



## Servant Thoughts

Unlearning what was learned. Relearning what was once learned. As I think about the many changes that the pandemic brought into our lives, those two little phrases come to mind. During those unusual and challenging times, we developed new habits. We always made sure we had a mask in our pocket, a spare in the car, perhaps one at work as well. We certainly saw lots of changes about how we went about our normal every day lives, from Zoom meetings, (let's face it, zoom was a sound a rocket ship made, but now we know it facilitates meetings!) to hand sanitizer use everywhere to not collecting an offering, or shaking hands or coming to the communion rail, (remember for awhile we didn't even commune!). Now all those new habits are being unlearned. And we find ourselves relearning what we once just took for granted. As I reflect on that, I also recognize that some things have changed that may become a part of our lives from now on.

With change always comes the difficult process of adapting to it, and figuring out what was beneficial and what wasn't. While streaming of worship services is here to stay (something that we were doing at Trinity long before Covid), I do hope it never replaces the need for us to be together in the Lord's house! Yes, it might be convenient, and there are times when we are sick or unable to attend, but I hope we haven't lost the importance of the body of Christ gathered together in one place, to receive the Lord's gifts, including the most precious gift of His Body and Blood! I could point to many other examples, but I hope as we return to some "normal" things, we also consider how what we went through, helps us to appreciate some of what we have that much more. I know for example that I am looking forward to Vacation Bible School this month, where we can all be together, without having to worry as much about social distancing, etc. Seeing kids playing, learning about Jesus and hanging out with friends new and old, is a good reminder of what is most important. Let's hope we in the Church are always a part of learning what is most important!

In the service and love of Jesus,

*Pastor Rob*

Hebrews 13:20-21



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Just a few weeks ago, many of us were praying for a warmup. Well, the warmup is here. Now, where did those cool days go? Sometimes we need to heed that old adage, *be careful of what you wish for*. When the following story reached my e-mail inbox, I remembered I had heard it before but I still got a chuckle out of it so I thought I would share it this month to give you a little chuckle too, as laughter is always the best for of therapy. Enjoy.

An atheist was taking a walk through the woods. "What majestic trees! What powerful rivers! What beautiful animals", he said to himself.

As he continued walking alongside the river, he heard a rustling in the bushes. Turning to look, he saw a 7-foot Bear charging towards him.

He ran as fast as he could up the path. Looking over his shoulder he saw that the bear was closing in on him. His heart was pumping frantically, and he tried to run even faster.

He tripped and fell on the ground. He rolled over to pick himself up but saw the bear raising his paw to take a swipe at him.

At that instant the atheist cried out, "Oh my God!"

Time stopped.

The bear froze.

The forest was silent.

It was then that a bright light shone upon the man and a voice from heaven asked, "You deny my existence for all of these years, teach others I don't exist and even credit creation to a cosmic accident.

Do you expect me to help you out of this predicament? Am I to count you as a believer?"

The atheist looked directly into the light. "It would be hypocritical of me to suddenly ask you to treat me as a Christian now, but perhaps, could you make the BEAR a Christian?"

"Very well", said the Voice. The light went out, and the sounds of the forest resumed.

And then the bear lowered his paw, bowed his head and spoke: "Lord, bless this food which I am about to receive and for which I am truly thankful, Amen."

Have a safe 4<sup>th</sup> of July. God's blessings.

*Pastor Bill*

## 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!

## VOLUNTEER



### ♦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!



LWML July 8, 2021 @ 9:00 a.m.

Opening: "Be Still". By Francie Stieb

Program: "Stumbling Blocks to Stepping Stones". By Barb Batie

Hostesses: Loretta Copper and Sandy Watkinson



♦ Gideons Donation Thank You to Trinity Members for your generous donations of

- ♦ Thank You to everyone who provided salads and bars/ cakes for the Baby Beckett Area Funeral. Thank You to all of ladies who worked in the kitchen. We Appreciate everyone's assistance. June Funeral Committee.



LUTHERAN HOUR—KRVN(880 AM)

Sundays at 10:00 a.m.

♦ July 4 "Clearly Christian: Scientific"

Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler  
Christians are not against science. They just don't expect science to answer questions beyond its reach.

♦ July 11 "Inheritance as Intended"

Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler  
An inheritance that's more than places, property, and possessions—the inheritance God intended for His people.  
(Ephesians 1)

♦ July 18 "The Problem and Promise of Deathbed Conversion"

Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler  
Is a last-minute conversion cause for joy or an insult to lifelong believers? Dr. Michael Zeigler explores both the problem and the promise of deathbed conversions.  
(Ephesians 2)

July 25 "The Peace Child"

Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler  
(Ephesians 3)



### 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

**Lynn Hueftle, Eugene Schutz, Dana Thornburg, John Richman**

### Chronic or Long Term Health Conditions

**Barb Horn, Jackie Rowan, Jon Buhlmann**

### Mission & Ministry

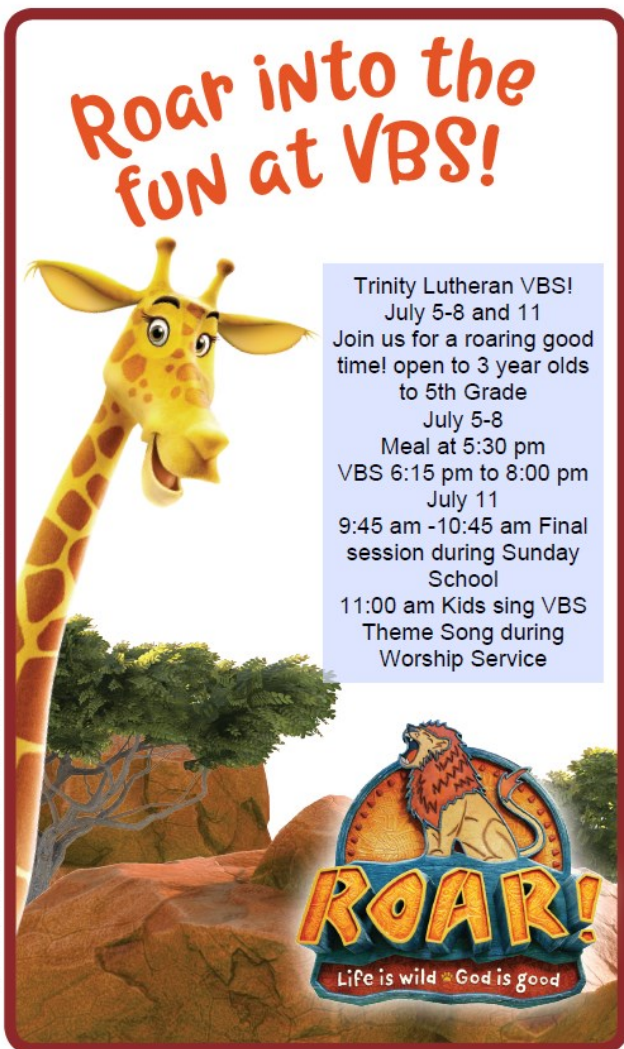
Ferry Family, Chelsea Irwin,  
Kearney Circuit Pastors and Congregations

### Special Prayers

For our nation as we approach Independence Day

### 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.**







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**Shirley Swanson, 07-29**

**Eric Young, 07-30**

**Carol Schutz, 07-30**



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**Ron and Jan Lau, 07-21**

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**Daniel and Cyndi Smith, 07-30**



- ♦ 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!