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FROM THE PASTOR

<u>Is. 5:20</u> Woe to those who call evil good and good evil, who put darkness for light and light for darkness, who put bitter for sweet and sweet for bitter!

Here we are again, looking at a day of celebration with fireworks and good American food: hotdogs, hamburgers and homemade ice cream. We are celebrating the 4th of July, the day of declaring Independence from a tyrannical government who was not willing to listen to its subjects to make their lives better, not only for themselves but for the government the Lord put in place to do just that.

We think of our freedom and independence from a tyrannical government a couple hundred years ago and are wondering if we might be heading in that direction again. So many comments from those in authority that they pose as good and yet if we take the time and look into it a little further, its is anything but good.

One of the last things being foisted on us is Civics Secures Democracy Act" (CSDA). Looking at the name, one would think we need more Civics in our classrooms to teach our children about the government we live under and how it works and how they can do good things to make this country an even better one. NOT SO! It is another Dept. of Education designed program to implement the anti-Christian CRT (Critical Race Theory) into our schools with the big carrot of money, if it will be implemented. Yes, more of your tax money being spent to try to bring down families and cause chaos in society.

You may be saying, "There pastor goes again, bringing politics into what should be a religious article."

We celebrate July 4th, yet we forget what it cost others 200 years ago. They, many were Christians wanting the freedom endowed by their Creator and ours. They saw the rights listed as GOD given and not government given. ALL men (humans) are created equal and endowed by their CREATOR with certain unalienable rights. Life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness is how they expressed this. We praise God for this nation, under God and we thank Him also, for the freedom to bring the good news of our Savior Jesus Christ to our neighbors.

We will celebrate but we must also look to the work it takes to remain free and for the ability to freely witness to those around us of the great gift we have been given, not only of this nation but of His Church that continues to shine the light of His Good News of the world's Savior to others.

Many would like to see this nation fall. We don't know what the Lord has in mind in the near future for this nation but whatever it is, may He strengthen us and guide us to move forward with what He has given us to further expand His work in this nation and around the world.

Pastor

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VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

July 11th – July 15th 9:00 AM – 11:30 AM

THEME "DIVING INTO THE TEN COMMANDMENTS"

ELDERS MESSAGE

PRAYERS ANSWERED

As I write this message, I hear the pitter patter of raindrops on my roof.

GOD has answered our prayers for the gentle soaking rain we needed.

GOD has answered our prayers for healing and comfort for us, our families and friends.

We must continue to pray for all who are in need.

GOD is in control of all things going on in the world and in our personal lives.

JAMES R. WILKES, ELDER

EVANGELISM

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Tract of the Month: The Tract of the Month for July is "<u>An Ingrate's Guide to Contentment: Five Practices</u> for a More Content Life – No Matter Who You Are." Do you feel that you are not content with yourself and with your life? "Contentment in this world is an elusive thing. Even with our necessities met and a few perks thrown in for good measure, it can still feel like something's missing. The truth of the matter is there will always be a void if we tie our sense of inner peace to the fleeting things of this world. Offering insight on some key 'practices' to implement concerning contentment, the author shows how being truly satisfied is very much tied to our perspective. Citing the apostle Paul's illuminating view on contentment as found in the book of Philippians, the author drills down to the Source of true peace and satisfaction in this life." Check it out!

The Zoom meeting after church on Sunday June 5th with Mark Hoffman of the Joint Seminary Fund went well, was informative, and had a good turnout. We served sub sandwiches from Walmart, along with chips, yummy coleslaw & potato salad made by Diane Kline, (thanks Diane!!!) and various deserts. \$76 was collected at the door for the Joint Seminary Fund.

The Evangelism Committee has decided to do a \$100 sponsorship for the LOVE Inc. Golf Tournament. For our \$100 sponsorship we will get our name at one of the eighteen holes and inclusion in all their printed materials and on their social media page. We feel this is a positive way to get our church name out in the community.

You may remember we asked the congregation about getting together to watch "The Chosen". This series is the first-ever multi-season series about the life of Christ. I am told it is truly excellent! Belinda Burmeister owns the whole series and has offered to let us use her collection to show the series to the church. We have decided to do this in the great room after church on the second Sunday of each month. This will be a "bring your own lunch" get together. Evangelism will supply popcorn and drinks. We will start this in the fall (probably August). We hope you will join us! (& maybe even bring a friend or 2!)

Jehovah's Witnesses: We want to remind you one last time, 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 July and August is <u>(BOLM) Biblical Orthodox Lutheran Mission</u>: This mission shares Christ's love with Arabic speaking people, Muslims, and others nationally and internationally. They established a temporary shelter for persecuted Iraqi Christians. BOLM goes where the need is, without saying "No" to any fellow Christian in severe need. LCMS Pastor George Naeem is ready to go to any church, anywhere in the USA, to preach the Gospel and proclaim how our loving Lord is reaching Muslims and other non-Christians through the BOLM ministry.

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

In closing I would like to quote Matthew 5:14-16 (NIV). "14You are the light of the world. A city on a hill cannot be hidden. 15Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. 16In the same way, let your light shine before men, that they may see your good deeds and praise your Father in heaven."

Yours in Christ, Cheryl Sandenaw, Evangelism Chair

******* STEWARDSHIP

1 Corinthians 15:58 "Therefore, my beloved brethren, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that your labor is not in vain in the Lord.

We have wonderful opportunity to serve God with the work of our hands during VBS, July 11 through 15, 2022. What a blessing to watch children learn and come to know about the word of God. Some of us, unfortunately are physically unable to participate in this exciting event, but there is one thing ALL of us can do and that is to pray God's blessings on the children and all the workers.

May God richly bless all who participate in the Trinity Lutheran Church VBS.

Sandy Klose, Stewardship Chair

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A PRAYER FOR THE 4TH OF JULY

Lord Jesus, thou who art the way, the truth and the life; hear us as we pray for the truth that shall make all free. Teach us that liberty is not only to be loved but also to be lived. Liberty is too precious a thing to be buried in books. It costs too much to be hoarded. Help us see that our liberty is not the right to do as we please, but the opportunity to please to do what is right.

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"Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and cometh down from the Father of lights, with whom is no variableness, neither shadow of turning." James 1:17

The preceding verse was the theme for the 2022 convention held in Albuquerque. Yvonne Steeby, Nora Sotak, Belinda Burmeister, Hannah Keeler, Susan Kelly, Jill Clark, Erica Clark, and Vicki Leonard attended. Various business items were taken care of, new Missions were chosen for the next year, and bible studies were interspersed. There were three key note speakers:

Eden Keefe-Visual Faith Practices: How to creatively use a variety of faith resources to enhance your prayer life, daily devotions, and Scripture readings.

Debbie Larson: As Lutheran Women in Mission, we want to mentor and inspire other women. We want to share the Gospel with the lost and hurting. We want to encourage Bible study and mission service in our congregations. Are we accomplishing these goals? Let's explore the gifts God gave you to make a difference.

Heidi Norton: She helps us encourage one another, support each other, and work together as women of all backgrounds to feel included in the LWML. We are all "Perfect Gifts from Above," living out the beautiful diversity that is the body of Christ.

Collections were received for God Cares About You in Albuquerque, Hartley House in Albuquerque and Ysleta Lutheran Mission In El Paso.

Mariachi San Pablo played for opening church service at Christ Lutheran Church in Albuquerque, our banquet and Pastor Steven Heimer played trumpet during our Sunday morning service.

There were many opportunities to fellowship and worship. What a wonderful way to spend a weekend with approximately 200 other Christian women with a mind for mission.

Vicki Leonard, LWML President

4th of JULY FAMILY PICNIC

Bring a dish to go with hamburgers & hotdogs. Join in on the family fun

JULY 2022 STEWARDS FOR CHRIST

ELDERS

- July 3 Jim Wilkes
- July 10 Matt Anderson
- July 17 Jim Wilkes
- July 24 Matt Anderson
- July 31 Jim Wilkes

ACOLYTES

- July 3 Zac Sanchez
- July 10 Dylan Sebring
- July 17 Reilly Quinn
- July 24 Macey Sebring
- July 31 Dylan Sebring

READERS

- July 3 George & Marianne Schweers
- July 10 Dick Dommers & Ruth Wilkes
- July 17 Lola Ableidinger & Susan Kelly
- July 24 Cheryl Sandenaw & Lisa Collins
- July 31 Youth

HOSTS

- July 3 Rick & Nora Sotak
- July 10 Dave & Mae Teller
- July 17 Bob & Jan Thede
- July 24 Tammy Thede & Irvin Torres
- July 31 Larry & Bev Van Duyn

JULY FLOWERS

- July 3 Bob & Jan Thede
- July 10 Allen & Belinda Burmeister
- July 17 Bob & Jan Thede
- July 24 Gerald & Gayan Moore
- July 31 Frank & Shirley Enyeart Dick & Cheryl Richey

JULY ATTENDANCE

Lisa Collins

JULY ALTAR COMMITTEE

Belinda Burmeister Cheryl Richey

USHERS

- July 3 Tom Blackmon, Jim Fladhammer Larry & Bev Van Duyn
- July 10 Marvin Bunker, Susan Kelly Glen & Christine Schlehuser
- July 17 Robert Johnson, Trey Johnson Ray Krueger, Bob Thede,
- July 24 Gerald Moore, Bob & Sandy Klose Dave Teller
- July 31 Youth

SOUND TECH

- July 3 Ben Clark
- July 10 Louis Mauriot
- July 17 Matt Anderson
- July 24 Bob Klose
- July 31 Bob Klose

TELLERS

- July 3 Cheryl Sandenaw & Linde Van Cleave
- July 10 Lola Ableidinger & Nora Sotak
- July 17 Susan Kelly & Sandy Klose
- July 24 Bob Klose & Joyce Macon
- July 31 Yvonne Steeby & Becky Worley
