

## Servant Thoughts

August is a month that sees a return to school for children and many of the activities that are a part of this time of year begin to return. This year it feels like this may be more normal for us than what it was like last year. I am hopeful that remains true throughout the year. Yet for me personally, August is going to be a time of preparation for being gone for the month of September as I undergo my back surgery and recovery. This means looking ahead and planning for things that I do on a regular basis that I need to make sure are covered for when I am gone. Pastor Bill will be covering services and pastoral care. I am working with Maria to handle some of the administrative things I take care of in bulletin preparation and office responsibilities. Honestly, there are lots of little things like posting online links to services that are not time-consuming things, but something that needs to happen, so I am creating a list and checking those things off. It's some of those behind-the-scenes kind of things including making sure that passwords and logins and other tools we use are recorded so that things run smoothly in my absence. I take great comfort in knowing that I am not indispensable, and that life will go on without me being around for a month. But I also want to be as helpful as possible when it comes to the essentials of ministry at Trinity.

I will be meeting with the 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> Grade parents in early August to discuss Confirmation and hold 3 classes in August to replace the 3 classes I will miss in September. At the end of the August, we will also have the first Trinity Serves Sunday since before the pandemic. I think it will be a blessing for us to again find ways to serve in our community. We also will be looking towards Rally Day in September and the resuming of Christian Family Night and opportunities for renewed Bible Study and worship. My prayer is that these days when our lives get back to a full schedule again, will still allow us time to find time to spend with our Lord and one another as we grow together as God's people. As you probably know, I don't miss too many weeks or activities throughout the years, and to take a month off is going to seem strange to me, but I also know it will be important for my healing and more importantly long-time service as your pastor. My hope is that when I do return to worship and classes that I will hardly have been missed at all, for the ministry of Trinity Lutheran is larger than any one of us. In the service and love of Jesus,

*Pastor Rob*  
Hebrews 13:20-21



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## Pastor Bill's Musings

A little over 10 days ago, a friend of mine and I were driving around some of the residential areas in town and our conversation turned to lamenting how most of the lawns were showing a lot of stress. Everywhere we looked, the lawns were showing yellow areas instead of dark green, brown areas where there was a lack of moisture. Even where the homeowner had a well laid out underground sprinkler system, the effects of heat and lack of moisture were quite evident. Man's inability to manage the effects of nature had drawn up short.

On the next Friday evening and early Saturday morning all of that changed. God brought rain to our town and surrounding area. Ten days later, with several showers that occurred in that time frame, our community looked altogether different. The brown spots along with the yellow areas had almost disappeared from the yards. You began to hear comments in the coffee shops like, "You just can't beat God's water. It's so much better than ground water." You know what, those comments are absolutely correct. The water that falls from the sky, God's water, is so pure and gives our vegetation what it needs.

God's water for the soul is His Word. His pure Word gives us the nourishment that our souls thrive on. There is no substitute. When we deprive ourselves from hearing, reading and meditating on it, we begin to be like a weak and dying lawn. When we substitute the ways of this world for His Word, *"the peace that passes all human understanding"* fades away. Nothing can bring contentment to our souls without His Word, Jesus. His strong Word truly does cleave the darkness.

May His Word water your soul, *Pastor Bill*

# Welcome

- ♦ We welcome Mary Sue Haag as a new member to our congregation. She was confirmed in her faith as an adult this past June and has now become a communicant member of Trinity

## 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 August 12 2021 @ 9:00 a.m.

Opening: "The Crayon Box," By Marilyn Hueftle

Program: "Back to School," Maydelle Messerschmidt

Hostesses: Barb Batie and Juliana Loudon



**LUTHERAN HOUR—KRVN(880 AM)**

Sundays at 10:00 a.m.

♦ **August 1**  
August 1

**"Blowing in the Wind"**

Speaker Emeritus of The Lutheran Hour:  
Rev. Dr. Ken Klaus

"Archives August" begins with a classic message from Pastor Ken Klaus in which he contrasts popularly-held urban legends with the unchanging truth of God's Word.  
(Ephesians 4:14-16)

♦ **August 8**

♦ **"Seeing The Savior Sore"**

Guest Speaker: Rev. Dr. Dale A. Meyer

"Archives August". Jesus got upset when religious people got in the way of those

He wanted to reach.

(Ephesians 4:26)

♦ **August 15**

♦ **"A Sunny Place for Shady People"**

Guest Speaker: Dr. Oswald Hoffmann

"Archives August". The life of a notorious saint shows how the grace of God makes the Church a sunny place for shady people.

(Ephesians 5:8)

♦ **August 22**

♦ **"Ephesians 5"**

Guest Speaker: Rev. Dr. Dale A. Meyer

"Archives August"

(Ephesians 5)

♦ **August 29**

♦ **"Ephesians 5"**

Guest Speaker: Rev. Dr. Dale A. Meyer

"Archives August" (Ephesians 5)



BACK TO SCHOOL

# DRIVE THRU- BACKPACK EVENT!

AUGUST 7, 2021 • 9AM-12PM



Limit: 300  
First Come, First Serve  
Location: Community Action, 931 W 7th, Lexington  
Questions: Martha Draskovic 308-324-4219



### 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, Esther Niernan, Darrell Leu, Marilyn Licking, Ron King, Delores White, Barb Batie**

### 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 schools in our communities as they resume classes for the fall



### 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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#### **Mason Area, 08-01**

**Jennifer Soncksen, 08-01**

**Daniel Kuefner, 08-01**

**Landen Soncksen, 08-02**

**Robert Anderson, 08-02**

**Addy Fisher, 08-03**

**Kelly Harvey, 08-03**

**Ryker Wieseler, 08-04**

**Owen Bauer, 08-07**

**Wendy Thome, 08-09**

**Rebecca Potter 08-9**

**Harmon Barta, 08-12**

**Eldon Peck, 08-12**

**Justin Underwood, 08-12**

**Charles Watkinson, 08-12**

**Andrew Stieb, 08-13**

**Aleisha Ziegenbein, 08-15**

**Kyle Hoehner, 08-16**

**Quinton Anderson, 08-17**

**Larry Fisher, 08-17**

**Carol Ziebell, 08-18**

**Kirk Hladky, 08-18**

**James Hersh, 08-19**

#### **Makayah Schram, 08-19**

**Blaine Petersen, 08-20**

**Garret Hladky, 08-20**

**Brenda Jewett, 08-20**

**Sherill Neben, 08-22**

**Tracy Wolf, 08-22**

**Kasey Barnes, 08-24**

**Quentin Dailey, 08-24**

**Amanda Kopf, 08-25**

**Tyson Brown, 08-26**

**Marcus Porath, 08-27**

**Christina Davey, 08-27**

**Melissa Callahan, 08-28**

**Thomas Porath, 08-28**

**Evan Thome, 08-29**

**Norbert Kwiatkowski, 08-30**

**Marvin Thornburg, 08-30**

**Ayla Atwood, 08-31**

**Pamela Trampe, 08-31**

**Amanda Area, 08-31**

#### **Fred and Stacy Klintworth, 08-02**

**Tom and Donna Phillips, 08-09**

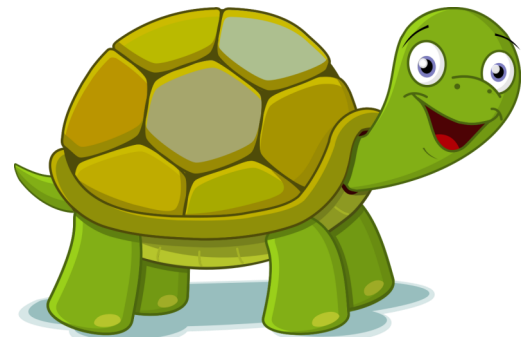
**Ted and Kelly Harvey, 08-12**

**Darek and Wanda Hoefener, 08-14**

**Rod and Marcia Holtz, 08-18**

**Larry and Peg Fisher, 08-21**

**Chris & Alexis Barnes 8/30**



Travel Expense Gifts— The Elders are providing an opportunity to defray travel expenses for Pastor, Amy and Alex as they travel to New York for Pastor Rob's back surgery. Medical expenses are taken care of, but hotel, plane, food and transportation in New York between the hospital and hotel are not. If you wish to make a donation mark any gifts for New York Travel Expenses. Thank you for your support.

- ♦ 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!

BOD Meeting Minutes  
Monday, June 7, 2021  
7:00 pm, Conference Room

CALL TO ORDER & DEVOTIONS

Meeting was called to order by Quentin Dailey. Pastor Rob opened with a devotion based on Acts 17:1-9 and an opening prayer.

ATTENDEES: Quentin Dailey, Larry and Peg Fisher, Eric Young, Leah Kavanaugh, Josie Bauer, Julianna Loudon, Don Batie, Pastor Rob

Motion by Don, seconded by Josie to approve April BOD minutes. Passed. Motion by Julianna, seconded by Don to approve May Voter's minutes for publication.

TREASURER'S REPORT

May Profit and Loss was presented, along with the Dedicated Account after the clean up of accounts from the May Voter's meeting.

COMMITTEE REPORTS (*Italic reports were submitted prior to the meeting*)

EDUCATION – VBS planning underway for July 5-8 and July 11<sup>th</sup>. Meals are planned, volunteers are appreciated. Plan to leave up decorations for the weekend of July 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> so congregation can enjoy the work, and children will be singing in the 11:00 am service.

ELDER'S REPORT

Larry noted that a letter of concern was shared by tow members about areas of improvement, which the Elders and Board of Directors also received. The letter was written in a spirit of encouragement, but also seeing areas that need improvement on the part of Elders and the congregation, especially in involvement and youth. Study continued in the Small Catechism, and beginning in June the Elders are going to begin a visitation night.

INREACH/OUTREACH

*The Inreach/Outreach Committee of Trinity Lutheran Church met in the church library at 5 p.m. on Monday, May 24th, 2021 since the last Monday of May is Memorial Day. Present: Peg Fisher, Francie Stieb, and LaDonna Kwiatkowski.*

*Old business: LaDonna created and mailed 28 birthday cards and 6 anniversary cards for May.*

*New business: We will hand out gifts to our church family for Father's Day (June 20th) weekend after all three services. LaDonna brought information from Orphan Grain Train about their Christmas Gift Boxes. We will create a display to gather monies to purchase the specific items needed and ask for donations through the first of August. Peg will contact Dick Troester about bringing the boxes on June 6th when the Orphan Grain Train comes to Trinity for the Fish/Brat Feed.*

*-Our next meeting will be on Monday, June 28th at 5 p.m. in the church library.*

*Respectfully Submitted,*

*Peg Fisher, Inreach/Outreach chairman*

PLANNING-

*We did not have a Planning Committee Meeting in the month of May.*

*Barb Graham submitted the following for the crockpot class.*

*The Crockpot cooking class was held on May 22<sup>nd</sup> in the Social Hall. Registered were 5 students from the high school transition program. Students learned about the safety, sanitation, measuring skills, recipe reading and nutritional meal planning when using a crock pot.*

*Respectfully Submitted*

*Donna Phillips*

*Planning Committee Chair*

One area brought up at the meeting was how the between service refreshments and coffee will be handled, with the need of looking at which organizations are involved.



STEWARDSHIP REPORT – No report

TRUSTEES – Need to adjust sprinklers were discussed, as recent heat wave has revealed areas not being watered.

YOUTH- Julianna is reviewing information on the National Youth Gathering in Houston in 2022. Planning meetings will be scheduled.

PASTOR ROB-

*I have a wedding in Cairo, Nebraska June 12<sup>th</sup> and Don Batie and Kerry Barnes will be helping with that Saturday service. We will be having a Gideon presentation at the end of the services the weekend of June 12 & 13<sup>th</sup>. I am also covering for Pastor Duley at St. Paul's, Minden on June 20<sup>th</sup>. I am teaching summer Sunday School, other than a weekend or two when I will be gone and will find someone to cover for me on those times. I am meeting with my primary care physician later this week to schedule a couple tests and the medical team at Columbia schedules the remainder of the tests to meet their criteria. They should all be either in Lexington or Kearney. I am working with Maria on some of the things I typically do, so she will be able to do them in my absence, and am also putting together a list of important information like various websites with passwords, etc. so those are available. I have a wedding on July 3<sup>rd</sup> in York, and Pastor Bill will be here that weekend. I will be back for VBS starting on the 5<sup>th</sup> of July.*

PASTOR BILL –

*I have been able to see most of my shut-ins in the past month and looking forward to having easier accommodations at the care facilities in the near future. I will be leading the adult bible study on Sunday mornings here at Trinity this summer. We will be using the Chosen videos along with their study guide. The introductory lesson will have been yesterday as you are reading this. The first video will be played on June 13.*

*I have had several requests to fill-in at area churches this summer but have turned most of them down as my primary obligation is here at Trinity. I will, however, fill-in at Amherst the first Sunday in August. Jackie and I will be taking our vacation this year from August 16 to the 30<sup>th</sup>.*

*If any of you are aware of someone who is desiring a private pastoral visit, please let me know. I will be happy to meet with them.*

OLD BUSINESS

Need to find a Inreach/Outreach Chair Elect to be appointed by the BOD

Bylaw Review- Committee volunteers include Don Batie, Julianna Loudon, Quentin Dailey and Pastor Rob.

Trinity Serves- Now that Covid restrictions have been lifted, we are going to look at getting Trinity Serves back into place. The first potential weekend would be the weekend of August 29<sup>th</sup>.

NEW BUSINESS

Rally Day will be September 12<sup>th</sup> at church. It was decided with Pastor Rob gone, it would be better to celebrate Rally Day at church with one service and picnic and event's after church.

Membership Changes - Transfer Out of Michelle Porath to Zion Lutheran, Omaha, Nebraska. Was motioned by Don Batie and seconded by Peg Fisher and passed. Adult Confirmation of Mary Sue Haag 6/4/21 was noted for the records.

Next meeting will be held on July 12<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm in the Conference Room due to VBS the previous week.

Meeting was adjourned. Closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully Submitted,

Pastor Rob Kuefner

Acting Secretary



Trinity Serves Sunday—August 29th

Join us for a meal after the 11:00 am service, approximately 12 pm. After the meal we will be heading out to do projects of service in the community. At the time this newsletter is going to be published, we are working on details for both the meal and the projects we will be doing. Watch for more information in the weekly Tidings and also in the announcements at church and on the screens!

Confirmation Meeting— Pastor Rob will be hosting a meeting for 6th-8th Grade Parents and Confirmation Students to discuss the upcoming year of Confirmation studies. After discussion with the Elders and Board of Directors we are implementing a few changes to requirements regarding attendance. The meeting will be Wednesday, August 4th at 6:30 pm. A letter will be sent out prior to the meeting.