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FROM THE PASTOR

2Chr. 34:18-19 Then Shaphan the secretary told the king, "Hilkiah the priest has given me a book." And Shaphan read from it before the king. And when the king heard the words of the Law, he tore his clothes.

You may look at these verses and wonder what this has to do with us today. These verses are the account of King Josiah, a king that followed the Lord. He didn't have a very good example to follow as both his grandfather, Manasseh and his father Amon did what was evil in the sight of God even though Manasseh repented and lived out the last of his life following God.

Josiah became king when he was 8 years old. By the time he was 16 the Bible says he began to seek the God of David his father (Meaning his ancestor David). Then by age 20 he began to purge Judah of idols and by age 26 after he had cleansed the land and the houses of idols, he began to repair the house of God.

As they were rebuilding the book of the law was found and upon Shaphan reading it, he knew the nation had not followed the law and he tore his clothes expressing his horror of not following the law of God.

Why is this important for us today? This month is the month we celebrate the Reformation and the nailing of the 95 Theses on the church door by Luther. He wanted to reform the church as he thought it had strayed from God's Word.

This text is not so much on straying but on completely forgetting it is even around but Josiah wasn't going to make the mistake of keeping it hidden but was wanting to do all he could so that all would follow the law, the Word of God in its entirety. Josiah kept the law and celebrated Passover as no other Passover was celebrated since the days of Samuel.

Josiah knew they needed to reform their ways, trusting once again in the Word of God. He knew that things could not and should not go on as they had with those in his past. He wanted the blessings of the Lord so he led the reform of the nation of Judah and kept the Word of God

As we remember and celebrate the Reformation by the Lord through Luther, let us once again commit to the Word of God in all its purity and live out the life He would have us live, giving thanks that the Word of God is present and that it is rightly understood and taught in all its purity.

Pastor Heithold

ELDERS

SERVING JESUS

It is hard to believe but we are approaching the end of 2018 and our annual congregation meeting in November. There will be a number of offices opening as some of us near the end of our terms of service. This is always a time for each of us to consider an opportunity to serve our church, indeed serve the head of our church, Jesus Christ.

We are all called as believers to serve as our abilities allow. Paul tells us *"Whoever thus serves Christ is acceptable to God and approved by men. So then let us pursue what makes for peace and for mutual upbuilding."*(Romans 14:18-19).

The work of our church must be shared by all in some fashion. Therefore I ask each of you to consider making yourself available for one of the positions on the board that will be opening this fall. I can say from my experience that service to Christ is neither difficult nor overly time consuming, but is truly rewarding. Jesus tells us *"Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light."*(Matthew 11:29-30)

Those who step up to serve will see that the Lord's promise is right on.

Dick Dommers,
Head Elder

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The Board of Directors met on September 20 2018.

Dick Dommers, Head Elder, reported that the elders reviewed member attendance. There are still several members who have not attended recently. The elders will contact these individuals to encourage them to return.

The elders discussed the elder slate for November election. We need at least one elder to run. Several names were put forward and will be approached.

Dick will prepare an advent letter for elders to sign at their next meeting. The letter will go out to all members. Pastor stated that he and two other pastors will conduct advent services by rotating through each church.

Nora Sotak, Acting Financial Secretary, reported total income for August was \$18,087.65; of that \$16,103.00 went to our General Fund.

Robyn Luevano, Treasurer, reported that expenses exceeded income in August by (\$995.85). General Income was \$16,103.00 and Expenses were \$17,098.85. Year-to-date we've received \$133,776.81 and had expenses of \$131,721.77 for a difference of plus \$2,055.04. Pray that this trend will reverse, and we'll start seeing positive rather than negative balances in our monthly income.

Board members conducted an internal audit of the bookkeeping system and discovered some errors in a few line items. Our treasurer has corrected the erroneous entries.

CONGREGATION MEETING
NOVEMBER 18, 2018

Cheryl Sandenaw, Evangelism Chair, reported that Terry Marquardt and Julie & Ray Bailey have agreed to help with the Bob Lenz project. **More volunteers are needed!** The date set for the presentations is March 18, 2019. Cheryl has received a list from the Bob Lenz organization outlining what we will be responsible for providing monetarily and as well as volunteer labor. The course of action that was decided on is to determine as close as possible what the extra costs will be above and beyond the main fee, i.e., from the school, pizza shops, and motels. We need volunteers to assist with various tasks, i.e. set-up, take down, ushers, prayer partners, etc. Ray Bailey and Cheryl Sandenaw will put together a PowerPoint presentation to be taken to the Ministerial Alliance, Motels, Pizza Shops, Fellowship of Christian Athletes and the youth groups from other churches in town to get some of the volunteer help that is needed from all these organizations.

A big THANK YOU to all who helped with the County Fair.

Mark your calendar for Pastor Naeem's visit on Sunday, October 28th.

Bob Thede, Trustee Chair, reported that the painter has completed painting the interior of the church. Our facility was recently inspected by the fire department. All discrepancies have been corrected. Thanks to the trustee committee members for replacing the doors to the social hall, for trimming the hedges on the south side of the building and for all the many things they do to keep our facilities in good repair.

Bob Klose, President of BOD

The Board of Directors (BOD) has selected November 18th as the date for the annual congregational meeting. The purpose of the meeting, as directed by the Constitution and By-Laws of Trinity, is to elect officers to the BOD, approve a budget for next year, nominate individuals as delegates to Synod offices, and conduct any other business brought up by congregation members.

This year we will be electing BOD members for the following: President, Vice-President, Financial Secretary, Education Chair, Evangelism Chair and two (2) Elders. Please prayerfully consider serving in one of these positions. Let myself, Dick Dommers or Cheryl Sandenaw know if you are willing to serve.

Our By-laws state that there should be one elder for every *fifty confirmed members*. Thanks to Ray Bailey, Matt Clark, Sr., and Jim Wilkes we currently, once again, have a full slate of five elders. This year Dick Dommers and Robert Rentschler's positions are to be elected.

Romans 12:1-3 *I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship ²Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.*

I appeal to you also brothers and sisters, please come forward and agree to serve.

Bob Klose,
Congregation President

**REMINDER OF CALL FOR
NOMINATIONS—2019 LCMS
CONVENTION**

LCMS has provided information for nominating personnel for various offices and positions within the Synod. Requirements for the positions vary from an Ordained Minister (Ord.), Commissioned Minister (Com.), to a Lay Member of LCMS Congregation. The positions are:

Officer: Secretary of the Synod, 1 (Ord.); Commission: Theology and Church Relations, 1 Parish Pastor, 1 Lay.

Boards: LCMS Board of Directors 1 (Com) 1 Lay; LCMS Church Extension Fund 1 (Ord or Com., 2 Lay; Board for National Mission 3 1 (Ord or Com); Concordia Historical Institute 2 (Ord), 1 (Com or Lay); LCMS Foundation 1 (Ord), 1 (Lay); Board for International Mission 1 (Lay); Concordia Publishing House 4 (Lay); Concordia University System 1 (Ord).

Boards of Regents (Colleges and Universities) 1 (Ord), 1 Com), 1 (Lay) each for nine campuses.

Boards of Regents (Seminaries) 2 (Ord), 1 (Com), 1 (Lay) each for two seminaries.

If you are interested in serving or in nominating some one contact Bob Klose, Congregation President, (575) 491-3407. Get information and requirements for the offices.

Bob Klose,
President

TRUSTEE

The fire department recently conducted an inspection of the church. They found several items that needed attention. The fire extinguishers and the kitchen fire suppression system needed to be inspected. Extensions cords are not allowed and should be replaced with surge protectors. There are some gaps in the walls in some of the furnace rooms that needed to be filled in. We were recently re-inspected and are now in full compliance.

We have replaced the entry doors into the social hall. We purchased new doors, finished them, and placed the hardware and windows from the old doors on these.

The hedges on the south side of the church have been trimmed.

Bob Thede,
Trustee Chairman

“GOD’S CHANGELESS WORD”

Feelings come and feelings go,
And feelings are deceiving;
My warrant is the Word of God—
Naught else is worth believing.

Though all my heart should feel condemned
For want of some sweet token,
There is One greater than my heart
Whose Word cannot be broken.

I’ll trust in God’s unchanging Word
Till soul and body sever,
For though all things shall pass away,
His Word shall stand forever!

—Martin Luther

EVANGELISM

Octobers Tract of the Month is **"The Differences between the ELCA and the LCMS"**. The intent of this tract is to "offer a brief overview of the key differences between the ELCA and the LCMS". Hopefully, it will help you understand what these differences are. The main topics it covers are our differences over the Bible, our differences over the authority of the Lutheran Confessions, and our differences over what is necessary for church fellowship. Very interesting!

Our 4th Quarter Mission (Oct through Dec) is LCMS Joint Seminary Fund. Mission Sundays are always on the 3rd Sunday of the month, but you can give to the mission anytime during this quarter.

Fair Booth Results – A multitude of THANKS to everyone that helped out with the Otero County Fair from September 19th through September 22nd! During the course of the Fair we gave out MANY children's books, testaments, brochures, and information about Lutheranism and Trinity, as well as all of our toys. We had a total of 227 entries for the quilt drawing. Of those 23 asked for more information about Trinity.

October 28th – Please mark this date on your calendars. This is the day that Pastor Naeem of BOLM Ministries will be coming to our church to talk to us about his work with converting Muslims to Christianity (especially as Lutherans). On that day he will conduct the adult Bible Study, deliver the sermon, and

give us a further talk about his ministry at the BBQ luncheon following the service. This is an important event! We hope everyone will attend!!!

Possible Mission Change – As of Sunday September 23rd only 32 people have voted. I had originally said I would accept ballots until September 30th, but have decided to extend the dead-line to Sunday October 7th. The ballots are the green ½ page papers that were placed in all the boxes. There are more ballots on the table under the boxes. Please make your voice heard as to whether you want to keep the voted missions at 4 or change them to 6. An explanation is on the ballots. If you have any questions, give me a call.

NEEDED – New Evangelism Chairman – Since this is my final year of eligibility as the Evangelism Chairman, we will be needing someone to take over in January. The primary responsibilities of this job include writing newsletter articles, doing the yearly Host List (not hard), assigning the Attendance Sheet pick-up (easy), coming up with the list of potential missions for the yearly Congregational Meeting to vote on (easy), attending BOD Meetings (once a month), and the County Fair. Anything else above and beyond is up to the chairman and the committee. I am developing a guide to help with the transition. In addition, if my replacement desires it, I will plan to stay on as part of the committee. Also, I will continue to chair the Bob Lenz project, though I would expect help. *Since I have found this to be a rewarding experience, it is my hope 1 or 2 or 3+ of you will prayerfully consider taking over!* If you have any questions please feel free to contact me!

The Next Evangelism Committee meeting will be Thursday October 11th at 5:30pm. We welcome anyone that may wish to attend! In closing I would like to quote ACTS 28:19-20 (NIV) – “Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.”

Yours in Christ,
Cheryl Sandenaw, Evangelism Chairman

YOUTH UPCOMING EVENT

Oct 20th at 5:00 – Fall Youth Group Party!

YOUTH FUNDRAISING EVENTS

November window washing fund raiser – (date & time to be determined) watch for sign up sheets on the bulletin board.

Nov 11th after church – Chili Lunch and Craft Sale

Chili Lunch and Craft Sale: Fall is here and Christmas time is coming! We can help you to be ready for the season! The Youth Group will be hosting a craft sale Nov 11 after church. We will be selling handmade cards, gift tags, gift card holders, and Christmas and fall decorations. We will also be hosting a Chili Lunch so you won't be hungry while you are trying to decide which crafts you are going to purchase. The Youth is raising money for the Higher Things Youth Retreat next summer at Concordia Irvine.

Thank you for your generous support of our youth!

Cindi Anderson, Jill Clark and Stacy Johnson

YOUTH CRAFT SALE EXAMPLES



MINISTER TO YOUR MINISTERS

In honor of Clergy Appreciation Month, use these alphabetical reminders of how to treat your pastors:

Accept them as people.

Build them up. Say “thank you.”

Communicate with them.

Defend them when someone tries to run them down.

Entertain them. They like to have fun, too!

Family. Allow them to have a family life.

Genuine. Be honest with them. Be yourself around them.

Honor them. Don’t put them on a pedestal, but respect them.

Income. Pay them enough so money isn’t a concern.

Judge not! Avoid being critical.

Kind. Treat pastors as you want to be treated.

Love. See 1 Corinthians 13,

Maintain. Their families have the same needs as other families.

Nurture. Help them grow in grace.

Offer to help. The list of things you can do is endless.

Pray for them. Lift up their names to God daily.

Quelch not Encourage instead!

Rejoice in and with them.

Surprise them—in little and big ways.

Understand them. Put yourself in their place.

Vacation. They need time away.

Welcome them into your home. Don’t wait for an invitation.

EXpend yourself, not them,

Yoke. Help them bear their burdens with grace and dignity.

Zap all gossip!

—NewsletterNewsletter
October 2018

LWML MISSION TABLE

“Thanks” to everyone who let go of their old treasures and “thanks” to all who made them their old treasures. This is the cycle of success for the Mission Table. For the 3rd quarter we are sending \$250 to Ysleta Mission Table. All the help we get from you is much appreciated.

Wilma Jaecks,
LWML Mission Table Chair

LWML IS MOVING

After years of renting at Concordia Publishing House (CPH) LWML is moving to Concordia Seminary St. Louis campus. (CPH will continue to fulfill LWML orders).

This aligns with our strategic plan to: “communicate a fresh image to LCMS pastors and church workers,” and will enable the students and staff on campus to get to know LWML.

Their new address is:

LWML

801 Seminary Place, Ste. L010

St. Louis, MO 63105

LWML SUNDAY

October 14

Ladies remember to wear your purple!!

Baked goods will be offered after services to raise funds for Mission Mites; as this is one of LWMLs main focuses. Indulge in some goodies, or prepare for the holidays coming up!!

Amazing mites are sent with prayer
Here and abroad to share
With those in need, that is our aim,
And always in praise of His name.

Each coin is given with loving heart.
In this we have a part.
What joy it is to do God's Work,
From this we will never shirk.

Amazing Mites, those coins so small,
When in the box they fall,
Become a force for our Lord
And spread His Word near and far.

Our mites help many in despair.
They show how much we care.
They tell the news of God's Great Love.
And point to Heaven above.

The invitation by Zone President, Anita Werner, was extended to all Lutheran ladies to attend the 2019 National Convention in June in Mobile, Alabama. There is also an end of convention CRUISE being made available for relaxation and more social time.

Serving the Lord with Gladness,
Yvonne Steeby
LWML President

BOLM

BIBLICAL ORTHODOX LUTHERAN MISSION

BOLM is an outreach organization of affiliates of the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod.

BOLM is sharing Christ's love with Arabic speaking people, Muslims, Mormons, Atheists and others, nationally and internationally. In grateful response to God's grace and empowered by the Holy Spirit through Word and Sacraments, BOLM is vigorously endeavoring to make known the love of Christ by word and deed within churches, communities and nations of the world.

Pastor Naeem, founder and executive director of BOLM will be our guest Pastor here at Trinity on Sunday October 28th. Presently Pastor Naeem is an active Pastor of the LCMS Rocky Mountain District and is also a volunteer assistant Pastor at Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church in Centennial, CO.

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BOLM is:

- ♦ A Christian mission based on Lutheran doctrine and belief, readily sharing these beliefs with those seeking Christ
- ♦ Using the internet and communications technologies to reach thousand of individuals seeking information about Christ and gets responses in their own languages.

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Please join us on Sunday, October 28th to hear Pastor Naeem tell us about BOLM and all that it provides. The worship service will be followed by BBQ luncheon.

HYMN OF THE MONTH

“PRAISE, MY SOUL, THE KING OF HEAVEN”

Praise the Lord, O my soul: all my inmost being, praise His holy name. Psalm 103:1 (NKJV).

Would you like to spend the night in the home of one of England’s greatest hymnists? Reserve a room at the elegant Berry Head Hotel in Brixham, on England’s southern coast. Years ago, this was the home of Henry Lyte, author of “Abide With Me,” “Jesus, I My Cross Have Taken,” and “God of Mercy, God of Grace.”

For twenty-three years, Henry Lyte pastored the local church in Brixham, on the “English Riviera.” How Henry and his wife, Anne, acquired this elegant estate is something of a mystery, but it was most likely provided for them by the King of England in appreciation for Henry’s ministry. The estate was at water’s edge, and there in the tranquility of that house and grounds Henry wrote most of his sermons, poems, and hymns.

Despite frail health and weak lungs, Henry established a Sunday school of eight hundred children in Brixham. In addition to preaching and tending his flock, he ministered to sailors on the docks and wrote his hymns and poems. In 1834, he published a small book that included this now-famous hymn, based on Psalm 103. (It was later chosen by Princess Elizabeth, now Queen Elizabeth II, for her wedding hymn in Westminster Abby on November 20, 1947—the one hundredth anniversary of Lyte’s death.)

*Praise, my soul, the King of heaven;
To His feet thy tribute bring.
Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven,
Evermore His praises sing.*

While in his early fifties Henry realized his lung disorder had deteriorated into tuberculosis. On September 4, 1847, at age fifty-four, he entered his pulpit with difficulty and preached what was to be his last sermon. Henry closed the service by presiding over the Lord’s Supper. That afternoon, he walked pensively over to the grounds of Berry Head, working on his most enduring hymn, “Abide With Me.”

Shortly afterward, Henry departed for warmer climes. Arriving on the French Riviera, he checked into the Hotel de Angleterre in Nice, and there on November 20, 1847, his lungs finally gave out. He was buried in Nice and a white cross now marks his grave.

After Anne’s death, Berry Head passed to the Lyte daughter, Mrs. John Hogg, and it remained in the family until 1949, when it was converted into a hotel.

---“*Then Sings My Soul*”, book 2
Robert J. Morgan

CAN’T MAKE IT TO CHURCH?

You can tune in to a Lutheran Service called “Worship Anew” on your TV. If you live in the area and have an antennae tune into 14.1 on your digital receiver or channel 19 on you analog antennae or channel 22 on you local TV station you can also go to KVBATV.org and stream it to you computer. Broadcast times are Wednesdays at 10:30 am and Sundays at 12:30 p.m.

BLESSED ARE THOSE WHO TITHE...

Blessed are those who tithe, for they enrich both the church and themselves.

Blessed are those who make pledges, for they enable their church to run on facts, not imagination.

Blessed are the systematic givers, for there shall be order in their lives and in their quarterly statements.

Blessed are those who use their offering envelopes, for their contributions shall be recorded and shall be deductible from their income taxes.

Blessed are those who mark their envelopes clearly for they reduce the headaches of the finance people. Verily, verily I say unto you, it maketh difficulty enough to decipher some people's writing without having to read their minds, too.

—NewsletterNewsletter, October 1996

LONG-TERM PRAYERS

Tony Alonzo, David Barry, Eric Bell, Caitlin Boverie, Bernadeane Bridges, Pastor Robert and Lourdes Carrobatta, Dave Cauraugh, Red Chesbro, Donna & Dan Columbus, Mike Debaar, Carol Fox, Renee Gocis, Cutter Housler, **Gene & Eldeen Humphrey, Kristie & John Humphrey**, Hunter Ty Landt, Millie & Issac Luevano, Jackie Monso, Cindy Oberling, Mary Palmos, Alex Pearson, Margaret Romero, Justin Salmon, Ila Santini, Carol Schultz, Jessie Sharette, **Judy Sharpe**, Lynne Skinner, Eric Stephenson, William Stewart, Andrew Stoner, Hank Thomas, Austin Tice, Brenda Timmons, Martin Trujillo, Marea Turnbull, Eric Van Horn



"You said dress up as a Bible character ...
and my character is Leviathan."

OCTOBER STEWARDS FOR CHRIST

ELDERS

October 7 Matt Clark
October 14 Robert Rentschler
October 21 Dick Dommers
October 28 Jim Wilkes

ACOLYTES

October 7 Reilly Quinn
October 14 Zac Sanchez
October 21 Morgan Sebring
October 28 EmmaLee Kommer

READERS

October 7 Mary Leslie Schmitt /Dick Dommers
October 14 Ben & Matt Clark
October 21 Susan Wietzel & Lisa Collins
October 28 Bob & Sandy Klose

TELLERS

October 7 Vicki Leonard & Nora Sotak
October 14 Sandy Klose & Yvonne Steeby
October 21 Suse Lehmann & Robyn Luevano
October 28 Megan Bowman & Bob Klose

HOSTS

October 7 Jim & Verna Fladhammer
October 14 Robert & Stacy Johnson
October 21 Sandra & Ray Krueger
October 28 Bob & Sandy Klose

OCTOBER ALTAR COMMITTEE

Gayan Moore
Cheryl Richey

OCTOBER FLOWERS

October 7 Rev. Kevin & Lisa Cramm
October 14 Larry & Beverly Van Duyn
October 21 Gerald & Gayan Moore
October 28 Tom Blackmon

USHERS

October 7 Tom Blackmon, Larry & Bev Van Duyn
Susan Weitzel
October 14 Matt Anderson, Marvin Bunker,
John Marquardt
October 21 Ben Clark, Robert Johnson,
Trey Johnson, Ray Krueger
October 28 Bob Klose, Laura Klose,
Gerald Moore,

OCTOBER ATTENDANCE SHEETS

Hannah Keeler

“OCTOBER’S PARTY”

October gave a party;
The leaves by hundreds came—
The Chestnuts, Oaks and Maples,
And leaves of every name.
The sunshine spread a carpet,
And everything was grand,
Miss Weather led the dancing,
Professor Wind the band.

—George Cooper

A SIMMERING IDEA

During a lesson on 1 Kings 18, a Sunday School teacher explained the confrontation between the prophet Elijah and the false prophets of Baal. He described how Elijah built the altar, place wood on it, prepared the bull, laid it on the altar and instructed God’s people to pour water over the altar.

“Now,” the teacher asked, “can anyone tell me why they would’ve poured water over the animal?”

A girl eagerly raided her hand and answered, “To make gravy!”