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FROM THE PASTOR

Prov. 22:6 Train up a child in the way he should go; even when he is old he will not depart from it.

If you have been listening to the news, you probably have heard about parents who are in an uproar about something called critical race theory. Why are parents so concerned about this being taught in the schools?

Hillsdale College published an article adapted from a lecture given at the college on March 30, 2021. Here are some excerpts: Critical race theory is fast becoming America's new institutional orthodoxy. Yet most Americans have never heard of it—and of those who have, many don't understand it. It's time for this to change. We need to know what it is so we can know how to fight it.

Critical race theory is an academic discipline, formulated in the 1990s, built on the intellectual framework of identity-based Marxism. Relegated for many years to universities and obscure academic journals, over the past decade it has increasingly become the default ideology in our public institutions. It has been injected into government agencies, public school systems, teacher training programs, and corporate human resources departments in the form of diversity training programs, human resources modules, public policy frameworks, and school curricula.

Critical race theory seeks to group people and then pit the groups against each other which leads to Marxism. We know that every country who has gone down the road of Marxism has failed. We have seen in the news how Cubans are wanting to be free from the communist society built on the marxist ideology. So doing it in a "new" way here, is trusting in something that hasn't ever worked in the past.

If you know anything about Marxism, you know that the perceived greatest threat those who tout it is Christianity. Marxism seeks to pit people groups against each other with certain people groups having more value than others. You may have heard of white supremacy, white privilege and terms such as these to separate people, especially those of various skin colors.

God has made everyone unique in His image. We know of leaders, such as Martin Luther King Jr. who said we should be judged not on skin color but on the character of a person. Seemed good when he said it but it is contrary to what Marxists and progressives are pushing today, even in our schools, jobs, corporations, etc.

They are thinking that if they do everything the "right" way there can eventually be a Utopia on earth. It bases it all on the erroneous idea that man is basically good and given the right circumstances you will have a perfect world. I think it was tried with Adam and Eve.

This other things associated with this is what we have been looking at in Sunday morning Bible Study.

Pastor

ELDERS 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.

James R. Wilkes, Elder

EVANGELISM

The tract of the month for August is What about... Christian Stewardship. This booklet addresses Stewardship from the perspective of the Gospel rather than the perspective of the law. It covers the topics: "Why are we here?", "What went wrong?", "How did God deal with our greatest need?", "What is the steward's highest priority?", and "How do Christian stewards use their material blessings?". It is a short booklet and doesn't take long to read. I considered it to be thoughtful and interesting. Hopefully you will too.

STEWARDSHIP

Psalm 95:2 "Let us come before Him with thanksgiving and extol Him with music and song."

Dear Friends at Trinity,

On Sunday, August 8, 2021, we will have the opportunity to thank Garrett Anderson for serving the Lord here at Trinity as our guest organist and youth director for several years. We will have a potluck lunch after church that day. Garrett will be moving to Ohio and then to Wisconsin next year. He will be attending the Concordia University in Mequon, Wisconsin next year to study music with an emphasis in organ. He will be greatly missed! So please bring a dish to share and express your appreciation to Garrett for all he has done.

My prayer for Garrett is from Hebrews 13:20 & 21. "May the God of peace, who through the blood of the eternal covenant brought back from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great Shepherd of sheep, equip you with everything good for doing His will, and may He work in us what is pleasing to Him through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory for ever and ever. Amen."

God's Blessings to all,
Sandy Klose, Stewardship Chairperson

LWML

Annual Rummage Sale - August 14, 9:00 – 12:00

Have you been cleaning closets and cupboards, gathering items for the rummage sale? VBS is over, so you can now put your rummage in two Sunday School rooms in the North Hall. Please do not leave rummage in the first room, it is used for Sunday School.

Help is needed Sunday, August 8 to set up tables for the sale. Sorting and pricing will be each morning from 9:00-12:00 August 9-13. All the help you can give us is appreciated. Male and female, consider giving your time to this endeavor. Can't make it in the mornings to work? Call Yvonne Steeby, 575-442-6169 to schedule an evening shift. Need someone to pick up your rummage? Call Nora Sotak, 575-434-5247 home or 575-439-7524 cell, to schedule a time for pick up.

The big day of the sale, August 14, there is a need for many workers. Will you be one of us? You will be paid with coffee, cookies, and good fellowship!

Mites

Keep those Mites coming in. There is a big Mite box on the cabinet under the LWML bulletin board for your Mites. You can place your donations in the box anytime. \$.75 of each dollar supports the Rocky Mountain District Mission Goal and \$.25 of each dollar goes to the National Mission Goal.

Rocky Mountain District 2020-2022 Mission Goal: \$77,960.28

Praise the Lord, \$49,960.28, has already been donated.

Go to LWMLRMD.org for more information on the Mission Grants.

National 2021–2023 LWML Mission Goal: \$2,150,000.00

This goal was voted on at the National Convention last month.

Go to LWML.org for more information on the Mission Grants.

YOUTH GROUP ACTIVITIES -- FOR AUGUST

SR. YOUTH GROUP

August 3rd – Lego Day

August 4th – Greatest Hits Day

JR. YOUTH GROUP

August 4th – Last jr. youth day of the summer



VBS 2021

WATCH YOURSELF GO BY
From The Book by Edward Kuhlmann

This Day Magazine, 1952

A vacant store across the street – I must pass it as I walk leisurely homeward. Its double windows are backed-by mirrors in which I find myself reflected. I straighten my carriage, throw back my shoulders, and pull my hat to a more becoming angle. I laugh at myself as I catch myself doing this. Then I stop to watch others. They do as I did. And it all leads easily to the thought that all of us would be quite different folks if we could see ourselves as others see us.

It is as the poet Burns wrote:

*O wad some power the giftie gie us
To see ourselves as others see us!
It wad frae mony a blunder free us,
And foolish notion.
What airs in dress an' gait wad leave us
And ev'n devotion.*

A modern writer, Strickland Gililan, gives expression to the same thought:

*Just stand aside and WATCH YOURSELF GO BY,
Think of yourself as 'he' instead of 'I.'
Pick flaws: find fault; forget the man is you,
And strive to make each estimate ring true.
The fault of others then will dwarf and shrink;
Love's chain grows stronger by one mighty link
When you as 'he,' as a substitute for 'I.'
Have stood aside and watched yourself go by.*

And Erich Remarque in *All Quiet on the Western Front* parallels this in thought-provoking prose "I often sit over against myself as before a stranger." Do you do it too – "watch yourself go by" as before a stranger? Do you appraise your thoughts and conduct as honestly as you would judge the actions of another?

In the church of my boyhood hung a triangular frame enclosing an eye so realistically painted, that with, disturbing uncanniness, it seemed to look directly at you no matter in which section of the church you were sitting. It symbolized the Trinity, and the eye that looked so disconcertingly at you would say that the Triune God sees you always as you are. Every thought, every hidden desire, every aspiration, every thought unexpressed, is disclosed to Him. Oh, that you might "watch yourself go by" like that!

Well, it is possible – in part. As the window's mirrors reflected the image of those who passed by, so God has provided a looking glass for the soul. It is the Bible. Here you may see your inmost self. All your selfish motives and petty accomplishments are laid bare. Are you proud, censorious, ill-tempered, or prone to lust? God's Book will show you; each sin will be revealed in all its shame and guilt.

Why? That your eyes may lift to Calvary's summit there to "behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world." And all that look shall have life, and they shall "have it more abundantly."

"Watch Yourself Go By" to be *continued in September's newsletter*

THE CHURCH HABIT

Attending church every Sunday morning is about the best habit anyone can form. It should start with the little tots, although their attendance may be in the well-planned and supervised nursery in the basement of the church and later in the sanctuary where the sermons are offered. If children attend church from the time they can remember, they are pretty likely to do so all of their lives, and because of that – and the influence the church and its many ramifications have on them – will be better citizens than if they attend spasmodically, or with no desire to do so.

Not long ago J. Edgar Hoover said: “For me an hour spent in the serenity of a house of God, joining with my neighbors in communion and worship, is a spiritual restorative, second to none. I go to church to give thanks, to seek tranquility of mind, and to gain spiritual strength to meet the problems of the day. I have not failed to find what I sought.”

---This Day Magazine, August 1959

AUGUST 2021 STEWARDS FOR CHRIST

ELDERS

Aug. 1 Jesse Elkjer
Aug. 8 Jim Wilkes
Aug. 15 Jim Wilkes
Aug. 22 Jim Wilkes
Aug. 29 Matt Clark

ACOLYTES

Aug. 1 Madie Sanchez
Aug. 8 Zac Sanchez
Aug. 15 Ryan Sebring
Aug. 22 Reilly Quinn
Aug. 29 Madie Sanchez

HOSTS

Aug. 1 Matt & Jill Clark
Aug. 8 Laurie & Dino Di Paolo
Aug. 15 Dick & Jan Dommers
Aug. 22 Vicki Leonard & Shirley Enyeart
Aug. 29 Yvonne Steeby & Wilma Jaecks

READERS

Aug. 1 Cheryl Richey & Louis Mauriot
Aug. 8 Larry & Bev Van Duyn
Aug. 15 Susan Kelly & Matt Anderson
Aug. 22 Ruth Wilkes & Gerald Moore
Aug. 29 Shirley Enyeart & Bob Klose

TELLERS

Aug. 1 Lola Ableidinger & Nora Sotak
Aug. 8 Susan Kelly & Sandy Klose
Aug. 15 Bob Klose & Joyce Macon
Aug. 22 Yvonne Steeby & Becky Worley
Aug. 29 Shirley Enyeart & Patty Quinn

AUGUST ALTAR COMMITTEE

Sheila Anderson
Wilma Jaecks

USHERS

Aug. 1 Tom Blackmon, Jim Fladhammer,
Larry & Beverly Van Duyn
Aug. 8 Matt Anderson, Marvin Bunker
Jesse Elkjer, Susan Kelly
Aug. 15 Robert Johnson, Trey Johnson
Ray Krueger, Bob Thede
Aug. 22 Bob & Sandy Klose
Gerald Moore, David Teller
Aug. 29 Youth

AUGUST FLOWERS

Aug. 1 Frank & Shirley Enyeart
Aug. 8 Matt & Jill Clark
Aug. 15 Jerry & Jennifer Sebring
Aug. 22 Glen & Christine Schlehuser
Aug. 29 Virginia Nielsen

AUGUST ATTENDANCE

Bob Klose



