



## Servant Thoughts

As I write this article, I am one week out from heading to New York City for my back surgery. What might I say in this newsletter article? I first want to offer my gratitude for so many of your prayers, which are already giving much strength and hope for the surgery and recovery ahead. What a great blessing your prayers are! Secondly, the outpouring of gifts to defray the expenses of our trip are also a true blessing. While I won't really know much of what is going on during a 10-hour surgery, it will be a difficult time for Amy, and having Alex along will be very helpful as she waits and takes taxis back and forth to the hotel. It can be an intimidating city to navigate through and with some of the anxiety of the surgery and recovery afterwards, it is a true comfort to have both Amy and Alex to be with me, and to support each other. Your generous gifts will greatly help to defray those travel, lodging and meal expenses during our time in New York. Please know that any remaining funds if there are any will be used for any follow-up trip I need to take to New York, one which I believe comes about 6-8 weeks after the surgery.



My main reason for going through this surgery beyond the pain relief and comfort level it should provide in the long term, is so that I will be in good health for many years to come as I continue to serve you as your pastor. As with any surgery there are risks of course, and this is not your typical surgery, but I have good confidence in the care I will be given and the skills the Lord has given to my surgeon, nurses and those who attend me. But I also share because it is equally true, that the Lord has each of us in His hands, and through the blood of our Savior Jesus, and His glorious resurrection, we know the ultimate outcome for all who believe, life eternal with Him. So I close with the words of Paul to the Philippians... *"I thank my God in all my remembrance of you, always in every prayer of mine for you all making my prayer with joy, because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now. And I am sure of this, that he who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ. It is right for me to feel this way about you all, because I hold you in my heart, for you are all partakers with me of grace...."* (Philippians 1:3-7, ESV)

And...

*"For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain. If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labor for me. Yet which I shall choose I cannot tell. I am hard pressed between the two. My desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better. But to remain in the flesh is more necessary on your account. Convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with you all, for your progress and joy in the faith, so that in me you may have ample cause to glory in Christ Jesus, because of my coming to you again."* (Philippians 1:21-26, ESV)

See you in middle to late September!

In the service and love of Jesus,

*Pastor Rob*

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**"I will sing to the Lord because  
He has dealt bountifully with  
me." Psalm 13:6**



**Trinity Lutheran LWML invites  
you to their fall salad luncheon,  
"Bountiful Blessings," on Sept.  
16 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the  
church social hall at 205 E.  
Seventh St.**

September 9, 2021. LWML meeting @ 9am. Trinity  
Opening: "Afraid of What?" By Barb Graham  
Program: "Expressway of Life". Marilyn Hueftle  
Hostesses: LaDonna Kwiatkowski and Marica Holtz



**A freewill offering will be taken  
at the door with proceeds  
benefiting mission projects.  
A Thrivent grant has been  
applied for.**

September 17-18, 2021  
LWML District Retreat  
Covenant Cedars Bible Camp near Hordville



- ♦ Sunday School and Christian Family Night
- ♦ There will be no Sunday School on September 5th as it is Labor Day Weekend and Pastor Rob will be gone. There will be Adult Bible Class that day. Sunday School will resume September 19 after Rally Sunday on September 12th. Christian Family Night will begin on October 6th, after Pastor Rob returns and Confirmation resumes and Adult studies and younger aged children activities and studies.



- ♦ Thank you to our Trinity family for all your acts of kindness following our July 21 accident. The cards, calls, emails and texts have warmed our hearts. Also thanks to those who brought food, flowers and given of their time to help at the house and farm. We are truly blessed.

**Barb and Don Batie**

- ♦ Thank you to everyone who gave generous donations of money and/or items during our July ingathering for the Orphan Grain Train Christmas Boxes. We were able to fill 53 complete Christmas boxes. A Thrivent grant of \$250.00 was also used to help with the cost of the items. Thank you to LaDonna Kwiatkowski, Francie Stieb, and Brenda Jewett for putting the boxes together and get ready for shipment. Thank you also to Kyle and Michele Hoehner for transporting them to the Orphan Grain Train warehouse in Grand Island. The Christmas boxes contain a special gospel message and will bless children around the world. "Dear Precious Child, you are receiving this gift because you are loved. You are loved by the person who prepared this box. More importantly, you are loved by Jesus."

**Thank you again!**

**-Peg Fisher, Trinity Inreach/Outreach Committee Chair**

# LEXINGTON LIFE CHAIN

Sunday, October 3, 2021  
2:00 to 3:00 p.m.



STAND AND PRAY  
WITH FELLOW PRO-LIFERS!

Signs will be provided.  
Suggested donation \$1.00  
Please come to the corner of  
7<sup>th</sup> and Jackson Street, Lexington  
before 2:00 p.m. to obtain signs.

Signs say:

"Abortion Kills Children"  
"Jesus Forgives and Heals"  
"Adoption, the Loving Option"  
"Lord, Forgive us and our Nation"  
or  
"El Aborto mata Ninos"  
"Jesus nos peredona Y nos Sana"

For more information, please call  
Peg Fisher (308-746-2910)



LUTHERAN HOUR- KRVN  
(880 AM)

Sundays at 10:00 a.m.

## ♦ September 5

### ♦ "Living, Mighty, Active Faith"

Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael  
Zeigler

An elephant is a living, mighty, active  
thing. So is the faith of Jesus.

(Isaiah 35:4-7)

## ♦ September 12

### ♦ "Who is my Neighbor?"

Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler

We can't build a more hopeful neighbor-  
hood if we don't know who our neighbors  
are and we go out of our way to avoid  
them.

(Luke 10:25-37)

## ♦ September 19

### ♦ "Scrapped Gifts"

Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler  
(James 1)

## ♦ September 26

### ♦ "Seeking the Welfare of the Neighbor- hood"

Guest Speaker: Rev. Dr. Jason Broge  
(Jeremiah 29)

# You're Invited!

- ♦ Marilyn Bailey along with her family would like to invite you to an open house/block party in Celebration of her 80th birthday at 1904 The North Bridge Ln, Lexington from 5-9, on Saturday September 11th. If unable to attend, you can send birthday wishers to the address above. Let your presence be your gift .



- ♦ Rally Day will be Sunday, September 12th. We will still have a Saturday service, but Sunday there is only one service at 10:30 am, followed by picnic and activities.



## 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

**Joyce Wolfe, Sherry Area, Larry Rossen, Esther Nierman, Marilyn Licking, Lynn Hueftle, Ron King, Delores White, Barb Batie, Deb Porath, Lacy Bowman.**

## 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



## 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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Carol Meyer, Sep 2nd  
 Spencer Burch, Sep 3rd  
 Teresa Maxcy, Sep 3rd  
 Tucker Dailey, Sep 4th  
 Lucas Burch, Sep 5th  
 Peg Fisher, Sep 5th  
 William Callahan, Sep 6th  
 Bonnie Bonczynski, Sep 9th  
 Rod Swanson, Sep 10th  
 Marilyn Bailey, Sep 12th  
 Julie Stauffer, Sep 13th  
 Beverley Fellers, Sep 16th  
 Debra Porath, Sep 16th  
 Cash Cavanaugh, Sep 17th  
 Erik Rowan, Sep 17th  
 Raelynn Area, Sep 17th  
 David Wolfe, Sep 19th  
 Dennis Samway, Sep 19th  
 Esther Nierman, Sep 19th  
 Katleyn Hetz, Sep 19th  
 Keegan Area, Sep 18th  
 Justin Hetz, Sep 21st  
 Linda Moore, Sep 21st  
 Marissa Edson, Sep 23rd  
 Barbara Horn, Sep 24th  
 Elyse Sattler, Sep 24th  
 Aleya Alvarardo, Sep 25th  
 Madisen Wilkinson, Sep 25th  
 Stacy Klintworth, Sep 26th  
 Cherese Barnes, Sep 26th  
 Amanda Carter, Sep 29th



Carol & Robert Meyer 9/6  
 John & Linda Moore 9/5  
 Cherese & Kerry Barnes 9/30  
 Shane & Sherry Area 9/9  
 Bill & Jennifer Wilkinson 9/26  
 Jared & Josie Bauer 9/23  
 Sara & Robb Koerting 9/26



- ◆ 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!



## TRINITY BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

July 12, 2021  
7:00 PM

### CALL TO ORDER & DEVOTIONS

The meeting was called to order by Quentin. Pastor led the attendees in an opening prayer and devotion. Acts 17:10-15, This is where the Bereans got their name for the Church, Pastor stated that this ought to have been where the Lutheran's also got their name. Paul comes to Berea and they spend time in the Word. We all must be in the Word whether we are Lutheran's or Bereans. If you go to into a community today where the gospel is not known- you would have to spend time getting to know the people and gaining their trust. Prayers for healing were included for Andrew Uden and Marilyn Licking.

Peg motioned to accept the minutes for the June meeting and Ann seconded the motion. June minutes were approved.

### ATTENDENCE

Kim Richman, Pastor Rob, Ann & Eric Young, Pastor Bill, Larry & Peg Fisher, Josie Bauer, Quentin Dailey.

### TREASURE'S REPORT

"Still holding our own", Pastor Rob. We were under budget on expenses by around \$12,000 this month. We are usually in the black, but especially strong currently between \$40,000 to \$50,000 week to week. A \$25 VBS donation will be given to Orphan Grain Train

### EDUCATION REPORT

Josie reported that VBS was just held with an average of 38 attending per evening. 21 attended on Sunday. Planning for Rally Sunday on September 12th. Looking at changing the Sunday School curriculum. Board of Ed spoke about some expectations for middle school confirmands, i.e.. 20 sermon notes per year, attend 4 Sunday School classes, acolyte 2 times per semester. Looking at a new bible version, the NIRV is a reader's version – more readable for children and someone new to the English language, might start using these to read through the gospel. Everyone thanked Josie for her work with VBS as well as all of the others that helped.

### ELDER'S REPORT

Larry reported that the Elders met on June 21 st and went on visitation calls. Don, Pastor Bill, Kyle, Larry and Pastor Rob went out and met with 3 families. They are looking to do more of this each month.

### INREACH/OUTREACH REPORT

Per Peg, no formal meeting was held. They will meet next week to get the boxes together for Orphan Grain Train. They will have 75 boxes to stuff. Some checks were given and those funds will be used for shipping cost. Lutherans for Life will have a booth at the Dawson County Fair.

### PLANNING REPORT

No report

### STEWARDSHIP REPORT

No report

### TRUSTEE REPORT

No report

### YOUTH REPORT

Ann will be visiting with Julie regarding the planning for the upcoming youth gathering.

### PASTOR'S REPORT

Pastor Rob reported that he will be doing Brad Davey's wedding on Friday, July 30 th . All of his test will be done for his upcoming surgery, with the surgery date being September 7th , and possibly returning on the 17th. Pastor Bill will be on through September. Pastor Rob will be covering the service in Elwood on August 8<sup>th</sup>  
Pastor Bill reported that Sunday morning bible study is going well. Not much else to report.

## OLD BUSINESS

We are still needing a candidate to fill the Inreach/Outreach position.

## NEW BUSINESS

Marcus was approached to cut down three trees at the front of the church by LaDonna. It was suggested to obtain some quotes for landscaping and/or get a bid for lawncare also. We need to have the sound system looked into, the congregation mic doesn't sound good in the video on-line. Pastor Rob suggested we have Yanda's Music come out and give us a bid and just see what needs to be done. It was stated that Pastor Bill's mic also has a lot of "feedback"- the last two Sunday School sessions have been bad.

## MEMBERSHIP CHANGES

Request was made for a transfer out for Steve Neil. Ann motioned that we approve the transfer out for Steve Neil and Josie seconded the motion. Approved.

Next Meeting – Monday August 2, 2021, 6:00 PM picnic for new officers and outgoing officers.  
Closed with Lord's Prayer

Respectfully Submitted  
Kim Richman  
Secretary



**rightnow** MEDIA

**Break out the  
pumpkin spice  
and jump into  
some leaves**

Don't forget, Trinity members have access to a library of Bible studies through right now media. If you haven't signed up for free access, let us know in the church office and we will help get you set up!