



THE TRINITARIAN



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FROM THE PASTOR

Gal. 3:28 There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is no **male** and **female**, for you are all one in Christ Jesus.

If you have been attending the Sunday morning Bible study, you have heard some interesting items and are looking forward to even more as you are learning what is going on in the world and especially in this nation and the answers how to deal with this fast-changing world in a Christ like manner.

I received a magazine from Answers in Genesis the other day and they had an article that address some of what we are looking at Sunday mornings. It is titled "Myth of Equality."

It made 4 points. #1: **Biologically**. It points out that the modern LGBTQ movement is a push to make humans equal biologically. As you have probably heard some try to say there really are any number of genders. God only created two genders and any other "genders" are really only in the minds of those who have some kind of gender dysphoria. God created two genders as He says in Mark 10:6 But from the beginning of creation, 'God made them male and female.'

In second point, the feminist movement was said to want men and women to have completely different roles. But from the beginning God wanted women and men to have equal **roles** as He has made them different. Gen. 2:18 Then the Lord God said, "It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a helper fit for him." In these different roles there is a further explanation in marriage where Eph. 5:22-25 Wives, submit to your own husbands, as to the Lord. For the husband is the head of the wife even as Christ is the head of the church, his body, and is himself its Savior. Now as the church submits to Christ, so also wives should submit in everything to their husbands.

Husbands, love your wives, as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her, Jesus went so far as to die for the Church so that she was taken care of.

Talents was the third point. We don't have a hard time knowing that not everyone has equal talents. I have made the point of my great musical talent and that is playing the radio but so many others have the talent to do so much with music that many of us just have to sit back and marvel that God would have given such talent to men. Paul lists a few talents that God has given in Romans 12:6-8 and the responsible use of them.

The last was **wealth**. Jesus realized that there would be some who would not have the same wealth as others when He said: Matt. 26:11 For you always have the poor with you, but you will not always have Me.

The Bible really only has one example of equality when it states: Rom. 3:22b-24 For there is no distinction: for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, and are justified by His grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus,

All are equally sinners in need of what Christ who died for all has done for them. Keep that in mind when you hear all sorts of aberrations that seek to distract you from Jesus and His creation.

Pastor

ELDERS MESSAGE

Truth -- What Is The Truth?

It depends what you are talking about. COVID19 has caused millions of people to question everything that has been put out by the powers that be. The “experts” have told us the “truth” that is backed up by the “settled science”. The “truth” has changed so many times over the past fifteen months that I personally don’t believe anything the government and the “experts” tell us.

Cynicism about COVID19, its origins, the alleged vaccines, cures and protocols abound, at least in my mind. To me the whole shebang is about control of our minds through fear of the unknown.

The real truth is that GOD has a plan that is playing out for all to see. Charlatans, be they, politicians, doctors or others in positions of authority are exposing themselves daily.

The real truth is that we must depend on the LORD for guidance on how to live our lives.

We must choose to adhere to GOD’s will, follow his commandments, repent of our sins, believing in HIS GRACE to live out our SALVATION.

John 3:16 should guide our lives.
PRAYER WORKS.

JAMES R. WILKES, ELDER

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Members present: Pastor, Dick Dommers, Cindi Anderson, Bob Klose, Sandy Klose, Jim Wilkes, Cheryl Sandenaw, Robyn Luevano, Vicki Leonard, Allen Burmeister

Call to order: 7:02

Bible Study: God’s Enemies

Minutes: Accepted as written.

Vice President: We have 16 ushers giving us a full team for each Sunday of the month. The youth and volunteers will man fifth Sundays, as in the past. Since we have gone back to receiving communion at the communion rail the ushers will provide the invitation to partake of the sacrament. Judah Webb has provided a software update for our sound system. I will install it. He has also provided a YouTube link giving video training on operating the system. I will talk with the system operators to determine when and how we want to avail ourselves of this training.

Elders: No elder meeting this month.

Financial Secretary: Total Income: \$ 17,303.00; General Fund: \$ 15,700.00; Special Funds: \$ 1603.00; Africa Training To Date \$450.00

Treasurer: General Fund income as of April 30, 2021 was \$15,790.50 (envelopes & loose plate); expenses were \$18,162.36; Profit Loss (\$2,371.86.)

Evangelism: No Report.

Trustee: Will re-arrange bathroom so the door opens to the Nursery and add sink in Nursery. Will add diaper changing station also. No progress as of yet.; Bathroom ceiling vent leak problem has been uncovered and

there was; considerable roof plywood damage. Plywood has been replaced and shingle repair is in process; Custodian position is being temporarily handled by Ben and Erika Clark. They have given some feedback and I feel my recommendations are still good. I recommend that we accept them (assuming job application is okay) for the position. Please let me know if there are any issues with the cleaning. In order to vacuum the church properly, I believe that we need to use a backpack type vacuum cleaner. This will facilitate a much easier job of cleaning the alter area, steps, and the pews. It is within the budget of the trustees (~\$700) but wanted to let everyone know. I have included the job application and job duties forms for your review. Ongoing or new projects: Need to clean HVAC ducting in Sanctuary; Need to add drip watering system to front flower bed; Sink and cabinet in Youth Room will be removed and replaced with shelving; Vent in Youth Room bathroom will be modified to vent into attic and current vent pipe on roof will be removed and the roof patched

Education: Jim has spoken with Garrett on the summer intern position. Garrett is working a schedule for the summer with dates/days of the week for both the older and younger youth kids. He is also planning a week for VBS (in July). He has ordered the Concordia VBS kit. Legacy Christian Academy has asked if we will be having a VBS that their kids can attend. They have 20 kids. The summer schedule will be finalized tomorrow.

We have decided not to take the Youth Group to a Higher Things Conference this year because of the uncertainty with COVID. We will plan to attend next summer. We will not need the budget set aside for the conference this year.

Stewardship: Ezra 2:69a "When they arrived at the house of the Lord in Jerusalem, some of the heads of the families gave freewill offerings toward the rebuilding of the house of God on its site. According to their ability they gave to the treasury for this work." I did contact Geri Mason in regards to memorial funds for her mother, Irma Tenopir. She said she would send a check to the church for \$300.00 towards the purchase of the lawn nativity set. That would leave a balance of approximately \$180.00. I left a message with Susan Weitzel with that information. I explained she could just mail a check to the church if she so desired. She is sending a check for \$1000 for the nativity set and whatever else the church needs. With John Marquardt's approval an air conditioner was purchased from Samons for \$449.99 to be used in the electronics room. A table for the sound system equipment in the choir loft has been ordered from Lowe's. This will utilize the remainder of the Oscar Marquardt memorial funds. May God continue to bless you for all the work you do here at Trinity Lutheran Church.

Unfinished Business: Finalize Custodian arrangements: We've been paying them \$85 a week. Jim motions that we start paying Erica Clark will be the custodian with a starting rate of \$90 and after 90 days we will increase it to \$120. Cheryl seconded it. The motion passed. Electronic Funds Transfer, yes or no (and plan): 60 people responded 1/3 wanted the electronic transfer. Bob made a motion that we implement electronic funds transfer. Jim seconded it. The motion passed. Name tags, yes or no: We voted in church and a majority said they would enjoy having them. Livestream problem update. Upgrade TDS to 600Mbps? Bob and Matt Anderson discussed and decided that this is not necessary.

New Business: Carl Gebhardt wants to start doing an antique car show here every once in a while. Bob moves that we allow this to happen. Jim seconds. The motion is carried. The price of the paper we're printing bulletins on is going to add up eventually. We aren't going to change this though. We are also going to keep using the table for offering.

Correspondence: 4/9 Official notification of reschedule of District Convention to June 2022: Nominations will need to be redone if we have any. 5/3 Return of TLC 2021 District Convention Assessment:

VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

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Judah Webb provided a firmware update for our sound system. Once the update was installed Matt and Bobby Anderson and I moved the equipment to the new six-foot table purchased for the sound system. We discovered that the firmware update cancelled some of our settings. But, with video call help from Judah, we were able to reconnect the equipment.

I want to thank those members who discontinued using the Trinity Guest link to view the service. Matt reports that there have not been any more signal upload problems. We are receiving positive feedback from members who continue to use the video service.

Bob Klose, Vice-President

STEWARDSHIP

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Ed Shelter gave \$2000.00 in memory of Ila Shelter. He requested that the money go towards the purchase of a new riding lawn mower for the church. The lawn mower has been purchased.

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God's Blessings,
Sandy Klose, Stewardship Chairperson

EVANGELISM

"Christians are called to submit to the governing authorities, recognizing that all authority has been established by God, and to follow Jesus' example to love one another. That love can be exercised through political channels as well as others. Everyone has the ability to become politically involved. Through the activities of prayer, obedience, and involvement, all Christians can impact their country in a positive way."

The tract of the month for June is **AN ACTIVE CHRISTIAN CITIZENSHIP (Motivated by Love)**. "This booklet addresses the critical role Christians play in the political process and offers practical suggestions on how you can get involved. From the local to the national front, Christians have a vital role in shaping the course of their country." This booklet is pretty interesting. I hope you check it out.

Evangelism Conference: Westminster Presbyterian Church at 2201 15th Street will be hosting an Evangelism Conference on Friday June 11th through Sunday June 13th. I have posted information about the conference on the bulletin board. There is a deadline for registering of June 4th. You can register yourself or let me know and I can register you. Since Evangelism is the responsibility of every Christian, I hope some of you will consider going. I plan to attend and would enjoy some company from Trinity.

The next Evangelism Meeting will be Tuesday June 8th at 5:30pm.

In closing, I would like to quote Psalm 105:1 (ESV) – Oh give thanks to the Lord; call upon his name; make known his deeds among the peoples!

Yours in Christ,
Cheryl Sandenaw, Evangelism Chairman

LWML

LWML Lexington Convention

COVID-19 restrictions have been loosened in Kentucky and anyone on the waitlist to register should have received an email with a registration link. If you are on the waitlist and did not receive an email, contact the LWML office. General registration is also open.

Gifts from the Heart

LWML will now accept monetary donations for our **Gifts from the Heart recipients** (list is on the website). Checks may be sent to the LWML Office with GFTH and the recipient of choice listed on the Memo line. Online donations may be made by selecting the ministry from the drop-down menu on the secure donor link found on the Convention Central page of the LWML website. We ask that you send in donations for GFTH by the end of June.

Another option for Gifts from the Heart

Concordia Publishing House is offering a special on Arch Books for Convention. Books will be delivered directly to Lexington. The deadline to place an order is May 23, 2021. Use the promo code “GFTH” at checkout to receive the discounted prices. Visit books.cph.org/lwml-gifts-from-the-heart and click “Order Online” to go directly to the registry and select the books.

Delegates from your zone will be voting on the Mission Goal and selecting Mission Grants online May 23-29. The mission grant video is posted on the LWML website.

The Rocky Mountain District Caucus will be held in Lexington on Thursday, June 24, 2021 from 5:35–6:20 p.m. The location has not yet been announced. Come and join us and meet our RMD YWRs and enjoy some fellowship. District photos will not be taken at the Lexington Convention but we plan to take some informal pictures at the caucus.

All sessions of the Lexington Convention will be live-streamed. Visit the LWML website for the most up to date information.

The LWML RMD Fall Retreat will be held September 10-12, 2021. Registration is open until August 1, 2021

SUMMER YOUTH ACTIVITIES

YOUTH GROUP SCHEDULE 2021

Hello, all youth of Trinity Lutheran Church! It is almost time for summer fun at youth group again! This year's schedule is jam-packed with fun activities, bible studies, and service projects! Below is a schedule of all these youth events (dates and times are subject to change for the youth group's convenience).

Youth events will MOSTLY be held from 2-4 pm on Tuesdays and Thursdays for the older kids (5th grade to 12th grade) and from 1-3 pm on Wednesdays for the younger kids (preschool to 5th grade). Service projects, for the older youth group kids, will be held on some Fridays from 2-4 pm. There will be a few extra days so look out for that!

Hope to see you all there!!!

Garrett Anderson, Summer Intern

Sr. Youth Group Schedule		
Day	Date	Event
T	June 1 st	Music Day
TH	June 3 rd	Blast to the Future Day
T	June 15 th	Jell-O Day
TH	June 17 th	Art Day
F	June 18 th	Make Cards for the Homebound*
T	June 22 nd	Country Western Day
TH	June 24 th	Hiking Day
F	June 25 th	Clean Up the Church*
T	June 29 th	Spooky Day
TH	July 1 st	Water Day
SUN	July 4 th	July 4th Picnic (6PM)
M-F	July 5 th -9 th	Help with VBS (9-11:30)
T	July 6 th	Pasta Day (2-4)
TH	July 8 th	Boardgame Day (2-4)
T	July 13 th	School Day
TH	July 15 th	All-Business Day
F	July 16 th	Prayer Walk* (2-4)
T	July 20 th	Christmas in July
F	July 23 rd	Mystery Lock-In (6PM-8AM Dinner and Breakfast Provided)
T	July 27 th	Cardboard Box Day
TH	July 29 th	Nerf Day
F	July 30 th	Town Cleanup Competition*
T	August 3 rd	Lego Day
TH	August 5 th	Greatest Hits Day

Jr. Youth Group Schedule		
Day	Date	Event
W	June 2 nd	Jr. Music Day
W	June 16 th	Jr. Sports Day
W	June 23 rd	Jr. Cowboy Day
W	June 30 th	Jr. Water Day
M-F	July 5 th -9 th	God's Wonder Lab VBS
W	July 14 th	Jr. Animal Day
W	July 21 st	Jr. Christmas in July Day
W	July 28 th	Jr. Cardboard Box Day
W	August 4 th	Last Jr. Youth Day

LETTER TO ANN LANDERS

Dear Ann Landers:

The enclosed was circulated in church this morning. It's an eye-opener for people who change churches or quit going because they think the pastor isn't doing enough. Please print it. It's more than funny. -- Indiana

Dear Indy: It's a gem. Thanks for sharing.

The Perfect Pastor:

Results of a computerized survey indicate that the perfect pastor preaches exactly 15 minutes. He condemns sin, but never embarrasses anyone. He works from 8 a.m. until midnight and is also the janitor.

He makes \$60 a week, wears good clothes, drives a new car and gives \$50 a week to the poor. He is 28 years old and has been preaching for 25 years, is wonderfully gentle and handsome, loves to work with teenagers and spends countless hours with senior citizens. He makes 15 calls daily on parish families, shut-ins and hospital patients, and is always in his office when needed.

If your pastor does not measure up, simply send this letter to six other parishes that are tired of their pastors, too. Then bundle up your pastor and send him to the church at the top of the list. In one week you receive 1,643 pastors. One of them should be perfect.

HYMN OF THE MONTH

"LOOK, YE SAINTS, THE SIGHT IS GLORIOUS" -- [1809]

...And there were loud voices in heaven, saying, "The kingdoms of this world have become the kingdoms of our Lord and of His Christ, and He shall reign forever and ever!" Revelation 11:15 (NKJV)

Thomas Kelly (1769—1855) was a prolific Irish hymnist who gave us "Praise the Savior, Ye Who Know Him" and many other great hymns—over 750 in all. He's the "Issac Watts" of Ireland.

As a young man Thomas honored his father's wishes and enrolled at Dublin University to study law. But while pursuing his studies, he came across a book that piqued his interest in Hebrew. This led to his studying the Scriptures with

greater diligence and reading books of a spiritual nature. Deeply moved, Thomas abandoned this his pursuit of the law, committed his life to Christ, and began studying theology.

In 1792, Thomas was ordained into the Anglican ministry and became friends with the well-known open-air evangelist, Rowland Hill. (It was Rowland Hill, who when asked about the upbeat tempo of some of the Christian music of his day, quipped, “Why should the devil have all the good tunes?”)

Such evangelical fervor wasn’t welcome in the Anglican Church of that day, and as a result Thomas was suspended from ministry and forbidden to preach. Thus he became a Dissenter—a non-Anglican preacher whose passionate sermons, winning incident, a poor Irishman encouraged his wife during an unusually difficult period, saying, “Hold up, Bridget! There’s always Mr. Kelly to pull us off of the bog after we’ve sunk for the last time.

In this way, Kelly pastored in Dublin throughout his life. On his deathbed at age eighty-six, he was heard to pray, “Not my will, but Thine be done.” A friend read the 23rd Psalm to him, and Thomas whispered his last words: “The Lord is my all.”

Though Kelly’s hymn, “Look, Ye Saints, the Sight is Glorious” was inspired by Revelation 11:15, it’s usually associated with the Ascension of Christ. Forty days after His resurrection, Christ took His disciples to the Mount of Olives, where “He was taken up and a cloud received Him out of their sight.” According to Acts 1:9-11, the stunned disciples continued staring into the sky until two angels dressed in white broke the spell, asking, “Men of Galilee, why do you stand gazing up into heaven? This same Jesus, who was taken up from you into heaven, will so come in like manner.”

---*Then Sings My Soul, Book 2, By Robert J. Morgan*

THE BEST FATHER

Unlike an earthly prince, didn’t take a high and mighty Title, notes the 17th century British preacher, Thomas ,Watson. Instead God calls Himself Father to encourage Us to pray to Him.

But God isn’t just any father. Watson offers these God is “the best Father”:

- He is the most ancient (Daniel 7:9).
- He is perfect (Matthew 5:48).
- He is the wisest (Romans 16:27).
- He is the most loving (Zephaniah 3:17; 1 John 3:16).
- He can reform his children (Acts 9:11).
- He never dies (1 Timothy 6:16; Revelation 1:8).

Jim & Verna Fladhammer June 13 reasons Why

-He has unsearchable riches (Ephesians 3:8).

JUNE 2021 STEWARDS FOR CHRIST

ELDERS

June 6 Jesse Elkjer
June 13 Jim Wilkes
June 20 Jim Wilkes
June 27 Matt Clark

ACOLYTES

June 6 Madie Sanchez
June 13 Zac Sanchez
June 20 Ryan Sebring
June 27 Reilly Quinn

READERS

June 6 Dick Dommers/Cheryl Richey
June 13 Gerald Moore/Lisa Collins
June 20 Bob & Sandy Klose
June 27 Ruth Wilkes/Matt Anderson

HOSTS

June 6 Larry & Bev Van Duyn
June 13 Linde Van Cleave/Lola Ableidinger
June 20 Matt & Cindi Anderson
June 27 Ray & Juli Bailey

TELLERS

June 6 Linde Van Cleave/Cheryl Sandenaw
June 13 Lola Ableidinger/Nora Sotak
June 20 Susan Kelly/Sandy Klose
June 27 Bob Klose/Joyce Macon

USHERS

June 6 Tom Blackmon, Jim Fladhammer
Beverly & Larry Van Duyn
June 13 Matt Anderson, Marvin Bunker
Jesse Elkjer, Susan Kelly
June 20 Robert Johnson, Trey Johnson,
Ray Krueger, Bob Thede
June 27 Bob Klose, Sandy Klose
Gerald Moore, David Teller

JUNE ALTAR COMMITTEE

Stacy Johnson
Sandra Krueger

JUNE FLOWERS

June 6 Dick & Cheryl Richey
June 13 Dick & Jan Dommers
June 20 Goldie Gressman
June 27 Bob & Jan Thede

THOUGHTS FOR FATHER'S DAY

An unknown father who began to consider the example he should set for his children penned the following poem:

A careful man I ought to be;
A little fellow follows me;
I do not dare to go astray
For fear he'll go to the self-same way.

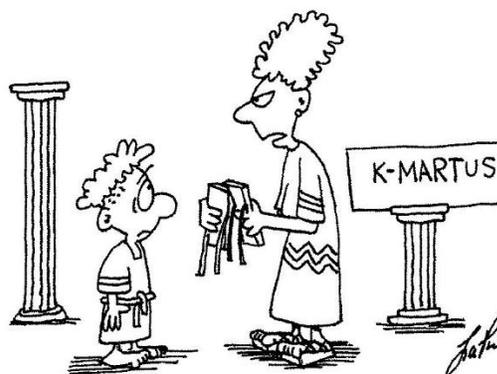
I cannot once escape his eyes;
Whate'er he sees me do, he tries---
Like me, he says, he's going to be,
The little chap who follows me.

He thinks that I am good and fine,
Believes in every word of mine;
The base in me he must not see,
The little chap who follows me.

I must remember as I go,
Through summer's sun and winter's snow,
I'm building for the years to be,
For a little fellow follows me.

JUNE ATTENDANCE

Cheryl Sandenaw



"I don't care if all your friends have them.
We can't afford AIR ELIJAH SANDALS."

