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## **FROM THE PASTOR**

**Rom. 1:20** For his invisible attributes, namely, his eternal power and divine nature, have been clearly perceived, ever since the creation of the world, in the things that have been made. So they are without excuse. **ESV**

This morning in the Men's Bible Study, an article by Marc Thiessen was handed out titled: *To restore Notre Dame, we must restore its fundamental purpose*. In the article, he talks about how Notre Dame was essentially a museum so even though it will be rebuilt, it most likely won't be for its intended purpose, a church whose fundamental purpose is: "to bring people closer to the Almighty."

The world needs to be brought closer to the Almighty. The fire in Notre Dame reminds us how a structure, even 800 years old that has stood through a couple of world wars but with a spark, it burns. Yes, the structure burned but the fire extinguishing the purpose for it probably had its effect many years ago.

We think of the state of God and His Word in our nation is better but is it? We were shown scenes of a covered statue of a great American singer, Kate Smith who is said to have raised billions in today's dollars for the war effort to defeat the Nazis. She sang the song "That's Why Darkies Were Born" along with Paul Robeson, the son of an escaped slave. Yes, today we would say it was not a very nice song but it was meant to point out how White Supremacists view blacks wasn't right.

We look to this as the reason there is so much uproar, even though it was a different time and it was a song that wasn't sung as if she agreed with what she was singing but to point out those who did. So if this is a weak reason for banning a song and the woman who sang it, what other reason could there be for covering her statue and her song's removal from the everyday life of those who attend the sporting events?

You probably won't hear what really is the problem. If it isn't the woman and her other song, maybe we should look at the song she is so famous for, that has been played and sung by millions. What in the song she is noted for that would make some want to ban it from use? What is there in "God, bless America" that might cause some to want it never to be sung by anyone?

God seems to be out of vogue with so many these days. We have just celebrated Easter and even though over 300 who attended church to celebrate the rising of Jesus are now dead in Sri Lanka, the rising of God, our Lord Jesus from the dead, is seen as something that can't be tolerated and some won't even mention Jesus but would say those who died were just Easter worshipers with no mention of Jesus.

Some 93% of the people in America say they believe in God. Why is it, we stand for those

7% who want to force us to not let God and especially Jesus be proclaimed? If we don't speak out, who will?

People have the law in their hearts. They know there is a god out there and that He requires something of them that they seek to minimize. Bury Him and they think they can live their lives anyway they want. May the Lord help us to keep Him alive in our day to day as we address those who would remove Him from our society.

Pastor

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### **ELDERS ARTICLE**

Think about that wondrous device you can carry in your hand, communicate with loved ones halfway around the world, and has the computing power of a 1960's mainframe computer. Yes it's the cell phone.

Just pay attention to the advertising for all the brands of cell phones and it's a dream come true that you can hardly live without. For all of the positive aspects of a cell phones, there is a serious drawback to using them while driving. They present a distraction that can lead to disaster. I've seen numerous stupid actions by drivers that can lead to road rage incidents or worse, serious accidents. Yep, the morons committing the acts of stupidity were on their phones.

The ability to communicate with the important people in your life via cell phones is a fact of everyday life. That link to your loved ones is especially critical when they are facing health problems or emotional trauma. Being able to connect with them 24/7/365 can be very

comforting to you and them. The vulnerability of that link is when the signal is lost or the batteries die. Of course, there is a much better way for us to stay connected.

There is no danger of losing the signal or the batteries dying when you depend fully on the power of the Lord thru prayer. Ask GOD to help you express your love to your family and friends rather than depending on an electronic device. Praying for them on a daily basis, whether you are alone or in their presence brings the power of GOD into your lives.

You can always" Let your fingers do the walking." Not in the yellow pages, but in the Bible.

You can find the answers to all questions in the Scriptures and in prayer.

Put down the cell phone and rely on Scripture and prayer for your connection to your loved ones through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Jim Wilkes, Head Elder

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### **BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

The Board of Directors did not meet in April due to Holy Week activities.

During the February BOD meeting Jim Wilkes brought up the issue of locking the entryway doors once worship services have started. After some discussion, the board moved to convene a congregation meeting to revisit the issue. The meeting was held after church on March 17<sup>th</sup>. A motion was made by Jim Wilkes to cease locking the main entrance doors during church services; seconded by Matt Clark. After discussion a vote, by show of hands was taken. Forty-nine voted in favor of not locking

the doors; eight voted to continue locking the doors.

The initial two-year 2% interest rate on the LCEF loan for the heating and cooling system ended March 1<sup>st</sup>. The new interest rate is 4.5% making our monthly payment \$362.80. The maturity date of the loan is February 3, 2022. The loan balance as of April 3, 2019, was \$11,602.27. The maturity date of the loan is February 3, 2022.

The education committee is reviewing the Concordia and Higher Things VBS packages and will decide soon which one we will go with. They will also nail down a date for VBS. They are busily preparing for the Higher Things conference this summer and thank everyone for their support of the youth group.

As previously reported the Wi Fi network is up and running. New computers have been ordered and will be installed later this month.

Bob Klose, President

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**NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER  
May 2, 2019**

**PRAY FOR AMERICA  
LOVE ONE ANOTHER**

Love one another. Just as I have loved you

John 13:34

11:30 AM—Civic Center

Alamogordo, NM

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**SWEETEST SOUNDS**

The Sweetest sounds

To mortals given

Are heard in Mother

Home and Heaven

—William Goldsmith Brown

**TRUSTEE**

We had an organ tuner here a couple of weeks ago. He made a preliminary check of our organ and determined that some repairs are needed. Some of the stops are not working and some of the air boxes are not moving like they should. He said that these repairs should be made before it is tuned. He is preparing an estimate of what it will take to do this. His schedule is pretty full for this summer, so the earliest he could do this work would be late summer or this fall. Once we receive his estimate we will move forward on this project.

Work at upgrading the church's computers and computer network using funds provided by the Ableidinger memorial is underway. Electrical wiring so that the network will cover the entire building has been completed. Routers and switches for this have been obtained and installed. New computers have been ordered and we are awaiting their delivery. After we receive them, our computer consultant will install them.

Bob Thede,  
Trustee Chairman

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**YOU'RE INVITED  
TO ATTEND AN**

*Open house for Ben Clark*

*Saturday May 18th*

*from 2 to 5 pm.*

*3214 Shawnee Trail, Alamogordo*

*Hosted by Ben's grandparents*

*Nora and Rick Sotak*

## **LWML**

The true heart of this organization which focuses on studying God's Word, growing a mission heart, being actively involved in the service of others and encouraging fellowship that permeates with the joy we have in being participants in the LWML. Our vision of making the LWML the place where each woman is welcomed and encouraged to use her unique God-given gifts as she supports local and global missions and serves the Lord with gladness.

### **2017-2019 NATIONAL BIENNIAL GRANT #2**

**The Franklin Avenue Mission in Flint, Michigan**, has purchased a residence next door to the mission, and is seeking funds to redesign, renovate, refurbish, and furnish the residence. Named Mercy House for Women and Children, the facility will house six to eight homeless, pregnant, and/or abused women and their children. Located in one of the poorest cities in America, the home will attempt to break the cycle of poverty and decrease the potential for abuse, by housing women and children in a safe, caring, Christian environment, where the best practices of parenting and relationship building can be modeled and taught.

### **2018-2020 ROCKY MOUNTAIN DISTRICT GRANT #2:**

**Trinity HOPE** - Through this program the Lutheran Churches in Haiti has a reputable and long-standing history (1999) of feeding children hot lunches during the school day in the Lutheran schools there. As their physical nourishment is provided through this program, the

faith in Jesus through the teaching in children and some of their families are coming to the schools. It is hoped that someday the schools will be self-supporting. Until then, this grant would provide a noon meal for 110 souls for a whole year. 100% of funds are appropriated for this program, to one specific school assigned to the LWML RMD.

### **MAY SOCIAL - SATURDAY, MAY 13**

**Five** teams will be decorating a table with their own theme. We are excited the youth will be joining us and coming up with their own table theme. This will be a potluck salad luncheon starting at 11a.m. The LWML Board will provide drinks & desert. This social will be our final get together before summer break. Hope to see All ladies of our congregation come join in this social event.

### **SAVE THE DATE**

### **ANNUAL LWML TRINITY RUMMAGE SALE SATURDAY, AUGUST 17TH**

Ok plenty of time during the summer to clean out your closets, cabinets, & sheds to contribute to the annual rummage sale. 60% of the funds go to missions chosen by our local LWML & 40% to our general funds!

Yvonne Steeby,  
LWML President

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### **YOU'RE INVITED**

Erma Tenopir's 97th birthday is May 8th. Her family is having a birthday reception for her on Sunday, May 5th at the Aristocrat from 2-4 pm. Everyone is invited to join her for her birthday celebration!

Jerri Mason & family

## **CONFIRMATION**

God's blessings on our 2019 confirmands. Confirmation will be on Sunday, May 12th.

**Miriam Collins** — Miriam is the daughter of Lisa Collins and the granddaughter of Nora and Rick Sotak and great granddaughter of Virginia Neilsen.

**Morgan Sebring** — Morgan is the daughter of Jerry and Jennifer Sebring.

### **CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR CONFIRMANDS**

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## **CONGRATULATIONS**

Megan Steeby and Elijah Collins were both awarded as Golden Scholars for the second year in a row. They are both Juniors at Alamogordo High School. Megan is the granddaughter of David and Yvonne Steeby. Eli is the son of Lisa Collins, grandson of Rick and Nora Sotak and the great grandson of Virginia Nielsen.

### **GREAT JOB MEGAN AND ELI!!**

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## **CONGRATULATIONS**

Abby Anderson, 6th grader at Mountain View Middle will be inducted into the National Jr. Honor Society on Wednesday, May 1st at 6:00 p.m. Abby is the daughter of Matt and Cindi Anderson and granddaughter of Jan and Bob Thede.

### **WAY TO GO ABBY!**

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When trouble comes, some people worship and other people whine.

Whiners may find sympathy (true or false);  
Worshippers find peace from God who says,  
"You are Mine!"

—Charles Ferrell

## **HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATE**

Everyone is invited to attend the high school graduation of Ben Clark. He is graduating from Legacy Academy on Friday, May 17th Legacy's graduation ceremony will be held here at Trinity at 6:00 p.m. with a reception to follow. Ben plans to attend Grand Canyon University in the fall to pursue a degree in forensic science. Ben is the son of Matt and Jill Clark, grandson of Nora and Rick Sotak and great grandson of Virginia Neilsen

### **CONGRATUALIONS BEN!**

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## **JOYS OF MOTHERHOOD**

- A hug for no reason.
- Belly laughs.
- The light bulb moment when your child understands something you've been trying to teach them.
- Smiles and giggles.
- Mud pies.
- Arms raised in the air after a big accomplishment.
- Hearing Scripture and prayer from you child's lips.
- Quiet moments on the church couch.
- Reading aloud together.
- A family meal filled with conversation and laughter.
- Watching your child be kind to another.
- Recognizing a moment you'd like to freeze in time.
- A child's look of surprise and joy.
- A quiet conversation that heals a wounded heart.
- The words "I love you" — and a sticky kiss.

—Unknown

## **GOOD MORNING!**

This is God!

I will be handling all of our problems today.

I will not need your help.

So, Have a nice day!

*Contributed by Shirley Enyeart*

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## **YOU TOOK MY PARKING SPACE AT CHURCH**

This should wake us up. One day, a man went to visit a church. He got there early, parked his car and got out. Another car pulled up near the driver, got out and said. "I always park there. You took my place."

The visitor went inside for Sunday School, found an empty seat and sat down. A young lady from the church approached him and stated. "That's my seat! You took my place!"

After Sunday school, the visitor went into the Sanctuary and sat down. Another member walked up to him and said, "That's where I always sit! You took my place!"

The visitor was even more troubled by this treatment, but still he said nothing.

Later as the congregation was praying for Christ to dwell among them, the visitor stood up, and his appearance began to change. Horrible scars became visible on his hands and on his sandaled feet. Someone from the congregation noticed him and called out. "What happened to you?" The visitor replied, as his hat became a crown of thorns, and a tear fell from his eye, "I took your place."

When you receive this, say a prayer that's all...This Easter Season let's remember, "Who took our place"

*---Contributed by Beverly Van Duyn*

# MAY 2019 STEWARDS FOR CHRIST

## **ELDERS**

May 5 Matt Clark  
May 12 Robert Rentschler  
May 19 Jim Wilkes  
May 26 Jim Wilkes

## **ACOLYTES**

May 5 Morgan Seebring  
May 12 Abby Anderson  
May 19 Emily Johnson  
May 26 Miriam Collins

## **READERS**

May 5 Lewis Thomas & Gerald Moore  
May 12 Cheryl Sandenaw & Shirley Enyeart  
May 19 Dick Dommers & Cheryl Richey  
May 26 Gerald Moore & Lisa Collins

## **HOSTS**

May 5 Larry & Beverly Van Duyn  
May 12 Hank & Rosanne Wehmeyer  
May 19 Linde Van Cleave & Tammy Thede  
May 26 Lola Ableidinger & Lisa Collins

## **USHERS**

May 5 Tom Blackmon, Susan Weitzel  
Larry & Beverly Van Duyn,  
May 12 Matt Anderson, Marvin Bunker,  
John Marquardt  
May 19 Ben Clark, Trey Johnson  
Robert Johnson, Ray Krueger  
May 26 Bob Klose, Sandy Klose,  
Gerald Moore

## **TELLERS**

May 5 Shirley Enyeart & Pete Simank  
May 12 Nora Sotak & Kelly Thomas  
May 19 Sandy Klose & Yvonne Steeby  
May 26 Suse Lehmann & Robyn Luevano

## **MAY ALTAR COMMITTEE**

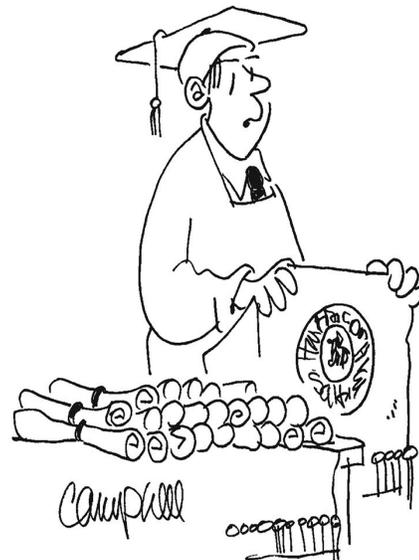
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Cheryl Richey

## **MAY FLOWERS**

May 5 Bob & Sandy Klose  
May 12 Ray & Sandy Krueger  
May 19 Jim & Ruth Wilkes  
May 26 Tommie & Darlene Gilmore

## **MAY ATTENDANCE**

Jan Thede



“You’ll never forget your high school experience,  
though grades indicate you’ve tried.”