



TRINITY'S NEW SIGN

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FROM THE PASTOR

Then He [Jesus] said to them, "Therefore render to Caesar the things that are Caesar's, and to God the things that are God's. Matthew 22:21

Jesus used the above comment when asked about paying taxes to Caesar. Some wanted to find a way to pit Jesus against Caesar. It was not different than any other time they tried to catch Him in a situation where they could get Jesus crossways with either the religious leaders or with the governing authorities, the Romans.

Jesus was wise enough to put them in their place to the end that they didn't try to trap him ever again. They knew He was more formidable than they and they waited for an opportunity to do Him in, which they did on the cross.

When we think of rendering to Caesar, we think of our responsibility to the government over and against what is our responsibility to God. What happens though when we don't know what is the government's responsibility and what is not?

The Bible points to the education of our children as being foremost our responsibility. We have let that responsibility be taken over by the schools and in many cases, government run schools. We have turned over some of our responsibility to them which may make it easier for us but how much do we know what our children or grandchildren or neighbor kids are being taught from day to day?

Yes, we can let the government do what should be our job and yet if they do, shouldn't we be more involved in their learning so that we know if what our children are being taught are against the things that are God's?

This not only applies to our schools but also to other areas of government that we have let them take over that is outside of what they are to be doing. How much time do we take to deal with the things that are "Caesar's" and the things that the government needs to keep their hands out of as they are things that are God's?

Jesus knew the difference as He dealt with the government and with those who should have been teaching the things of God. We don't see Him throwing things around in the presence of Pilate but we do see Him cleaning out the temple a couple times. Pilate saw nothing wrong with Jesus but the religious leaders were threatened and wanted Him dead. They got their will. We got one who died for us and rose from the grave. We have the one who rose to heaven and now rules until He comes again. We have been given a nation we live in that is the greatest nation on earth that needs us to continue to watch over so that it doesn't go past what it was put in place to do.

Pastor

ELDERS ARTICLE

Tempus fugit!!!

Here it is August, the annual "celebration" of the "dog days of summer", hot and humid.

As a former weatherman for the military, I get the expected derision from folks about the lack of credence in the forecasts by the "TV" weathermen and anyone else who purports to GUESS about what the weather will do.

How can they get things so wrong with all the "Smart Technology" they have at their disposal? The weather "models" are the unholy grail of modern weather forecasting. These models are based upon years of climatological data compiled and analyzed by various computer programs invented by humans. Throw in the Doppler weather radar data and satellite technology, you would think they couldn't be as wrong as much as it seems they are.

The key factor that all the human and technological aspects of weather forecasting fails to consider is GOD's control of the forces of nature to achieve His will. Even the most devastating of weather events are according to GOD's plan to guide HIS people to salvation. Stories abound about how nonbelievers who suffer severe consequences from nature's wrath find solace and comfort in JESUS.

Just as GOD controls the weather, HE controls our lives. All things we do are part of HIS plan for us and all of HIS children. We are foolish if we think we are in control of our destiny.

The only ways to even begin to understand what GOD has in store for us is to study HIS WORD, PRAY for HIS guidance in our daily

lives, believe in the GRACE of HIS SON JESUS CHRIST as our SAVIOR and accept the HOLY SPIRIT in our hearts,

JAMES R. WILKES, ELDER

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The Board of Directors did not meet in July 2019.

When we meet this month, we will begin the process of developing a church budget for 2020. If you have ideas, request for budget line item consideration or other germane input please speak to a board of director about them.

We will also be looking at filling board offices for the following: congregation secretary, treasurer, chairs for stewardship and trustee. We'll also be needing to elect three elders. Please be in prayer that willing members will step up to serve in these positions.

Bob Klose, President

TRINITY CHOIR

It Almost Choir Time Again:

Calling all singers!! We need your voice!! We need sopranos, altos, tenors and basses. We need all voices!! If you can carry a tune we want you!! You don't have to know how to read music. We will teach you your part.

The choir meets on Wednesday evenings from 7pm to 8pm. We have a lot of fun and hope you will join us.

Our first rehearsal for this choir season will be Wednesday August 21st at 7pm. If you plan to join us please let me know so I can have a music folder ready for you.

See you there!

Cheryl Sandenaw, Choir Director, 430-1383

A PETITION FOR LIFE

Greetings in the name of our risen and ascended Lord of Life.

The assault on life in this culture of death continues seemingly unabated. But we, as Lutherans, have the distinct blessing, privilege, and responsibility to address this, not from a political and cultural perspective, but from the Law and Gospel as proclaimed in the Bible. There are no asterisks included with “You shall not murder.” When God inspired Paul to tell the Corinthians that “the last **ENEMY** to be destroyed is death” (emphasis mine), He didn’t proceed to say “unless that death makes your life more convenient,” or some such exception.

It can feel pretty lonely at times, though, to proclaim God’s truth about life in this political and social climate of death, especially on the frontlines in our congregations. So, we at Lutherans For Life put together a “Petition For Life” and are providing you with the ability to share this with your pastors and laypeople who are fighting that battle every day.

We understand and respect the differences within the Lutheran Body of Christ. We are definitely NOT posting this as an attempt to force syncretism or to pretend that we all agree on every point of doctrine. But I would hope that we could rally together to proclaim an overarching truth: that our God is the Author and sovereign Lord of life. This is an opportunity for ALL Lutherans to support one another and to proclaim that Life is a spiritual, not political or societal, matter,

encouraging our pastors to speak the truth, both Law and Gospel, from the pulpit, in Bible studies, and in private consultations.

Lutherans For Life is asking for your help. Would you please distribute this through your communication channels to your members and congregations? We are NOT doing this to solicit funds or expand our mailing list. Yes, people may choose to receive information about Lutherans For Life, but they have to actively select that option. This is an attempt to make a public statement that we Lutherans may have things that divide us, but we are united on the sanctity of life.

The online petition is here:

www.ipetitions.com/petition/lutherans-for-life Thank you for your help. Please let Lutherans For Life know how we might serve you.

Blessings, Rev. Scott Licht
National Director, Lutherans For Life

TRUSTEE

A new sign for the front of the church has been obtained with funds from the Gene Humphrey Memorial. (The picture on the front of the newsletter is of the new sign.) The new sign has been placed in the existing frame and support structure. The frame work and the supporting beam on top of the sign have been painted.

Bob Thede
Trustee Chairman



SUMMER INTERN

I would like to thank the congregation for allowing me to be your Summer Intern for 2019. I thoroughly enjoyed working with the youth. We have some awesome youth in our congregation. Thanks to everyone for coming together this summer to help make everything a success for: Vacation Bible School, the Fourth of July Picnic, and all of the Youth Events! VBS and the July 4th picnic were huge successes this summer. We had 35 kids attending VBS. I would like to give a big thank you to Stacy Johnson for doing an awesome job with the VBS decorations and set up and for being a tremendous help to me!! A huge thanks to all of the volunteers who helped with VBS and who donated the snacks for the kids. At the annual 4th of July picnic, there were 65 people coming together to help celebrate our patriot-

Also the youth would like to thank the congregation for donating to our fundraisers to help fund the Higher Things Youth Conference, at Concordia Irvine, CA. on July 30th through August. 2nd.

There will one more Sr. Youth event on Tuesday, August 6th.

Thanks again for having me this summer! And many thanks for being a tremendous giving congregation!

Garrett Anderson, 2019 Summer intern

The picture above is of our 2019 Vacation Bible School attendees.

I believe that God is in me as the sun is in the color and fragrance of a flower, the Light in my darkness, the Voice in my silence.

—Helen Keller

LWML

What an Awesome Convention in Mobile with 3,100 attendees! - Thank you!!! Thank you !!! to ALL who contributed/supported the LWML Mission Goals. I encourage each of you to go to the **lwml.org** site to see all the convention highlights, goals set, mission grants voted on. A special highlight – Our own Ysleta Marachi Youth Music ministry was successful in being chosen as a grant recipient.

The voting body elected the following to serve as Officers, Counselor, and nominating committee:

President: Debbie Larson, Rocky Mountain District; **Vice President of Organizational Resources:** Marie Chow, Washington-Alaska District; **Vice President of Special Focus:** Deaconess Betty Knapp, North Wisconsin District Ministries; **Treasurer:** Karla Koehler; **Junior Pastoral Counselor:** Rev. Brian B. Noack, Atlantic District; **Nominating Committee:** Carrie Brumbaugh, Wyoming District; Mary Harrington, North Wisconsin District; Crysta Miller, Nebraska North District; Brianne Stahlecker, Nebraska South District; Sylvia Bean, Rocky Mountain District.

The **Mission in Motion Pledge Walk** was led on Saturday morning by the Excelsior Band of Mobile. There were 848 participants registered to walk, and \$59,612.79 in pledges was collected. Belinda and Yvonne sincerely Thank each of you that contributed to our pledge walk. To God be the glory!

Gifts From The Heart Updated Count: 8,436 Arch Books; 228 Baby kits; 262 Sheet sets; 1,161 Hygiene kits; 926 Bibles; 214 Quilts 43 Boxes of Miscellaneous supplies; and \$33,630 in Gift card donations.

Delegates to the 38th Biennial Convention of the LWML adopted a \$2,100,000 mission goal for the 2019–2021 biennium. This goal, by the grace of God, will fund **21 mission grants** as men and women respond with prayer and offerings during the next two years. LWML chose to support the following mission grants, pledging their support with prayers and mites (offerings) given over the next biennium:

1. Water and the Word for Rural Schools in Kenya, \$80,000
2. Teach Me Too—Preschoolers with Learning Needs in Austin (LSEM), \$100,000
3. Mission Outreach for At-Risk Young Women in Africa, \$100,000
4. God's Grace for This Generation (LAMP), \$100,000
5. God's Word Changes Everything (LBT), \$95,000
6. Mobile Medical Mercy Mission Bus for Guatemala, \$100,000
7. Restoring Hope for Detroit Children and Families, \$100,000
8. Lights for Christ Scholarships in Guatemala, \$95,000
9. Wind River Indian Reservation Transportation at Fort Washakie in Wyoming, \$40,000
10. Ministry in Motion at Trinity in Mobile, AL, \$58,000
11. Touching the Living Word (LBW), \$100,000
12. Women's Witness and Mercy Asia — Mission Central, \$100,000
13. Digital Media Development (LFL), 30,000
14. Hope and Healing Hub of Downtown Lincoln, NE, \$50,000
15. Pre- and Post-Seminary Training for Local Church Workers in Africa, \$62,650
16. Preparing Leaders for Tomorrow (LCMS School Ministries), \$80,000

17. Christ for You, Anytime, Anywhere (KFUO Radio), \$60,000
18. Sri Lanka Multipurpose Building Construction, \$50,000
19. Making Jesus Known in the United States Ethnic Communities at Concordia Seminary in St. Louis, \$100,000
20. **Music Outreach, Classes, and Resources on the Border in El Paso, TX, \$98,400**
21. LCMS Deaconess Ministry (LCMS Office of International Mission), \$39,523 (partially funded)

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

ANNUAL LWML RUMMAGE SALE SATURDAY AUGUST 17, 2019 8:00 AM – 12:00 PM

Have you taken time this summer to clean out your closets, cabinets, and sheds to contribute to the annual rummage sale?

Sixty percent of the funds will go to missions chosen by our Trinity LWML, and 40% to our general funds! We will need volunteers to help setup, price the week prior to the sale and also work the sale that Saturday.

MEN – Please, we need your help too!

Any questions? Contact:

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Susan Weitzel — 575-551-2575

Belinda Burmeister — 713-419-1692

Bev Van Duyn — 575-434-5048

Cyndi Heithold — 575-443-3300

LONG-TERM PRAYERS

Eric Bell, **Lois Babcock**, Sierra Berger and unborn baby, Caitlin Boverie,

Kay Burger, Pam Cerny, Red Chesbro, Mike Debaar, Ariel DiPaolo & baby,

Ashton Flasco, Lester & Olivia Drinkwater, Renee Gocis, **Kristie & John Humphrey**,

Connie Johnson, Rhonda Jones, Joy Kosinski, Hunter Landt, Ty Landt, Myron Marquardt,

Betsy Miller, Emiclio Mutis, Terry Nielsen, Cindy Oberling, Mary Pamos, Alex Pearson,

Wendell Pinkerton, Margaret Romero, Justin Salmon, **Ila Schelter**, Carol Schultz,

Jessie Sharette, Lynne William Stewart,

Les Street, Austin Tice, Marea Turnbull,

Eric Van Horn, Vertein family, Rhihann Williams

AUGUST 2019 STEWARDS FOR CHRIST

ELDERS

Aug 4 Jim Wilkes
Aug 11 Ray Bailey
Aug 18 Matt Clark
Aug 25 Robert Rentschler

ACOLYTES

Aug 4 Miriam Collins
Aug 11 Morgan Sebring
Aug 18 Abby Anderson
Aug 25 Emily Johnson

READERS

Aug 4 Susan Weitzel & Gerald Moore
Aug 11 Susan Kelley & Dick Dommers
Aug 18 Shirley Enyeart & Cheryl Richey
Aug 25 Vicki Leonard & Ben Clark

HOSTS

Aug 4 Dino & Laurie Di Paolo
Aug 11 Dick & Jan Dommers
Aug 18 Vicki Leonard & Shirley Enyeart
Aug 25 Wilma Jaecks & Yvonne Steeby

TELLERS

Aug 4 Lola Ableidinger & Joyce Macon
Aug 11 Shirley Enyeart & Pete Simank
Aug 18 Nora Sotak & Kelly Thomas
Aug 25 Yvonne Steeby & Sandy Klose

AUGUST FLOWERS

Aug 4 Terry Marquardt
Aug 11 Matt & Jill Clark
Aug 18 Susan Weitzel
Aug 25 Lisa Cramm

AUGUST ATTENDANCE

Lisa Collins

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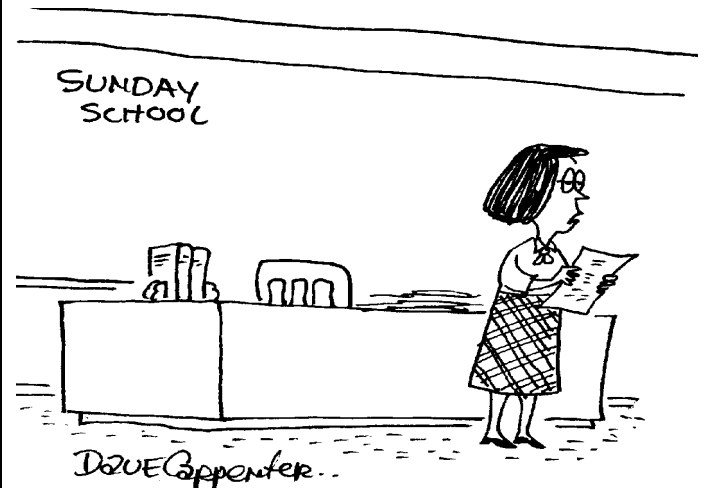
Aug 4 Tom Blackmon, Susan Weitzel
Larry & Beverly Van Duyn,
Aug 11 Matt Anderson, Marvin Bunker,
John Marquardt
Aug 18 Ben Clark, Trey Johnson
Robert Johnson, Ray Krueger
Aug 25 Bob Klose, Sandy Klose,
Gerald Moore

AUGUST ALTAR COMMITTEE

Sheila Anderson
Wilma Jaecks

CONGRATULATIONS

EmmaLee Kommer was recently crowned as Alamogordo Outstanding Teen and Morgan Sebring was crowned as Otero County Outstanding Teen for 2020 at the Sertoma Scholarship Competition held July 20th. EmmaLee and Morgan are both members of Trinity's youth group



"...In the future, please refrain from answering 'duh' on the easier questions."