



Servant Thoughts

God is Good! All the Time! All the Time! God is Good! Maybe you've heard that little refrain before. I believe it originated with the Gaither music group, and sometimes you'll hear it repeated back and forth between a congregation and a pastor. I can't help but think about that as we approach Holy Week in 2021. Last year we faced the difficult challenge of celebrating the events of Holy Week virtually. While it was good to still have those services and worship opportunities available online, let's be honest that it's just not the same. As I reflect back on that and look forward to Holy Week this year, I can't help but repeat that refrain over and over again.

As hard as COVID has been on us, and it took away so much from us, not just church services, but jobs, celebrations and events that were not able to be held as they should have been, and of course, the greater toll of lives lost, mental health pushed to the breaking point for many and many living in isolation and despair – it's hard not to question that little phrase. Yet, in the midst of these challenges and the impact that they had on all of our lives, and some of the things that are still impacting us, I do believe God is Good! All the time! He has delivered us through this time of darkness, and we can begin to see the rays of light, peaking over the horizon that things are getting better.

As I think of that last image, it reminds me of what Easter is all about, and the even greater truth that during Holy Week we see God's incredible love in action, as His Son, our Savior Jesus, breaks the darkness of sin and death and on Easter Sunday morning, we see the assurance once again, that Jesus' Resurrection is our assurance that the light of eternal life has broken into the darkness of our lives. And so, as we've seen the growing numbers in worship again, especially during our Lenten services, I hope you take the opportunity to join us in person, (though the live stream option will always remain available), and celebrate that simple truth.... God is Good! All the Time! All the Time! God is Good! After all, He is Risen, He is Risen Indeed! Alleluia!

In the service and love of Jesus,
Hebrews 13:20-21

*God
is good
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Pastor Rob



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Spring is in the air. The little birds in my back yard are having a ball enjoying the seeds in my bird feeder. Then seem to be playing games with each other as they flit from the branches of the tree to the lilac bush on my berm and back to the feeder. The little sparrows are once again trying to get through the small entrance hole in the wren house. The daffodils are standing tall and have begun to bloom. Signs are everywhere indicating that our long winter is coming to an end.

It appears that another long winter of isolation is also coming to an end. The past year where we isolated ourselves, socially distanced with no hugging or handshakes, wore face masks, washed hands dozens of times each day, avoided attending funerals of good friends and loved ones, giving comfort to the bereaved, closed our church for weeks on end, could be compared to a long cold and dark winter. Now with the number of vaccinated people growing each day, we can see a new day dawning, a new spring so to speak.

The fear, which was fostered by the government, the news media, and numerous other sources, has taken a toll on the joy of our everyday lives. Yes, most of us knew someone who died from the pandemic and I don't want to minimize that, but I feel the greater loss was that we drifted away from one another. God created us as social creatures. He wants us to love one another, encourage one another and you have a very difficult time doing that when we are separated. You can't replace person to person direct contact with social media. On-line church is no substitute for joining together in worship. On-line worship was a wonderful gift during the depths of the pandemic, but it is being predicted that in the future, 20% of the people under the age of 30 will never step into a church again. So sad.

We find encouragement to join back together again from the writer of Hebrews 10:24-25 (ESV) *"And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near."* The answer is there. God has given us that mission. I pray for all of us to work together in carrying it out.

Peace of the Lord be with you all.

Pastor Bill

April 4, 2021

10:00 AM-This is the Life-No Place to Hide-A pastor, who has to face the death of his wife, cannot find comfort.

10:30 AM-The Easter message is presented by Rev. Ken Johnson, pastor at Zion Lutheran in Avon, SD and Our Saviour's Lutheran Church in Springfield, SD. The message, "Left Hanging on the Angel's Word" is based on Mark 16:1-8. The program is interpreted and closed captioned for the hearing impaired. For more information go to the web site: www.mainstreetliving.com

April 11, 2021

10:00 AM-This is the Life-Dead Wrong-Because of frustration with his life, a man turns to drinking and another woman.

10:30 AM-Rev. Matthew Wurm, Pastor at Calvary Lutheran Church in Brookings, SD selected John 20:22-23 for his message, "The King's Heralds". The program is interpreted and closed captioned for the hearing impaired. For more information go to the web site: www.mainstreetliving.com

April 18, 2021

10:00 AM-This is the life-The Main Event-A boxer who is hit by a car becomes embittered until he meet a cheerful 8-year old girl.

10:30 AM-The message "Fishy Business" is presented by Rev. Christopher Amen, pastor at St. Paul Lutheran Church in Pipestone, Mn. He bases his message on Luke 24:35-49. The program is interpreted and closed captioned for the hearing impaired. For more information go to the web site: www.mainstreetliving.com

April 25, 2021

10:00 AM-This is the life-The Prisoners-An elderly woman is attacked by a teenage gang.

10:30 AM-Rev. Kurt Laskowski, pastor at Zion Lutheran in Hurley, and First English Lutheran Church in Centerville, SD brings the message "Boldly Confess Christ". He bases the message on Acts 4:1-12. The program is interpreted and closed captioned for the hearing impaired. For more information go to the web site: www.mainstreetliving.com



April 8, 2021 LWML Meeting at 9am

Opening: "Spring Theme," by Marcia Holtz

Program: "The Changing Seasons" by Barb Graham

Closing: Mite Box Moment—Marcia Holtz

Hostesses: Marilyn Bailey and Marilyn Licking

We greatly encourage any Trinity members wishing to help in raising monetary donations for the LWML mission projects, to bring a large salad to the Spring Salad Luncheon on April 15th. Salads needed before 11am on that day. Marcia Holtz is also collecting copies of the recipes to place in a salad luncheon cookbook. If you would be willing to share one of your favorite recipes, please put in Marcia Holtz's church mailbox. Thank you!



LWML Kearney Zone Spring Workshop
April 17, 2021

Hosted by: First Lutheran Buffalo
8:30am—registration and rolls
9-1pm Program and lunch

Be ready for a Spiritual Treasure Hunt

"Heavenly Reassure-Our Number One Priority"

Free will donation for lunch and offering for missions



LUTHERAN HOUR—
KRVN(880 AM)
Sundays at 10:00 a.m.

♦ **April 4**

"Fear...Like Onions, You Know?"

Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler

Why end a good news story on a note of fear? St. Mark's Gospel wants us to see human fear as evidence that God is at work. (Mark 16)

♦ **April 11**

♦ **"What It Means to Be a Family"**

Guest Speaker: Pastor Gerard Bolling

Loving, caring, and sharing--it's what we do as God's family, His Church.

(Acts 4:32-35)

♦ **April 18**

♦ **"One Greater Than Mrs. McCalliter"**

Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler

(Jonah 1)

♦ **April 25**

"TBD"

Prayers

In order to keep our prayer requests up to date, those prayers that are short term in nature, will be listed for two weeks. If, after that time, you

would like your request to remain, please resubmit your request to the church office. Members will be in bold.

Health Concerns

Area, Baby boy, Bob Raney, Sharlene Burns

Chronic or Long Term Health Conditions

Pauline Thornburg, Barb Horn, Jackie Rowan,

Jon Buhlmann, Nick Sawyer.

Mission & Ministry

Ferry Family, Chelsea Irwin,

Kearney Circuit Pastors and Congregations

Special Prayers

For continued concerns for all in the midst of the COVID-19 pandemic.

For or nation



THOSE SERVING OUR COUNTRY

Lucas Horn, Randy Kwiatkowski, Jason

Murray, Dylan Samway, Jennifer Ballenger, Perry

Pierce, Andy Howard, John C. Moore, Ben Wichelt,

Devin Hueftle, Nic Van Cura, Tyler Schukar.

TRINITY BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

February 1, 2021

7:00 PM

CALL TO ORDER & DEVOTIONS

Acts:16:16 Pastor led devotion and discussion regarding the courage of Paul & Silas, they were beaten publicly after Paul commands for the spirit of the slave girl to come out. Without the evil spirit, the Romans lost their source of income. Money talks, sometimes money sways justice

Corrections to the January Meeting Minutes : Correction, it should have been Life Sunday instead of Lutheran's for Life under Inreach/Outreach. The spelling of Julie's last name should be corrected to Loudon. John Moore motioned to file as amended and Leah seconded the motion.

ATTENDENCE

Pastor Rob, John Moore, Quentin Daily, Pastor Bill, Josie Bauer, Leah Cavanaugh, Eric Young, Don Batie, Julianna Loudon, Larry Fisher, Peg Fisher, Kim Richman

TREASURER'S REPORT

John reported that he will not have the report from the bank for a couple of days. See attached, the weekend offering has not been accounted for yet.

EDUCATION REPORT

Board of Education met January 18th. VBS is scheduled for July 5th – 9th. They are looking at two different options for the theme, Roar or Treasured. Shadow boxes will be done for the confirmands and be given out in April.

ELDER'S REPORT

Larry reported that the Elders met on the 18th via Zoom & in person with 6 or 7 present. They started on Small Catechism for devotions. Everyone was happy to see that the adult bible study has resumed.

INREACH/OUTREACH REPORT

Peg reported that her report was submitted, see attached. LaDonna is enjoying ministering to Plum Creek Care Center through their card ministry. They will meet the last Monday of every month at 5:00 PM. Some members have not been able to attend. Peg will be following up with them to see if they still want to be on the committee.

PLANNING REPORT

A celebration for Chuck Messerschmidt was held on 1/31 and it went very well. Marcia Holtz is going to go to the schools & give info on upcoming crockpot classes.

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

Don reported there are 3 boxes of envelopes left that he will probably be mailing out. Alan Gierhan is working on putting envelope #'s into Faith Equip

TRUSTEE REPORT

No Report

YOUTH REPORT

No Report

PASTOR'S REPORT

Pastor Rob reported that the Elders' discussed Ash Wednesday & how to distribute the ashes. We will be using Qtips to apply the ashes. We will probably not have the Easter breakfast as we will have to use overflow in the social hall for service attendance. There will be 2 services held, 7:00 & 10:00.

Pastor Bill reported that he is still connecting with shut ins via phone. He made a visit with Gary Albers at St. Luke's in Kearney. They communicated using "walkie talkies" Wednesday night class & Men's Bible breakfast is meeting again, they are even considering moving it back out to The Farmer's Café.

NEW BUSINESS

VUCA : Volatility, Uncertainty, Complexity & Ambiguity. Questions Pastor Rob wants us to think about: 1. How has this VUCA environment impacted your personal life? 2. What VUCA factors are impacting the ministry of the Church? 3. How does your church need to adapt to this VUCA environment? 4. What knowledge, skills and abilities are needed over the next several years for your church to prosper?

MEMBERSHIP CHANGES

No member changes

Next Meeting – Monday March 1, 2021 7:00 PM

Closed with Lord's Prayer

Respectfully Submitted

Kim Richman
Secretary



Please join the daughters of Brenda Bierman in honoring her 80th Birthday on April 29th by expressions of love and good wishes with a shower of cards.

“Do not forget the things your eyes have seen or let them fade from your heart as long as you live. Teach them to your children and to their children after them” Deuteronomy 4:9b

Please use Brenda's Trinity mailbox or mail cards to: 1804 Ridgeway Drive, Lexington NE 68850

Christian Family Night Menu

April 7

Freezer and Shelf Surprise, (Menu will contain a variety of food from the church freezers and CFN shelves), Minister's Delight for dessert (a crock-pot dessert)

April 13

(LAST CFN UNTIL FALL)

Ham, Sweet corn, Cheesy Potatoes, Rolls, Angel food cake with fruit topping





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James Maxcy, 04-22
Ronald Davey, 04-24
Kimmy Sheen, 04-24
David Kitzing, 04-25
Adam Stauffer, 04-25
Connor Hoefener, 04-26
Caylee Hoefener, 04-26
Dale Hladky, 04-27
Brenda Bierman, 04-29
Myra Ringenberg, 04-30



Curt and Kelly Kopf, 04-05
William and Julie Stauffer, 04-07
Ed and Mary Johnson, 04-08
David and Beverley Kitzing, 04-08
Ronald and Christina Davey, 04-12
Charles and Marilyn Licking, 04-13
Roger and Sandra Jensen, 04-15
Tyson and Elizabeth Atwood, 04-17



- ♦ Our Anniversary and Birthday list is generated by information in the computer. If there is a mistake or we missed something, please let us know in the office. Thank you!