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FROM THE PASTOR

Rom. 3:26 It was to show His righteousness at the present time, so that He might be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus.

Rom. 1:16 For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek. ¹⁷ For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith for faith, as it is written, "The righteous shall live by faith."

If you have turned to the back of your newsletter, you have seen a picture of the bust of Martin Luther. It has the inscription "The just shall live by faith."

I've included a couple of verses as to where Luther might have gotten that statement. You may note from the verses they talk about righteousness and how the righteous shall live by faith.

Who is righteous in these verses? I have capitalized the pronouns in the first verse to give the answer away. Yes, the righteous one is Jesus. We know it is not us on our own as was written in Romans 3:10 . . ."None is righteous, no, not one;

We do have one who is righteous and that is Jesus who has clothed us with His righteousness and made us His own.

Luther came to understand that as he prepared the 95 Theses that he posted on the church door.

Reformation Day as well as Halloween will be on Sunday this year. I will pick only Luther hymns so if you have a favorite, let me know and I will see if we can include it.

Even though we call our church the Lutheran Church, we all know that Luther wouldn't have gone down that road but in respect for what he did to promote the authority of God's Word over and above man made ceremonies and the like, we are Lutheran because we follow Jesus and His Word as Luther did.

Luther stood on the Word of God because he said he could do nothing else. Any problem with what we believe needs to have its proof in that Word as we go about our days in Jesus.

An interesting point was made that how did the 95 theses get around to the people in German if Luther wrote it Latin? It is thought the publisher, who made money off of German writings, translated it into German.

Pastor

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ELDERS MESSAGE

DRAMA

We all have drama every day of our lives.

Interaction with other people in stressful situations causes drama. Sometimes we create our own drama by foolish actions that we take or thoughtless words we say in response to the stressful situations. Usually we come to regret those actions or words as soon as they occur. But sometimes those actions or words fester in the people and may eventually blow back creating more serious drama.

Little dramas can turn into major confrontations and then we are at a loss as how to remedy the situation without making it worse.

The most effective way to deal with the drama in our lives is to ask GOD for help through prayer. Psalm 91 is one of most reassuring messages in the BIBLE. The entire Psalm states that if you love and trust in the LORD he will protect you and give you salvation. Read it for yourself. The LORD fulfilled His promise of salvation for us through the innocent suffering and death of HIS beloved SON, JESUS CHRIST.

As for the drama in our lives, this message is displayed on the marquee at the Berean Baptist Church: THE WILL OF GOD WILL NOT TAKE YOU WHERE THE GRACE OF GOD WILL NOT PROTECT YOU.

Psalm 91 reinforces this message.

PRAYER WORKS.

JAMES R. WILKES, ELDER

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CONGREGATION PRESIDENT REPORT

We are closing in on our year end now and I ask you to be aware that we will have four positions on our board coming up for election, namely Secretary, Treasurer, Stewardship and Trustee. The current incumbents may choose to run again but we always welcome those who would like to serve in one of these positions.

Our big need is in the elders positions. We have one eligible returning elder, for five positions. I urge gentlemen of the congregation to prayerfully consider running for elder. The more we have the easier the workload on each elder. Tentatively our annual meeting will be Sunday November 14 and we will need our slate of officers ready by November 1 to meet the two week notice requirement in the by-laws. The proposed annual budget for 2022 will also be available at that time. Anyone willing to run for the foregoing positions please see me or one of our other officers.

In Christ's service,
Dick Dommers

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EVANGELISM

"Are you haunted by the memory of a devastated look on your loved one's face? Does your stomach knot up at the memory of a serious responsibility you shirked – or a single moment of inattention? Do you lose sleep because of relationships you shattered with hasty words or careless actions? Regret is that haunting image seared deep into your memory." Who doesn't have moments of memories that leave you feeling unhappy or disgusted with yourself for past actions, inaction, or words, etc.? We all have things from our past that haunt us. The Tract of the Month for October is **Regrets, Reality, RESTORATION**. This tract uses examples from the lives of King David and Simon Peter to show how even people from the Bible were not unlike you and I. This is a good tract to read to find out how you can be, and are, RESTORED through Jesus Christ. Perhaps you know someone with so many regrets that they are devastated and can't seem to get up and move on. If so, take them this tract to read (you read it too!) and be available for them if they want to talk about it. Sometimes Evangelism is just listening and sharing.

At our last meeting, we began a series designed to teach us simple and effective ways and methods of reaching out to friends, families and even strangers, as evangelists. The series by Gregory Konkl is called **Tactics – A Guide to Effectively Discussing Your Christian Convictions**. It is VERY INTERESTING! It occurred to me as I was watching it that there may be others who aren't on the Evangelism Committee that might be interested

in this series. If you are, please feel free to join us! We meet every 2nd Tuesday of the month @ 5:30pm at the church. (our actual business meetings usually aren't very long).

Some projects we have brought forth in the past include the nametags, and the prayer lists. Thanks to Chris Schlehuser, the nametags (if not already in your boxes) will be available soon! THANKS CHRIS!!! Also, thanks to Vicki Leonard the prayer calendars (if not already in your boxes) will also soon be available! THANKS VICKI!!!

In closing, I would seek to encourage everyone to be an Evangelist! Think about all of our brothers and sisters in this life that do not know Christ, who will die to the sting of death and God's judgement. You could be the only person they know or meet that could tell them the good news of Christ!

Matthew 9: 37-38 ³⁷Then he said to His disciples, "The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few. ³⁸Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into His harvest field."

Brothers and Sisters, we each have special talents & abilities given to us by God. We are the workers. In Christ's service,

Cheryl Sandenaw, Evangelism Chairman

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STEWARDSHIP

James 2:26 "For as the body apart from the spirit is dead, so also faith apart from works is dead." Ephesians 2:8 -9 "For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, 9. Not a result of works, so that no one may boast."

These verses could almost create confusion, but when we trust in the Holy Spirit for understanding, it becomes quite clear. We are saved by grace through faith in our Lord Jesus Christ. We are assured of that! We cannot earn it; it is a gift. After we are given that faith, what are we supposed to do? We put our faith into action! There are so many things we can do to serve God here at Trinity Lutheran Church. A wonderful opportunity for ministry has opened up recently. We can provide transportation to medical appointments for those in need. There is a sign-up sheet on the narthex bulletin board. There are also other opportunities coming in the near future. We will be in need of people to fill vacancies on our board of directors.

We are so blessed at Trinity with a caring and giving congregation and a devoted Shepherd to lead us in our service to our Lord Jesus Christ.

So, I am asking you to please pray about how God want you to put your faith into action. THEN DO IT! Thank you.

God's Blessings
Sandy Klose, Stewardship Chairperson

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ADULT CHOIR

Anyone interested in singing? We would like to get the choir up and running again. We need your voice! We need sopranos, altos, tenors, and basses. We need all voices! If you can carry a tune we want you!! You don't have to know how to read music. We will teach you your part. If you are interested in singing in the choir, please let me know! Cheryl Sandenaw, Choir Director (1-575-430-1383.)

LWML
1ST ROCKY MOUNTAIN DISTRICT RETREAT

“Be still, and know that I am God. I will be exalted among the nations. I will be exalted in the earth!”

Vicki, Hannah, & Yvonne took a road trip to attend the LWML 1st District Retreat in Colorado, exalting in fellowship and getting to know each other better. We were blessed to attend author Deb Burma’s sessions from her newly published Bible study, **“Be Still & Know”**. 52 women (and one pastoral counselor!) came to enjoy this study of God’s Word. I’d like to share with you some of those insights as written by LWML President Debbie Larson, and hope you find them as enlightening as I have. I don’t believe I’ve ever attended a Bible study where I didn’t learn something new and find inspirational. The view from the deck of the lodge — this alone was inspirational!

Deb Burma asked the group, “Are you in the midst of a storm or between storms?” Isn’t that true? In this life, storms are inevitable and ongoing. Many storms are naturally occurring, and many are caused by man — all are allowed by our Father for our benefit. What? Yes, God allows storms in our life to strengthen our faith and to teach us to trust our Savior in all things. One participant said she doesn’t ask why she’s been placed in a particular situation. She asks, “What is it God would like me to learn?” I’m not always that mature in my faith! I often shout, “Why, God?” Listening to women like this beautiful lady inspires me to look at every storm in a new light. Deb continued by explaining that when God, in Psalm 46:10a, says, “Be still,” He is not commanding us with a heavy hand, but issuing a grace-filled invitation to rest in Him. How wonderful to be invited to come before our Savior and rest at His feet! Jesus may not take our storms away, but He is our refuge and our strength. I’d rather have calm seas and smooth sailing than storms, wouldn’t you? I’m quite sure I bring many storms upon myself! But as long as I am not alone, I can endure the assault of the world, the barrage of criticism, and the downpour of overextending myself. Yet I am not alone, for the Father is with me (John 16:32b). Take time to “Be still.” Rest at the Lord’s feet right now — in the midst of a storm or between storms — find refuge in God!

UPCOMING EVENTS

September 18 – 11 Trinity sisters attended our 1st get together for this year. Pastor lead a bible devotion. The board treated everyone to a delicious brunch. Plans were made for this year. Calendar of events is on table in Narthex.

October 9 – LWML Zone Fall Rally. Ladies from Las Cruces, El Paso, Deming, Ruidoso will be attending. Trinity LWML is hosting and will be providing a luncheon.

October 10 – LWML Sunday will be observed. Remember your Mites! Ladies wear your PURPLE!

DISTRICT MISSION GRANTS 2020-2022

Filling Haitian Tummies Open Ears to the Gospel – Trinity HOPE -- Grant - \$5,000: Trinity HOPE was established in 1999 specifically to feed Haitian children in Lutheran schools in this impoverished country. Through efforts to become efficient in feeding these children, meal cost is estimated at \$0.24 each. The Lutheran schools where these meals are provided teach the Good News of Christ not only to the children of the church members, but also to the other half of attendees whose homes practice Voodoo. It is estimated that 90% of those children hearing the Gospel message come to believe in Christ, as well as 60% of their parents. This grant would go to serve the children and families in Les Ceyes, Haiti.

Note: The Church/School was damaged in the last hurricane, and the Pastor sustained injuries. They especially need these funds now.

NATIONAL MISSION GRANTS 2019-2021

Thirst to Learn: Bible Books for Africa's Children Lutheran Heritage Foundation — \$100,000

Lutheran Heritage Foundation continues its work of translating, publishing, distributing, and introducing Lutheran materials throughout Africa where the population is more than 1.216 billion people. Sadly, over half those souls are still waiting to be introduced to the one true Savior, Jesus Christ. Islam has made huge inroads in the continent. But thanks be to God, Christian missionaries have been spreading the Light of the Gospel also. Economic and political conditions may force missionaries to leave a country, but the Lutheran books they leave behind stay — and teach — for generations. This grant will fund the printing and distribution of 129,500 engaging, colorful books which will introduce children to Jesus in their Lutheran schools, Sunday schools, and orphanages. *With the help of the National LWML, the Lutheran Heritage Foundation will introduce tens of thousands of children to the Savior, Jesus Christ, by translating and printing Bible storybooks and Small Catechisms into their own languages. "Children can learn!" exclaims Rev. Dr. Nicholas Salifu, pastor in Ghana. "By the end of preschool, every child at our school knows the 10 Commandments, the Apostles Creed and Lord's Prayer — and they know this and they're not even Lutheran!" Amazingly, LHF is able to print catechism booklets for less than 50 cents each. Beautiful, full-color Bible storybooks can be produced for less than \$3 per child. Just imagine how the Holy Spirit will use your gifts to share Jesus with tens of thousands of children — children who thirst to know the one true Savior!*

Remember: You get can all kinds of information, resources, bible studies, devotions, support by going to the LWML website: LWMLRMD.org.

by Yvonne Steeby, Trinity LWML President

Any questions? Contact Yvonne, Bev, Hannah, Christine, Sue, or Cyndi H.

LWML On The Go, is available through your podcast provider, at lwml.org, and on the LWML App.

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APPRECIATING YOUR PASTOR

Many people have complex relationships with their pastors because faith, church and God involve a mix of emotions. We have particular ideas about church practices, congregational priorities, the minister's use of time, money, authority and more.

But most pastors are deeply devoted to Christ and believe that God has called them to serve in a certain place. They have the best of intentions and work hard to share the good news of the gospel. So in honor of Pastor Appreciation Month in October, consider the following:

God doesn't call the qualified; he qualifies the called. Your pastor may need time to learn and develop certain skills. (Everyone does!) Bless pastors with your patience.

We don't change the message; the message changes us. You probably won't like all your pastor's sermons or newsletter columns. But instead of complaining, ponder that something may rub you the wrong way because God is trying to change you. Keep an open mind and heart.

If a church wants a "better" pastor, it just needs to pray for the one it has. Pray often and caringly for your pastors, church leaders and their families. The role is challenging, so support them spiritually and ask God to reveal his love and grace to these special servants.

October is Pastor Appreciation Month

TRANSPORTATION AVAILABILITY

A driver pool has been created for members who need transportation to medical appointments. The following volunteers have signed up to provide this transportation.

Dick Dommers	(575) 434-8735
Shirley Enyeart	(575) 439-7665
Bob Klose	(575) 491-3407
Cheryl Richey	(575) 214-9942 (In town only)
Nora Sotak	(575) 434-5247 or (575) 439-7524

Persons needing the transportation may call those on the list to schedule transportation. To avoid possible liability for the church this will be a person-to-person arrangement.

Sandy Klose, Stewardship Chair

MISSION SERVICE QUILTERS

The Quilters applied for and received \$250.00 from Thrivent Financial as a Thrivent Action Team grant. The money will be used to buy batting and fabric for the quilts we sew and tie.

Some of the quilts go to wrap around layette items for GCRMC Maternity Department. The layettes are given out by the Maternity Nurses to those mothers they feel could use a little help with clothing for their new baby. Some of the baby quilts and a couple larger quilts went to the Afghan Refugees. Most of the quilts go to Love I.N.C. for their furniture/home-goods program.

Want to help us tie quilts? The only skill you need is the ability to tie a knot, Granny or Square knot, we don't care which kind of knot you tie. Show up the first and third Thursdays of the month at 9:00 A.M. to help.

I want to give another plug for Thrivent Financial. Their Thrivent Action Team Grants are not hard to apply for and they can be used as seed money for many different Christian outreach programs. Anyone with an account with Thrivent e.g. Life Insurance, Annuity, etc. can apply for two grants a year. Need more information? Go to Thrivent.com or talk to Nora Sotak or Cheryl Richey.

WATCH YOURSELF GO BY

From The Book by Edward Kuhlmann -- This Day Magazine, 1952

The little Bouquet in Glass

I am thinking of a room in a hospital to which flowers have come in great profusion to show the esteem of many friends for the convalescent, who smiles up at me as I come to call. Every available bit of space on the dresser and table is crowded full with great bouquets of blossoms and noting them, I quickly express my appreciation o their beauty. The patient smilingly nods assent to all I say, but as I speak, perhaps subconsciously, her hand reaches to lay itself caressingly upon a little bouquet of wild flowers carelessly arranged in a drinking glass kept at her side. It stands there alone, and while in size and beauty it is completely overshadowed by the other bouquets, I cannot but observe, from the way she picks it up from time to time, that it is her favorite. It nonpluses me - her evident preference for this little bouquet, and especially so when a closer examination discloses that the glass if filled with flowering weeds: dandelions, thistle tops, heads of clover, and long spears of grass are much in evidence, on one wonders why, thus composed, it is given the place of honor by the convalescent's bed. The answer is that this

bouquet was picked by this mother's little daughter, and the mother see neither weeds nor grasses, but only the love that toiled and roamed afar to find and bring them to her. Love makes any imperfect gift perfectly acceptable and makes it far outrank the costlier offerings of donors whose gifts are not wholly measured by this standard.

And the quality of this mother's appraisal are the valuations of Jesus. Throw love into the balance on the side of the lowliest service of the humblest Christian, and it will outweigh in value the boasted deeds of this world's rich and great if, in the things they do, love is not the dominant factor. Standing by threshold of the Temple, He appraises the widow's mite as of greater worth to Him than the larger offerings those of greater means sent clanging into the Temple treasury.

Oh, how great is love! It takes the grasses, weeds, and dandelions of our service and to transfigures them that they may stand, like beautiful blossoms, in the closest presence of our King.

Do not hold back your hand from rendering the humblest service. Let critics cavil about its imperfections if they will, but He who reads the motives of men will give it a place of honor. God sees not the weeds when love is bringing flowers.

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OCTOBER 2021 STEWARDS FOR CHRIST

ELDERS

Oct. 3 Jesse Elkjer
Oct. 10 Glen Schlehuser
Oct. 17 Jim Wilkes
Oct. 24 Matt Clark
Oct. 31 Jesse Elkjer

ACOLYTES

Oct. 3 Zac Sanchez
Oct. 10 Dillon Sebring
Oct. 17 Reilly Quinn
Oct. 24 Macy Sebring
Oct. 31 Maddie Sanchez

HOSTS

Oct. 3 Robert & Stacy Johnson
Oct. 10 Ray & Sandy Krueger
Oct. 17 Bob & Sandy Klose
Oct. 24 Hannah Keeler
Robyn Luevano
Oct. 31 Youth

READERS

Oct. 3 Dick Dommers & Lisa Collins
Oct. 10 Bob & Sandy Klose
Oct. 17 Hannah Keeler & Gerald Moore
Oct. 24 Susan Kelly & Ruth Wilkes
Oct. 31 Youth

TELLERS

Oct. 3 Bob Klose & Joyce Macon
Oct. 10 Yvonne Steeby & Becky Worley
Oct. 17 Shirley Enyeart & Vicki Leonard
Oct. 24 Megan Bowman & Dick Dommers
Oct. 31 Cheryl Sandenaw
Linde Van Cleave

OCTOBER ALTAR COMMITTEE

Robyn Haymes
Vicki Leonard

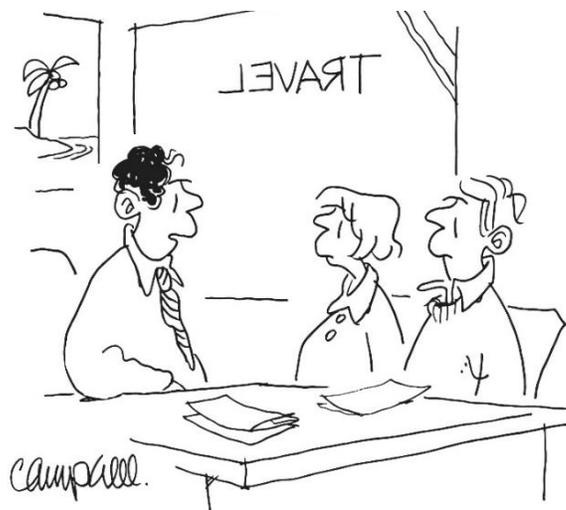
Oct. 3 Tom Blackmon, Jim Fladhammer,
Larry & Beverly Van Duyn
Oct. 10 Matt Anderson, Marvin Bunker
Jesse Elkjer, Susan Kelly
Oct. 17 Robert Johnson, Trey Johnson
Ray Krueger, Bob Thede
Oct. 24 Bob & Sandy Klose
Gerald Moore, David Teller
Oct. 31 Youth

OCTOBER FLOWERS

Oct. 3 Colleen Sandenaw
Oct. 10 Bob & Sandy Klose
Oct. 17 Matt & Jill Clark
Oct. 24 Robin Haymes
Oct. 31 Virginia Nielsen

OCTOBER ATTENDANCE

Hannah Keeler



*"You can still find an unspoiled paradise,
but I'm afraid you have to die first."*

“HERE I STAND”

