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FROM THE PASTOR

Luke 13:4-5 Or those eighteen on whom the tower in Siloam fell and killed them: do you think that they were worse offenders than all the others who lived in Jerusalem? No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all likewise perish.

The news the last few hours has been focused on the murder of 21 people, 2 teachers and 19 young children. An 18 year old killed them, all 8 to 10 years old. Many families will have to deal with the loss and many, if not all will be asking, WHY?

There will be those who will try to provide answers. Our president wants to blame an inanimate object instead of what the real problem is, SIN. Do we know what was going through the young man's mind that he would take, not only the 21 lives but shot in the face one of his own relatives, his grandmother?

We know life is precious but something goes through the minds of these killers that makes them think it is good for themselves to take the lives of others. Are they valuing their own lives? Have they given up on their lives which in many cases should be for many more years?

We talk of God taking out those who would do things like this but if He was to start with them, how far would He have to go to get to the last person, you and me included? We might say we haven't done anything this horrific. Yet, with that statement it all revolves around us and what we have made up in OUR MINDS what is Very good to Very bad. Our minds would say this is very bad but what does God consider VERY BAD? He sees all sin as VERY BAD. All sin is so bad, He came to this earth to die a horrible death to pay for every sin.

Jesus came at a point in history to die for all sin, past (The fruit eaten in the Garden) to the last sin that will be committed in the future. Sin had to be paid for with blood and it was God in the flesh who provided His blood to wash away all sin.

Were those who died at the hands of the 18 year old, sinners? Will all of them be in heaven? If they trusted in the Lord for their salvation and not on their own so called goodness, yes they will be with Jesus, but if not, no.

As we pray for those left to deal with this loss, may they turn to the Lord for comfort and for the truth of salvation so that they will not perish to hell when they have taken their last breath.

As they look for answers and for hope through all this, may the Lord provide those who can point to the sure hope we have in Jesus. May they who are believers that have lost a loved one in this tragedy, shine the light of the Good News of Jesus and His promise to all: **Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in Me, though he die, yet shall he live, and everyone who lives and believes in Me shall never die. Do you believe this?" John 11:25-26 ESV**

Pastor

ELDERS MESSAGE TRANSITIONS

We all make transitions in our lives. Some are good and some not- so- good.

For us elderly, the transition may be from a vibrant life full of productive time to one of more time spent thinking rather than doing because our bodies are wearing out from all that productive time.

For the younger set, the transitions are more challenging, graduations, choosing career or going on to more schooling.

Whatever the transition, GOD is in control of our lives and we look to HIM in prayer, to guide us through life as He puts choices before us.

Jesse and Sarah Elkjer will be leaving by June 28. Jesse to Nellis AFB, NV and Sarah to Nebraska with family for the duration of Jesse's six month TDY. They will be going to a follow-on assignment at the Toledo, Ohio Air National Guard Base.

I would like to honor their service to Trinity Lutheran Church by having a dessert potluck after service on June 26th. Just bring your favorite dessert to share with all congregation members, as we wish them well and GOD speed in their future life.

Jim Wilkes, Head Elder

EVANGELISM

Tract of the Month: The Tract of the Month for June is "**Victim, Validated, Victorious**". "This booklet is a resource to help individuals, family members or loved ones in the midst of overcoming a life-shattering event. It is intended to illustrate that faith in Christ Jesus and His saving work on the cross are vital for those devastated by something or someone. Remember, you are not alone; resources are available. Many are listed in the back of this booklet. This text of course, is not the final answer to victim issues. Instead, it's a way for that person to recover with God's help, so he or she can regain hope and trust. You can overcome!"

Jehovah's Witnesses: We want to remind you that if you receive an invitation in the mail from the Jehovah's Witnesses, please bring it to the Evangelism committee so that we can respond to it with an invitation of our own. You can put the letters in any of the following boxes: Cheryl Sandenaw, Vicki Leonard, Chris Schlehuser, Pastor & Cyndi Heithold, or Lola Ableidinger. You can also hand them in person to any of the preceding. Thank you in advance for helping us with this!

The mission for May & June is the Joint Seminary Fund. The LCMS Joint Seminary Fund was established to supplement the Synod subsidy by directly soliciting the church for charitable donations. Gifts to the LCMS Joint Seminary Fund are restricted exclusively to supporting both of our world-class seminaries. Our LCMS seminaries have only three sources of operating revenue: 1) Investment income from endowment, 2) Tuition paid by students after financial aid is awarded (often in the form of student loans), & 3) Financial gifts graciously supplied by God's people.

Missions & Dollar Project \$: In March and April we collected \$4608.00 for Pastor Cramm's Africa Mission, \$102.96 for the Dollar Project (distributed to Bible Stick Ministry, Lutheran Hour (Ukraine), Ysletta, LHMI, and NM Baptist Children's Home), and \$1396.00 for the Lutheran Hispanic Missionary Institute. Total giving for March & April was \$6106.96.

The Next Evangelism Committee meeting will be Tuesday June 14th at 5:30pm. We welcome anyone that may wish to attend!

In closing I would like to quote 1 Corinthians 1:23-25: “We preach Christ crucified: a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, but to those whom God has called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. For the foolishness of God is wiser than human wisdom, and the weakness of God is stronger than human strength”.

Yours in Christ,
Cheryl Sandenaw, Evangelism Chair

STEWARDSHIP

What Do You Have That You Have Not Received?

Some of the disciples of John the Baptist were questioning him about the baptism and preaching of Jesus. John the Baptist replies to their questions in this way: “A person cannot receive even one thing unless it is given him from heaven” (John 3:27).

Now, John the Baptist says this to show that Jesus, His teaching, and His baptism are from heaven. But this statement is true of everything. ...

Indeed, a person cannot receive even one thing unless it is given him from heaven. But how easy is this for us to forget about this?

How easy is it for us to think that what we have in this life is because we have earned it? How easy is it for us to forget that even all our skills, the abilities of our hands and minds – the very ethic to work diligently and to seek to get better at these skills – is given to us from heaven, just as John the Baptist said? How easy is it for us to forget that it is Christ alone – and the work of the Holy Spirit – that reveals His salvation to us, delivers it to us, and not our doing?

Sure, we have responsibility for coming to church, for delving into God’s Holy Word, and for praying without ceasing. But even these responsibilities are given to us from heaven, not to earn anything but in response to what He has accomplished for us.

A person cannot receive one thing unless it is given to him from heaven. Everything we have, and everything we are – in both body and soul – are gifts from God in heaven. Let us then respond in thanksgiving and give back to Him as He asks us to – with a first-fruits, generous proportion offering of what He has given to us.

– LCMS Stewardship Ministry: lcms.org/stewardship

Sandy Klose,
Stewardship Chairperson

FINANCIAL STATUS REPORT

OUR MONTHLY RESPONSE TO GOD'S GRACE

April 2022

Income	\$16,566.00 (Envelope + Loose Plate)
Expenses	<u>(\$14,282.56)</u>
Profit/Loss	\$2,283.44
Estimated Monthly Budget Requirement:	\$17,866.38

YEAR-TO-DATE April 30, 2022

Giving (Actual)	\$68,812.56 (Envelope + Loose Plate)
Expenses (Actual)	<u>(\$60,707.03)</u>
Profit/Loss	\$8,105.53
Budgeted	\$72,190.05

The above numbers were reported on the Profit & Loss Budget vs Actual report ending April 30, 2022

OUR WEEKLY RESPONSE TO GOD'S GRACE

May 1, 2022

General Fund:	\$6,157.00
Estimated Weekly Budget Requirement:	<u>\$4,137.00</u>
Difference:	\$2,020.00
Other Designated Giving:	
Humphrey Memorial	\$200.00
Dollar Project COPE	\$ 14.00
Flowers	<u>\$102.00</u>
Total Designated Giving	\$316.00

May 8, 2022

General Fund:	\$2,218.00
Estimated Weekly Budget Requirement:	<u>\$4,137.00</u>
Difference:	(\$1,919.00)
Other Designated Giving:	
Dollar Project NM Baptist Children's Home	\$29.99
Flowers	<u>\$18.00</u>
Total Designated Giving	\$47.99

May 15, 2022

General Fund:	\$2,947.00
Estimated Weekly Budget Requirement:	<u>\$4,137.00</u>
Difference:	(\$1,190.00)
Other Designated Giving:	
Dollar Project ??	\$ 8.00
Flowers	\$ 90.00
Missions – LCMS Seminary	<u>\$164.00</u>
Total Designated Giving	\$641.00

LWML

It's almost time for the 51st Annual Rocky Mountain District Convention in Albuquerque! (June 3-5). There are eight women from Trinity Lutheran Church attending. Below is the list of items we are collecting to take with us to the convention and what each outreach does. If you still have items you wish to donate, please have them to the church no later than Wednesday, June 1. Thank you to those who have already made our buckets overflow. What a blessing to share our gifts with others!

Our Gifts from the Heart ingathering will be blessing one outreach in each of three zones hosting the convention. The Mission Servants Committee along with the YWRs and Teen Reps are looking forward to receiving your Perfect Gifts. Your spring events will be the perfect time to organize with those driving to Albuquerque.

Here's a quick recap of the items requested by each ministry:

- God Cares About You — shares Christ's love to the disadvantaged in ABQ's "international" zone
Children's Bible Story Books, English or Spanish, new or used in good condition • Hygiene Kits, hand towel, wash cloth, bar of soap and small packet of tissue in a large ziplock bag
- Hartley House — provides support and provisions to battered women • New Underwear, all sizes and in original packaging • Feminine Hygiene Products, in original box or packaging
- Ysleta Lutheran Mission Human Care — proclaims the Gospel on both sides of the border. • Blankets, all sizes, new or gently used • Toys, for ages 1 through 12 (smaller and compact toys are best due to our shipping constraints)

On Saturday, May 14th, Fourteen women gathered for a day retreat "Count Your Blessings". Nora Sotak organized the day, and it was a day of Bible study, skits, 'Stone' soup and good fellowship with our sisters here at Trinity. The Stone soup was delicious, no stones and surprisingly enough no one brought the same thing. This was our last regular meeting until the fall.

On Sunday, May 15th, the new LWML officers were installed by Pastor Heithold at the morning service. Thank you to those who served and are currently serving in positions for LWML!

Looking forward-There will be an Annual Rummage Sale on Saturday, August 13th. Setting up and pricing will take place during the week of the 8-12th. I have been informed that we are already getting a great deal of contributions so, if possible, it might be best if items could be held until August. We have Vacation Bible School in July and may need the extra space. Thank you for your assistance in this effort.

Vicki Leonard, LWML President

HIGHWAY CLEAN-UP

Based on the number of positive responses to the Highway Cleanup program survey, the board of directors voted to continue our participation. The preferred day was Saturday and the most preferred start time was 9AM. The next cleanup will be scheduled in October. If you plan to participate, it would be appreciated if you would notify Hannah Keller beforehand to facilitate planning. Let's pray for good weather and a good turnout.

Dick Dommers, Congregation President

SUMMER INTERN

Dear parent, grandparents and guardians

Allow me to introduce myself, my name is Erika Clark and I am the summer intern for Trinity Lutheran church! Some information about myself is that I worked at Paradise valley community center in phoenix Arizona. I worked there as a recreational aide from age 15 until age 18 when I moved to Alamogordo with my husband Benjamin clark. After I moved to Alamogordo I started to work at the public schools as a special educational assistant. I have worked with 8th, 7th and 6th grade as well as prek (ages 3-5 year) within the Alamogordo public school district. I am CPR certified and I have my basic life support certification.

I am super excited to meet all of you and to have a great summer playing games and learning new things about the Bible.

Sincerely,
Erika Clark, Summer Intern

Summer Youth Camp June 6 2022 — August 4 2022

- **Trinity Lutheran church**
- **Monday - Tuesday - Thursday - Ages 6-16**
M, T, TH 1:00 to 3:00p.m.
- **Wednesday-Ages 1-5 (please have parents present if child is under 3)**
Wed - 12:00 - 1:00 p.m.
- **Everyday will be a new theme !**
- **There will be one lock-in for Ages 6-16. •**
Ages 6 - 12 need to be picked up at 10p.m. (lock-in) •
Age 13-17 need to be picked up at 1 a.m. (lock-in)
- **Fun indoor and outdoor activities June 2022**
See TLC's June Calendar for the June schedule

JUNE 2022 STEWARDS FOR CHRIST

ELDERS

June 5 Matt Anderson
June 12 Jim Wilkes
June 19 Jesse Elkjer
June 26 Matt Anderson

ACOLYTES

June 5 Reilly Quinn
June 12 Macey Sebring
June 19 Madie Sanchez
June 26 Ryan Sebring

READERS

June 5 Dick Dommers/Chery Sandenaw
June 12 Gerald Moore/Lisa Collins
June 19 Bob & Sandy Klose
June 26 Ruth Wilkes/Hannah Keeler

HOSTS

June 5 Tracy & Jeremy Sanchez
June 12 Glen & Christine Schlehuser
June 19 Mary Leslie Schmitt/Yvonne Steeby
June 26 George & Marianne Schweers

JUNE FLOWERS

June 5 Dick & Cheryl Richey
June 12 Dick & Jan Dommers
 Jim & Hannah Keeler
June 19 Mary Leslie Schmitt
June 26 Dino & Laurie Di Paolo

JUNE ATTENDANCE

Shirley Enyeart

JUNE ALTAR COMMITTEE

Stacy Johnson
Sandra Krueger

HAPPY FATHER'S Day

Happy Father's day to all of our father's on
June 19, 2022!!!

USHERS

June 5 Tom Blackmon, Jim Fladhammer
 Larry & Bev Van Duyn
June 12 Marvin Bunker, Susan Kelly
 Glen & Christine Schlehuser
June 19 Robert Johnson, Trey Johnson
 Ray Krueger, Bob Thede,
June 26 Gerald Moore, Bob & Sandy Klose
 Dave Teller

SOUND TECH

June 5 Ben Clark
June 12 Louis Mauriot
June 19 Matt Anderson
June 26 Bob Klose

TELLERS

June 5 Joyce Macon/Bob Klose
June 12 Yvonne Steeby/Becky Worley
June 19 Shirley Enyeart/Vicki Leonard
June 26 Megan Bowman/Dick Dommers

JUNE SPECIAL DATES

- Pentecost, *June 5, 2022*
- Trinity Sunday, *June 12, 2022*
- Flag Day, *June 14, 2022*
- Father's Day, *June 19, 2022*
- First day of summer, *June 21, 2022*