



Servant Thoughts

SLOW! I must admit, I am finding that the Lord is telling me to slow down and allow the time I need to recover. On the one hand I know the reality that I underwent a major surgery that is going to take time to heal, but on the other hand, I so want to get back to my responsibilities as a pastor, including preaching, confirmation, visits, and other pastoral duties. To be honest, my expectation of how fast I'll be back to day-to-day activities before the surgery was that this would be a quick turnaround. Now I understand the need to take things slow so I don't over do it, and by doing too much find my recovery taking even longer than it should. I share this with you, so that you can hold me accountable on slowing down.

I do hope that I will be back in the pulpit on the weekend of October 9th and 10th. Things will probably look quite different, as I will most likely need to be sitting in chair to deliver my messages for a while. I do want to thank Pastor Bill and the Elders for their efforts, but especially Pastor Bill's willingness to give me time for my recovery. As you know, he has announced his retirement in January after serving Trinity for roughly 10 years as either a vicar or pastor, and I know he and Jackie will be greatly missed. I am sure that we will find a way to offer our thanks and appreciation of his ministry in our midst.

So, some changes continue to occur, which is of course normal in life. One constant remains, our Lord Jesus Christ. In the midst of slowing down, or approaching change, we have nothing to worry about!

In the service and love of Jesus,

Pastor Rob

Hebrews 13:20-21



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Pastor Bill's Musings

Today, I am writing a message that I knew that I would have send to you sometime and that time has arrived. After much prayer and deliberation, Jackie and I have decided that the time has arrived for me to retire from my ministry here a Trinity. I have informed the elders that I will continue to serve our Lord here in the ministry He has given me until January 1, 2022. I want to be able to help Pastor Rob during his rehabilitation following his major surgery.

We have purchased a home in Kearney and will be moving there soon after the first of the year. Of course, this will also bring an end of Jackie's ministry as a musician for services. We have multiple reasons for moving to Kearney but we want you to know that we will miss all of you as we have been a part of this congregation for so many years. We have so many fond memories that have been created in our life together in Christ with you. Since I will still be available for pulpit supply as long as I am able, I am in hopes that I will sometime in the future be invited to come back and conduct services here at Trinity.

After writing this newsletter article today it may be fitting for me to say goodbye, but it isn't goodbye yet. We will be around for 3 more months so there will be plenty of time for goodbye. Therefore, I will close this article with a heart filled message.

God's blessings be with you all, *Pastor Bill*



Chili Cook Off
silent LLL auction
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 14TH
AFTER THE LATE SERVICE
COME PICK YOUR FAVORITE CHILI!

FREE WILL OFFERING TROPHIES AWARDED
ALSO SERVING SILENT BID
CHRISTIE'S KITCHEN ON AUCTION ITEMS
CINNAMON ROLLS THRIVENT GRANT
& RELISHES MISSION PROJECT

LLL SILENT AUCTION.....
We are in need of Silent Auction items for our Chili Cook Off/ Silent Auction which is Sunday, November 14th. Suggestions are gift baskets, toys, baked goods, homemade items, home goods and so on. We need items at the church by Wednesday October 27th. All proceeds go to Mission Projects. Thank you.

- ♦ The Planning Committee were coffee hosts in August following the early services. Pastor Appreciation month is October & we will be recognizing our Pastors. We will be meeting soon to make plans to host the event. A date for the event will be announced later, coordinating with Pastor's schedules. Committee members include Marilyn Licking, Loretta Anderson, Deb Porath, Kelly Harvey, Kim Richman, Pam Trampe & Shirley Swanson.
Respectfully Shirley Swanson, Chair of Planning Committee

- ♦ **LWML Celebration Sunday October 3rd**
- ♦ Based on 1 Peter 4:8, the theme for LWML Sunday 2021 is "Our Hearts in HIS Hand." LWML Sunday is celebrated annually in Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod (LCMS) churches. Come, join us on LWML Saturday or Sunday. Watch for more information about the LWML, and become involved in reaching others with the love of our Lord Jesus Christ.



October 14
LWML Meeting 9am. In the Social Hall
Opening: "Working Together". Barb Batie
Program: "Blessed to be a Blessing". By
Brenda Bierman
Hostesses: Linda Moore and Jackie Ohlmann

- ♦ October 16.
- ♦ LWML Kearney Zone Fall Rally "We are **HIS!**" — 8:30am-2pm at Bethlehem in Ravenna. There is an ingathering for the Ravenna Food Pantry. Anyone wishing to donate canned food items to help the Ravenna Food Pantry, please bring your canned items to the church and place in the collection wooden box in the church entry. Your donations will be greatly appreciated. Thank you



LUTHERAN HOUR— KRVN(880 AM)
Sundays at 10:00 a.m.

♦ **October 3**

♦ **"Approval Cannot Equal Love"**

Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler

God places Christians in neighborhoods, among neighbors who don't necessarily share their beliefs. How should they relate? Dr. Michael Zeigler talks about avoiding the pitfalls of isolation and approval.
(1 Corinthians 10:23-11:1)

♦ **October 10**

♦ **"Giving God Our Garbage"**

Guest Speaker: Dr. Harold Ristau

Everything belongs to God and there isn't anything anyone could possibly give Him that He doesn't already have. And yet, there is one thing He desires: our garbage—our sins, our shame, our guilt—that He might put it all on Jesus.

(1 Samuel 2:1-10)

♦ **October 17"**

♦ **"Dead Man, Walking"**

Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler

The Old Testament books of Samuel tell the story of Israel's King David and share the promise of the greater King to come.

(1 Samuel 3:18)

♦ **October 24"**

♦ **"He will Take It"**

Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler

Dr. Michael Zeigler helps us to see God's wrath within the bigger story of God's love.

(1 Samuel 15)

♦ **October 31"**

♦ **"Not How, but Who"**

Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler

(1 Samuel 17:37)

Thank You



for your Kindness

- ♦ A sincere thank you to Pastor Rob, Pastor Bill and my Trinity church "family" for your outpouring of warm wishes, love, cards, calls and prayers during my rent emergency surgery and recovery!

God is Good!

Joyce Wolfe

- ♦ LWML Fall Rally will be held October 16. There is an in-gathering for the Ravenna Food Pantry. Anyone wishing to donate canned food items to help the Ravenna Food Pantry, please bring your canned items to the church and place in the collection wooden box in the church entry. Your donations will be greatly appreciated. Thank you

- ♦ I want to thank everyone for best wishes I received for my 80th birthday also want to Thank everyone who helped me celebrate it in person of my birthday party Saturday evening. So much fun! God Bless Marilyn Bailey



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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Steven Gierhan, Oct 3
Jolene Swartz, Oct 3
Debra Wells, Oct 4
Norman Hoveling, Oct 5
Michael Hendricks, Oct 5
Charles Licking, Oct 6
Barbara Graham, Oct 7
Trista Callahan,, Oct 7
Loretta Anderson, Oct 8
Curt Kopf, Oct 8
Lori Gierhan, Oct 10
Sharon Jeffrey, Oct 10
Katlyn Cavanaugh, Oct 10
Maydelle Messerschmidt, Oct 11
Bradley Davey, Oct 12
Robert Kuefner, Oct 13
Don Brockway, Oct 13
Alynn Stauffer, Oct 13
Jennifer Hendricks, Oct 16

Michael Richman, Oct 16
Larry Thornburg, Oct 19
Loretta Copper, Oct 20
Bill Wilkinson, Oct 21
Shane Callahan, Oct 21
Rod Holtz, Oct 21
Janell Rossen, Oct 21
Keith Anderson, Oct 22
Roger Wells, Oct 22
Nichole Hetz, Oct 22
Lynn Hueftle, Oct 23
Elizabeth Atwood, Oct 23
Amy Kuefner, Oct 23
Ella Young, Oct 24
Reagan Cavanaugh, Oct 26
Brett Area, Oct 28
Rhett Rhone, Oct 28
Terri Burch, Oct 29
Andrew Area, Oct 29
Shane Ziegenbein, Oct 30



Doug and Julie Loudon, Oct 4
Ron & Jan Lau Oct 5
Sandy & David Goodrich Oct 17
Justin and Nichole Hetz, Oct 10
Michael and Cynthia Hendricks, Oct 12
Erik and Jackie Rowan, Oct 22



♦ 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
Tuesday, September 7, 2021
7:00 PM

CALL TO ORDER & DEVOTIONS

The meeting was called to order by Eric Young. Pastor Bill reported that Pastor Rob is in recovery after his 11 hour back surgery – all went well. God is good. Pastor Bill began by leading the attendees in an opening prayer and devotion. Acts 17:22. The people were worshipping all kinds of other gods. We still have the relying on our own science going on now. When people argue against God, you can tend to catch them in their own thoughts.

ATTENDENCE

Pastor Bill, Eric Young, Peg Fisher, Shirley Swanson, Julie Loudon, Marcus Porath, Josie Bauer & Kim Richman

TREASURE'S REPORT

Report attached. No additions or comments

EDUCATION REPORT

Josie reported that Rally Sunday will be held on the 12th. They are planning on food, games, bingo & a station to make get well cards for Pastor Rob. October 6th will be the beginning of Wednesday night CFN classes. Adult Sunday School will be starting September 19th. Pastor Bill will be leading the Adult Study.

ELDER'S REPORT

The Elder's met on August 16th and went on TLC Member Visitation Calls for the third month in a row. Steve, Larry, Tom, Kyle, and Pastor Rob went out and met with three families. The visitations were preceded by a brief meeting which included an opening devotion, followed by a discussion to alternate TLC Member Visitation Calls with the traditional Elders Meetings in upcoming months. Example:

August -Brief Elders Meeting @ 6:45 PM followed by TLC Member Home Visits

September – Regularly Scheduled Elders Meeting @ 7:30 PM

October – Brief Elders Meeting @ 6:45 PM followed by TLC Member Home Visits

November – Regularly Scheduled Elders Meeting @ 7:30PM

Pastor Rob also recommended that the Elders make contact with Trinity members who are on their individual Shepherd's lists during those months in which formal visitations are not taking place. The Elders had a preliminary discussion regarding the "Lord's Supper Drama" for this year. Pastor Rob indicated that he would begin the process by contacting John Moore (who has organized /led the drama in recent years) to gauge interest in possibly doing the drama this year.

INREACH/OUTREACH REPORT

Per Peg, the committee met after the noon meal on August 29th, 2021. Peg Fisher, Brenda Jewett, Francie Stieb & LaDonna Kwiatkowski were present. LaDonna created and mailed 43 birthday cards and 7 anniversary cards for August. They double-checked who is responsible for each item for the Rally Sunday Noon Meal on September 12th. Next committee meeting will be held on Monday, September 27th at 5:00 PM in the church library to discuss the Trunk -n- Treat event in October.

PLANNING REPORT

The Planning Committee has not met yet to regroup but they have 2 new members, Kim Richman & Pam Trampe. Other members are Marilyn Licking, Loretta Anderson, Deb Porath, Kelly Harvey, & Shirley Swanson (Chair). They plan on having a reception recognition for the Pastors in October. Pastor Rob will let Shirley know which Sunday will work best. The coffee host list has been filled with 2 additional organizations & has been posted on the bulletin board. As per Pastor Rob's suggestion, Kim Richman will be the liaison person between the Planning Committee & the Foundation.

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

No report

TRUSTEE REPORT

No report

YOUTH REPORT

Julie reported that the Youth will be starting to gather tomorrow, September 8th. Getting in the rhythm of being here at the church and being together. She has e-mailed 8 families, for a total of 12 kids to be a part of the fun. They will begin selling butter braids soon. The first semester will be a theme of Identity in Christ. They are going to potentially make Chrismons in Advent and may be calling on guest bible study members to talk to the youth about the Chrismons.

PASTOR'S REPORT

Pastor Bill reported that he is keeping everything together while Pastor Rob is gone. Maria will also be gone a few days next week. He may have trouble being able to get out and about to see the shut-ins for a few weeks.

OLD BUSINESS

Still looking for an Inreach/Outreach member.

NEW BUSINESS

No new business. Everyone is rejoicing that Pastor Rob's surgery went well. We will continue to pray for healing, recovery, and safe travels.

MEMBERSHIP CHANGES

Request was made for a transfer out Jason Vigs to Bethel Lutheran Church, Holdrege, NE. Shirley made a motion to approve the transfer out and Josie seconded the motion, approved.

Next Meeting – Monday, October 4th, at 7:00 PM

Closed with Lord's Prayer

Respectfully Submitted

Kim Richman
Secretary



Kearney Circuit

2021 Reformation Service

October 31, 2021 4:30 pm

Zion Lutheran Church

2421 Avenue C, Kearney, NE

Who: All LCMS Congregations in the Kearney Circuit and NE

Preacher: Dr. Gerhard Bode, Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, MO

Potluck Meal Following Worship

Brats, Hotdogs, Salads, Desserts, Drinks, and Tableware will all be provided by the members of Zion Lutheran Church and School.

A free will donation will go to the International Lutheran Council (ILCouncil.org) in support of other Lutherans throughout the world.

Dr. Gerhard Bode is chairman of the Department of Historical Theology and associate professor of Historical Theology at Concordia Seminary, St. Louis.

Bode has been a faculty member since 2005. He also serves as Seminary archivist.

His areas of interest and expertise include the Reformation and the history of Lutheranism.

He earned a Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.), Master of Sacred Theology (S.T.M.) and Master of Divinity (M.Div.) from Concordia Seminary (2005, 1999, 1995). He received Master of Arts (M.A.) from Washington University in St. Louis (1998) and a Bachelor of Arts (B.A.) from the University of Minnesota (1990).

Prior to coming to the Seminary, Bode was assistant to the pastor (2005-08) and assistant pastor (2004-05) at Salem Lutheran Church in Affton, Mo.

Bode and his wife, Rachel, have three children; Nicholas, Jacob and Katharina. They live in Glencoe, Mo. His hobbies include reading, hiking, music and making firewood.



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
7th 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
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