  
True God of liberty.

### **A PRAYER FOR THE 4TH**

Lord Jesus, thou who art the way, the truth and the life; hear us as we pray for the truth that shall make all free. Teach us that liberty is not only to be loved but also to be lived. Liberty is too precious a thing to be buried in books. It costs too much to be hoarded. Help us see that our liberty is not the right to do as we please, but the opportunity to please to do what is right.

*-----Peter Marshall, before the U.S. Senate*

**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL**  
**TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH**



**Monday, July 5<sup>th</sup> through**  
**Friday July 9<sup>th</sup>**

**9:00 AM to 11:30 AM**













