

# READY TO *serve*

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**LWML SUNDAY, OCTOBER 6, 2024**

## THE TRINITARIAN



THE NEWSLETTER OF  
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## FROM THE PASTOR

Psa. 139:16 ***Your eyes saw my unformed substance; in your book were written, every one of them, the days that were formed for me, when as yet there was none of them.***

Bellow is the position statement of Lutherans for Life:

### **In vitro Fertilization (IVF)**

WHEREAS, God is the Creator and Giver of life and has provided human beings with the ability to procreate; and

WHEREAS, Medical science has attempted to assist persons with the procreative process by developing methods by which multiple human embryos may be produced, preserved, and implanted for continuing development; and

WHEREAS, Although such methods may help persons who had been unable to conceive naturally to conceive and bear children, inherent within such methods at the present time is **the loss of life—as not all the embryos produced survive—and potential for the necessity of making decisions to dispose of unused, excess human embryos; and (emphasis mine)**

WHEREAS, Lutherans For Life recognizes the pain of childlessness and that some people, desiring to have children, have used *in vitro* fertilization without realizing or considering the potential consequences for the embryos involved; therefore be it

RESOLVED, That Lutherans For Life at the present time objects to and opposes the use of *in vitro* fertilization; and be it further

RESOLVED, That Lutherans For Life does not condemn those married couples who have used *in vitro* fertilization but encourages ministry to them and to all people such that they may receive the comfort of Christ and His redeeming love.

As we look to elections coming up, you may have heard about IVF from the candidates. Looking at the above position statement of which I am in agreement, many do not know the with the current procedure to obtain eggs from the woman, many eggs are produced to be fertilized. Those eggs which are fertilized, are looked at and some are discarded, some implanted in the uterus of a woman and others are usually frozen.

I don't know if there has been much study on the frozen embryos over time and the affects of that freezing on them.

Each egg that is fertilized is a unique human being. No, it is not a part of the woman's body but is a separate individual. The Lord sees each embryo as one who He has seen even though it would take a microscope to see him or her.

Neither presidential candidate is seeing the embryo as a life that should be protected but is only looking to the couple and their desire for a child. Much more needs to be done in the future ie. the ability to only obtain 1 or 2 eggs at a time to eliminate the need to throw away embryos or to freeze them.

Yes, we feel sorry for those who can't have children but we don't need to see their lives and desires take precedence over the life of the child.

If you have any questions for me, stop by.

Pastor

## **BOARD OF ELDERS**

### **IS YOUR LAMP FULL?**

The headline in an Israel Today article dated August 3, 2020, read "Israeli Rabbi Holding Meetings With Messiah".

The article stated Rabbi Yaakov Zisholtz was told by Rabbi Chaim Kanievsky that he is already in direct contact with the Messiah. Rabbi Kanievsky is considered to be one of the top three rabbis of the ultra-Orthodox Jewish community in Israel.

Rabbi Zisholtz began his explosive interview with the warning: "The process of redemption is about to start happening very quickly and at a fast pace. It is important that people remain calm and steady to act properly in the right time." He goes on to state "Everyone needs to know whether they are on the inside or if they are going to be left out."

Why is this important to us? Is this claim valid? In light of the various conflicts happening in the world today, lots of commentary I have read clearly states that a lot of people really want for JESUS to return NOW.

JESUS words in Matthew 24:36" **But concerning that day and hour no one knows, not even the angels of heaven, nor the Son, But the Father only.**" , we should be skeptical of any man's claims to be talking to the MESSIAH.

However, the warning about being ready for the return of JESUS rings true. The parable of the ten virgins waiting for the bridegroom reinforces our need to be ready for HIS return. Are you one of the wise virgins whose lamp is full of oil and you have extra in case the bridegroom is delayed? Or are you like the foolish virgins whose lamps were empty when the bridegroom arrived and were locked out of the wedding feast?

According to the Lutheran Study Bible, Matthew 25:3, footnote, the oil represents a faith continually sustained by the means of grace, thus able to endure until CHRIST's return.

### **KEEP YOUR LAMP FULL**

James R. Wilkes, Elder

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## **BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

**LOVE INC** sent us a thank you for our contribution to the funerals of Deseree Duran and Zaden Hudkins, two young persons who died in a shooting incident in Boles Acres. Trinity partnered with five other community churches to cover the \$12,000 funeral expenses.

**We are looking for candidates to run for office on our Board of Directors. Open offices are President, Vice President, Financial Secretary, Education, Evangelism, and Elder (3 required). Many of the present incumbents are not eligible for re-election per our term limitations. Interested persons may speak to one of the present officers regarding the nature of the job. We would like to have a full slate of candidates for our annual meeting in November.**

Dick Dommers, Board Chairman

## FINANCIAL REPORT

As reported by Jim Kline, treasurer: July and August, total income, excluding special and designated offerings was \$30,006.79. Total expenses for July and August were \$33,051.67, which gave us a two-month deficit of \$3,044.88. Year to date, total income is \$219,813.12 versus total expenses of \$138,147.56.

Bob Klose, Vice-President

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## EVANGELISM

**Tract of the Month: A Simple Explanation of The Bible:** "From Genesis to Revelation, the Bible tells the epic story of God's perfect creation, mankind's fall into sin, and God's plan to save humanity and restore creation through His Son. This booklet briefly explains the two main parts of the Bible – the Old and New Testaments – and the themes of each of the Bible's sixty-six books". This nifty booklet is perfect to give to someone that has no knowledge of the Bible. It is also a great source to pinpoint subjects you may be searching for in the Bible.

**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.

**THIS MONTH!!! On Saturday October 19<sup>th</sup>, the Evangelism Committee will be sponsoring the Luther Classical College "Christian Culture Conference"! The conference will start at 8:30am in our great room. We will provide a continental breakfast, snacks, and lunch. Topics included are: Wokism & Post-Christian America, The Lutheran Family: Past and Future, Necessary Masculinity in Post-Christian America, Campus Free Speech is not Enough, and Tyranny's Assault on the Family: Church & State in Post-Christian America. A sign-up sheet will be posted on the bulletin board. Please sign up so that we know how many to plan for.**

**"The Chosen":** Our next showing of "*The Chosen*" will be on October 13th. Please plan to join us after the church service, in the Bible Study room.

**The Next Evangelism Committee meeting** will be Monday October 7th at 5:30pm. Committee members, please note this is the 1<sup>st</sup> Monday as opposed to the 2<sup>nd</sup>. We have much work to do to complete the planning and preparation for the conference.

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.' "

Yours in Christ  
Cheryl Sandenaw, Evangelism Chairman

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## **EDUCATION**

The Education Committee met on Sunday, Sept. 15<sup>th</sup> before church service. Three members were in attendance. Four topics were discussed: materials for Sunday School, the Children's Activity Bags for during service times, Trinity Oktoberfest, and the November Children's Activity Day.

Sunday School materials for this year will be ordered from CPH. We will be ordering a leaflet lesson that can be taken home after the lesson is completed. Information about Sunday School will be put in the weekly bulletin at the beginning of October with more details.

Cindi Anderson and Jill Clark informed the committee that the Children's Activity bags were cleaned and restocked with materials this past summer. They will be checked quarterly for materials and added if needed.

The Education Committee will be hosting a **Trinity Oktoberfest on Sunday, October 27<sup>th</sup> from 4:00-6:00 pm** in the Great Room. Brats and drinks will be provided. We hope to have a Pie/Dessert Auction, with the money collected going to the South Sudan Project. We are also going to have music and a Bingo or Trivia game, or both. Everyone is invited to come and bring a side and don't forget a pie or dessert for the auction. Posters with all the information will go up the last Sunday in September and will also be in the October Trinitarian.

The last topic discussed was the November Activity Day being organized by Abby Anderson for children ages Preschool-5<sup>th</sup> grade. It will either be Monday, November 25<sup>th</sup> or Tuesday November 26<sup>th</sup>. It will be open to children from the local area churches, the 3 religious schools, and the neighborhood around the church. More details to come later.

The next Education meeting will be Sunday, November 13<sup>th</sup> after church in the library. Anyone who is interested in helping with the Oktoberfest is encouraged to attend. If you have any questions please contact Sue Kelly, (575)430-2100.

Susan Kelly, Director of Education

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## **HUMBLE BEGINNINGS**

True Christian religion does not begin at the highest as all other religions do, but at the lowest. Therefore whenever you are concerned to think and act about your salvation, you must put away all speculations about the Majesty, all thoughts of works, traditions and philosophy — indeed, of the Law of God itself.

And you must run directly to the manger and the mother's womb, embrace this Infant and Virgin's Child in your arms, and look at Him — born, being nursed, growing up, going about in human society, teaching, dying, rising again, ascending above all the heavens, and having authority over all things.

—Martin Luther, *Commentary on Galatians*

## **JOY IN THE WORD OF GOD**

Oh! how great and glorious a thing it is to have before one the Word of God! With that we may at all times feel joyous and secure; we need never be in want of consolation, for we see before us, in all its brightness, the pure and right way. He who loses sight of the Word of God, falls into despair; the voice of heaven no longer sustains him; he follows only the disorderly tendency of his heart, and of world vanity, which lead him on to his destruction.

—*The Table Talk of Martin Luther*

## LWML

"Ready to Serve" is the theme for this year's LWML church service on Sunday, October 6th based on Luke 1:38 (see below). There is a sign up on the bulletin board for help with the service. Also, it is also the date for our annual Bake Sale. 🍪 🍰 🧁 🥞

**Saturday, October 12th** at 10 am is our first meeting for the Fall. Come join us. Cheryl Richey and Susan Kelly are the hosts. Come join us and see what we have planned for the coming year. Rosanne Wehmeyer from Christus Hospital Auxiliary will be our guest speaker.  
In Christ's service! Vicki

### LWML Sunday, October 6, 2024

Our congregation will have the opportunity to gather together in worship under the theme "Ready to Serve" based on Luke 1:38. As redeemed children of God, Lutheran Women in Mission give thanks for the opportunity to serve others as we have been served, to proclaim that Jesus is our Lord and that He came for all nations, and to respond with our mite offerings to support God's mission. Our example has been the widow and her mite. The offering she made was observed by our Lord leading Him to share that her copper coins, her mites, were "everything — all she had to live on" (Mark 12:43). May our mite offerings be blessed for our Lord's kingdom.

"Ready to Serve," Luke 1:38 And Mary said, "Behold, I am the servant of the Lord; let it be to me according to your word." And the angel departed from her.

The author of this service is Rev. Dr. Dwayne Lueck, the LCMS North Wisconsin District President. The LCMS North Wisconsin District started supporting mission work in Peru around 2013. Rev. Lueck has been involved in the mission work and has visited there many times in support of the ministry. Our LWML looks forward to sharing the wonderful mission of the Lutheran Women in Mission — God's ministry around the world through mite offerings, service, and prayer. Our LWML ladies will be having a bake sale right after our worship service in the Great Room.

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### PASTOR APPRECIATION

Many churches observe October as Pastor Appreciation Month. Given the reluctance of many pastors to call attention to themselves, it's not likely that they will mention anything about being appreciated.

Were someone to ask a pastor, however, what might be done to show appreciation to him or her, the answer would likely be, "Pray for me."

St. Paul never asked for anything for himself except that others pray for him. To the church at Rome, he wrote, "I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, by our Lord Jesus Christ and by the love of the Spirit, to join me in earnest prayer to God on my behalf, that I may be rescued from the unbelievers in Judea, and that my ministry to Jerusalem may be acceptable to the saints, so that by God's will I may come to you with joy and be refreshed in your company" (Romans 15:30-32, NRSV).

**Encourage your pastor by assuring him of your prayers and love.**



Trinity Lutheran Church  
Alamogordo, NM

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Present

# **The 2024 Christian Culture Conference**

(Lutheranism in a Post Christian America)

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**October 19th**

**Begins @ 8:30am**

*Continental Breakfast, Snacks, & Lunch Provided*

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## **INCLUDED TOPICS:**

**Wokism & Post-Christian America**

**The Lutheran Family: Past & Future**

**Necessary Masculinity in Post-Christian America**

**Campus Free Speech is not Enough**

**Tyranny's Assault on the Family: Church & State  
in Post-Christian America**

## OCTOBER 2024 STEWARDS FOR CHRIST

### ELDERS

Oct. 6 Matt Anderson  
Oct. 13 Robert Rentschler  
Oct. 20 Jim Wilkes  
Oct. 27 Matt Anderson

### READERS

Oct. 6 Cheryl Richey & Sandy Klose  
Oct. 13 Hannah Keeler & Gerald Moore  
Oct. 20 Susan Kelly & Ruth Wilkes  
Oct. 27 Matt & Jill Clark

### TELLERS

Oct. 6 Vicki Leonard & ????  
Oct. 13 Dick Dommers & Merry Zumwalt  
Oct. 20 Linde Van Cleave/Cheryl Sandenaw  
Oct. 27 Lola Ableidinger & Nora Sotak

### HOSTS

Oct. 6 Vicki Leonard & Jan Thede  
Oct. 13 Becky & Margaret Worley  
Oct. 20 Matt & Cindi Anderson  
Oct. 27 Megan & James Bowman

### SOUND TECH

Oct. 6 Vicki Leonard  
Oct. 13 Jim Kline  
Oct. 20 Vicki Leonard  
Oct. 27 Bob Klose

### MUSIC

Oct. 6 Lola Ableidinger  
Oct. 13 Bobby Anderson  
Oct. 20 Lola Ableidinger  
Oct. 27 Bobby Anderson

### OCTOBER FLOWERS

Oct. 6 Gerald & Gayan Moore  
Oct. 13 Larry & Beverly Van Duyn  
Oct. 20 Colleen Sandenaw  
Oct. 27 Pastor Kevin & Lisa Cramm

### OCTOBER ATTENDANCE

Bob Klose

### OCTOBER ALTAR COMMITTEE

Robin Haymes & Vicki Leonard

### USHERS

Oct. 6 LWML Ladies  
Oct 13 Susan Kelly, Norbert Sanchez  
Glen & Christine Schlehuser  
Oct. 20 Robert Johnson, Trey Johnson  
Bob Thede, Tammy Thede  
Oct. 27 Gerald Moore, Bob & Sandy Klose  
Irvin Torres

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### "GOD'S CHANGELESS WORD"

Feelings come and feelings go,  
And feelings are deceiving;  
My warrant is the Word of God —  
Naught else is worth believing.

Though all my heart should feel condemned  
For want of some sweet token,  
There is One greater than my heart  
Whose Word cannot be broken.

I'll trust in God's unchanging Word  
Till soul and body sever,  
For though all things shall pass away,  
His Word shall stand forever!

—Martin Luther