

# MAY



## Servant Thoughts

My how time flies. That's one of the things I remember when I was younger, when those who were my parents and grandparents age would talk about how the years fly by and at the time, its one of those things that you kind of say to yourself, sure, but don't fully accept. Now that I am in that age category, I can't help but admit how true those words are. So, what prompted this observation? A couple of things made me realize just how quickly the years have gone by... It was nine years ago last month that I began my ministry at Trinity. That just doesn't seem possible. I also have my youngest child graduating and how did that happen? All four of our children have so quickly gone from those little kids running about our feet to young adults who I am very proud of for their maturity and their continued commitment to the Lord. As a dad, it is probably one of the greatest joys of my life and I am eager to see how they continue to forge their path in the world. Later this summer, Amy and I will celebrate 30 years of marriage together and that too seems nearly impossible. My how the years fly by!

As I thought about these things, I am reminded of the faithfulness of our Lord through it all. Let's face it, it has been a trying year for everyone with a pandemic and constant change and trials in all of our lives. But we worship a Lord who was, who is, and who is to come, which means we can take great comfort through all the times of our lives that while so much changes, our Lord never does. His everlasting love for us is best demonstrated in this Easter season, as we recall Jesus' suffering and death for us and the all-powerful truth of the Resurrection! This assures us that no matter how the year's fly by, they are always in our Lord's Hands! In the service and love of Jesus,

*Pastor Rob*

Hebrews 13:20-21



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Dear Christian Friends,

Ordinarily, I do not use this newsletter to espouse my political feelings, however this month I believe that an issue has arose in our state that deserves your attention and as Christians we should express our opinions to the Nebraska Department of Education (NDE). Proposed education standards from the NDE would teach school children politicized, age-inappropriate information and ideas about sex, abortion, sexual orientation, and gender identity—**beginning in kindergarten**. The draft standards promote abortion and transgenderism, teach children that gender is fluid, and inject activist points into curriculum and classrooms.

This is clearly an attempt to hijack school health education standards with an agenda-driven, comprehensive sex education mandate. Many of the themes in the proposed health education standards are sensitive topics that should be addressed by parents at home, not by school districts. Below is a listing of some of the proposed standards.

- **Kindergarteners** would be taught about cohabitating and same-gender families. Also discuss genitalia.
- First-graders would be taught to define “**gender identity** and gender role stereotypes.”
- Fourth-graders would be taught that sex is “**assigned**” at birth and **gender is fluid**.
- Fifth-graders would be taught that “gender expression and gender identity **exist along a spectrum**.”
- Sixth-graders would be taught about identifying with multiple sexual identities, including “bisexual, lesbian, gay, **queer, two-spirit, asexual, and pansexual**.”
- Eight-graders would be taught **abortion is “reproductive care”** and how to develop a plan to **eliminate and unintended pregnancy**.

The Department of Education is currently accepting public input and will consider adjusting the draft based on the feedback received from Nebraskans. I strongly urge you to consider the above proposals and submit your comments to the NDE by e-mailing [nde.standardsinput@nebraska.gov](mailto:nde.standardsinput@nebraska.gov)

Blessings in Jesus,

*Pastor Bill*



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**2** K-12 Health Education Standards proposed by the Nebraska Department of Education

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In fact, those churches and institutions that are bound by the Word of God to the truth of marriage between a man and a woman could be punished for simply standing on our consistent beliefs. The Equality Act effectively outlaws the words of Christ and our free exercise of religion.

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- In 1st grade, students “define gender, gender identity, and gender-role stereotypes.”
- In 4th grade, students “distinguish between sex assigned at birth and gender identity and explain how they may or may not differ.”
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May 13 2021 LWML Meeting at 9am

Program: **2021 Prayer service**

by the Parish Workers

Hostesses: Parish Workers Guild



**Congratulations to our  
2021 Confirmants!  
Zach Kopf and Ella Young!**



**LUTHERAN HOUR– KRVN(880  
AM)**

Sundays at 10:00 a.m.

♦ **May 2**

♦ "Laughed At"

Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler

Speaking out against the prevailing culture  
might prompt ridicule but it could also pro-  
duce repentance.

(Jonah 3)

♦ **May 9**

♦ "Seriously?"

Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler

A preacher who gets upset when people take  
his message seriously--that's the story of Jo-  
nah.

(Jonah 1-4)

♦ **May 16**

♦ "Gain a Heart of Wisdom"

Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler

Pentecost

(Psalm 90:12)

♦ **May 23 "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 of-  
fice. 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 our 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

March 1, 2021

7:00 PM

### CALL TO ORDER & DEVOTIONS

Pastor Rob led devotion and discussion: Psalm 55:22, 1 Peter 5:7 – Cast all of our anxieties on Him. Very prevalent to our times right now. We are a year out from when everything shut down regarding Covid. We still haven't seen all of the effects, anxiety, fear, broken marriages, etc. Pastor included an interesting fact, "Japan now has added a new cabinet in their government, Minister of Loneliness." A lot of good discussion was held on this topic. All agreed that we need to be thinking about things going forward and how we can be there for our members. What ways can we help? Offer a Covid support group, reach out to members like we did in the beginning, form small groups, etc.

Corrections to the February Meeting Minutes: The spelling of Julie's last name should be corrected to Loudon. The spelling of Quentin's last name should be corrected to Dailey. Don made the motion to correct the minutes, Josie seconded the motion.

### ATTENDENCE

Pastor Rob, Ann Young, Donna Phillips, Quentin Dailey, Leah Cavanaugh, Don Batie, Pastor Bill, Kim Richman, Julie Loudon, Larry Fisher, Peg Fisher, Josie Bauer

### TREASURE'S REPORT

Balance \$31,886.69, \$6,151.68 Joyful Response, Offering \$1,685.00.

### EDUCATION REPORT

Leah reported that no formal meeting was held. The group communicated via text message to vote on the VBS theme for 2021. The theme chosen was Roar.

### ELDER'S REPORT

Larry reported that a Zoom meeting was held on the 5<sup>th</sup> of February. They discussed moving communion to the altar and how that should be implemented.

### INREACH/OUTREACH REPORT

Peg reported that the committee met in the church library at 5:00 pm on Monday, February 22, 2021. Peg Fisher, Brenda Jewett, LaDonna Kwiatkowski, & Francie Stieb were present. LaDonna created 45 Valentine's Day cards & Francie delivered them to Plum Creek Care Center, LaDonna created and mailed 27 Birthday cards and 3 Anniversary cards for February. They did not provide a treat basket during Valentine's Day weekend due to inclement weather. They planned servers/snacks for the 3 Sundays in March. Easter Basket items are ready to go. Francie will pick up candy for the plastic eggs. Their monthly meeting will need to be held before Holy Week to be ready to distribute the Easter Baskets, so their next meeting will be held on Monday, March 22, 2021 at 5:00 pm in the church library,

### PLANNING REPORT

Donna reported that no meeting was held in February. Crockpot class is set up for March 6<sup>th</sup> with high school girls that are expecting or have a child & March 13<sup>th</sup> with the Parent/Child Center. Quentin asked how these classes are advertised. Donna responded that Marcia has gone to the high school to talk to the Teen Mom group. Josie suggested that the class also be offered to college age. All materials are in English & Spanish. Pastor noted that all Foundation requests are due the end of March. Available to all organizations, even outside of church. They can be e-mailed to Pastor or Maria.

### STEWARDSHIP REPORT

Don did not have anything to report.

### TRUSTEE REPORT

Pastor Reported that Marcus used his air compressor to get the bathroom sink fixed.

### YOUTH REPORT

Ann did not have anything to report.



## PASTOR'S REPORT

Pastor Rob reported that he is halfway through his 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter of Leadership Learning Committee, now meeting in person again. They are talking about micro groups – have 3 or 4 people form small groups. Looking to promote this here at Trinity. How will we grow in our Faith? He is wrapping things up with Zion Shelton on their closure. They have to submit a report to the state for every penny, the state then has to approve where the money goes. He is hoping to be done with this by the end of April. Next Monday & Tuesday he and Pastor Bill will be staying in Kearney. Circuit Visitor duties continue. Two weddings this summer in July, one in York and one at Trinity. Resuming nursing home services for the LMA beginning March 7<sup>th</sup>.

Pastor Bill reported that he has been busy with Zone LWML Meeting, Bible Classes, Men's bible study & Adult bible study. The Men's Bible Study has moved back to the Farmer's Café. He is hoping to do more in home visits this month. Still waiting to see when he can get back in to Avamere. He will be doing a funeral this Friday for a non-member.

## OLD BUSINESS

Parsonage roof repair was \$16,000 - \$17,000. A check was received for the depreciation in the amount of \$5,057.

## NEW BUSINESS

Nomination Committee – Leah, Larry, Ann, Quentin, Donna, Pastor Bill & Pastor Rob need to set a time to meet. Election will be held in May. The fire alarm box was inspected a month ago. The last few years that it was inspected, the batteries have been completely drained. They recommend replacing the box. Batteries are \$120 – we go through a couple per year. The bid to replace the box is \$2,659. If there is any wall or ceiling repairs needed after installing the new box, the company will not do that. Pastor's thoughts were to use \$2500 out of the roof depreciation payment to pay to replace the fire alarm box. Peg motioned to use the \$2500 received from the parsonage roof depreciation to pay for the fire alarm box and put the remaining amount to the dedicated funds. Ann seconded the motion. Julie motioned to move \$10,000 from the building fund account to the pay the principle on the loan. Leah seconded the motion.

## MEMBERSHIP CHANGES

Transfer out of Mitchell Burch to Beautiful Savior, LaVista; Barb Easterday to First Lutheran, Buffalo; & Pierre, Erica, Ava and Alivia Peebles to Zion Lutheran, Kearney. Don Batie motioned to approve the transfers, and Ann Young seconded the motion.

Next Meeting – Monday, April 5<sup>th</sup>, 2021

Closed with Lord's Prayer  
Respectfully Submitted  
Kim Richman





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**Kerry Barnes, 05-02**  
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**Evelyn Ringenberg, 05-05**  
**Alex Olsen, 05-10**  
**Darrell Leu, 05-10**  
**Jacqueline Ohlmann, 05-11**  
**Herbert Ringenberg, 05-14**  
**Cyndi Smith, 05-15**  
**Wayne Sheen, 05-15**  
**Jocelyn Soncksen, 05-16**  
**Seth Area, 05-18**  
**Bret Hladky, 05-18**  
**Andrea Moore, 05-19**  
**Lucas Horn, 05-19**  
**Wayne Kerr, 05-20**  
**Brayden Wilkinson,, 05-21**  
**Eli Young, 05-21**  
**Genice Jordening, 05-25**  
**Michele Hoehner, 05-25**  
**Liam Soncksen, 05-27**  
**Donna Phillips, 05-28**  
**Jennifer Wilkinson, 05-29**  
**Cooper Bauer, 05-31**  
**Marilyn Licking, 05-31**  
**Mitchell Burch, 05-31**



**Marcus and Debra Porath, 05-16**  
**Robert and Jean Raney, 05-20**  
**Riley and Marcia George, 05-21**  
**Sam BeDunnah and Melissa Ann (King), 05-23**  
**Donald and Barbara Batie, 05-26**



- ♦ 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!