



Servant Thoughts

As I am writing this article, we are receiving a gentle rain that started over night and has lasted through the morning. As dry as we have been, it is not only greatly needed, but also greatly appreciated! Thank you, Lord for Your watering of the earth! What's interesting though is that while on the one hand I was so thankful to see the rain, when I got to the church to begin the week, we discovered two very large leaks in areas that have leaked before, so my excitement for the rain was diminished by finding buckets, setting up fans, emptying buckets and contacting the roof repairman to let them know about the leaks. So, joyful on the one hand, but wishing that there was water dripping into buckets.

I share this because it made me think about our spiritual lives. As dry as things have been, some of the repairs on the roof haven't really been tested, until the rain came. Spiritually, we find ourselves often going through times of spiritual drought, where we know that we should be in the Word of God and let it replenish and refresh us. But for whatever reason, we continue to struggle along spiritually empty. Then something happens, like a great thunderstorm that comes through and reveals the leaks in the roof, something happens in our lives like a tragedy or loss, and it reveals the holes in our spiritual lives... I know it's not a perfect analogy, but it made me realize the importance of ongoing, regular study of God's Word. Even if it's just the Portals of Prayer or a daily devotional through the Lutheran Hour or some other spiritual discipline you have, keeping God's Word as a daily part of your life, allows for Him to pour His spiritual blessings into your life, and allow it to soak in, rather than just leak through in a quick flash flood that does little good, and the spiritual desert returns shortly after. There are probably lots of ways to look at it, but today, I appreciate the rain we've so desperately needed, and appreciate even more, the Word of God which is even more desperately needed.

In the service and love of Jesus,

Pastor Rob

Hebrews 13:20-21

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- ◆ Noontime Nibbles will meet on August 17, 2022 at 11:30 a.m. In the fellowship hall bring your own meal.



LWML meets on August 11, 2022 at 9:00 a.m.

Opening: "Waiting" by LaDonna Kwiatkowski

Program: "I Hate to Wait" by Maydelle Messerschmidt

Closing : Mite Box Moment— LaDonna Kwiatkowski

Hostesses: Barb Graham and Donna Phillips



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

◆ August 7

"These Are Not Our Kind of People"

Guest Speaker: Dr. Oswald Hoffmann
(Matthew 5:43-48)

◆ August 14

"Everything Is So Expensive"

Guest Speaker: Dr. Oswald Hoffmann
(Luke 12:15)

◆ August 21

"Facing the Worst"

Guest Speaker: Dr. Oswald Hoffmann
(John 11:25-26)

◆ August 28

"The Vision We Need"

Guest Speaker: Dr. Oswald Hoffmann
(Romans 8:18-23)



LWML INGATHERING

From: June 15 to August 15
"Giving from the Heart"

MEMBERS OF THE LWML
ARE REQUESTING DONA-
TIONS OF SMALL SIZE

NONPERISHABLE ITEMS. THESE ITEMS WILL BE PLACED IN A GALLON ZIPLOC BAG TO BE AVAILABLE FOR HOMELESS IN LEXINGTON. These bags will be given back to members from our congregation who would like to share with a person in need.

Possible small nonperishable items to be donated are:

Lip balm, Packages of tissues, toothbrush and toothpaste, Comb, Soap, Trail mix, granola bars, or crackers, Pack of gum, Bandages

Mouthwash, Nail clippers, Travel size shampoo and conditioner, Small travel box of detergent

Sanitizer, Lotion, Deodorant, Kleenex

Socks, Any donated items may be placed in the wooden box found in the church entry. We look to match with a Thrivent Grant. Thank you!

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

Sandy Jensen, Chuck Wobbema, Sandie Anderson, Jim Hersh, Rod Swanson, Ron King, Carol Schutz, Linda Fees, Pauline Thornburg, Darrell Leu, Eugene Schutz Dave Pore, Marie Reyes

Chronic or Long Term Health Conditions

Barb Horn, Jackie Rowan, Jon Buhlmann,

Mission & Ministry

Kearney Circuit Pastors and Congregations
National Youth Gathering



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, Dakota Kwiatkowski



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Mason Area August 01
Daniel Kuefner August 01
Landen Soncksen August 01
Jennifer Soncksen August 01
Kelly Harvey August 03,
Ryker Wieseler August 04
Robert Anderson August 05
Owen Bauer August 07
Becky Potter August 09
Wendy Thome August 09
Harmon Barta August 12
Eldon Peck August 12
Charles Watkinson August 12
Kyle Hoehner August 16
Quinton Anderson August 17
Larry Fisher August 17
Andrew Stieb August 17
Gabrielle Caraway August 18
Kirk Hladky August 18
Carol Ziebell August 18,
James Hersh August 19
Makayah Schram August 19
Garret Hladky August 20
Brenda Jewett August 20
Blaine Petersen August 20
Ellen Priel August 22
Tracy Wolf August 22
Kasey Barnes August 24

Quentin Dailey August 24
Amanda Kopf August 25
Aleisha Ziegenbein August 25
Tyson Brown August 26
Christina Davey August 27
Marcus Porath August 27
Evan Thome August 27
Norbert Kwiatkowski August 30
Marvin Thornburg August 30
Amanda Area August 31
Ayla Atwood August 31
Pamela Trampe August 31

Klintworth, Fred & Stacy August 02
Ronnenkamp, Tim & Diane August 05
Johnson, Ed & Mary August 08
Phillips, Thomas & Donna August 09
Harvey, Ted & Kelly August 12
Hoefener, Darek & Wanda August 14
Holtz, Rod & Marcia August 14
Fisher, Larry & Peg August 21
Barnes, Christopher & Lexi August 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!

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

"I do not believe one can settle on how much we ought to give. I am afraid the only safe rule is to give more than we can spare. In other words, if our expenditure on comforts, luxuries, amusements, etc., is up to the standard common among those with the same income as our own, we are probably giving away too little. If our charities do not at all pinch or hamper us, I should say they are too small. There ought to be things we should like to do and cannot do because our charitable expenditure excludes them."

- C.S. Lewis



Worship Plans –At the recent Elder’s Meeting it was decided to continue this Fall with only one service on Sunday morning, with a slight modification on time of Sunday School and Bible Class starting after Rally Sunday. Our attendance has been the same throughout the summer compared to last year, so it made sense to continue with one service. Starting September 18th, we will begin our Fellowship Time at 8:30 am, with Sunday School and Bible Study at 8:45 am. Worship will stay at 10::00 am. Until September 18th, we are still beginning our intergenerational study at 9:00 am. Communion will be having Communion on the 1st and 3rd Saturdays and on the 2nd and 4th Sunday’s starting in September. Rally Sunday will be September 11th

Trinity Lutheran Church Board of Director minutes for Monday, June 6th, 2022 meeting in the Trinity conference room.

Welcome & Opening Devotion – The meeting was led by Vice-Chair Steve Gierhan. Devotions were dispensed for this month's meeting.

In Attendance- Steve Gierhan, Jared Bauer, Josie Bauer, Kyle Hoehner, Shirley Swanson, Juliana Loudon, and Peg Fisher

Approval of Voter's Minutes for Publication- It was tabled for next month. The EDUCATION REPORT was missing in the Voter's Minutes print out.

Treasurer's Report – There was no report provided.

Committee Updates:

Education – Board of Ed met in May and discussed upcoming VBS in July. The dates are July 18 – 21, with a meal at 5:30 p.m. and VBS from 6 p.m. – 8 p.m. each night. The final day will be on Sunday, July 24th during Sunday School, then the children will sing for the 10 a.m. worship service. We have volunteer sheets and will be getting signup sheets out this month.

Elders – No minutes for elders because we were not able to meet last month.

Inreach/Outreach – We did not have an Inreach/Outreach committee meeting in May. We will meet on June 27th at 5 p.m. in the church library to prepare for the "Christmas in July" items gathering for the Orphan Grain Train Christmas boxes.

Planning – Shirley Swanson noted that the next planning committee event in the works is the New Member Welcome. She also welcomes Michele Hoehner as the planning chair elect.

Stewardship – no report

Trustee – Jared reported that the furnace filters have been replaced in the church and parsonage. Mike's Sprinklers were able to repair the sprinkler system.

Youth – Juliana reported that the preparations for the 2022 National Youth Gathering are in place. The Trinity youth and sponsors will leave on a charter bus with other youth groups July 8th and will return July 14th. The actual event is in Houston, Texas from July 9th – 13th.

Pastor Update - I will be helping Ben move to Memphis the week of June 6-10. I have begun to put in an announcement for an organist or pianist, at least on a temporary basis since Chuck Messerschmidt is taking radiation treatments but depending on the outcome of his treatments, we may need to begin to look for a permanent replacement. I am asking Pastor Bill to cover July 31st so I can attend Ben's installation. Aaron Witt is going to cover July 2nd Saturday so I can attend the installation of the new Pastor in Amherst on that Saturday afternoon.

Old Business – None

New Business

Sound System/Fellowship Hall Bids – Juliana made a motion to call a voter's meeting on June 26th @ 11 a.m. to consider the two bids submitted by Yanda's, one for the sanctuary sound system and one for social hall sound/video system. Peg seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Membership Changes – Transfer out of Benny Kuefner to Christ the King Lutheran Church, Memphis, Tennessee. Transfer was approved.

Next meeting will be on Tuesday, July 5th at 7 p.m. in the Trinity Conference Room.

We closed with Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully Submitted,

Peg Fisher, Acting Secretary

2022 Nebraska District Convention Summary Sheet

Theme

Growing + Building + Reaching

Rather, speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, from whom the whole body, joined and held together by every joint with which it is equipped, when each part is working properly, makes the body grow so that it builds itself up in love. Ephesians 4:15-16

Registered Attendees

294 voting delegates, 72 advisory delegates, 92 guests and staff members

Keynote Speaker

Rev. Dr. David Coe, assistant professor of theology at Concordia University, Nebraska

Synod Representatives

Rev. Dr. Matthew Harrison, LCMS President; Rev. Nabil Nour, LCMS Fourth Vice-President

Offering

\$4,421 designated to support of campus ministry in the Nebraska District

Elections

District President: Rev. Richard Snow (third term)

Vice-Presidents: Rev. Michael Awe, Hope, South Sioux City, first vice-president (first term – previously appointed to serve a vacancy as third vice-president); Rev. James Moshier, Trinity, Arapahoe, second vice-president (first term); Rev. James Rasmussen, Divine Shepherd, Omaha, third vice-president (first term); Rev. Scott Bruick, St. John, Seward, fourth vice-president (first term – previously appointed to serve a vacancy as fourth vice-president)

District Secretary: Rev. B.J. Fouts, St. John, Battle Creek, (first term – previously appointed to serve a vacancy as Secretary)

Board of Directors: Linda Ahrens (Grand Island), James Conner (Holstein), Ellen Lund (Fremont), Josh Moenning (Norfolk), and Paul Schudel (Omaha)

Holding current terms on the Board of Directors until 2025: James Kovac (Beaver Crossing), Deborah Sunderman (Norfolk), Bruce Wall (Schuyler), and Kevin Warneke (Omaha)

Completing terms on the Board of Directors: Paul Burger (Kearney), David Knorr (Humboldt), Rev. Craig Niemeier (Worms), Rev. David Ohlman (Polk), Rev. Jim Rasmussen (Omaha), Andrew Rohwer (Kearney), Virginia Von Seggern (Orchard), Steve Trusty (Council Bluffs), and Rev. Karl Ziegler (Papillion)

Nominations Committee: Harlan Anson (Staplehurst), Rev. Kenton Birtell (Holdrege), Rev. Jeff Bloom (Lincoln), Rev. Robert Kuefner (Lexington), Linda Reiser (Grand Island), Glenn Van Velson (North Platte), and Kent Warneke (Norfolk)

Constitution Committee: Kurth Brashear (Seward), Rev. Andrew Gerike (Omaha), Rev. Caleb Kruse (Elkhorn), and Matthew Stueber (Lincoln)

Board of Regents, Concordia University, Nebraska: Krista Barnhouse (Lincoln), Ryan Burger (Lincoln), Rev. Doug Gaunt (Kearney), and Dick Helms (Arapahoe)

Synod Committee for Convention Nominations: Byron Hansen (Kearney), with Kim Cornett (Wisner) to serve as alternate

Full information on election counts, resolutions,
and Convention media can be found at <https://ndlcms.org/convention-news/>.

