



## Servant Thoughts

What is the value of reading? Google it and you will find lists of reasons why reading is important, including documented research and various encouragements to make reading a regular practice. Yet with all the evidence and value that reading offers, many don't read much at all, unless it's on a phone. There is certainly nothing wrong with reading things on a phone or iPad or some other device, but there is something to be said for holding a physical book and reading it. I do my daily Bible readings on my iPad usually, simply for the convenience of it. And for those who struggle to read, you can even have the Bible read to you through apps on your devices or looking on YouTube where you can find videos to read along with a Bible reading.

Why do I bring this up? I personally am trying to read more, both in real physical books and on various devices. Yet one thing I am finding more meaningful is reading God's Word. I have several books I'm reading at one time, but the time I take to read God's Word has a greater impact on me. And picking up an actual physical Bible to read is something that I have discovered as more fulfilling. This year I've added reading a Gospel to our confirmation class to encourage taking time to read God's Word on a regular basis, and I don't know how much it is impacting the students, but I know it's impacted me. I know for some reading is challenging, especially as you age, and in those cases, listen along with someone else reading God's Word. But however you add reading the Bible to your day, I believe you will be blessed by doing so.

In the service and love of Jesus,

*Pastor Rob*

Hebrews 13:20-21



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- ♦ Giving Statements— Statements should be in your church mailbox soon. Please let us know ASAP, if you spot any mistakes. As we adjust to our new software, we didn't realize that it only list one name on joint envelopes. We discovered a way to correct it for next year, but couples may get two statements this year.

## Christian Family Night Menu

### February 2

Sloppy Joe Sandwiches  
Mac and Cheese  
Carrots and Celery

### February 16

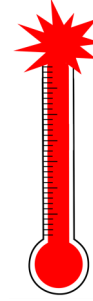
Meat Loaf  
Scalloped Potatoes  
Corn  
Jello Dessert

### February 9

Corn Dog Casserole  
Green Beans  
Valentine's Poke Cake

### February 26

Chicken Bleu Casserole  
Bread  
Mixed Vegetables  
Tapioca



- ♦ Thank You! Because of your many generous gifts, our new refrigerator is paid off. Your special gifts helped this unplanned expense from making an impact on our church budget! God is good and His people at Trinity are generous!



February 10, 2022

Opening: "Love's Atoning Sacrifice" by Francie Stieb

Program: "God's Valentine to Us" by Marcia Holtz

Closing: Mite Box Moment— Francie Stieb

Hostesses: Barb Batie and LaDonna Kwiatkowski

Feb. 19 Kearney Zone Board of Director's Meeting at Faith Lutheran in Hazard, NE.

Begins at 9am. Registration and coffee at 8:30am

We want to welcome anyone wishing to join a Guild to contact a Guild member.

- ♦ Altar Guild: Maydelle Messerschmidt, Sally Leu, Brenda Bierman, Linda Moore, Cinda Hladky or Barb Graham  
Care of the Altar, Communion and Baptism and more. Monthly Bible Study.
- ♦ Human Care Guild: Deloris White, LaDonna Kwiatkowski or Loretta Copper  
Individually work on preparing and sewing quilts and more. Monthly Bible study.
- ♦ Parish Guild: Marcia Holtz, Marilyn Hueftle, Evelyn Ringenberg or Marilyn Licking  
Send grief Booklets to families suffering from a family loss. Care for acolyte robes and gloves. Monthly Bible study.



Save the Date! The LLL Sweetheart Dinner will be on Sunday, February 12th!

Menu's will include: Bakes potatoes, Green Beans, Strawberry spinach salad, dinner rolls, Cheesecake bar with toppings, Beverage,

2 Choice:

6oz. Honey Garlic Chicken Breast ...\$ 23.00

6oz. Flat Iron Steak w/ Garlic Herb Butter...\$ 25.00

(both prices includes tax and gratuity)

## LUTHERAN HOUR– KRVN(880 AM)

Sundays at 10:00 a.m.

### ♦ February 6

#### ♦ "How Christians Can Admire the Jewish Sabbath"

Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler  
Dr. Michael Zeigler says the Jewish practice of observing the Sabbath is sort of like being in a long-distance relationship.

(Luke 6:1-11)

### ♦ February 13

#### ♦ "The Unexpected"

Guest Speaker: Rev. Roland Syens  
Jesus said those who are poor in spirit are blessed. Pastor Roland Syens says poverty is not a problem in God's economy.

(Luke 6: 17-20)

### ♦ February 20

#### ♦ "TBD"

Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler

### ♦ February 27

#### ♦ "Greatness"

Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler

(Luke 9:1-48)



## 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

**Ron King, Carol Shutz, Wanda Hoefener, Larry Thornburg, Marilyn Licking, Larry Hauptmeier, Lacy Bowman, Dixie Line, Joey Stewart, Bryce Swanson, Mort Tiensvold, Lyle Dredge, Peg Block.**

### 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

Mort & Beverly Tiensvold –parent's of Deb Wells who lost their home in a fire, Mort is recovering from burns



### 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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**Timothy White, 02-25**

**Elaine Cantrell, 02-26**

**Loretta Naprstek, 02-27**

**Truman Burch, 02-27**

**Elaine Peck, 02-28**

**Terri Uden, 02-28**

**Doug Loudon, 02-29**



**William and Cynthia Callahan, 02-09**

**Norbert and LaDonna Kwiatkowski, 02-10**

**Chuck and Roxanna Wobbema, 02-12**



- ♦ 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  
Monday, January 3rd, 2022  
7:00 PM

CALL TO ORDER & DEVOTIONS

The meeting was called to order by Eric Young. Pastor Rob led us in devotion. Acts 18:18-23, Paul leaves Corinth to go into Syria, spending a short time at Cenchrea and somewhat longer at Ephesus. He lands at Cesarea, goes up to Caesarea and then to Antioch, and after a time departs on his third missionary journey. Pastor noted the distance of Paul's journeys was equivalent to traveling across the United States, as noted in a graphic overlay by Chad Bird, a Scholar in Residence at 1517.org.

Pastor asked for prayer requests & led us in prayer. Prayers included the continued recovery of Brice Swanson and Jeff Hoos from the Coronavirus.

IN ATTENDANCE

Pastor Rob, Eric Young, Don Batie, Shirley Swanson, Julie Loudon, Marcus & Deb Porath, Josie Bauer, Peg Fisher, and Steve Gierhan.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Pastor reported that the bank balance before this weekend's deposit is \$45,407.00. There have been several special monetary gifts that have been given for the building fund and the new refrigerator.

EDUCATION REPORT

Josie reported that the committee did not have a formal meeting for December. The Children's Christmas program was re-scheduled for the following Sunday due to weather. Board of Ed will have Coffee for the month of January.

ELDER'S REPORT

Kyle reported that the Elders met on December 11th @ 11 am in the Fellowship Hall and sacked 200 bags of candy for the Children's Christmas Program. Those present were Quentin Daily, Larry Fisher, Steve Gierhan, Kyle Hoehner, Tom Phillips, Marcus Porath, Mike Thome, Rick Trampe, Craig Uden. Our next meeting is scheduled for Monday, January 17, 2022, at 7:30 pm.

INREACH/OUTREACH REPORT

Peg reported that Inreach/Outreach did not meet as a committee in December. We completed the Angel Tree Parent/Child Center gift delivery on December 19th and our next committee meeting will be on January 31st at 5 p.m. in the church library.

PLANNING REPORT

Shirley reported that the Planning Committee met on December 5, 2021, following the early church service. We finalized plans for Pastor Bill's retirement reception on Sunday, December 12. We will be having a potluck following the 11:00 service & then a program & presentation followed by cake & coffee.

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

Don reported that the Stewardship Committee met and put labels on the boxes of envelopes for 2022.

TRUSTEE REPORT

Pastor noted that the salt needed to be put into buckets for ready use. He is going to check with Mike Richman about snow removal again this year. The old refrigerator needs to be taken to the city disposal site, so Pastor will call to find out if there is a disposal fee.

YOUTH REPORT

Julie reported that the youth participated in the Chili Cook-off and had fun making the chili. They enjoyed making five Chrismons before the break. The youth group did not meet over Christmas break to give everyone a much-needed rest. The youth group will begin focusing on the National Youth Gathering Theme "In All Things" as a part of weekly studies until July. There are four youth who are committed to attending the gathering. Any other youth that would like to attend will need to commit in the next two weeks by contacting Pastor or Julie Loudon.



PASTOR'S REPORT - I am finishing up physical therapy in the next week or two, with continued exercises in the ongoing months on my own. Overall, my mobility continues to improve. As mentioned last month, we will begin a shared visitation of our shut-in and at-home members between myself and the elders starting in January with Pastor Bill's retirement. I would like to schedule a new member welcome in February for those who have joined since our last welcome. As I haven't had the opportunity to visit my parents since last summer, I may also try and squeeze in a visit during the week sometime in February before the season of Lent begins. I have scheduled an appointment in October for an annual checkup in New York. The doctor plans on a 1 year, 2 year, and 5-year follow-up. I am planning on getting the By-Law Committee together for a first meeting now that I am recovered to get organized and possibly bring changes to our May Voter's Meeting. I also think it might be wise at that May Voter's Meeting to appoint a 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee to begin exploring plans for Trinity's 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary in 2030.

#### OLD BUSINESS

Bylaw Committee - Pastor plans on setting up a meeting time with the committee members.

#### NEW BUSINESS

Foundation Grant applications are available to complete by the committees and then given to the Planning committee member, Kim Richman, by the end of March.

#### MEMBERSHIP CHANGES

None

Next Meeting – Monday, February 7th, 2022 at 7:00 p.m.

Closed with Lord's Prayer

Respectfully Submitted,

Peg Fisher, Acting Secretary



*Please join us for  
Worship Service at 10:00am  
Lunch to follow*

*Presentation from LCMS Missionary  
Speaker, Gary Thies at 1:30pm  
Free will donation for mission project*

*St Paul Lutheran Church  
705 A Street  
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*75th Anniversary Celebration  
February 13, 2022*

*For the Lord is good and  
his love endures forever.  
Psalm 100:5*

