



## Servant Thoughts

At our Voter's Meeting in May, I shared with those in attendance that I will be having surgery at some point for my scoliosis which has progressed to the point where it might begin to impact my heart and lungs due to the amount of curvature that I have. I was referred to a doctor in New York City because his is one of the best in the country who takes only the more severe cases. So, on the one hand, my case is bad enough he will take it, but on the other hand, I am going to have one of the best surgeons you could have. Essentially the surgery will place a rod in my back to straighten my spine. My surgery is set for September 7, and Pastor Bill will be covering things during the month of September as I recover. I will probably be in New York for two weeks.

I share this with you for two reasons... one is simply so you are aware that I will be gone during that time and of course would appreciate your prayers. But the main reason I share it with you is because something my surgeon told me. He suggested that I get back to a routine of exercise that gets my heart beat up several times a week. This is so that my heart and lungs will be better able to handle the surgery and recovery. It got me to thinking. Yes, I should probably already have such a routine, but over the years, I have like many, gotten away from more regular strenuous exercise, but now see the importance of doing so for my long term health. It made me think about our use of God's Word and His Sacraments, but especially the daily use of the Word in devotion and prayer. The truth is, this is as important to our spiritual health as exercise is to our physical health. And I believe even more importantly, our exercise spiritually is even more important because it is about our eternal salvation, and growing in our faith. We need to continue to nurture and stretch our spiritual muscles so to speak by our daily use of God's Word and time in prayer with Him. So, for me, it's time to get back on the bike, and to continue in my spiritual practices! I invite you to do the same! God's rich blessings!

*Pastor Rob*

Hebrews 13:20-21



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## Pastor Bill's Musings

I was working on a sermon at my desk a few days ago and as I came to a stopping point for the morning, I leaned back in my chair and simply stared at the wall behind my computer. Suddenly I observed a tiny ant moving straight up the wall and was headed directly toward the foot of the cross that is hanging there. When the little ant got to the foot, it side stepped and continued its ascent. When it encountered the horizontal arm, it hesitated briefly and then crossed on the bottom side of the one-inch thickness of the wood, turned the corner and crossed the two-inch width and finally turned the top corner and came to rest on the top of the arm. As you know, resting is not in an ant's nature and soon it was running back and forth on the top of the arm till it peeked over the edge and appeared to be starting a descent but suddenly it fell to the floor. I did not see anything else of the ant.

Sometimes my thoughts are a little strange but as that ant was going up the wall, I was thinking how that little ant was using his skills to move straight up that wall. He was headed to the foot of the cross and then defying gravity somehow crossing that arm with its feet up and ending of the top. Then I thought about how mankind many times strives, using all their skills, to come to the foot of the cross through their own efforts. In other words, achieve their salvation through their works. The ant got to the cross but couldn't stay there; man might come close but without the Holy Spirit, he neither gets there, nor remains.

I am reminded of Luther's explanation of the 3rd Article, "I believe that I cannot by my own reason or strength believe in Jesus Christ, my Lord, or come to Him; but the Holy Spirit has called me by the Gospel, enlightened me with His gifts, sanctified and keeps me in the true faith." When a friend of mine's father was asked by a Baptist preacher if he had taken Jesus as his Savior. The father simply replied, "No. But Jesus my Savior has taken me." There you have it, Jesus did it all. We can trust in Him.

Have an enjoyable and Spirit filled summer. *Pastor Bill*

Trinity **ORPHAN GRAIN TRAIN** LLL



Relief for Human Need Worldwide

**Sunday, June 6th 2021**  
**After the late service**

**FISH FRY & Brats**

THRIVENT GRANT  
MISSION PROJECTS  
FREE WILL OFFERING

### ORPHAN GRAIN TRAIN Year-Round Christmas Project\*

\*Sponsored by Trinity Inreach/Outreach Committee

**(Deadline for gathering is August 1st in order to prepare for shipment in time for Christmas)**

Goal: To reach children around the world who would otherwise not receive any other Christmas package

#### "Christmas Gift Boxes"

Very specific items are needed to avoid confiscation of all packages.

**Please consider donating any of the following items to be packaged by the Inreach/Outreach committee for delivery:**

- Coloring Books
- Crayons (24 count)
- Plastic or rubber balls (tennis ball is okay)
- Stuffed Animals (beanie baby size - Beanie Baby is okay)
- Dolls for girls ages 2 - 7
- Wheeled toys for boys ages 2 - 7 (no combat vehicle)
- Jump ropes for girls ages 8 - 12
- Non-liquid lip balm for girls ages 8 - 12
- Hair clips or bows for girls ages 8 - 12
- Deflated soccer balls and small pumps for boys ages 8 - 12
- New toothbrushes - in packages
- Pairs of new socks non-packaged (gender and age-appropriate)
- Pairs of new underwear non-packaged (gender and age-appropriate)
- T-shirts gender and age-appropriate (non-military; non-offensive)
- Stickers (age-appropriate, non-offensive)

#### Would you like us to shop for you?

Just fill out an envelope (see display), include your donation, and specify what you would like us to purchase from the list above then place the envelope inside the "Christmas Box" at the display.

Questions? Please contact Peg Fisher (308-746-2910) or the church office. Thank you!



LWML June 10, 2021 @ 9:00 a.m.

Opening: "Fresh Brewed Faith". By Megan Kuefner

Program: "Coffee Shop Grace". By Amy Kuefner

Hostesses: Donna Phillips and Barb Graham

June 26, 2021 Kearney Zone Summer Board Meeting

Bethlehem in Ravenna

Another huge thank you to the members of Trinity and our Lexington Community for supporting our spring salad luncheon. Your donations went to the following: Concordia St Louis food pantry; Concordia Tuition in Seward; Young Women's International Mission grant project; Mission Central; Trinity Church Building Fund; Orphan Grain Train, Dawson County Children's Museum and the Lexington Parent-Child Center. Thank you for sharing and caring! Barb Graham, LWML President



#### ◆ VBS 2021

- ◆ Save the date for July 5th-9th as we take the opportunity for Vacation Bible School at Trinity Lutheran! Watch for registration forms soon.

#### ◆ Workers Needed for LLL State Fair Booth

- ◆ The Nebraska Lutheran Laymen's League plans to host the LLL State Fair booth in Grand Island Friday, Aug. 27, through Monday, Sept. 6, from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. each day. This is a great opportunity to share your faith and offer valuable printed resources on Christian beliefs - resources with answers to today's problems and challenges - and visit with fair goers about faith issues. If enough volunteers do not come forward by Saturday, June 12, the booth will not be able to operate this year for the first time in many years. If you are willing to help for a few hours, please contact Paul Schmidt, LLL State Fair Booth Coordinator, cell or text 402-460-0004, or email [psflatwater@inebraska.com](mailto:psflatwater@inebraska.com) Thank you for your help!



LUTHERAN HOUR—KRVN(880 AM)

Sundays at 10:00 a.m.

#### ◆ June 6

- ◆ "Out of the Depths"

Guest Speaker: Rev. Dr. Jason Broge  
When our words fail us, we find God's word of promise in the words of Psalm 130.  
(Psalm 130)

#### ◆ June 13

- ◆ "Clearly Christian: Good"

Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler  
Many think they know what Christianity is all about, but Dr. Michael Zeigler asks, what if what they think it is, it isn't?

#### ◆ June 20

- ◆ ""Clearly Christian: Spiritual"

Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler  
God is above all, but that doesn't mean material "stuff" is somehow beneath Him. Dr. Michael Zeigler talks about the unique nature of Christian spirituality.  
(Genesis 1:31)

#### ◆ June 27 "TBD"

Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler  
Ephesians Series



## 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

Baby Boy Area, Larry Thornburg, Dana Thornburg, Gary Flint

### Chronic or Long Term Health Conditions

Barb Horn, 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.

## 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

April 12 2021

7:00 PM

### CALL TO ORDER & DEVOTIONS

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Pastor Rob led devotion and discussion: Acts 16:25 "The account of the Philippian Jailor" What must I do to be saved? Did he mean saved from death? We usually think it is faith that is being addressed. Was he talking about salvation in this situation? Paul took his statement & told them how to be "saved" through faith.

#### ATTENDENCE

Pastor Rob, Ann, Eric, Quentin, Don, Pastor Bill, Kim, Julie, Larry, Peg, Josie & Kat

#### TREASURE'S REPORT

John was not in attendance, but treasurers report was submitted and attached. Pastor Rob reported a \$10,000 increase over last month. The loan payment of \$10,000 was submitted and should leave a balance of \$60,000.

#### EDUCATION REPORT

Josie reported that no meeting was held. Shadow boxes for confirmands are ready to go.

Sunday School teachers gave out Easter goodies. VBS is still a go for 2021.

#### ELDER'S REPORT

Larry reported that the Elders met on 3/15/21. The Elders were focusing on the 5 things Pastor has challenged them to look at regarding what the church will look like post Covid. The Elders began by discussing this in pairs and then led to an hour-long group discussion.

INREACH/OUTREACH – Peg reported that the met in the church social hall at 5 p.m. on Monday, March 22nd, 2021.

Present: Peg Fisher, Brenda Jewett, and LaDonna Kwiatkowski.

Old business:

- LaDonna created 45 Easter cards and delivered them to Plum Creek Care Center.
- LaDonna created and mailed 22 birthday cards and 9 anniversary cards for March.
- We served snacks for three Sundays in March for the United For Life Chapter #185 LFL group.
- LaDonna gathered the items for the Easter baskets, Francie provided the candy for the Easter eggs, and we assembled 10 of them for the middle schoolers and 16 of them for the younger children.

New business:

- We will serve snacks two Sundays in April for the Inreach/Outreach Committee.
- Our next meeting will be on Monday, April 26th at 5 p.m. in the church library.

#### PLANNING REPORT

Planning Meeting Held Sunday April 11, 2021 Donna opened the meeting with a devotion.

Present were: Members Donna Phillips, Deb Porath and Marilyn Licking. Guests Barb Graham and Marcia Holts also attended to talk about the crockpot class.

Began the meeting with Barb and Marcia talking about the crockpot class. They mentioned that they had two classes set up but had no shows for both classes. They were setup with High School girls with child. They have two other classes set for May 15 th and 22 nd with the girls. It has been talked about ending the Crockpot Class but will see what develops by Fall.

Conformation Reception discussion

Conformation Reception will be April 25 th after the early service. We talked about using the LWML Salad Luncheon decorations for Conformation. We will be serving Breakfast Casserole, breakfast sweets and fruit cups. We will also have cross cupcake cake made for each of the Confirmands.

Close with the Lord's Prayer.

#### STEWARDSHIP REPORT

Don did not have anything to report.

#### TRUSTEE REPORT

Kat reported that he will get with Marcus to see about hanging the projector screen. The lawn mower has been picked up to be serviced for the season.



## YOUTH REPORT

Ann did not have anything to report.

## PASTOR'S REPORT

Pastor Rob reported that the directory has been released. There are a few glitches that they are working on. An e-mail will be sent out inviting all to be members of Faith Life. Through this program, you can message & create groups. There is also Faith Live TV available to watch movies, bible courses, etc. Audio from Trinity sermons are also available. There were 197 attendees for Easter weekend. There will be a possible Circuit visitor retreat that the District is sponsoring held June 7 th – 9 th in Aurora, that he may attend. He is still working with closing out the Zion congregation – all has been submitted to the State for approval. Bethlehem Ravenna is starting the call process. Pastor Rob has started the process meeting with his back doctor regarding his scoliosis. This may entail an upcoming surgery with the possibility of Pastor being out 6 to 8 wks. Pastor Bill reported that he was able to meet with all his shut ins & give them communion. St. Luke's in Kearney has been shut down for now, they have 20 residents that have tested positive for Covid. He preached at Arapahoe yesterday and will be in Amherst & Wood River / Shelton coming up.

## OLD BUSINESS

Nominating Committee discussed where they were at in getting nominations for the ballots for the positions of Vice Chair Elect, Stewardship, Inreach/ Outreach, & Trustee. Pastor suggested that we hold the voter's meeting between services on Sunday 5/2/21.

## NEW BUSINESS

Voter's meeting agenda- reports are due by April 22 nd . So they are ready for pickup on Sunday the 25 th . Pastor would like to see a bylaw committee formed. Looking to maybe combine Youth and Education committees, Stewardship & Elders could be put together. Don asked how long it will be before we will need to look at doing something with the flat roofs. Tom Phillips looked and assessed that they are able to be repaired for now. Foundation Requests: The Foundation will meet to approve. We will be lower on scholarships this year; we now have 3 students. Foundation requests were attached. Will look at possibly increasing the amount for Chelsea Irwin. Pastor suggested that the Youth could look at requesting money for the National Youth gathering for July 2022.

## MEMBERSHIP CHANGES

Transfer out of Deb Schinkel to Zion Lutheran, Kearney. Peg made a motion to approve the transfer out and Don seconded it. Motion approved.

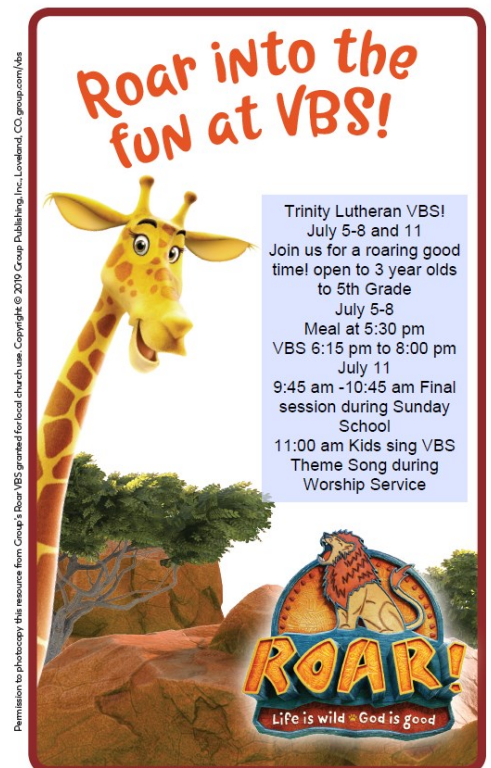
Next Meeting – Voter's meeting May 2, 2021

Closed with Lord's Prayer

Respectfully Submitted

Kim Richman  
Secretary

- ♦ **June Worship Servants will be released next week. Watch your mail, email and the church Facebook page for the list to see if you've been assigned during the month. As usual, let us know in the church office if that won't work for you and we will find a substitute.**





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**Dianna Wheeler, 06-02**

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**Jacob Harvey, 06-07**

**Milford Naprstek, 06-07**

**Kelly Kopf, 06-07**

**Jackie Rowan, 06-09**

**Ben Horn, 06-10**

**Martha Dory, 06-10**

**Riley George, 06-15**

**Marcia George, 06-16**

**Lon Johnson, 06-19**

**Mary Ann Kerr, 06-19**

**Ann Young, 06-25**

**Randall Kwiatkowski, 06-25**

**Ron Lau, 06-26**

**Megan Kuefner, 06-29**



**Lon and Ann Johnson, 06-01**

**Roger and Debra Wells, 06-04**

**John and Genice Jordening, 06-06**

**Charles and Sandra (Feist) Watkinson, 06-08**

**Rick and Pamela Trampe, 06-10**

**Larry and Phyllis Hauptmeier, 06-11**

**James and Marilyn Hersh, 06-11**

**Lynn and Marilyn Hueftle, 06-11**

**Rick and Tammy Wescott, 06-12**

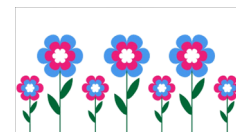
**Charles and Maydelle Messerschmidt, 06-16**

**Dale and Cinda Hladky, 06-18**

**Andrew and Francine Stieb, 06-22**

**Robert and Sandra Anderson, 06-23**

**Quentin and Jessica Dailey, 06-23**



- ♦ 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!