



THE TRINITARIAN



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FROM THE PASTOR

Gen. 6:5 The LORD saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every intention of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually.

We have been studying Genesis in the Sunday morning Bible Study. From the quote above, things were pretty bad in Noah's day. We know that it was so bad that the Lord destroyed everything but 8 people and 2 of some and 7 of other air breathing land animals.

We have been witnessing how things are not going well in this nation now either. Jeremiah had a thought about that when he said: Jer. 17:9 The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately sick; who can understand it? He understood that the hearts of people is where things go wrong. Yes, evil, sin, has to start somewhere and before the actions come about, it has to grow in the heart.

With all the news about how children are now being told they can change their sex or gender if they don't FEEL like God made them the right way, their hearts are getting in the way of the facts and biology and their belief in the God who made them and all things. Youth are being encouraged to do things their immature minds aren't able to deal with in a reasoned manner.

Where are they getting all this false information? Why has there been such a running toward this kind of perversion?

I have been reading a book called: "**Lost in Trans Nation**, a child Psychiatrist's guide Out of the madness." She goes into where it all started and how now it has infiltrated our schools and yes, even into the government that uses its power to force this evil on our children.

You may wonder, "Why children?" You know of an evil man named Adolph Hitler. A statement attributed to him is: "He alone, who owns the youth, gains the Future!"

Our youth are under attack. They are fed things that are not true and against the Lord and how He has made them.

I was asked to give my input into a local Christian camp awhile back and how I would handle a youth who wanted to be seen as the opposite sex. What it came down to was, I would not submit to their wants to be identified as someone they were not. I said to support a lie would not be the thing to do, even if it might hurt their feelings.

We will have to probably deal with these issues in our families or with others we know. We need to stick with the truth of God and do what we can to learn more about the issues and the ways to counter the idea that how a person is nurtured is more true than how the Lord has made a person.

May the Lord be with us all as we make our voices of reason known to those who would seek to destroy our children with their false view of how children are to be raised and encouraged.

Pastor

ELDER'S MESSAGE

Man Plans, GOD Laughs

This phrase is derived from an old Yiddish adage 'Mann Tracht, Un Gott Lacht.'

We all plan to do many things in our daily lives, whether they are big or small, it is wise to discuss them with the LORD during our daily devotions. Proverbs 19:20-21 says: " Listen to counsel and accept discipline, that you may be wise the rest of your days. Many plans are in a man's heart, but the purpose of the LORD will prevail."

When we make plans independent of GOD, they will fail.

Love and fear GOD, pray for HIS guidance in all things. All things will go according to HIS plan!

James R. Wilkes, Elder

**FINANCIAL STATUS REPORT
OUR MONTHLY RESPONSE TO GOD'S GRACE
June 2023**

Total Income	\$18,341.19
Total Expenses	<u>(\$22,686.30)</u>
Profit/Loss	(\$-4,345.11)

Expenses includes a onetime adjustment caused by the reconciliation of the LCEF Accounts which amounted to \$6,759.89 discrepancy.

YEAR-TO-DATE June 30, 2023

Total Income	\$113,454.84
Total Expenses	<u>(\$101,024.78)</u>
Profit/Loss	\$ 12,430.06

Bob Klose, Vice-President

EDUCATION

There was no meeting in July. The next education committee meeting will be Monday, August 14th at 5:30 p.m. We will be discussing any planning for the 2023-24 school year. Please join us on the 14th to share any new ideas you may have. We look forward to seeing some new faces.

Susan Kelly, Education Chair

STEWARDSHIP

Psalm 100:2 "Serve the Lord with gladness!"

How many people at Trinity Lutheran Church can you think of who serve the Lord with gladness? I believe, if I tried to list them all I would be writing the names of all who love the Lord and want to give back to Him and thank Him for all His blessings. In other words, all of us! That is the definition of stewardship, giving back to God for all He has given us.

Many of us remember when we did loyalty or pledge Sunday. We would fill out a pledge card with how much we planned to give in offerings for the next year. The primary purpose of those pledges was to give the Board of Directors a guideline to use when creating the budget for the coming year. Then you were begged for several Sundays to return your pledge cards.

This year the Board would like to try a different approach. We all enjoy potlucks with food and fellowship. So, on Sunday, September 17th we will enjoy a potluck after church. We will have pledge cards on the tables. After your meal you can write an estimate of how much you intend to give back to the Lord for all His blessings to you. NO NAMES required! Just fill out the card and drop it in the basket by the door as you leave.

God's Blessings,
Sandy Klose, Stewardship Chair

MISSION SERVICE QUILTERS

1st & 3rd Thursdays at 9:00 a.m.

The Mission Service Quilters is a group of people that sew and tie quilts to be given out to people that need a quilt to stay warm. Our quilts have gone to Ysleta Lutheran Mission, Center for Protective Environment (COPE), LOVE I.N.C., Runner's Refuge Homeless Shelter, LWML Rocky Mountain District Mission Projects, and been placed with our church's food baskets given out at Christmas.

We could use help. We would love to have you join with us on the 1st and 3rd Thursday's of the month, September through May. All you need to know is how to tie a knot to be of great help. If you can't make it to church to help, but know how to sew, we could use help in hemming the quilts. Our quilts are not bound as traditional quilts, but we turn the back over to the front and hem them. (BTW hemming the quilts looks as good as binding them.)

Occasionally we have a request to buy one of our quilts, especially the baby quilts. If you would like to buy a quilt, talk to Nora Sotak or any of the quilters named below to see what we have in stock.

Please pray for our mission to keep people warm.
Nora Sotak, Bev Van Duyn, Margaret Worley, Darlene Gilmore

LWML

There are many fall activities to gear up for. As we begin a New year, I would like to invite all ladies who attend Trinity Lutheran Church to join us for our meetings and participate in our activities. It is a great opportunity to meet and get to know others as well as participating in many activities such as Bible studies, servant activities, food, and fellowship!

AUGUST 12.....TRINITY LUTHERAN.....RUMMAGE SALE FROM 8AM TO 12PM.

Once again it is time to get ready for our annual rummage sale. You may bring items to church beginning the the 31st of July. Items may be placed on the tables in the great room. Please leave the round tables for after church coffee. We will need help the week of August 7th thru the 11th to get everything set up and priced. Even if you have only an hour or two to help, please come! Setup and pricing is time consuming but many hands sure makes it easier. It is a good time for fellowship as well.

We need help the day of the sale, not only for the time of the sale but also at noon to disassemble everything that is left to be taken to King's Treasure.

***Coming to a church near you.....Ladies dressed in purple, Bible Study, worship, ingatherings for local charities, singing, guest-speakers, food, and fellowship! All the things that make a Fall Rally a special event. Be sure to join yours!**

AUGUST 26.....FALL RALLY.....RIO GRANDE ZONE..ASCENSION, EL PASO, TX

This year's LWML RMD Rio Grande Zone Fall Rally is being held at Ascension Lutheran Church in El Paso. Registration is at 930. We will meet at the church and carpool to El Paso. The Ingathering is a Christmas Toy Drive for Ysleta for ages 1-12. There will be tubs by the bulletin boards for donations. Please sign up if you are able to attend and if you are willing to be a driver.

SEPTEMBER 8-10.....LWML RMD FALL RETREAT.....GLORIETA, NM

Don't forget to register for the Fall Retreat to be held in Glorieta, NM the weekend of September 8-10. Donna Snow will be our Bible Study leader so it promises to be an inspiring weekend filled with fellowship opportunities for all. The Book is Meant For Good: A Study of Joseph. The deadline for registration is **August 1st** and you can find the form at lwmlrmd.org under the events tab or there are copies on the bulletin board. You can turn your registration and check into Belinda Burmeister.

OCTOBER 1st.....LWML SUNDAY.....TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

*****Information to follow*** Mark your calendars and find something purple to wear.**

I am the Heart of LWML!

"As a Lutheran Woman in Mission, I will share the joy and wonder of what is done through the LWML by the grace of God — the resources created, the missions supported, and the ministries provided."

Yours in Christ, Vicki Leonard

AUGUST 2023 STEWARDS FOR CHRIST

ELDERS

August 6 Jim Wilkes
August 13 Matt Anderson
August 20 Robert Rentschler
August 27 Jim Wilkes

READERS

August 6 Larry & Beverly Van Duyn
August 13 Susan Kelly & Shirley Enyeart
August 20 Ruth Wilkes & Gerald Moore
August 27 Sandy & Bob Klose

TELLERS

August 6 Megan Bowman & Dick Dommers
August 13 Cheryl Sandenaw/Linde Van Cleave
August 20 Lola Ableidinger & Nora Sotak
August 27 Susan Kelly & Sandy Klose

HOSTS

August 6 Cheryl Richey & Cheryl Sandenaw
August 13 Glen & Christine Schlehuser
August 20 Mary Leslie Schmitt/Yvonne Steeby
August 27 George & Marianne Schweers

SOUND TECH

August 6 Ben or Erica Clark
August 13 Bob Klose
August 20 Matt Anderson
August 27 Jim Kline

MUSIC

August 6 Lisa Cramm
August 13 Lisa Cramm
August 20 Lola Ableidinger
August 27 Lola Abeidinger

AUGUST ALTAR COMMITTEE

Sheila Anderson
Wilma Jaecks

AUGUST ATTENDANCE

Bob Klose

USHERS

August 6 Tom Blackmon, Jim Fladhammer
Larry & Beverly Van Duyn
August 13 Abby Anderson, Marvin Bunker
Emily Johnson, Susan Kelly
August 20 Robert & Trey Johnson
Bob & Tammy Thede
August 27 Bob & Sandy Klose
Gerald Moore & Irvin Torres

AUGUST FLOWERS

August 6 Matt & Jill Clark
August 13 Bob & Susan Kelly
August 20 Glen & Christine Schlehuser
August 27 Dino & Laurie DiPaola

DAILY REASON TO CELEBRATE

Poor August, the only month without holidays! Still, there's lots to celebrate these final weeks of summer. Enjoy some summer flavors: August 1 is National Raspberry Cream Pie Day; August 2, National Ice Cream Sandwich Day; August 3, National Watermelon Day; August 10, National S'mores Day (have a bonfire!); and August 24 is National Peach Day.

If you share life with young kids, have a water balloon fight on — you guessed it — National Water Balloon Day, August 6! Head out for a final (National) Beach Day on August 30. Or head out for an intergenerational hike on National Trail Mix Day, August 31.

And don't forget to celebrate God's precious gifts of friends — National Friendship Day is the first Sunday in August; creation — Global Sleep Under the Stars Night is August 8 (prime time for meteor showers!); laughter — National Tell a Joke Day is August 16; and the opportunity to put God's love into action by serving others — on August 22, National Be an Angel Day, or August 28, National Thoughtful Day, and, for that matter, every day of the year — holiday or not.



IT'S THAT TIME AGAIN—

WHAT: ANNUAL LWML RUMMAGE SALE

WHEN:

SATURDAY, AUGUST 12TH

TIME: 8 AM TO 12 NOON

We will need help sorting, pricing, and setting up during the week August 7 to 11th from 9am to 12 pm. We will also set-up on Tuesday the 8th and Thursday the 10th @ 5pm.

Thanks in advance!

ITEMS to be Donated can be brought up to the Church at any time—
if you need something picked up let us know.

Larger items should be put in the shed.