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## FROM THE PASTOR

**“Behold, I send My messenger, and he will prepare the way before Me. And the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to His temple; and the messenger of the covenant in whom you delight, behold, he is coming, says the LORD of hosts. Malachi. 3:1**

We understand this verse from Malachi as referring to John the Baptist and Jesus even though it was written 400 years or so before John the Baptist came on the scene. We see John coming to prepare the way for Jesus. How was he doing this preparation? He was baptizing for the forgiveness of sins.

We, in Lent are preparing again for the celebration of Easter, the day Jesus rose from the grave, showing that the Lord God accepted His sacrifice for our sins and the sins of the whole world. Just as the people went to see John at the Jordan to be washed from their sins, we too look at this time of Lent , as a time to prepare ourselves, yes confessing our sins and looking to the one who took our sins upon Himself on the cross so that we could be forgiven.

We take the time of Lent to prepare once again for the celebration of Easter and as we prepare. Jesus is with us, helping us to see our sins but then to show how He is coming in a sense, coming in a few weeks to take those sins and every sin upon Himself, on that cross to make all things new.

With Easter, we think of new clothes that are purchased for the occasion. New outfits are displayed for the first time that day. When I was growing up, feed stores would carry new hatchlings of colored ducks and chicks and there would even be colored baby rabbits appearing there as well. I don't know if it still done today but it was great to see a pink chick or rabbit that would eventually get back to the white that it was supposed to be.

New life, Easter was the day. It is no different for us as we prepare for that day. We look forward to new life even as we have to wait about 9 months for a new human to be exposed to the world outside of the womb. Jesus brought new life to those who were looking to that day.

As we look to Easter of this year, may this time of Lent give us a time to prepare to celebrate as well as to look at ourselves and no matter how dark our sins may be, He has shone a great light that came out of the darkness of the cross, to shine His light of forgiveness on us all.

Take time this Lent to look at yourselves and the dark things about you, all the while preparing to see Jesus, killed on the cross but then risen from the grave to shine His light of forgiveness for you.

Pastor

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## ELDER MESSAGE

### BEAUTY

In our Monday night Bible study, Pastor Cramm informed us the word 'beauty' appears 245 times in the Bible.

The Hebrew word for 'beauty' translates to 'relationships'.

He stated that 168 of those times were referencing GOD and His relationship with His people.

While we commonly associate the word beauty with physical attributes, our relationship with GOD transcends all worldly meanings.

How strong is your relationship with GOD?

Prayer, God's Word and the Sacraments reinforces our relationship with GOD.

BE 'Beautiful' with GOD!!!!

James R. Wilkes, Elder

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### EVANGELISM

**Tract of the Month:** "In the dark, dark place where thoughts of suicide dwell, questions swirl and torment. Is suicide an unforgivable sin? Do people who commit suicide go to hell? Does Jesus still love me? The Bible has answers." The tract of the month for March is "**A Biblical Response to Suicide**" The booklets in the "**A Biblical Response to**" series are well written and interesting. Be sure to check them out. In case you missed last month's booklet "**A Biblical Response to Abortion**", it will still be out there.

**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 DVD's have been found! The next showing of "**The Chosen**" will be March 12<sup>th</sup> after the church service, in the Bible Study room. Bring a lunch and join us!

**The Next Evangelism Committee meeting will be** Monday March 13<sup>th</sup> 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.' "

Yours in Christ,

Cheryl Sandenaw, Evangelism Chairman

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### EDUCATION

The Education committee has decided to try something new with our Sunday School program. Starting February 26<sup>th</sup>, we will try using a rotation of teachers by month to teach the classes. If you are interested in teaching for a month or two or have questions, please sign-up on the sheet hanging on the bulletin board or contact me.

Blessings!

Susan Kelly, Education Chair (575-430-2100)

**LWML**

**RIO GRANDE ZONE Spring Workshop**

Saturday, March 25, 2023

9:30 –10:00 AM: Registration (Sign Up & Ingathering List On Bulletin Board)

Snacks and lunch will be provided -- Zion Lutheran Church

**Theme:** Women with Jesus at the Cross and the Tomb

**Bible Study:** Jesus and the Women of His Ministry

**Mission Opportunity:** Filling small zip lock bags with beans and rice; You'll need a 1-cup measuring cup for this activity.

Plan to come and talk about Jesus and then with each other while our hands are busy with mission work. If you have something you do or provide at your church, be ready to share. This is a wonderful opportunity to share our voices and hands in God's service. \*\*\*Perfect Theme for Lenten Season\*\*\*

Trinity Lunch Bunch will have their first lunch of this year at Pizza 9 at noon on Monday, March 20. The sign up list is on the bulletin board. Come out and join us—it's a great time to just get together for food and fellowship! Monday doesn't have to be the permanent date—we will discuss during lunch how we want to set this up. Hope to see you there. This is for all women of the congregation.

Saturday, March 11 is our regular LWML business meeting at 10 am. We will be having a speaker from Habitat for Humanity. Our hosts are: Bev Van Duyn and Cheryl Ritchey. Come join us and learn more about this program that helps families in our local community build or improve homes.

Sunday, February 26th the LWML sponsored our annual Meal for Mites. We had chicken tetrazini, garlic bread, green beans, salad and dessert. Thrivent provided the monies to buy the food. This is an annual LWML fund raiser to provide Mite monies to help fund many mission projects. Thank you for your generous support! We raised \$630!

Trinity collected items for our homeless shelter Roadrunner Refuge at 601 Delaware. This was done in lieu of our usual project of Collecting coffee for the homeless. This new shelter recently opened the first week of January. Thank you to all who donated items and the quilts that were donated by our quilting group. Nora and Rick Sotak delivered them to the shelter and everything was well received.

It is truly a blessing to be a member of a congregation with a generous and giving spirit.

Vicki Leonard, LWML President

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**FINANCIAL STATUS REPORT**

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

**January 2023**

General Fund	\$24,011.46
Expenses	<u>(\$11,928.99)</u>
Profit/Loss	\$ 12,082.47

**YEAR-TO-DATE January 2023**

Giving (Actual)	\$24,011.46
Expenses (Actual)	<u>(\$11,928.99)</u>
Profit/Loss	\$12,082.47

Bob Klose, Vice-President

### **STEWARDSHIP**

*1 Thessalonians 5:17 "Pray without ceasing."*

What does that mean to you? We all have our scheduled times for prayer, such as before meals and bedtime, but do we pray without ceasing? Probably not! However, we all know God wants us to pray. Some of the things I found in my Concordance that serve as God's guidelines for prayer were:

**Deut.4:7** "For what great nation is there that has a god so near to it as the Lord our God is to us, whenever we call upon him."

**Mt.5:44** "Pray for those who persecute you."

**Luke 6:28** "Pray for those who mistreat you."

**Luke 22:40** "Pray that you will not enter into temptation."

**James 5:13** "Is anyone among you suffering? Let him pray."

**James 5:16** "Pray for one another that you may be healed."

The bottom line is that God wants us to pray (talk with Him!) any time about anything! We all know God answers our prayers in His will and in His perfect timing. It is my experience that the more I talk with God throughout the day the better my day is managed, (not by me, but by God)!

God's Blessings,  
Sandy Klose, Stewardship Chair

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### **MISSION SERVICE QUILTERS NEWS: ROADRUNNER REFUGE HOMELESS SHELTER**

The big pile of sheets, pillows, towels, etc. that the LWML collected in the church narthex was delivered to the new Roadrunner Refuge Homeless Shelter, located at 601 Delaware. It's the same building the House of Prayer used when serving the homeless. This Shelter is run by the Pastors from Mountain View Church. The donations were accepted with much gratitude and excitement. They are currently housing 2-10 men a night and will soon open a separate house for women. They told me the quilts like our church's Mission Service Quilters sent are given to their clients, when needed.

The need for sheets, towels, blankets, and personal items is on-going. They also serve a daily meal and are looking for sponsors to provide a meal, possibly once a week. Money is always welcome.

The Quilters here at our church are looking for more hands to help tie and hem quilts. Currently, we are able to complete two quilts a session, but the need is great and we would like to do more. Wouldn't you like to help? We meet on the first and third Thursday's of the month in the Adult Sunday School room from 9:00-10:30 AM. All you need to know is how to tie a knot to be of great help. Half of the quilts we complete will go to LOVE, I.N.C. and half to the homeless shelter.

Serving the Lord with Gladness,  
Nora Sotak

## WHEN I SURVEY THE WONDROUS CROSS

*But God forbid that I should boast except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world. Galatians 6:14 (NKJV)*

After Isaac Watts finished his college studies and returned home to Southampton, he wrote many of his now-immortalized hymns for Above Bar Congregational Church. In 1696, Isaac, twenty-two, left home for London to become a tutor.

All the while, he was feeling a clear tug toward ministry. On his twenty-fourth birthday, July 17, 1698, Isaac preached his first sermon. The following year, he became assistant pastor of London's Mark Lane Church.

In March of 1700, Isaac received a long letter from his brother, Enoch, urging him to publish the hymns he had written at Southampton. The letter said.

*Dear Brother, In your last [letter] you [mentioned] an inclination to oblige the world by showing it your hymns in print, and I heartily wish....that you were something more that inclinable thereunto...I am very confident whoever has the happiness of reading your hymns (unless he be either sot or athiest) will have very favorable opinion of their author...There is...a great need of a pen, vigorous and lively as yours, to quicken and revive the dying devotion of the age....Yours now is old truth, stripped of its ragged ornaments, and appears, if we may say so, younger by ages in a new and fashionable dress.*

Isaac, however hesitated. He had other obligations on his time. On March 8, 1702, he became Mark Lane's pastor. The next year, 1703, the church chose Samuel Price of Wales to assist Isaac, due to the latter's fragile health. Under the preaching of these two, the old, dying church revived. The building grew too small for the crowds, and a new house of worship was built down the street.

Finally in 1707, Watts published his hymns, selling the copyright to a Mr. Lawrence, the publisher, for ten pounds. This volume was an instant success. It was enlarged and republished in 1709.

"When I Survey the Wondrous Cross" appeared in his 1707 book of hymns. Inspired by Galatians 6:14, it was originally titled, "Crucifixion to the World, by the Cross of Christ." Many consider it the finest hymn in English church history, and Charles Wesley reportedly said he would rather have written it than all his own.

-----*Then Sings My Soul*, Book 2, By Robert J. Morgan

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**PROMISED TREASURES**  
**2023 Midweek Lenten Series for March, 2023**

**MIDWEEK OF LENT 1 (MARCH 1<sup>ST</sup>) –SALT: THE GIFT THAT SWEETENS AND PRESERVES**

You are God's own dear child, baptized, washed, and salted in Christ. This Lenten walk reminds us that Jesus died on Calvary's cross to vaccinate us completely from sin's power and eternal death. God is not distant from you but very near. He comes to deliver you and preserve you amid all your troubles. He is close to the brokenhearted and saves those who are crushed in spirit.

**MIDWEEK OF LENT 2 (MARCH 8<sup>TH</sup>) –WATER GIVES YOU LIFE**

Water circulates throughout Scripture to wash, cleanse, flood, and reshape. Like a potter, your heavenly Father remodels you every day, conforming you more closely to the image of His Son, Jesus. As a baptized child of God, you will grow to appreciate through the example of daily washings how rich an inheritance is given to you by the water and the Word in Holy Baptism.

**MIDWEEK OF LENT 3 (MARCH 15<sup>TH</sup>)–LIGHT SHINING IN THE DARKNESS**

Jesus Christ is the light of the world, who enlightens all who believe in Him. His light dispels sin and darkness and fills you with so much light and joy that you truly reflect His light to the world. Although God's Word exposes all your sin (see Hebrews 4:12), in Jesus Christ, you are forgiven. As His baptized child, you now walk as a child of the light (see Ephesians 5:8), reflecting His light to others.

**MIDWEEK OF LENT 4 (MARCH 22<sup>ND</sup>)–BREAD OF LIFE**

Jesus is the true bread of life given by the Father to us. In Him, and only in Him, is life forgiven, meaningful, renewed, and satisfied. Crave and desire the bread of life, Jesus Christ, who the Father has sent to feed the world. In Jesus Christ, you have all that you need every day and for eternal life.

**MIDWEEK OF LENT 5 (MARCH 29<sup>TH</sup>)–PALMS AND VICTORY**

Christians remain joyful and hope-filled even though life circumstances may change. All of God's people remain victorious even amidst pain, adversity, trials, sin, and death. This is why palms are at the forefront for all the people of God. The Christian remains hopeful even when life, trouble, and circumstances declare something opposite. The ultimate victory in Christ encourages all Christians to remain strong even when sin, death, and trial oppose you.

## MARCH 2023 STEWARDS FOR CHRIST

### ELDERS

- Mar. 1 Jim Wilkes (Midweek)
- Mar. 5 Jim Wilkes
- Mar. 8 Jim Wilkes (Midweek)
- Mar. 12 Robert Rentschler
- Mar. 15 Robert Rentschler (Midweek)
- Mar. 19 Matt Anderson
- Mar. 22 Jim Wilkes (Midweek)
- Mar. 26 Glen Schlehuser
- Mar. 29 Glen Schlehuser (Midweek)

### READERS

- Mar. 1 Cheryl Sandenaw & Hannah Keelter (Midweek)
- Mar. 5 Shirley Enyeart & Ruth Wilkes
- Mar. 8 Lisa Collins & Jill Clark (Midweek)
- Mar. 12 Yvonne Steeby & Dick Dommers
- Mar. 15 Lisa Collins & Susan Kelly (Midweek)
- Mar. 19 Matt Clark & Shirley Enyeart
- Mar. 22 Gerald & Gayan Moore (Midweek)
- Mar. 26 Dick Dommers & Kelly Thomas
- Mar. 29 Cheryl Sandenaw & Hannah Keeler (Midweek)

### TELLERS

- Mar. 1 Shirley Enyeart & Vicki Leonard (Midweek)
- Mar. 5 Dick Dommers & Megan Bowman
- Mar. 8 Linde Van Cleave/Cheryl Sandenaw (Midweek)
- Mar. 12 Lola Ableidinger & Nora Sotak
- Mar. 15 Sandy Klose & Susan Kelly (Midweek)
- Mar. 19 Joyce Macon & Bob Klose
- Mar. 22 Yvonne Steeby & Becky Worley (Midweek)
- Mar. 26 Shirley Enyeart & Vicki Leonard
- Mar. 29 Dick Dommers & Megan Bowman (Midweek)

### MARCH ALTAR COMMITTEE

- Christine Schlehuser
- Beverly Van Duyn

### USHERS

- Mar. 5 Tom Blackmon, Jim Fladhammer  
Larry & Bev Van Duyn
- Mar. 12 Marvin Bunker, Susan Kelly  
Glen & Christine Schlehuser
- Mar. 19 Robert Johnson, Trey Johnson  
Ray Krueger, Bob Thede,
- Mar. 26 Gerald Moore, Bob & Sandy Klose  
Irvin Torres

### HOSTS

- Mar. 5 Allen & Belinda Burmeister
- Mar. 12 Pastor & Ruth Buttke
- Mar. 19 Ben & Erica Clark
- Mar. 26 Matt & Jill Clark

### MARCH FLOWERS

- Mar. 5 Larry & Beverly Van Duyn
- Mar. 12 Bob & Jan Thede
- Mar. 19 Wilma Jaecks
- Mar. 26 Henry & Rosanne Wehmeyer  
Jim & Hannah Keeler

### MARCH ATTENDANCE

- Hannah Keeler

### MUSIC

- Mar. 1 Cyndi Heithold (Midweek)
- Mar. 5 Lisa Cramm
- Mar. 8 Cyndi Heithold (Midweek)
- Mar. 12 Lisa Cramm
- Mar. 15 Cyndi Heithold (Midweek)
- Mar. 19 Lola Ableidinger
- Mar. 22 Cyndi Heithold (Midweek)
- Mar. 26 Lola Ableidinger
- Mar. 29 Cyndi Heithold (Midweek)

### SOUND TECH

- Mar. 1 Jim Kline (Midweek)
- Mar. 5 Ben Clark
- Mar. 8 Ben Clark (Midweek)
- Mar. 12 Bob Klose
- Mar. 15 Bob Klose (Midweek)
- Mar. 19 Matt Anderson
- Mar. 22 Matt Anderson (Midweek)
- Mar. 26 Jim Kline
- Mar. 29 Jim Kline (Midweek)

