



Jr. Youth Group (Abby Anderson-helper, Abby & Warren Black & Olivia Clark)  
Theme of the day – “I Can’t Believe it’s NOT VBS”

# THE TRINITARIAN



THE NEWSLETTER OF  
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## **FROM THE PASTOR**

**Heb. 10:24-25 And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near.**

How are things going? Has this separating in many ways been a stress on your lives? Some of you have been back to church, others are still waiting until things settle down and cures or treatments and possibly even vaccines are developed to venture out.

It has been hard not seeing all of you but I hope you are not using the time we are having as an excuse. Yes, I know a person can get so used to staying away from church that it seems normal. When I was in High School, when the American Lutheran Church was heading down the wrong path that we now see with the ELCA, my Dad and our family quit going to church, not wanting to support the theological shift that was occurring. Right or wrong, it wasn't until I was in college that I started going back to church.

It wasn't until the family moved to Missouri from Nebraska that the family, as a whole started attending church again and I along with my three brothers all attended adult confirmation classes and confirmed that faith we were given in our baptisms.

Those of you who haven't attended for awhile, I would encourage you to contact others in the congregation that you may think about, touching bases from time to time, even if it is over the phone or computer. Others need to encourage others to love and good works even though we may not all be together.

I know many are concerned for their health, but don't let that be an excuse for not being in contact with others. How long and under what conditions are Christians to put aside the physical coming together? The virus is likely to be around for awhile. Will this virus or maybe some other keep us from other Christians? Will only the allowance of those outside the church to get together be the deciding factor? Is this thing all about fear or is it just being prudent in light of so many different views on the spread and control of infection from the virus?

Each of us needs to look at our own situation. If we are waiting until there is 0% chance of being infected, then none of us should get in a car or climb a ladder or, take a medication with all its contradictions.

I pray all of you are taking the opportunity to get the service online and if any of you would like to have communion in your home, now that many of you are homebound, let me know and continue praying that we will get past all this sooner than later.

Pastor

## **ELDERS MESSAGE**

### **PAWNS??**

In the 1975 Mel Brooks , non-politically correct satire movie, Blazing Saddles, the outlaw Mongo (played by Alex Karras a former Detroit Lions defensive tackle) punched out a horse and terrorized the town. While this scene became iconic of this movies' absolute absurdity, Mondo delivered a line that seems to set the tone for our lives today.

Mongo was asked a question and responded " Mongo not know, Mongo just a pawn in the game of life". Do you feel like Mongo? "Just a pawn in the game of life."

It certainly seems like we are all pawns with decisions about how we are to live our daily lives being made by "leaders" at the federal, state and local levels . The most disconcerting aspect of these decisions is that we are told one thing and a week or month later told to do the opposite because 'science' has proven it to be wrong.

But is the 'science' really 'science' or some political agenda driven pronouncement designed to **CONTROL** our behavior. And the media contributes to this confusion depending on who and what you watch , read or listen too.

All those people at every level seem to have forgotten this basic truth, GOD IS IN CONTROL, and has been forever. GOD's plan for everyone is the only plan that will win out in the end.

We can find solace in that fact, born out in the BIBLE and reinforced in the study of HIS Word. The power of prayer is evident every day of our lives. Our prayer chain is the living evidence that PRAYER WORKS.

We are truly not pawns in the games of life if we rely on GOD through prayer and believe in HIS power to control our lives.

JAMES R. WILKES, ELDER

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## **BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

The Board of Directors met on July 16<sup>th</sup>.

Jim Wilkes, Head Elder, reported he contacted Sarah Eikjer about playing piano for church services and possibly training on the organ with Garrett Anderson. She is agreeable to doing this. The elders decided to usher attending members out a pew at a time to avoid walking in the heat from the doors at the front of the sanctuary to visit the great room following the service. The elders asked that they be notified any time you have a need for care, i. e. hospitalized, need transportation, etc.

Vicki Leonard, Financial Secretary, reported total income for June was \$13,028.00 of which \$11,815.00 went to the general fund and \$1,212.00 went to special funds.

Cheryl Sandenaw, Treasurer, reported the following: General Fund income for June 2020 was \$11,816.00 (Envelopes + Loose Plate); expenses were (\$17,752.33) giving net loss of (\$5,936.33). Our year-to-date financial status: General Fund Income: \$102,610.28 (envelopes and loose plate); Expenses: (\$104,600.60) expenses exceeded income by (\$5,936.33.)

Cindi Anderson, Education Chair, reported: The Summer Youth Program is still going well. The group has taken on the job of setting up the flowerbed at the front of the church.

Allen Burmeister, Trustee Chair, reported the following actions: Painted Altar base, repaired and painted wall mounted candle holders, fixed water leak on one of the urinals. Garrett working on front flower bed. He reported the follow ongoing or new projects: When repairing urinal, a new leak was created, need to plant flowers in

flowerbed, several rocks in wall surrounding altar need to be re-installed. Allen asked that he be notified if anyone has concerns or suggestions.

Sandy Klose, Stewardship chair, reported that we currently have \$870.00 in memorial funds available. She asked for input for possible memorials.

**Unfinished business:** An investigation into the possibility of installing UVC lights in our heating/air conditioning system was made. Two companies were approached but only MGS responded with a proposed cost of \$1,897.59 to purchase and install the lights. The BOD voted to present the project to the congregation since the cost was greater than the \$1,000.00 limit imposed by our By-Laws. Due to COVID social distancing restrictions the decision was made to make an announcement after church services on July 19<sup>th</sup> and July 26<sup>th</sup> as well as send an e-mail to congregation members asking for a yes or no vote on the project. Bob Klose made the announcement and asked those present to sign a ballot on the issue; all votes were "Yes." On July 20<sup>th</sup> one of our members visited with Pastor Heithold and wrote a check the church for \$1,800.00! Bob Klose returned the signed proposal to MGS that afternoon.

New Business:

The BOD voted to set the date for the Congregational meeting for November 8, 2020.

Bob Klose, President

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## **STEWARDSHIP**

"But He said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness." Therefore, I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may rest upon me." 2 Corinthians 12:9

This year, even with all its challenges, is really going by fast. We are beginning August and in three short months we will be doing congregation elections. It is always a struggle/challenge to find individuals who are willing to do God's work. We all have our reasons or excuses why we cannot or will not volunteer.

I am just asking you to please prayerfully consider accepting the challenge of doing God's work. You can rest assured that if He calls you to do His work, He will also provide for you anything you need. If you choose not to do His work, you will have no idea how many blessings you could be missing out on. I guarantee, you will be blessed if you do God's work.

I pray for our church and congregation regularly. I pray that you are well, physically, emotionally, and spiritually. As I said last month, we have much and many to be thankful for. May God continue to bless you as you seek to serve Him at Trinity Lutheran Church.

God's Blessings,

Sandy Klose, Stewardship Chairperson

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## **FINANCIAL STATUS**

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**CHRISTIAN COURAGE**  
Balanced Living Column by Edward A. Jenne  
This Day Magazine, July 1953

The great enemy whom we must constantly fight is fear. It dogs our steps from infancy to the grave. It depletes our self-confidence and enlarges our troubles by making mountains of molehills. It makes us jumpy and miserable. It pounces upon us, especially when we are alone. It fills us with painful feelings of helplessness and insecurity – a dread enemy indeed. And we can't fight it alone.

The one real remedy for fear is complete trust in a loving and omnipotent heavenly Father. We must do as Peter did when he began to sink beneath the waves of Galilee – turn to God and cling to His outstretched hand.

Basically, we must achieve a reorganization of our lives, a changed attitude and outlook. We must overcome our preoccupation with and excessive interest in material things, and instead cultivate spiritual values. Things of earth are transitory, easily lost, unsatisfying for the long pull. We need a footing on the Rock of Ages. That is our basic need.

And this necessitates getting right with God through repentance and faith in Christ, our Savior. Sin breeds guilt and unhappiness. That is God's truth and inescapable moral law. It is also a law of psychology. Until we solve the problem of sin, we have no genuine security. We need reconciliation with God above everything else. Once we have that, we become new creatures. God then becomes our loving Father and takes over our lives, leading and guiding us, and finally climaxing His guidance and protection with a blessed eternity beyond the grave.

Sin makes cowards of us all. An accusing conscience breeds fear. The specter of an uncertain eternity ahead fills men with disquiet and dread. Guilt is also a prime cause of mental and emotional ills and personality disorders. That guilt must be removed. And the only way it can be removed is through *forgiveness*, the forgiveness of a gracious God.

Many people have the mistaken idea that Christianity is primarily a system of ethics, a moral code, a long list of do's and don'ts, something burdensome and disquieting to the conscience. This is not so. Christianity has at its center the Gospel of Christ. It is a religion of FORGIVENESS. It is something joyful. It offers man forgiveness of sins through faith in Christ, the great Sin-bearer for all the world, reconciliation with God, sonship with the Creator of all, and finally a blissful eternity.

This assurance of forgiveness allays the basic fear of man, fear of an offended God, dread of retribution for wrongs committed, fear of death, fear of judgement to come. "Ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free." The unquiet heart finds peace and serenity in God. The soul is buoyed up by Christian courage. "All things work together for good to them that love God."

"The Lord is my Shepherd." If you can say that, all is well. No, this will not mean an end of all your troubles. But it will change your attitude toward them, and this is all-important. From then on everything will fall into new perspective. Your life will no longer be an aimless, purposeless march to the grave, into the domain of the king of terrors, but a pilgrimage according to God's blueprint toward your ultimate home in heaven.

Trouble? Of course, you'll have troubles. But you'll recognize them as coming from the hand of a loving God, as serving His purposes and preparing you for your eternal inheritance. And that realization will make a world of difference. It will cast a halo over trouble and drudgery.

Faith in God can see you through such a devastating experience as the loss of a loved one through death, by lifting your tear-strained face to the vision of a happy reunion beyond the grave. For Jesus is the Resurrection and the

Life, the Conqueror even of death, and they who die in faith go on to live forever. The Lord is my Shepherd all the way – also through the valley of the shadow of death into the joy of pastures of eternity.

All that happens to the Christian is part of His plan “who doeth all things well,” though in our shortsightedness we cannot always comprehend His ways. Even in the most desperate circumstances the Christian is supported by his faith and strengthened through God’s Word and prayer. Though he faces death, he submits to God’s will and prepares himself for the journey to the Father waiting on the other side of life’s curtain, where there will be no more sorrow and pain.

Such a faith and trust will see you through anything life may bring.

It will provide the deep-down Christian courage that spells victory – in life and death.

And the end of your life? It can be beautiful with the expectation of heaven. As the shadows gather round you, there will rise for you the sun of eternal life. Death will be revealed as a birth into the blessed existence beyond. For God’s children never die.

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### LONG-TERM PRAYERS

Eric Bell, Michael Burger, Red Chesbro, Fred Clark & family, Mike Debaar, Paul Douglas, Ashton Flasco, Lester & Olivia Drinkwater, Christopher Douglas, Emma Heithold, **Kristie & John Humphrey, Connie Johnson**, Pastor Krohn, Ty Landt, Betsy Miller, Pastor Shelby Moon, Emiclio Mutis, Cindy Oberling, Mary Palmos, Margaret Romero, **Ila Schelter**, Carol Schultz, Jessie Sharette, Robert Spain, Austin Tice, Marea Turnbul, Rhihann Williams, Christopher Wolfe

## AUGUST 2020 STEWARDS FOR CHRIST

### ELDERS

Aug. 2 Jim Wilkes  
Aug. 9 Ray Bailey  
Aug. 16 Matt Clark  
Aug. 23 Jim Wilkes  
Aug. 30 Ray Bailey

### ACOLYTES

Aug. 2 Emma Fuller  
Aug. 9 Ryan Sebring  
Aug. 16 Abby Anderson  
Aug. 23 Emily Johnson  
Aug. 30 Reilly Quinn

### HOSTS

Aug. 2 Ray & Juli Bailey  
Aug. 9 James & Megan Bowman  
Aug. 16 Marvin & Joyce Macon  
Aug. 23 Miriam & Lisa Collins  
Aug. 30 Youth

### READERS

Aug. 2 Susan Weitzel & Gerald Moore  
Aug. 9 Susan Kelley & Dick Dommers  
Aug. 16 Shirley Enyeart & Cheryl Richey  
Aug. 23 Vicki Leonard & ????? (Ben Clark)  
Aug. 30 Youth

### USHERS

Aug. 2 Tom Blackmon, Susan Weitzel  
Larry & Beverly Van Duyn  
Aug. 9 Matt Anderson, Marvin Bunker,  
John Marquardt  
Aug. 16 Trey Johnson, Robert Johnson,  
Ray Krueger, Bob Thede  
Aug. 23 Bob Klose, Sandy Klose,  
Gerald Moore  
Aug. 30 Youth

### AUGUST FLOWERS

Aug. 2 Dave & Mae Teller  
Aug. 9 Bob & Susan Kelly  
Aug. 16 Gerald & Gayan Moore  
Aug. 23 Pastor Kevin & Lisa Cramm  
Aug. 30 Darlene Oberling

