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FROM THE PASTOR

Psa. 119:130 The unfolding of your words gives light; it imparts understanding to the simple.

Here we are again, the end of the summer for the children as they are looking forward (or not) to going back to school. Yes, it will be good to get back with friends that they may not have been with over the summer.

I was up in Albuquerque this past week, attending a class taught by a professor from Concordia, Wisconsin. He is the one who stood up to the University that is falling into the demonic trap of the Woke culture which is anti-scriptural teachings.

He taught about how the Word of God is where people gain the wisdom needed to continue in the Lord. He brought up people like Socrates, Plato and Aristotle. Can you guess what he taught? Yes, philosophy. Now for a guy who has never had a philosophy class, this was a little new to me but enlightening.

He pointed out how these scholars, many would say "wise" men that lived about 400 years before Jesus were wise but they lacked one thing in their discoveries of the world around them and in them. They didn't have Jesus.

You might say, Jesus wasn't born yet but we know the Jesus was promised to Adam and Eve and Satan in the garden. That promise continued on to where every believer looked forward to the coming of the Messiah even though when He did come, those who should have declared His coming from the top of the temple, instead, called for His death.

He looked at different passages each day. Here is the list. John 1:1 & 14, Deuteronomy 6:1-9, Ps 48, 14:1, 24:1, Philippians 3:1-11, 1Corinthians 1:1-21 and Ephesians 5:22-33.

He pointed out that without the Word of God in children's lives then they can never have the best education. Socrates, Plato and Aristotle had the world around them to look at and study but without God's Word, Jesus the Word made flesh (the one who would come to make the world right again), they couldn't quite get it, they were deficient in their education and learning.

It is really up to parents to be the ones to make sure their children have that education as there now is no prayer in schools or Bible verses of the day or any Bible classes available so most children will be deficient in their education unless the home has their Bibles open and are taught the Word and how it supports every life.

Pray for our schools, the children, the teachers and the administrators and pray that the Lord would enlighten us to know how to bring the Word of light to those who are simple in the Word of God.

Pastor

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

ELDER MESSAGE

PLEDGE TIME:

This is the time of year when the TLC Board of Directors takes a break from its regular meeting schedule. We will reconvene in September and our focus will be formulating a budget for 2023.

Last year the budget and reporting of our finances was an area of concern to many of you. We are doing our best to be good stewards of the time, talent and treasure that GOD provides to us through your generous offerings and volunteer work at TLC.

The Stewardship committee will be preparing a Pledge sheet to be distributed to all member of TLC.

We ask that you prayerfully consider what you will be giving to carry out GOD's work for 2023.

Please fill out and return the pledge sheets to the Stewardship committee in August so that we will be able prepare the budget in September. These pledges will give us a baseline to properly prepare the budget.

Continue to pray for all those in need of GOD's comfort.

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

JAMES R. WILKES, ELDER

VBS - A VITAL MISSION

Let the little children come to Me and do not forbid them; for of such is the kingdom of God. Mark 10:14 NKJV

I had the pleasure of attending our Vacation Bible School this last month, both as a grandparent and a helper. As I am sure all of the other dedicated staff and helpers would agree, we have surely observed the Kingdom of God, as our Lord has described it. The excellence the leadership and support personnel brought to the school was matched by the responses of the children to their learning experience. We had a smaller group of children this year than last, although we were prepared for a larger group. Nonetheless all participants dug in and provided a good experience for the group we had. I especially want to thank Erica and Jill Clark for their fine efforts in organizing and leading the activities.

In the absence of any spiritual education in our school systems, we owe these children our best efforts in Sunday School and VBS, a vital mission in helping grow in their faith, that deserves our greatest support. Perhaps in coming years we can sound the clarion a bit louder and earlier with the hope of rounding up a larger group.

Dick Dommers, President of the Congregation

CAN'T PRAY? REST FIRST

Weariness can seriously hamper our attempts to pray, says Bonnie Gray, author of *Whispers of Rest*. "We are generation who doesn't know how to express our souls to God, even though we drive ourselves exhausted, doing for Jesus." The solution, she says, is to stop and rest.

The stressed-out, despairing prophet in 1 Kings 19 is a prime example. "God knew Elijah needed physical rejuvenation first – in order to hear his gentle voice, whispering in a gentle breeze," Gray notes. Guarding against depletion of spiritual, physical and emotional resources can improve our ability to hear God's voice, too. "When you find it's hard to pray, don't be afraid," says Gray. "You're standing at the very cusp of who God longs to connect with. The real you. Take the time to rest. You're worth it."

EVANGELISM

Tract of the Month: The Tract of the Month for August the same as the one for July - "An Ingrate's Guide to Contentment: Five Practices for a More Content Life – No Matter Who You Are." Do you feel that you are not content with yourself and with your life? "Contentment in this world is an elusive thing. Even with our necessities met and a few perks thrown in for good measure, it can still feel like something's missing. The truth of the matter is there will always be a void if we tie our sense of inner peace to the fleeting things of this world. Offering insight on some key 'practices' to implement concerning contentment, the author shows how being truly satisfied is very much tied to our perspective. Citing the apostle Paul's illuminating view on contentment as found in the book of Philippians, the author drills down to the Source of true peace and satisfaction in this life." Check it out!

The mission for July and August is (BOLM) Biblical Orthodox Lutheran Mission: This mission shares Christ's love with Arabic speaking people, Muslims, and others nationally and internationally. They established a temporary shelter for persecuted Iraqi Christians. BOLM goes where the need is, without saying "No" to any fellow Christian in severe need. LCMS Pastor George Naeem is ready to go to any church, anywhere in the USA, to preach the Gospel and proclaim how our loving Lord is reaching Muslims and other non-Christians through the BOLM ministry.

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

In closing I would like to quote Matthew 10:26b-27 (NIV). 26There is nothing concealed that will not be made known. 27What I tell you in the dark, speak in the daylight; what is whispered in your ear, proclaim from the roofs.

Yours in Christ,
Cheryl Sandenaw, Evangelism Chairman

STEWARDSHIP

The Board of Directors voted to make August Trinity's **Pledge Month**.

On August 7th you will find a pledge form in your mailbox; or you can use the one here in the Trinitarian.

Please prayerfully consider how much you desire to return to the Lord as your offering. Then, complete the form and return it to the box on the shelf under the mailboxes. This simple effort on your part will be of significant value to the BOD as we work on the budget for 2023.

For your convenience there will be extra pledge forms next to the box on the shelf where you will return the completed forms

Thank you for your help and support in this matter.

PLEDGE REMINDER

I pledged \$ _____ to the Lord each month or each week.

(cut here)



TLC Pledge Sheet 2023

2 Corinthians 9:7 "Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion..."

Current envelope number (optional) _____

It is with prayerful consideration that I will contribute:

\$ _____ monthly

OR

\$ _____ weekly

... for God loves a cheerful giver.

God's blessings,

Belinda Burmeister, Sandy Klose

Stewardship Committee

FINANCIAL STATUS

OUR MONTHLY RESPONSE TO GOD'S GRACE

July 2022

Income	\$17,218.00 (Envelope + Loose Plate)
Total General Fund	\$17,218.00
Expenses	<u>(\$19,624.29)</u>
Profit/Loss	(2,191.29)
Estimated Monthly Budget Requirement:	\$17,866.35

YEAR-TO-DATE June 30, 2022

Giving (Actual)	\$101,374.06 (Envelope + Loose Plate)
Expenses (Actual)	<u>(\$ 93,988.46)</u>
Profit/Loss	\$7,385.60
Budgeted	\$107,922.75

OUR WEEKLY RESPONSE TO GOD'S GRACE

July 3, 2022

General Fund:	\$3,840.95
Estimated Weekly Budget Requirement:	<u>\$4,137.00</u>
Difference:	(\$296.00)
Other Designated Giving:	
Mission – LCMS Seminary Fuch	\$18.00
Mission - BOLM	<u>\$1.00</u>
Total Designated Giving	\$19.00

July 10, 2022

General Fund:	\$3,431.00
Estimated Weekly Budget Requirement:	<u>\$4,137.00</u>
Difference:	(\$706.00)
Other Designated Giving:	
Dollar Project	\$12.00
Flowers	<u>\$54.00</u>
Total Designated Giving	\$56.00

July 17, 2022

General Fund:	\$3,795.00
Estimated Weekly Budget Requirement:	<u>\$4,137.00</u>
Difference:	(\$342.00)
Other Designated Giving:	
Dollar Project ??	\$ 13.00
Flowers	\$ 36.00
Missions – BOLM	<u>\$220.00</u>
Total Designated Giving	\$269.00

July 24, 2022

General Fund:	\$2,286.00
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Estimated Weekly Budget Requirement:	<u>\$4,137.00</u>
Difference:	\$1,851.00
Other Designated Giving:	
Dollar Project	\$10.00
Flowers	\$72.00
Missions – BOLM	<u>\$500.00</u>
Total Designated Giving	\$582.00

July 31, 2022

General Fund:	\$
Estimated Weekly Budget Requirement:	<u>\$4,137.00</u>
Difference:	
Other Designated Giving:	
Dollar Project ??	\$
Flowers	\$
Missions – LCMS Seminary	\$
Total Designated Giving	\$



**IT'S THAT TIME
AGAIN—**

WHAT: ANNUAL LWML RUMMAGE SALE

WHEN: FRIDAY, AUGUST 12TH

NOON TO 4 PM

SATURDAY, AUGUST 13TH

TIME: 8 AM TO 12 NOON

We will need help sorting, pricing, and setting up during the week from 9 to 12. If you would like to work in the evening please let us know.

Thanks in advance!

ITEMS to be Donated can be brought up to the Church at any time—if you need something picked up let us know.

AUGUST 2022 STEWARDS FOR CHRIST

ELDERS

Aug. 7 Matt Anderson
Aug. 14 Jim Wilkes
Aug. 21 Matt Anderson
Aug. 28 Jim Wilkes

ACOLYTES

Aug. 7 Macey Sebring
Aug. 14
Aug. 21 Ryan Sebring
Aug. 28

READERS

Aug. 7 Larry Van Duyn, Beverly Van Duyn
Aug. 14 Susan Kelly, Shirley Enyeart
Aug. 21 Ruth Wilkes, Gerald Moore
Aug. 28 Sandy Klose, Bob Klose

HOSTS

Aug. 7
Aug. 14 Hank & Rosanne Wehmeyer
Aug. 21 Jim & Ruth Wilkes
Aug. 28 Becky & Margaret Worley

AUGUST FLOWERS

Aug. 7 Matt & Jill Clark
Aug. 14 Bob & Susan Kelly
Aug. 21 Lewis & Kelly Thomas
Aug. 28 Matt & Cindi Anderson

AUGUST ATTENDANCE

Bob Klose

AUGUST ALTAR COMMITTEE

Sheila Anderson
Wilma Jaecks

USHERS

Aug. 7 Tom Blackmon, Jim Fladhammer
Larry & Bev Van Duyn
Aug. 14 Marvin Bunker, Susan Kelly
Glen & Christine Schlehuser
Aug. 21 Robert Johnson, Trey Johnson
Ray Krueger, Bob Thede,
Aug. 28 Gerald Moore, Bob & Sandy Klose
Dave Teller

SOUND TECH

Aug. 7 Ben Clark
Aug. 14 Louis Mauriot
Aug. 21 Matt Anderson
Aug. 28 Bob Klose

TELLERS

Aug. 7 Shirley Enyeart, Vicki Leonard
Aug. 14 Megan Bowman, Dick Dommers
Aug. 21 Cheryl Sandenaw, Linde Van Cleave
Aug. 28 Lola Ableidiner, Nora Sotak

LONG-TERM PRAYERS

Hunter Bednorz Eric Bell, Janet Buckman, **Kay Burger**,
Michael Burger, Red Chesbro, **Valerie English**, Mike Debaar
Christopher Douglas, Ashton Flaco, Ruth Fogelman,
Denise Griffiths, Emma Heithold, **Kristi & John Humphrey**
Pastor Khron, Ty Landt, Margo Lindsay, Gary Lindsey,
Dave Maddox, Stacey Maddox, Susan McWilliams,
Tom Macon, Betsy Miller, Pastor Shelby Moon,
Emiclio Mutis, Cindy Oberling, Mary Palmos, Karen Rawlings
Margaret Romero, Kyrie Selph, Jessie Sharrett,
Pete and Mae Simank, Marilyn Spain, Robert Spain,
Justin Tice, Marlea Turnbull, Betty Wilkes