



**THANK YOU LORD, FOR ALL THE RAIN YOU HAVE PROVIDED US!!**

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THE NEWSLETTER OF  
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## FROM THE PASTOR

Isaiah 55:6-11. "Seek the Lord while he may be found; call upon him while he is near; let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts let him return to the Lord, that he may have compassion on him, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon. **For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, declares the Lord.** For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts. "For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven and do not return there but water the earth, making it bring forth and sprout, giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater, so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose, and shall succeed in the thing for which I sent it.

When asked my favorite verse from the Bible, I will likely respond with Isaiah 55:10 & 11. I guess growing up on a farm & ranch, we depended on God for good weather to make things bring forth and grow. He not only sent rain on the "good" people but even on those whom many would consider "no good".

The Lord provides ways which He thinks are good. He doesn't consult us but has us look to Him for His perfect will to be done no matter what is going on around us.

We look around and see how so many things are falling apart. Increases in prices for almost everything, fear over a virus that is man-made, families that seem to be falling apart, a world where one nation seeks to take over another for what looks like because they think they can, an abusive government that looks to be headed down the road to even more exercise of power which should be in the hands of the people and not just a few.

We may wonder how this is all going to come out in the wash but as we look at all the strife and challenges we face, there is always those Words of the Lord through Isaiah, My thoughts, My ways and not our thoughts or ways.

How many times do we see the Lord let people go so far wrong only to bring them back? They even went so far in Noah's day that only 8 were saved and from those 8 we have you and I.

He does things in His way and so He sent Jesus in His way, not born of royalty but of a common woman. Not born in a Castle but in a Stable. Not rising to power as He had Joseph but as a criminal in the eyes of the religious leaders who were supposed to help the people worship the Lord.

Instead of bringing destruction on the land the way He did with Noah, wiping out the evil in the world brought our evil sin on His own Son and then His Son, declares freedom for all who look to Him. His thoughts and ways are not ours.

Pastor:

**ELDER MESSAGE**

**Prayers Answered**

Praise the LORD for he has given us the rain we prayed for a couple of months ago.

The mountains are lush green and the water table is being replenished.

While some places have experienced flood damage, it is GOD’s way of focusing on the areas our leaders need to fix.

GOD has answered the prayers we offered for the loved ones who have suffered disease or injury.

Please continue to be thankful for HIS GRACE, PRAY, PRAY and PRAY.

GOD is in control of all things going on in the world and in our personal lives.

JAMES R. WILKES, ELDER

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**SPECIAL CONGREGATION MEETING**

August 7, 2022

President Dick Dommers called the meeting to order at 11:17 A.M. He stated the purpose of the meeting was to vote to approve the expenditure of \$1702.97 for the update of the fire suppression system in the kitchen.

Jill Clark moved that the sum be approved, seconded by Yvonne Steeby.

There was no discussion of the motion.

A voice vote was called and the motion passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 11:34 AM.

Respectfully submitted

Jan Dommers

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**BACKPACK MINISTRY**

We are collecting food items for the Love INC Backpack Ministry again 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**

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| Small boxes of Cereal | Cereal Bars             |
| Fruit cups            | Shelf stable milk boxes |
| Cheese Crackers       | Small bags of Chips     |
| Soups or stews        | Tuna or Chickens salads |
| Juice Boxes           | Fresh Fruits            |

**Other suggestions are welcomed and appreciated!**

## **EVANGELISM**

**Tract of the Month: “The Truth About Angels”** – ‘Today’s media features many stories on angels. The New Age Movement suggests that each of us has a “personal angel” and encourages us to get in contact with it. Do angels really exist? Can we see them? What is their purpose? The Bible abounds with references to them: their origin, some names, even their ranks and tasks.’” This booklet “will review some of what we know about angels from God’s Word.” Some focus will be spent looking at angel “data,” but most of the focus will be on “the extraordinary mission and message these heavenly beings bring”. This is a very interesting booklet! Check it out!

**Join Us on Sept. 11<sup>th</sup> After Church** "For the first time ever, the greatest story ever told is being presented as a multi-season show. Digging deeper into the backstories and context of the people and events of the gospels. Season One of the #1 highest crowd-funded media project of all time introduces you to people such as Simon Peter, Nicodemus, Mary Magdalene, Matthew, and of course Jesus in a way never before seen on film." The Evangelism Committee will be showing this highly acclaimed video series "The Chosen" after church on the second Sunday of each month, beginning Sept. 11th. Bring a sack lunch and join us!

**Jehovah’s Witnesses:** Thank you to everyone who has given me letters sent to them by the Jehovah’s Witnesses. We are working on a response to send out.

**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 Next Evangelism Committee meeting will be** Tuesday September 12th at 5:30pm. We welcome anyone that may wish to attend!

**In closing** I would like to quote ACTS 13:47 (NIV) – “For this is what the Lord has commanded us: “I have made you a light for the Gentiles, that you may bring salvation to the ends of the earth.’ ” Let us all go about our days in our jobs, neighborhoods, and community as the light the Lord has created us to be.

Yours in Christ,  
Cheryl Sandenaw, Evangelism Chairman

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## **2022 CHURCH DIRECTORY**

For our 2022 church directory, we will be including photos. Your photo in the directory is purely voluntary but it helps us recognize one another, especially when we receive new members. Photos will be taken following the service, and organized to complement the information in our directory. We will announce the start of the photo project, likely in early September, and continue until all have been taken. If you have a particular Sunday when you want your photo taken, see me, as I will be prepared to take photos each Sunday.

Dick Dommers, President

## STEWARDSHIP

Dear Friends at Trinity,

Believe it or not this will be your final reminder to fill out and return a pledge sheet for 2023. I thank all who have already returned theirs.

I would like to share a personal note with you. I have served as Stewardship Chairperson in the past. I must admit I really disliked doing the pledge letter and asking to have them returned. The main reason I didn't like doing it was because so few would return them, and I felt guilty because I had failed in doing God's work! NOT a fun feeling!

God has helped me this year. The Board of Directors asked for it to be done to help with the planning of the budget. I realized it is between you and God rather you share with the Board what you plan to give back to the Lord for all His blessings to you. My only responsibility is to count the results.

Again, THANKS to all participated!!

God's Blessings,

Sandy Klose

Stewardship Chairperson

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## EDUCATION

### SUNDAY SCHOOL RALLY DAY!

We are kicking off the Sunday School year for the youth on Sunday **September 11 at 9:00** with a Rally Day in the Great Room. We have planned a fun activity and a yummy breakfast. We will have an elementary class and middle/high school class again this year. Please make plan to bring your kids to Sunday School starting on Sept 11. We can't wait to see everyone!

### YOUTH GROUP ACTIVITY!

The Youth Group will go apple picking after church on Sunday Sept 18. We plan to leave for the Nichols Ranch and Orchard after church and eat our lunch in the orchard before picking apples. Bring a sack lunch or money to get a sandwich from Brown Bag Deli. The Youth Group is open to all kids middle school and up (we would love to have some young adults join us also). If you have any questions please ask Jennifer Davis or Cindi Anderson.

Thank you!

Cindi

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## FINANCIAL STATUS REPORT

### OUR MONTHLY RESPONSE TO GOD'S GRACE

July 2022

General Fund	\$13,352.95 (Envelope + Loose Plate)
Expenses	<u>(\$16,299.54)</u>
Profit/Loss	(\$ 2,946.59)
Estimated Monthly Budget Requirement:	\$17,866.35

**YEAR-TO-DATE June 30, 2022**

Giving (Actual)	\$114,727.01 (Envelope + Loose Plate)
Expenses (Actual)	<u>(\$102,894.15)</u>
Profit/Loss	\$ 11,832.86
Budgeted	\$125,789.10

**OUR WEEKLY RESPONSE TO GOD'S GRACE**

August 7, 2022

General Fund:	\$6,351.00
Estimated Weekly Budget Requirement:	<u>\$4,137.00</u>
Difference:	\$2,214.00
Other Designated Giving:	
Fire Suppression System	\$1,000.00
VBS	\$ 25.00
Dollar Project – Ysleta	\$ 12.00
Flowers	\$ 36.00
Mission - BOLM	<u>\$ 40.00</u>
Total Designated Giving	\$1,113.00

August 14, 2022

General Fund:	\$7,456.00
Estimated Weekly Budget Requirement:	<u>\$4,137.00</u>
Difference:	\$3,319.00
Other Designated Giving:	
Dollar Project Ysleta	\$ 13.00
LCMS Disaster Fund	\$ 25.00
Mission - BOLM	\$ 50.00
Flowers	<u>\$ 38.00</u>
Total Designated Giving	\$ 126.00

August 21, 2022

General Fund:	\$3,007.00
Estimated Weekly Budget Requirement:	<u>\$4,137.00</u>
Difference:	(\$1,130.00)
Other Designated Giving:	
Dollar Project Ysleta	\$ 15.00
Flowers	\$ 36.00
Africa Training	\$1,270.00
Missions – BOLM	<u>\$ 177.00</u>
Total Designated Giving	\$1,498.00

August 22, 2022

General Fund:	\$1,300.00
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## **LWML NEWS AND NOTES**

It is already September and looking back - where did the last three months go? Trinity LWML will begin their monthly meetings on Saturday, September 10<sup>th</sup> at 10am. Mark it on your calendars and come join us. All ladies of Trinity are invited.

The first part of August was hectic with the preparation for the Annual garage sale on August 12 and 13<sup>th</sup>. It began with members helping transfer everything from the sheds and the Sunday school rooms into the Great Room and continued with sorting, arranging and pricing. Then came the big days Friday and Saturday and we had a good sale. And of course then came the job of packing it all up for King's Treasure. At all steps we had help from church members and their extended families. Thank you to all who helped and Yvonne for spearheading all the details. I will not name everybody because I might leave someone out and everyone was appreciated for their contributions, help, and their purchases! The total amount raised at the garage sale was \$3,046. A large portion of the money raised goes to the missions that Trinity's LWML has chosen to support.

This week we had a planning meeting to get a tentative schedule of our meetings and activities for the year. Soon all women will receive a copy of the calendar and events. LWML Sunday is October 9<sup>th</sup> this year. All women are encouraged to wear purple. Following the service there will be a potluck. Below is the theme for this year's service.

There will be a fall rally at Mission Lutheran Church, on Saturday, September 17<sup>th</sup>. LWML will be gathering the following items to be taken the day of the rally. These items will be distributed to new moms at Las Cruces hospitals who have nothing to take their babies home in. Items are: newborn diapers, receiving blankets, and newborn onesies. There will be a plastic container under the LWML board in the hall. Please have donations at the church by Friday, September 16<sup>th</sup>.

Vicki

"For Us and With Us," is the theme for LWML Sunday 2022 and is based on Paul's letter to the Romans. Paul tells us that each of us has faced challenges and circumstances greater than our own strength (Romans 8:31-39). But, in Christ, who is for us and with us, we are already more than conquerors through Him who loved us. This celebratory LWML Sunday will encourage all hearers of the victory which is already ours through Baptism, so we might live each day confidently trusting in Christ.

Just as a refresher-I thought it might be good to get back to some of the basics. This month we will look at what is LWML? Next month we will focus on the Mite Box and its purpose.

### **What is the Lutheran Women's Missionary League?**

- The Lutheran Women's Missionary League (LWML) is an official auxiliary of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod (LCMS).
- It has as its "mission heart" thousands of volunteers who are daily dedicating their lives to making a difference in this world.
- It is also "Lutheran Women in Mission," a phrase that reflects the object of the LWML, adopted by the Board of Directors in January 1998.
- It is women who are finding avenues to use their God-given talents as they meet the challenge to share the Gospel message.

- It is composed of individual women and women's groups within congregations of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, on campuses, in resident homes, or in other settings.
- It provides individual membership to women in LCMS congregations with or without a group affiliated with the LWML. Women may have an interest in the mission and ministry of the LWML – and wish to be part of the organization – but cannot, for a variety of reasons, be part of a local group. Individual membership is designed for these women.
- It seeks to develop and maintain a greater mission consciousness among the women of the Synod through education, inspiration, and service.
- It places a major emphasis on the support of mission and ministry throughout the world by means of Mite Box offerings. These Mite Box offerings have funded over 100 million dollars in mission grants since the organization's inception in 1942.

Blessings In Christ,  
Vicki, LWML President

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### **Always Room in God's Kingdom**

Jesus told a parable about a man who invited his friends and neighbors to a banquet, but they declined. So he told his servants to go find anyone who was hungry or lonely or in need. Still there was room. "Go out to the roads and country lanes and compel them to come in," the host said, "so that my house will be full" (Luke 14:23, NIV).

In *Searching for Sunday*, Rachel Held Evans retells this story and writes: "This is what God's kingdom is like: a bunch of outcasts and oddballs gathered at a table, not because they are rich or worthy or good, but because they are hungry, because they said yes. And there's always room for more."

We're all "outcasts and oddballs" in one way or another! May we know that God warmly invites us to his banquet — for no reason but that we're hungry.

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### **"I LOVE THY KINGDOM LORD"**

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*If I forget you, O Jerusalem, let my right hand forget its skill! If I do not remember you, let my tongue cling to the roof of my mouth—If I do not exalt Jerusalem above my chief joy.* Psalm 137:5-6 (NKJV)

Those of us praying for a spiritual revival in America should remember the last two decades of the 1700's. It was a low-water mark for morality, especially on college campuses. The Rationalist movement sweeping over classroom and dormitory, had turned most professors and students into infidels.

"During the last decade of the eighteenth century," wrote J. Edwin Orr, "the typical Harvard student was atheist. Students at Williams College conducted a mock celebration of Holy Communion. When the Dean at Princeton opened the chapel Bible to read, a pack of playing cards fell out, some radical having cut a rectangle out of each page to fit the pack! Christians were so unpopular they met in secret and kept their minutes in code."

Yale University in Hartford, Connecticut, was no exception. The college church was almost extinct, and Christian students—if there were any—were underground. But God was preparing a man named Timothy Dwight (grandson of Jonathan Edwards) to turn the tide.

As a child, Timothy had been precocious. He learned the alphabet in one lesson and read the Bible at an early age. Once when he didn't show for dinner, his worried parents found him in the orchard teaching the catechism to a group of Native Americans. He was only four.

Timothy entered Yale at age thirteen, and was so devoted to his studies that he neglected exercise and sleep. He even limited himself to twelve mouthfuls of vegetables, so as not to overeat and dull his mind. He went on to become a pastor and community leader. In 1795, he was elected president of Yale.

Soon he was debating upperclassmen on the subject: "Are the scriptures of the Old and New Testament the Word of God?" In small numbers, students began considering Christianity, and within a couple of years there were about a dozen believers on campus.

After seven years of preaching, teaching, and praying, Dwight saw a revival break out at Yale in which one-third of the student body was converted. This spiritual resurgence touched other colleges, too: Harvard, Brown, Dartmouth, and many others. This "Second Great Awakening," provided spiritual leadership America needed for the next generation.

The spirit of revival permeates Dwight's "I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord," which is based on a portion of Psalm 137. It's the oldest American hymn in continual use.

*---Then Sings My Soul, Book 2  
150 of the World's Greatest Hymn Stories  
By Robert J. Morgan*

**NOTE:** "I Love Your Kingdom Lord" is Hymn number 651 in The Lutheran Service Book

## SEPTEMBER 2022 STEWARDS FOR CHRIST

### ELDERS

Sept. 4 Matt Anderson  
Sept. 11 Jim Wilkes  
Sept. 18 Matt Anderson  
Sept. 25 Jim Wilkes

### ACOLYTES

Sept. 4 Dylan Sebring  
Sept. 11  
Sept. 18 Macey Sebring  
Sept. 25

### READERS

Sept. 4 Yvonne Steeby & Matt Clark  
Sept. 11 Louis Mauriot & Jill Clark  
Sept. 18 Ruth Wilkes & Dick Dommers  
Sept. 25 Lola Ableidinger & Shirley Enyeart

### HOSTS

Sept. 4 Jim & Diane Kline  
Sept. 11 Matt & Cindi Anderson  
Sept. 18 Ray & Juli Bailey  
Sept. 25 Tom Blackmon & Lisa Collins

### SEPTEMBER FLOWERS

Sept. 4 Larry & Beverly Van Duyn  
Sept. 11 Pastor & Cyndi Heithold  
Sept. 18 Goldie Gressman  
Sept. 25 David & Yvonne Steeby

### SEPTEMBER ATTENDANCE

Mary Leslie Schmitt

### SEPTEMBER ALTAR COMMITTEE

Sheila Anderson  
Wilma Jaecks

### USHERS

Sept. 4 Tom Blackmon, Jim Fladhammer  
Larry & Bev Van Duyn  
Sept. 11 Marvin Bunker, Susan Kelly  
Glen & Christine Schlehuser  
Sept. 18 Robert Johnson, Trey Johnson  
Ray Krueger, Bob Thede,  
Sept. 25 Gerald Moore, Bob & Sandy Klose  
Dave Teller

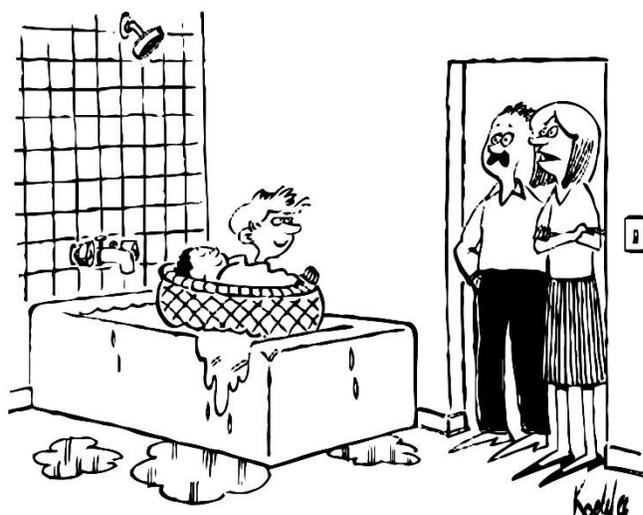
### SOUND TECH

Sept. 4 Ben Clark  
Sept. 11 Louis Mauriot  
Sept. 18 Matt Anderson  
Sept. 25 Bob Klose

### TELLERS

Sept. 4 Sandy Klose & Susan Kelly  
Sept. 11 Joyce Macon & Bob Klose  
Sept. 18 Yvonne Steeby & Becky Worley  
Sept. 25 Shirley Enyeart & Vicki Leonard

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“So, who did you learn about  
in Sunday School today?”