



THE TRINITARIAN



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FROM THE PASTOR

And the LORD came down to see the city and the tower, which the children of man had built. And the LORD said, "Behold, they are one people, and they have all one language, and this is only the beginning of what they will do." And nothing that they propose to do will now be impossible for them". Genesis 11:5-6

When you lightly read over this text when you were reading your Bible, was your first impression that the Lord was being a little over concerned that they would build a tower that would reach up to Him? Did you think, "There is no way they could build a tower to God and yet what does God say in 6b? "And nothing that they propose to do will now be impossible for them." Nothing impossible?

I don't know if you have heard or know anything about AI (Artificial Intelligence). If you don't now, it will overtake you in the next few years. You thought the internet seems to be out of hand but what is coming will quickly overwhelm us even more.

If the people working on this were into it for the good of people, that would be one thing but too many are in it to see how far they can go, even to thinking that humans might not be needed.

I know it may seem like I am going back to those days when horses were being replaced by horse power. Yes, the advent of the industrial age and the creation of the internal combustion engine changed the world but AI is trying to get machines to overtake, even our minds.

I know there is so much information had with our phones that it is almost that we can't do without them but what if a "machine" could be implanted into you, accessed by your mind to bring information to you with just a thought?

Great things are coming but also detrimental things. The thing of it is, how will all this technology be used by us as we bring the Good News to those the Lord puts into our lives.

Already there are those who are mimicking voices of loved ones to the point that when these false voices call and ask that you bail them out of a situation. People are providing funds to bail people out even though their love one has no idea that all this is going on.

We all know of emails asking for money with my or some other name attached. What if this false me were to call you to encourage or to ask you to do something you would not normally do for others?

Be in prayer as to how the Lord is going to use this technology and that His Holy Spirit would alert you to those happenings we will have to deal with so that we will not be taken in by those who are following, almost believing that there is nothing they propose to do that will be impossible for them even though we know the Lord is in charge. Pastor

ADULT INFORMATION CLASS

I have some who are wanting to take the information class in order to become members of the church. If any of you would like to take the class in order to join the church or for many, maybe you would like a refresher or want to get to know those who want to join the church better come to the classes. I am planning on starting in July. Don't know the day or time yet but will nail that down when I have the people interested. Also, depending on who signs up, I might need to have babysitters if we are meeting ash the church. Let me know if you are interested so we can take care of the particulars. Pastor.

ELDER'S MESSAGE

Sacrifice

As I write this message, Memorial Day is fast approaching and with it the beginning of summer. While we will enjoy the good things about summer, picnics, family gatherings and just general relaxation. Memorial Day is the serious commemoration of those who have died in service to this great nation. This should also be a time to give thanks to those living veterans who are suffering the after effects of their service.

It may be physical injuries that make each day a struggle to attempt to live a "normal" life. Or it may be the mental anguish of their experiences they can never forget. Those challenges directly affect their families and all who come into their sphere of living.

Even though, because of sin, they and others have to deal with the challenges, God has a great plan for them and for the whole world. GOD'S plan was a sacrifice, and even greater sacrifice of HIS Only Begotten SON, JESUS CHRIST, and our God given belief in HIM is the only true solace for all of us.

We should PRAY for all veterans and their families to find comfort and healing in JESUS CHRIST.

We should also thank all veterans for their service that allows us the freedom to worship GOD and the other freedoms we enjoy as Americans.

Jim Wilkes, Elder

EVANGELISM

Tract of the Month: "The Biblical Response series offers easy-to-read summaries of important cultural topics for people who want to know what God's Holy Word says about cultural issues that touch our lives." June's booklet is "**A Biblical Response to Satanism**". "With the rise in popularity of Satanism in modern culture, it is important to understand a Christian response to its dangerous practices." Satanism is filled with harmful misconceptions. In fact, many Satanists today do not believe "in an actual fallen angel named Satan" or that Satan has been defeated by the cross of Jesus. This booklet series is very interesting. Be sure to pick up this month's tract or any of the previous month's tracts to read!

Guest Speaker Luncheon: On June 25th after the church service, we will have a guest speaker from LCMS. He will be telling us about the joint seminary fund and other LCMS missions. Lunch will be served! Please join us!

The mission for May and June is Luther Classical College: Luther Classical College is a college for Lutherans by Lutherans. Lutheran congregations are essential to its existence. First, because the mission of the college is to teach Lutheran men and women to value Christian culture and to live it out in their homes and their Lutheran congregations. Second, because the college relies on support from congregations to supply it with Lutheran students and to fund its building.

Lutheran Seminary, Novosibirsk, Siberia: Since the fall of the Soviet Union the opportunity of the Russian people to worship the Lord has been reestablished. At the Rocky Mountain District convention last year financial a goal was set to support the Lutheran seminary in Siberia. The district goal is \$150,000. Each congregation is being asked to establish a special fund to help support the

district's goal. The Trinity goal is \$2050. This amounts to approximately \$12 per communicant member. When making your donation to the seminary, you can denote it on your envelope as Siberia Seminary, or something similar.

“The Chosen”: The next showing of “*The Chosen*” will be on June 11th. Please plan to join us after the church service, in the Bible Study room.

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

In closing: A quote from Psalm 105:1 (ESV) – Oh give thanks to the Lord; call upon his name; make known his deeds among the peoples!

Yours in Christ,
Cheryl Sandenaw, Evangelism Chairman

STEWARDSHIP

What Do You Want?

One of the best-known and most-beloved psalms is Psalm 23, the “Shepherd Psalm.” There we learn that the Lord is our Shepherd. And since He is our Shepherd, we will not want. We will not suffer want because the Lord, our Shepherd, will lead us to green pastures and beside still waters. In other words, the Lord, our Shepherd, will provide for all that we need in both body and soul.

Yet, we live as though this is not the case. We live as though we *actually* suffer from want, that the Lord, our Shepherd, will not provide for all that we need. And thus, we live as though the Lord is not our Shepherd. And that means that we live as though we are not the Lord's sheep.

When do we live as though the Lord is not our Shepherd? When we put anything else before Him and His provision for us. When we think that going to work is more important than receiving His gifts in church on Sunday (in violation of the First and Third Commandments). When we fail to give generously of the first fruits of what the Lord has provided for us because we don't know what the future will bring (even though He has promised that He will lead us to green pastures and still waters).

We live as though we are not the Lord's sheep when we think that the Lord is only in the business of helping those who will help themselves. We act this way because our minds are set on earthly, temporal things and not on heavenly, eternal things. We act this way because we have stopped hearing the call of our Shepherd, which comes through His Word.

Through the Word of God, the Shepherd calls us to Himself. Through the Word, the Holy Spirit gathers and enlightens us with His gifts. Through the Word, we are kept holy and nourished in the one true faith, the faith that follows our Shepherd wherever He leads us. He promises to lead us to our true home, to the land flowing with milk and honey, to a better country, not of this world, but a heavenly one.

And so, here's the Good News: the Lord is your Shepherd, even and especially for wayward sheep. For Jesus seeks and saves those who are lost. He finds the lost sheep and carries them back to the

fold. He is the Shepherd who lays down His life for His sheep. The Lord is your Shepherd. Let us live as His sheep.

– LCMS Stewardship Ministry: lcms.org/stewardship

EDUCATION

SUNDAY SCHOOL: There will be no Sunday School during the summer (June – August). Sunday School will resume in September. Please watch the Trinity church bulletins for the date of Rally Day to kick off a new year of Sunday School.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL:

Don't forget Vacation Bible School runs June 12th through June 16th.

We are still in need of 3-4 more volunteers to help with VBS. We are also looking for food donations for snack time. **Please check the list on the VBS bulletin board in the narthex** (on the right as you leave the sanctuary). All donations need to be brought to church by Sunday, June 11th.

Registration forms are underneath the VBS bulletin board. Please take one for each child who will be attending and fill it out. If you want to volunteer or have questions please see Sue Kelly or call her at 575-430-2100.

TRINITY LUTHERAN LWML

2022-2023 was a busy year and was finished off with a One-Day Retreat at the church with Nora Sotak and Yvonne Steeby as our Hosts. We began the day with refreshments and fellowship and then were given a presentation on journaling. Each attendee was given a journal, a selection of stickers, and use of coloring pens to do journaling in their individual style. For lunch we had a pot of Stone Soup with ice cream sundaes for dessert. Our Mission project was hygiene packs for the Homeless here locally. 13 women attended and were able to complete 20 regular sized hygiene packs wrapped in a bath towel and wash rag, extra supplies were sent along with the wrapped kits.

On Sunday, May 14th new officers were installed. The officers for 2023-2024 are:

Vicki Leonard-President
Cheryl Richey-Vice President
Susan Kelly-Secretary
Chris Schlehuser -Treasurer
Sandy Klose-Christian Growth

Thank you to the past and present officers for all their help!

A reminder to sign up for the Fall Retreat (Rocky Mountain District LWML) being held at Glorietta, NM September 8-10th. Registration on the LWML Board. If you have questions see Belinda Burmeister.

Theme for the 2023 Milwaukee Convention will be "Celebrate the Lord of the Nations" based on Psalm 33:12-13 which reads-Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord, the people whom he has chosen as his heritage! The Lord looks down from heaven; he sees all the children of man. The convention is being held June 22-25th. Belinda will be attending. Please keep this group in prayer as they gather and travel.

DON'T Forget the Annual LWML Garage Sale **Saturday, August 12.** Work week will be Monday the 7th through Friday the 11th. Please do not bring items until the end of July or first week of August.

Have a Blessed Month!

Vicki

A HYMN'S LONG JOURNEY

The beloved hymn "How Great Thou Art" came together across many years and miles. In 1885, when Swedish preacher Carl Boberg wrote a poem titled "O, Great God," he probably never dreamed he'd hear it performed years later to an old Swedish tune. Or that a Russian version would impact Stuart Hine, an English missionary to Poland, several decades later. Hine penned his own English version, resulting in the now-familiar lyrics.

From "the rolling thunder" echoing off the Carpathian Mountains, to the "woods and forest glades" of Romania, to powerful conversions to Christianity, Hine was inspired to craft each verse. Sometimes the Holy Spirit takes time to complete a work, and that journey is as important as the destination.

Dollar Project Donations

for June 11th and June 18th will be donated to the School Back Pack Ministry for Ysleta Lutheran Mission Human Care. Over 1600 backpacks are distributed in El Paso and Juarez each year. The backpacks w/school supplies in the bag will be ordered online and sent directly to Ysleta. Directed donations can be made online or through various Gift cards. Thank you!

(See email from Pastor Heithold)

Give opportunities for children to succeed!

For the last ten years, YLMHC has partnered with multiple churches to provide backpacks and school supplies to children of low-income families, both in El Paso and Juarez, Mexico.

The 10th Annual Back to School Drive will be a celebration on July 15th and we need your help to make it happen!

- Close to 1,000 backpacks with school supplies are distributed in Juarez communities
- Close to 600 backpacks with school supplies are distributed in El Paso
- Children from low-income families struggle to achieve in education due to family financial strain

You can help these children succeed for a better future through education by donating much needed backpacks and school supplies...here is how!

- What we need the most are new backpacks. You can order them in bulk and have them directly delivered to YLMHC!
 - www.bagsinbulk.com
- Order and ship new school supplies!
- Mail in gift cards!
 - Walmart
 - Amazon
 - Target
 - VISA, Master Card, or American Express Gift Cards

We thank you in advance for supporting and encouraging thousands of children directly impacted through this ministry of kindness and love!

Ysleta Lutheran Mission Human Care
301 S. Schutz Drive
El Paso, TX 79907

JUNE 2023 STEWARDS FOR CHRIST

ELDERS

June 4 Matt Anderson
June 11 Jim Wilkes
June 18 Robert Rentschler
June 25 Matt Anderson

READERS

June 4 Dick Dommers & Ruth Wilkes
June 11 Gerald Moore & Lisa Collins
June 18 Bob & Sandy Klose
June 25 Ruth Wilkes & Hannah Keeler

TELLERS

June 4 Yvonne Steeby & Becky Worley
June 11 Shirley Enyeart & Vicki Leonard
June 18 Megan Bowman & Dick Dommers
June 25 Cheryl Sandenaw & Linde Van Cleave

HOSTS

June 4 Shirley Enyeart & Susan Kelly
June 11 Jim & Diane Kline
June 18 Bob & Sandy Klose
June 25 Ray & Sandra Krueger

SOUND TECH

June 4 Ben Clark
June 11 Bob Klose
June 18 Matt Anderson
June 25 Jim Kline

MUSIC

June 4 Lisa Cramm
June 11 Lisa Cramm
June 19 Lola Ableidinger
June 24 Lola Ableidinger

JUNE ALTAR COMMITTEE

Diane Kline
Cheryl Richey

JUNE ATTENDANCE

Cheryl Sandenaw

USHERS

June 4 Tom Blackmon, Jim Fladhammer
Larry & Beverly Van Duyn
June 11 Abby Anderson, Marvin Bunker
Emily Johnson, Susan Kelly
June 18 Robert & Trey Johnson
Bob & Tammy Thede
June 25 Bob & Sandy Klose
Gerald Moore & Irvin Torres

JUNE FLOWERS

June 4 Dick & Cheryl Richey
June 11 Jim & Hannah Keeler
June 18 John Marquardt
June 25 Jim & Diane Kline

THE TRAVELER'S PRAYER

"God, grant them journeying mercies."
Thus the old pastor prayed;
"As they go forth toward distant parts
May they be undismayed.

"And grant their eyes be opened
To thine all-reaching grace.
Save them from threatening danger
In every time and place."

God grant us journeying mercies
As on our way we go;
And open wide our seeking eyes
Thy Providence to know.

As east or west we journey
By land or sea or air,
Grant us thy journeying mercies
Wherever we may fare.

For though the wings of morning
Should bear us far and free,
Darkness or light or distance
Will not divide from Thee.

*This Day magazine, June 1951
Sent in by Zelia M. Walters, Mediz, PA*

