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FROM THE PASTOR

Luke 24:49 And behold, I am sending the promise of my Father upon you. But stay in the city until you are clothed with power from on high.”

We have just had the celebration of Easter. It is a great day for us as we remember that Jesus didn't stay dead but rose from that tomb to new life. We look to His resurrection as a precursor to our resurrection on the last day.

We think it is a good thing to celebrate Easter but this month and the next we will continue to celebrate Easter as the up coming Sundays are known as Sundays after Easter. We will celebrate Easter these Sundays up till Pentecost when the disciples were given the Holy Spirit so that they would now go out to the world with enthusiasm.

Until this then, the disciples believed Jesus rose from the tomb and now were waiting on Jesus to come through with the Holy Spirit for them, even though they probably didn't know what they were waiting on.

The disciples didn't have that power from on high yet and as the weeks passed after Christ's resurrection, they could celebrate that they had seen the risen Savior. By the end of these weeks of Easter, they probably had settled into the thought of Jesus leaving them and returning to heaven. Jesus was gone and now they questioned when He would come again as He promised when He left.

With each passing Easter celebration, they must have enjoyed these Sundays as they gave thanks to God for what He had done through Jesus.

They were to wait on Jesus. I imagine they wondered how long they must wait on Jesus. After all that waiting, they must have rejoiced that the Holy Spirit now was in them on Pentecost. It would be a great feeling to know that the Lord has worked in them to give them the will to go out into a world that would try their faith all the while knowing that Jesus was preparing for them to come to Him.

As we celebrate Jesus' rising from the tomb and His ascending to heaven, may we enjoy each Sunday with as much joy as we did on Easter.

Pastor

BOARD OF ELDERS

PRAYERS ANSWERED

I just had a conversation with a friend of ours, Alice, whose husband Ken was bedridden at home in Hospice care.

She and Ken just had a home visit from a local doctor who examined him and showed him how to get out of bed, move around and get on with his life. This doctor is removing Ken from Hospice care, scheduling physical therapy and visiting nurses to assist him in getting on with his life.

Ken's cancer may eventually shorten his life, but he will NOT be an invalid, unable to enjoy the rest of his life. Both Ken and Alice attribute the visit from this healer to their constant prayers for GOD'S healing GRACE. GOD has answered their prayers for HIS intervention in their lives.

GOD also answers our prayers for healing and comfort for us, our families and friends.

We must continue to pray for all who are in need. TLC's prayer chain is the living evidence that PRAYER WORK.

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

JAMES R. WILKES, ELDER

PASTORAL STOLE WORKSHOP

Put April 27 9:30-11:30 AM on your calendar. You don't want to miss your chance to do mission work for our Lord. Two hours of visiting with friends, ironing on interfacing, cutting out the stoles, tracing and cutting out the appliques for the stoles. Yep, we have a task for anyone and everyone that comes to the workshop. Spend a little bit of your Saturday morning at church doing good works. You won't regret it!

For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast. For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them. Ephesians 2:8-10

FINANCIAL STATUS REPORT

February 29, 2024

Total Income	\$96,579.57
Ordinary Expenses	<u>(\$18,364.76)</u>
Profit/Loss	\$78,250.81

YEAR-TO-DATE January 2024

Total Income	\$117,112.59
Ordinary Expenses	<u>(\$33,044.61)</u>
Profit/Loss	\$ 84,067.98

Bob Klose, Vice-President

EVANGELISM

Tract of the Month: "The Christian life is a wonderful journey but one that can come with many questions. There are numerous parts to the faith that can be difficult to understand. What is the Bible? What other religions are there and how is Christianity different? What is the history of the church? How are Christmas and Easter celebrated?" As of March, we have finished the "A Biblical Response" series. Beginning in April we will start the "**A Simple Explanation Series**". Topics in this series include: "Heaven & Hell, Church Year, Church & State, Lutheranism, Christian Denominations, Angels, Christian Symbols, Gender & Sexual Identity, Prayer, World Religions" and more. Since Easter is fresh in our minds, our first booklet will be "A Simple Explanation of Easter." This book is easy to read and understand. If you or your children or any of your friends have questions or need a refresher course about Easter, this is the book to read.

The mission for March and April is Lutheran Hispanic Missionary Institute. The mission of the LHMI is preparing workers to multiply healthy Hispanic Ministries. The Institute trains men and women as missionaries, lay leaders, and leaders who will go on to serve as called church workers to sow the seed of the Gospel among Hispanics.

"The Chosen": The next showing of "*The Chosen*" will be on April 14th. Please plan to join us after the church service, in the Bible Study room.

The Next Evangelism Committee meeting will be Monday April 8th at 5:30pm. We welcome anyone that may wish to attend.

In closing, I would like to quote Romans 1:16. "For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, the Jew first and also to the Greek."

Yours in Christ,
Cheryl Sandenaw, Evangelism Chairman

LWML

Saturday, March 9th the ladies were able to visit the Hub at the Alamogordo Public Schools and learn of all the resources within the school system and the community available to students experiencing difficulties. The Hub has been added to the LWML offerings from the annual garage sale income. Following the tour, we had our regular business meeting which included the election of officers for the positions of Treasurer and President. Diane Kline will take over as Treasurer and Vicki Leonard will serve another term as President.

One of the business items that needed to be taken care of was reviewing our LWML standing rules and reviewing our Mission Projects. Our Mission Projects were updated to include: Pregnancy Resources Plus, Mariachi Youth-Ysleta Mission El Paso, Texas, COPE, The Hub-Alamogordo Public Schools, Runners Refuge, and Sudan Ministry (Pastor Cramm).

On Saturday, April 13th we will attend the LWML Rio Grande Zone Spring Workshop at Mission Lutheran Church in Las Cruces. There is a sign up sheet on the bulletin board. We will meet in the church parking lot at 8:00 am and carpool to Las Cruces. Registration begins at 9:30. There are two bins in the narthex for newborn diapers, onesies for 0-3 months, and receiving blankets which are being collected for Wee Care. We will be tying baby quilts for our service project. Jill Clark will be our Bible study leader.

Our Meal for Mites in February was a success, \$620 was donated and sent for Missions. Thank you to everyone who helped prepared and for those who attended and contributed. Funds were contributed by Thrivent for the meat.

Our final meeting for the year will be held Saturday, May 11th at Eagle Ranch Pistachio Farm on the patio. Even if you don't regularly attend, come join us and bring a family member or friend. We are going to share appetizers and fellowship. Invitations and time will be put in the mailboxes later in April.

God's Blessings,
Vicki

EDUCATION

The Education Committee had their monthly meeting to finalize the details for the Easter breakfast and the Easter Egg Hunt after church. Easter breakfast will be served after the SonRise service until 9:45 a.m. A sign-up sheet, for those wanting to donate items for breakfast, is posted on the Sunday School bulletin board in the back of the church. A note was put in the bulletin asking for candy donations from the congregation for the egg hunt. The eggs will be stuffed on the Saturday before Easter. Easter books for the Sunday School students were passed out on Palm Sunday.

An update was given on Vacation Bible School (VBS) by Sue. The VBS starter kit and vinyl banner for outside will be ordered by Pastor. Jill Clark volunteered to be the Director for VBS. The sheets for other volunteers

need to help with VBS will be posted on the bulletin board in the back of the church by Easter Sunday. The list of items for snacks and crafts will be posted on the bulletin board in the back of church about the middle of May. More information about VBS will be discussed at the next meeting.

Sue said she would check with Pastor to see if we have any youth being confirmed this spring. More info to come at a later date.

Yours in Christ
Sue Kelly, Education Chair

HIGHWAY CLEAN-UP

We have two options for this spring's clean-up event. Either Friday, April 26th or some Saturday in May.

Because of all the Saturday's in April were already full, we thought to try a Friday knowing the younger folk would be in school or at work.

Is someone would agree to run a clean-up in May, it could be done then. I will be gone for the summer already but I can still do the reporting of the event. All the person in charge would have to do is pick up and return the clean-up kits.

Please talk to me by phone (575-491-9234) or in person if you are willing to run a May event.

Thank you all highway cleaners!
Hannah Keeler

AN ALL-LUTHERAN COLLEGE?

Rev. Koble is pastor and headmaster at Trinity Lutheran Church and Classical High School in West Allis, WI, and pastor at Oklahoma Avenue Lutheran Church in Milwaukee.

A student's four years at college are some of the most formative years of a young adult's life. As important as our upbringing is in the home, the culture surrounding young adults after they leave the home will shape how they use the tools their parents have given them. We see in most colleges and universities a shift away from the faith given in the home to a humanistic and relativistic, secular faith. Instead of cultivating character and virtue, most of our academic institutions today consciously rebel against the tenets of the Christian faith and cause our children to abandon that which has been passed down to them through the many years of family devotions and participation in the Divine Service.

How you answer the question, "What is the purpose of education?" drives how you view the manner in which students should be educated. If the purpose is utilitarian, then the delivery of useful skills so that students can get a good job and live comfortably is task good enough. A university does not need to be Christian, let alone Lutheran, to accomplish this. But if we believe that the purpose of education is to deliver the fullness of God's natural and revealed knowledge, acknowledging that all knowledge comes from Him and reveals something about Him, then how we teach and the people we surround ourselves with during this endeavor is essential.

The culture of a university or college matters. It shapes the worldview of the students who attend these institutions. John Donne, in his famous poem *No Man is an Island* wrote, "No man is an island entire of itself; every man is a piece of the continent, a part of the main." While Donne is speaking in this poem about how the death of one affects us all, his point that we are connected and have an effect on one another applies

more broadly. Who we surround ourselves with during our time of formation matters. A college that has chosen to be decidedly Lutheran may be derided as being too insular: ignorant or uninterested in other cultures, peoples, and ideas. Yet, a focus on and adherence to Lutheran doctrine does not imply disinterest in other things. A genuine Lutheran culture means we encounter those other cultures, peoples, and ideas through a decidedly Lutheran worldview. And we approach this great task together, surrounded by brothers and sisters who share the same worldview and beliefs as we do.

The delivery of this worldview and Lutheran culture is precisely what Luther Classical College seeks to do. Through the reading of great books that have withstood the test of time, a student is introduced to many cultures, peoples, and ideas through a Lutheran lens. The students learn to interact with the complexities of human life by encountering and comparing those ideas to the Word of God, which always acts as our foundation. And they do so in an environment that seeks to order their opinions and views according to this same Word of God.

We are Lutheran, not simply because we were baptized into this faith. We are Lutheran because we have examined Lutheran doctrine and believe it to be the truest exposition of Scripture. We have pledged to suffer all, including death, rather than fall away from this faith as taught by God's Word and the Lutheran Confessions. We believe in the Lutheran doctrine because it is a faithful exposition of the Scriptures.

Because we believe this, our teaching and confession must match our belief, or we will suffer from an incoherence in our worldview that will leave it susceptible to crumbling under the pressures of the devil, the world, and our own sinful nature. We must look at everything in this life through our Lutheran worldview. We view marriage and family in a Lutheran way. The faith of our spouse matters in how we raise our families and manage our households. We view the church and her doctrine and practice in a Lutheran way. The way in which we worship and gather in the Lord's name matters. We view our political life as citizens, with all the responsibilities that entails, in a Lutheran way. The way we vote, the issues that are important to us, how we live in our communities – all of it matters. These three estates, of which Luther said every person in the world was part, form the touchstones through which our faith is lived in relation to the world God has created.

While they are young, children see us as adults exercising our vocations within the three estates. When they become adults, they will have to do this for themselves. If their time at a university or college is the most formative of their adult life, it is important that they are formed well. Being surrounded by those who believe, teach, and confess the same Lutheran doctrine that they believe, teach, and confess will help equip them so that when they manage their own households, when they are leaders in their churches, and when they participate in their government, they are able to do so confidently standing on God's Word and the confession of the Lutheran church.

If "doctrine is life," as Robert Preus famously preached, how could we not support a college that teaches a coherence of faith and practice, whose doctrine corresponds to the Scriptures and our Lutheran Confessions, and that teaches our children to live out that confession in a distinctly Lutheran manner? To "stand on the shoulders of giants," — as Bernard of Chartres stated — to carry forward the deposit of faith that we have been entrusted with, it is first necessary to climb onto the backs of the giants by reading them, marking them, learning them, and inwardly digesting them. We ought to do this in an intentionally Lutheran manner, whether those giants are the ancient pagans who have given us glimpses of Biblical truth or our Lutheran fathers themselves, who sought all truth through our Lord Jesus, the very Truth and Life.

LONG-TERM PRAYERS

Sofia Banks, Hunter Bednorz, Eric Bell, Brianna Bickham, Brian Byrosovich, Janet Buckman, Michael Burger, Arlene Calixto, Red Chesbro, Chuck Collins, Mike Debaar, Christopher Douglas, Ashton Flaco, Owen Frantz, Darwin Haslid, **Cyndi Heithold**, Emma Heithold, Rocky Hett, Wayne Holmes, Scout Hughes, **Kristi and John Humphrey**, Shannon Jones, Jake Koller, Margo Lindsey, Ron Linn, Maria Martin, Susan McWilliams, Brody Mahlendorf, Betsy Miller, Emericio Mutis, Nowak Family, Cindy Oberling, Layton O'Quinn, Mary Palmos, Pastor Chris Patterson, Karen Rawlings, Dick Richey, Margaret Romero, Kyrie Selph, Bonnie Schneider, Jessie Sharrett, Lynn Skinner, Marilyn Spain, Robert Spain, Justin Tice, Marlea Turnbull, Eric Van Duyn, Guy Warden, Hannah Weathers, Glen Weber,

TRINITY LUTHERAN COOKBOOK

Submit
Your
Recipes



Do you have a favorite recipe that others have asked you to share or just something you really enjoy eating or preparing? We would like to do a Trinity Lutheran Cookbook this year. This is not going to be a quick project, but you can begin submitting either legible handwritten recipes or type written recipes by email or printed to the church office or my box. Please include your name and phone number with the recipe. The phone number will just be to confirm the recipe if we have questions. Also, if you can think of a good Name, please submit it as well. We may need volunteers at some point as well. Once printed, we will keep extras to give to new members.

Vicki Leonard/Jan Thede

APRIL 2024 STEWARDS FOR CHRIST

ELDERS

April 7 Jim Wilkes
April 14 Matt Anderson
April 21 Robert Rentschler
April 28 Jim Wilkes

READERS

April 7 George & Marianne Schweers
April 14 Dick Dommers & Matt Clark
April 21 Bob & Sandy Klose
April 28 Cheryl Sandenaw & Ruth Wilkes

TELLERS

April 7 Cheryl Sandenaw & Linde Van Cleave
April 14 Lola Ableidinger & Nora Sotak
April 21 Susan Kelly & Sandy Klose
April 28 Bob Klose & Joyce Macon

HOSTS

April 7 Pastor & Lisa Cramm
April 14 Shirley Enyeart & Susan Kelly
April 21 Jim & Verna Fladhammer
April 28 Goldie Gressman & Robin Haymes

SOUND TECH

April 7 Bob Klose
April 14 Vicki Leonard
April 21 Matt Anderson
April 28 Jim Kline

MUSIC

April 7
April 14
April 21
April 28

APRIL FLOWERS

April 7 Frank & Shirley Enyeart
April 14 Marvin & Joyce Bunker
April 21 Rick & Nora Sotak
Bob & Jan Thede
April 28 Robert & Susan Rentschler

USHERS

April 7 Tom Blackmon, Jim Fladhammer
Larry & Bev Van Duyn
April 14 Marvin Bunker, Susan Kelly
Glen & Christine Schlehuser
April 21 Robert Johnson, Trey Johnson
Bob Thede, Tammy Thede
April 28 Gerald Moore, Bob & Sandy Klose
Irvin Torres

APRIL ALTAR COMMITTEE

Stacy Johnson
Sandra Krueger

APRIL SUNDAY SCHOOL

Nora Sotak

APRIL ATTENDANCE

Shirley Enyeart

WD 40, DUCT TAPE OR A NAIL?

A Man dies and goes to heaven. St. Peter meets him at the Pearly Gates and says, 'Here's how it works. You need 100 points to make it into heaven. You tell me all the good things you've done, and I give you a certain number of points for each item, depending on how good it was. When you reach 100 points, you get in.

"Okay" the man says, "I was married to the same woman for 50 years and never cheated on her, even in my heart."

"That's wonderful says St. Peter, "That's worth two points!"

"Two points?! He says. "Well I attended church all my life and supported its ministry with my tithe and service."

"Terrific, says St. Peter. "That's certainly worth a point."

"I started a soup kitchen in my city and worked in a shelter for homeless veteran's."

"Fantastic, that's good for two more points, he says.

"Two points?!!" Exasperated, the man cries. "At this rate the only way I'll get into heaven is by the grace of God."

"Bingo! 100 points! Come on in!"

We often try to fix problems with WD-40 and duct tape. God did it with a nail. AMEN

---Shared by a Trinity member

