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Bible Classes and Sunday School 9:00 AM

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## **FROM THE PASTOR**

1Cor. 8:1, 7 Now concerning food offered to idols: we know that “all of us possess knowledge.” This “knowledge” puffs up, but love builds up. However, not all possess this knowledge. But some, through former association with idols, eat food as really offered to an idol, and their conscience, being weak, is defiled.

You may be wondering why I would have a text that talks about food being offered to idols when we don't see that in today's society. I point to this text to show that those who were brought to faith should refrain from things that they know is not really anything wrong by itself but now that they have been given faith, they need to also be concerned with those who have a faith that is weaker and might be affected by a person who is living in the full freedom of life as they have come to know it from Paul.

We have just welcomed some people into membership in the church. They have come to know what we as Lutherans have known, many of us for quite awhile. Yes, as Lutherans we know how free we are as we live out our Christian lives. We also know that there are those who might not understand that freedom and may bring up things that are to them wrong as a Christian.

As we live out our lives we don't have to deal with food offered to idols but we, as Paul points out to the Corinthian church, in chapter 10:23, have come to know that: “All things are lawful,” but not all things are helpful. “All things are lawful,” but not all things build up.

It is important to do those things that build up. There are so many things that seek to tear down these days, especially with social media. You can almost be invisible or at least you don't have to say what you say having your eyes on the person to see how they take it, to where you can more fully explain or to deal with the person and any possible misconception they may get from you statements or comments.

We know that when we come to services, we will have a chance to have the Holy Spirit work on our hearts to point out to us those sins where we have sinned against others so that we learn where we have done wrong and can move forward hopefully not falling into that sin again and may even be able to confess our sins so that the one offended will have a chance to forgive as well as the Lord.

If you are new to membership or if you have been members for a long time, we need what the Lord provides each week as we come to the Lord's house for services or for various Bible studies or other times where the Lord comes to us in whatever we may be attending behind these walls, to build up, not only ourselves but also our relationships with others, in and out of church.

See you at church. Pastor

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## **BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

The Board of Directors has established the date of our annual meeting as Sunday, November 12 following the service. Copies of the proposed agenda, 2024 budget and slate of names for open offices will be available on Sunday October 29 for congregation review.

Offices open for election will be Congregation Secretary, Treasurer, Stewardship Chair, Trustee Chair and Elder (two). Anyone interested in running for these offices should contact me or one of the board members.

Dick Dommers, Congregation President

## ELDER'S MESSAGE

### DRAMA

We all have drama every day of our lives.

Interaction with other people in stressful situations causes drama. Sometimes we create our own drama by foolish actions that we take or thoughtless words we say in response to stressful situations. Usually we come to regret those actions or words as soon as they occur. But sometimes those actions or words fester in the people and may eventually blow back creating more serious drama.

Little dramas can turn into major confrontations and then we are at a loss as how to remedy the situation without making it worse.

The most effective way to deal with the drama in our lives is to ask GOD for help through prayer. Psalm 91 is the one of most reassuring messages in the BIBLE. The entire Psalm states that if you love and trust in the LORD He will protect you and give you salvation. Read it for yourself.

The LORD fulfilled His promise of salvation for us through the innocent suffering and death of HIS beloved SON, JESUS CHRIST.

As for the drama in our lives, this message is displayed on the marquee at the Berean Baptist Church: THE WILL OF GOD WILL NOT TAKE YOU WHERE THE GRACE OF GOD WILL NOT PROTECT YOU. Psalm 91 reinforces this message.

PRAYER WORKS.

JAMES R. WILKES, ELDER

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### FINANCIAL STATUS REPORT

#### YEAR-TO-DATE August 31, 2023

Total Income	\$140,878.92
Total Expenses	<u>(\$125,893.00)</u>
Profit/Loss	\$ 14,985.92
Bob Klose, Vice-President	

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### EVANGELISM

**Tract of the Month:** October's booklet is "**A Biblical Response to Liberal Christianity**". This month's booklet "breaks down what "liberal Christianity" really means, briefly reviews the history of the ideas behind it, and highlights the main differences between liberal Christianity and biblical Christianity. Also included are hypothetical conversations to help readers see these differences play out in real life." This booklet will help Christians understand and discuss the importance of the resurrection of Jesus Christ as the only foundation for Christian faith." I found this book to be philosophic, entertaining, and informative. I highly recommend it! Be sure to pick up a copy of this month's tract or any of the previous month's tracts to read! They are on the spinner rack in the Narthex.

**The mission for September and October is LCMS Disaster Response:** The Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod's disaster response ministry responds to immediate and long-term needs following natural and man-made disasters, working through LCMS districts and congregations, international

Lutheran churches, and other partners to respond with Christian care to needs within the church and the church communities.

**“The Chosen”:** The next showing of *“The Chosen”* will be on October 8th. The featured episode from season 2 will be “Matthew 4:24” (which reads: So his fame spread throughout all Syria, and they brought him all the sick, those afflicted with various diseases and pains, those oppressed by demons, epileptics, and paralytics, and he healed them.). Please plan to join us after the church service, in the Bible Study room.

**Meeting Notes:** At our last meeting Pastor reported on his Wednesday afternoon Mid High project. The kids get out of school early, so he sets up an awning and table with books in the parking lot in an attempt to talk to the kids about Jesus and the Bible. He has some really great books for the kids to take home and read. Books that offer another viewpoint to ideas counter to Biblical teaching like Evolution, global warming, etc. Incentives are given to get the kids to return and to get the books back. He has one girl who comes every week, and he gets a couple more kids to stop by each week. The committee is looking into other activities that can be provided to try to get more kids to stop. Stay tuned for more information.

**The Next Evangelism Committee meeting:** The next Evangelism Committee meeting will be Monday October 9<sup>th</sup> at 5:30pm. We welcome anyone that may wish to attend.

**In closing** I would like to quote 2 Corinthians 5:20 – “Therefore we are ambassadors for Christ, God making his appeal through us. We implore you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God.”

Yours in Christ,  
Cheryl Sandenaw, Evangelism Chairman

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**LWML**

The weekend of September 8th thru 10<sup>th</sup> there was a Rocky Mountain District Women’s Retreat at Glorietta, NM (which is close to Santa Fe). It provided a beautiful backdrop for a weekend with fellowship, bible study, a lesson on visual note taking with your Bible, and concluding with a communion service by our Pastoral Counsellors. Belinda Burmeister was the organizer of the retreat and her good friend and author, Donna Snow led the Bible study. Seven of our ladies from Trinity attended. We covered a good bit of Genesis focusing on Jacob. It was a very informative and fun Bible study. Donna is a very engaging speaker. Her book, *Joseph Meant for Good*, was the basis for the study and it is my understanding that the women’s Bible study on Tuesday mornings will be using this book for their studies later in October. Come join if you are free on Tuesday mornings at 930.

Saturday, September 16 was the regular meeting of our LWML and Reverend Richard Hernandez from Runners Refuge was our speaker. He spoke of their mission, their growing pains and what they learned, and lastly of their ongoing needs. There is always a need for donations of clothing, especially men’s socks and underwear, wash cloths, towels, single bed sheets, blankets, water and snacks. There are also specific needs for monetary donations, if you are interested please let me know and I will give you more information. His Final words: **“Pray for Us.”**

Our next meeting is Saturday, October 14<sup>th</sup> at 10 am. Cheryl Richey and Sandy Krueger are our hostesses. In the next two weeks we would love to accept donations for the Backpack Ministry sponsored by Love Inc. for our school children. You can just place the donations in the bucket in the

hallway or bring them to the meeting. The list has been in the bulletin and is posted in the hallway. Thank you in advance!

At our first meeting in August there was a lot of discussion about our upcoming projects for the year and it seemed as though everyone's focus is on children, so you will see us trying to do things to help specifically with kids. Last month in the Trinitarian there was a picture of toys our zone collected for Christmas for the young kids at Ysleta.

Traditionally the first Sunday in October is Lutheran Women in Mission Sunday as it is here at Trinity this week with the theme "The King is Coming!" Throughout human history, God pictured the coming redemptive King through various images of His promise, providence, provision, and protection for His people. We could easily become down and out because of the evil of our world, and quickly give up because of the constant bad news; but hope, peace, joy, and love is the promise of our God for His people. Christ is the King of Glory! The Gospel is our only hope, as the King of glory comes in, with, and through the Gospel, as we were buried with Him in Baptism and raised with Him to a new life! The ladies of LWML are performing the host, usher, and reader duties Sunday followed by a welcome for our new members and a Bake Sale.

Mission Verse: **Isaiah 6:8** – And I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?" Then I said, "Here am I! Send me."

Yours in Christ,  
Vicki Leonard, President LWML

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### **STEWARDSHIP**

Dear Friends at Trinity,

Thank you one and all for all you do here at Trinity. Thanks be to God for the twenty pledge cards that were turned in. Thanks also to all who contributed and joined us for fellowship at the potluck.

This is my last year to serve as Stewardship Chairperson. I am asking you to pray about this opportunity to serve God in a special way here at Trinity. It is not a difficult job. If you are interested, please talk to me at church or call me at (575) 491-8783. I would love to share with you the blessings and responsibilities of the position.

God Bless you all!  
Sandy Klose

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### **BACKPACK MINISTRY**

Sunday school for the 2023-2024 school year started with Rally Day on Sunday, October 1st. We maybe changing up how we do Sunday school later in the year ( please watch the bulletin for any changes as they occur.) The next Education meeting will Monday, Oct. 16<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 pm. All are invited to come and give your input and/or suggestions for the education programs in our church. Questions, please contact Sue Kelly at 575-430-2100.

Sue Kelly, Education Chair

## *What's Special This Month?* ----- **REFORMATION DAY**

Each year we observe the Day of Reformation on October 31, because it was on that day that the Lutheran Church and all Protestant churches began to separate themselves from the wrong teachings which had gotten into the Catholic Church. There were no Methodists nor Congregationalists, no Lutherans nor Baptists, no Catholics or other churches as we know them today.

That would have been a fine thing if the church had stayed true to the Gospel of Jesus Christ—but it didn't, and many of its leaders and priests did not even believe in God's word!

They sold the people pieces of paper which were supposed to give them forgiveness or their sins forever. These papers, called letters of indulgence, could be bought by anyone. They could even be bought for the dead, so that those who had died without God could be brought out of hell and into the heavens,—or so the people said.

The people not only prayed to God, but prayed to the saints and to Mary, the mother of Jesus.

They did not believe in feeling sorry or asking God to forgive their sins—they believed that each sinful deed had to be paid for by the sinner—crawling on his knees up the long steps to the church, paying a large amount of money to the church, punishing himself with hard beds, or cutting himself with knives. When a man had made himself suffer enough, then his sin was wiped out.

They did not believe the people should ever see the Bible, they did not think they could understand it—and so the leaders could teach the people anything they wanted to because no one knew any better.

Martin Luther tried to change some of these mistakes. He did not know when he started to raise the questions that a whole reformation of the church would come—that a whole new group of churches would be formed. He never thought that his work would be the beginning of a church named after him—The Lutheran Church. That was what happened though.

There were some Christians who did not agree with Martin Luther about everything, so they started other church groups—like the Baptists who believe differently about baptism; and the Methodists who left the Church of England through John Wesley's preaching; and the Presbyterians who do not receive the Lord's supper in the same way as some other churches.

But all these Christian churches became separate churches as a result of the Reformation started on October 31, 1517, by Martin Luther. The group that was left, so different from the church in the Bible, is the group which now is Roman Catholic church.

We are thankful to Martin Luther who pointed out the mistakes of the first church and helped to place the open Bible again into our homes and our churches. You see, Martin Luther studied hard to learn all he could about his church and the Bible. Soon he knew that the Bible was the true Word of God. He knew that Jesus was his Savior. As we told you, some of the people thought that the good works they did, or the money they paid, and other things were necessary to take away their sin. But Luther knew that only one thing was necessary: to trust Jesus to save you; because only Jesus can take away our sins. He died for them.

Here are two verses from your Bible that will help you to know that Jesus can take away your sins. Try to remember them and surprise Mother and Daddy.

*For by grace are you saved, though faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: Not the works, lest any man should boast. (Ephesians 2:8-9)*

*Therefore, being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. (Romans 5:1)*

---Adapted from THE LITTLE LUTHERAN, Published in *My Chum Magazine*, Oct. 1956—A Lutheran children's magazine

## MAUI DISASTER RELIEF

Here are some sites to send money for disaster relief for Maui:

LCMS: <https://www.lcms.org/givenow/disaster>

California, Hawaii, Nevada District LCMS: <https://www.cnh-lcms.org/>

Emmanuel Lutheran LCMS Maui, HI <https://www.elc-maui.org/>

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### LONG-TERM PRAYERS

Sofia Banks, Hunter Bednorz Eric Bell, Brian Byrosovich, Janet Buckman, Michael Burger, Arlene Calixto, Red Chesbro, Patty Carr, Mike Debaar, Christopher Douglas, Harriet Douglas, Ashton Flaco, Safi Harnet, Darwin Haslid, **Cyndi Heithold**, Emma Heithold, Rocky Hett, Wayne Holmes, Scout Hughes, **Kristi and John Humphrey**, Shannon Jones, Pastor Khron, Jake Koller, Margo Lindsey, Ron Linn, Maria Martin, Susan McWilliams, **Tom Macon**, Brody Mahlendorf, Betsy Miller, Sam & Molly Miller, Emericio Mutis, Dennis Nuemberger, Cindy Oberling, Mary Palmos, Pastor Chris Patterson, Karen Rawlings, Dick Richey, Margaret Romero, David Sanderson, Kyrie Selph, Jessie Sharrett, Lynn Skinner, **Pete Simank**, Marilyn Spain, Robert Spain, Mike and Sharon Taylor, Dora Torres, Justin Tice, Marlea Trunbull, Guy Warden, Pastor Glen Weber, Betty Wilkes, Ron Wilkes

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### BACKPACK MINISTRY

We are still collecting food items for the Love INC Backpack Ministry this school year. Please leave your donations in the tub in the south hallway. A list of items needed is posted above the tub. You may make a monetary donation if you prefer. Contact me at 575-214-9942 if you have any questions. Thank you for your support. Cheryl Richey.

#### Back Pack Food Suggestions

Small boxes of Cereal

Fruit cups

Cheese Crackers

Soups or stews

Juice Boxes

Cereal Bars

Shelf stable milk boxes

Small bags of Chips

Tuna or Chickens salads

Fresh Fruits

**Other suggestions are welcomed and appreciated!**

## OCTOBER 2023 STEWARDS FOR CHRIST

### ELDERS

Oct. 1 Jim Wilkes  
Oct. 8 Matt Anderson  
Oct. 15 Robert Rentschler  
Oct. 22 Jim Wilkes  
Oct. 29 Matt Anderson

### READERS

Oct. 1 Sandy Klose & Yvonne Steeby  
Oct. 8 Bob & Sandy Klose  
Oct. 15 Hannah Keeler & Gerald Moore  
Oct. 22 Susan Kelly & Ruth Wilkes  
Oct. 29 Elder or Volunteers

### TELLERS

Oct. 1 Cheryl Sandenaw & Linde Van Cleave  
Oct. 8 Lola Ableidinger & Nora Sotak  
Oct. 15 Susan Kelly & Sandy Klose  
Oct. 22 Bob Klose & Joyce Macon  
Oct. 29 Yvonne Steeby & Becky Worley

### HOSTS

Oct. 1 Cheryl Richey & Hannah Keeler  
Oct. 8 Larry & Beverly Van Duyn  
Oct. 15 Hank & Rosanne Wehmeyer  
Oct. 22 Jim & Ruth Wilkes  
Oct. 29 Becky & Margaret Worley

### SOUND TECH

Oct. 1 Ben Clark  
Oct. 8 Bob Klose  
Oct. 15 Matt Anderson  
Oct. 22 Jim Kline  
Oct. 29 Bob Klose

### MUSIC

Oct. 1 Lisa Cramm  
Oct. 8 Cyndi Heithold  
Oct. 15 Lola Ableidinger  
Oct. 22 Lisa Cramm  
Oct. 29 Lola Ableidiner

### OCTOBER ALTAR COMMITTEE

Robin Haymes & Vicki Leonard

### OCTOBER ATTENDANCE

Shirley Enyeart

### USHERS

Oct. 1 Susan Kelly, Diane Kline  
Vicki Leonard & Beverly Van Duyn  
Oct. 8 Marvin Bunker, Susan Kelly  
Glen & Christine Schlehuser  
Oct. 15 Robert & Trey Johnson  
Bob & Tammy Thede  
Oct. 22 Bob & Sandy Klose  
Gerald Moore & Irvin Torres  
Oct. 29 Volunteers

### OCTOBER FLOWERS

Oct. 1 Robert & Susan Rentschler  
Oct. 8 Cheryl Sandenaw  
Oct. 15 Larry & Beverly Van Duyn  
Oct. 22 Colleen Sandenaw  
Oct. 29 Gerald & Gayan Moore

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### THE GOODWILL MAN

In the early years of the 20th century, a pastor in Boston had a burning passion to help the poor, those who were handicapped, and immigrants who found it difficult to adjust to American practices. With steadfast prayer and God's hand guiding him along, the Rev. Edgar James Helms started Goodwill Industries.

Today it is a widespread movement dedicated "to help the helpless to help themselves." It continues to help the handicapped, the jobless and the poor.

Before he died in 1943, Helms wrote the following statement: "I, Edgar James Helms, have often been referred to as the founder of Goodwill Industries. This is not strictly true. The originator of Goodwill Industries was the Master of men, who spoke from a Galilean hillside 1900 years ago and commanded his disciples to 'gather up the fragments that nothing be lost.'

"We, his disciples, are commanded to 'Go thou and do likewise.' We receive our marching orders from him, who commanded us to 'seek and save the lost.' He expects us to literally, 'Feed the hungry, clothe the naked, visit those who are sick and in prison.'"

Down through the years, Goodwill has existed for service, not financial profits — all because of the Man from Galilee and Edgar Helms, his servant.

—Quote from Beatrice Plumb, *The Goodwill Man*



