



Servant Thoughts

$\frac{2}{168}$ Challenge

I would like to invite you to take up a little challenge with me. Can you figure out the equation above? The answer is 0.0119047619047619. But why do I point it out to you? What is the meaning behind this challenge, beyond figuring out a mathematical calculation? I'll give you a second to ponder that before I answer that question. If you're reading this article, I would encourage you to think about why I would pose such a challenge before moving on to the next paragraph for an answer.

(A moment for some quiet reflection!)

Okay, if you are ready, here is what this challenge is all about. I am challenging each member of the congregation to give two hours to the Lord this upcoming fall. Truthfully, I would hope that you give Him all 168 hours out of the week, which is the number of hours there are each week. They are after all His, He just entrust them into your care. But for this challenge I am asking you to consider prayerfully engaging in worship for one hour, and to participate in a Bible study for one more hour. That's two hours of the 168 hours you have been given weekly. That just a little over 1.1% of your week. And if you are thinking that you sleep on average 56 hours (8 hours a night), so the number ought to be 124 hours, that is still only 1.7% of your time.

How do you fulfill this challenge? Come to worship each week. That takes care of one hour. Then participate in Sunday School or Adult Bible Class on Sunday morning. If you don't attend that, attend one of the other Bible studies that take place during the week. Check out the calendar for a list of some of those options. I know that there are online options, and yes, they would count towards fulfilling this challenge, but I would highly encourage being physically present in the Lord's house (or with others in your Bible study setting), as there is just no substitute for being with brothers and sisters in Christ.

I truly believe the Lord will bless you if you take up this challenge. I am not enforcing this upon you or demanding it.... It is a completely open opportunity to allow the Lord to bless you with His Word and Sacrament for at least two hours each week. I know some of you are already fulfilling this challenge, and I hope most are doing personal devotions and other things to grow your faith which would raise the percentage of this challenge... great! But,

even if you are already meeting the $\frac{2}{168}$ Challenge, seek to engage more deeply into those two hours of worship and Bible study. And here is some good news, if you don't live up to the challenge one week, you get a new opportunity the next week to take up the challenge again. There is no time limit, and it's always open. Join me in this special challenge this fall!

In the service and love of Jesus,

Pastor Rob



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LWML meets on September 8 ,2022 at 9:00 a.m.
 Opening: "Abounding In Love"/Closing by Francie Stieb

Program: 'I Hate to Wait" by Maydelle Messerschmidt

Closing : Do, Love and Walk – Brenda Bierman
 Hostesses: Marcia Holtz and Marilyn Bailey



◆ Noontime Nibbles will meet on September 21,2022 at 11:30 a.m. In the fellowship hall bring your own meal.



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

◆ **September 4**
"Count the Cost"

Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler
 Jesus offers a gracious buyout, even as He speaks of counting the cost of following Him.
 (Luke 14:25-35)

◆ **September 11**
"Lost and Found"

Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler
 When Jesus told stories about lost sheep and lost coins, He was really talking about lost people.
 (Luke 15:1-10)

◆ **September 18**
"Fresh Start"

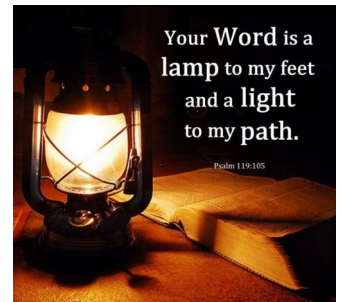
Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler
 (Luke 16:9)

◆ **September 25**
"Take This Personally"

Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler
 (Luke 16:19-31)

"SAVE THE DATE"

LWML Trinity Salad Luncheon
September 22, 2022
11:00a.m. to 1:30 p.m.



Our LWML Group is once again hosting a fall salad luncheon with the help of a Thrivent Grant. The proceeds from our salad luncheon supports a variety of mission projects. We would graciously invite members of the congregation to help contribute a salad if able. Please bring donated salads to church by 10:30am on September 22, 2022. We truly appreciate your willingness to support our mission projects by sharing a delicious salad to share with members of our community. Thank you in advance!

The Women of LWML want to sincerely thank the Trinity congregation for supporting our Ingathering through donations of nonperishable products to help make "80" personal care bags for people in need. Your generosity is greatly appreciated!
 Christ Blessings, Members of LWML

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

Bev Kitzing, Andy Stieb, Marilyn & Charlie Licking, Sandy Jensen, Sandie Anderson, Jim Hersh, Rod Swanson, Ron King, Carol Schutz, Eugene Schutz, Jackie Ohlmann, Dave Poore, Marie Reyes,

Chronic or Long Term Health Conditions

Barb Horn, Jackie Rowan, Jon Buhlmann,

Mission & Ministry

Kearney Circuit Pastors and Congregations



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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Carol Meyer September 02, 1940
 Spencer Burch September 03, 1989
 Teresa Maxcy September 03, 1954
 Tucker Dailey September 04, 2015
 Lucas Burch September 05, 1994
 Peg Fisher September 05, 1957
 Barb Batie September 06, 1985
 William Callahan September 06, 1951
 Bonnie Bonczynski September 09, 1939
 Rod Swanson September 10, 1935
 Marilyn Bailey September 12, 1941
 Julie Stauffer September 13, 1965
 Beverley Fellers September 16, 1934
 Debra Porath September 16, 1966
 Raelynn Area September 17, 2018
 Erik Rowan September 17, 1971
 Katlynn Hetz September 19, 2005
 Esther Nierman September 19, 1939
 Dennis Samway September 19, 1942
 David Wolfe September 19, 1938
 Justin Hetz September 21, 1975
 Linda Moore September 21, 1952
 Barbara Horn September 24, 1967
 Elyse Sattler September 24, 2017
 Aleya Alvarardo September 25, 2008
 Madisen Wilkinson September 25, 2000
 Chereese Barnes September 26, 1960
 Stacy Klintworth September 26, 1967

Moore, John & Linda September 05, 1970
Meyer, Robert & Carol September 06, 1958
Area, Shane & Sherry September 09, 1986
Barnes, Kerry & Chereese September 13, 1980
Bauer, Jared & Josie September 23, 2006
Koerting, Robb & Sara September 26, 2020
Wilkinson, Bill & Jennifer September 26, 1998



◆ 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 LWML

“Ingathering of Mittens and Hats”



Members of our Trinity Congregation are encouraged to join our LWML in donating mittens & hats for the upcoming Christmas Parade this December---will try to match with a Thrivent Grant

Start: September 1, 2022

End: November 14, 2022

(Trying to catch the sales!)

Place any donations in the wooden box found in the church entry! Thank you!



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



Prime Time– Beginning in September, Pastor Rob is inviting those in the prime of their life to join him on Tuesday, September 27th at 11:30 am for the first of a monthly potluck followed by a Bible study led by Pastor. Bring a main dish and/or side dish or dessert to share with the group, Pastor will have the coffee on and along with fellowship around the table, we will join together in a Bible study. Bring your Bible and we will decide on a few options of what to study each month.

Trinity Board of Directors Meeting
Tuesday, July 5, 2022
7:00 PM

CALL TO ORDER & DEVOTIONS

The meeting was called to order by Eric Young. Pastor Rob welcomed new board members and led the devotion on Acts 19:21. Paul is now in Ephesus, he has been there for almost 2 years now. Pastor read us verse 21, the 7 sons of Sceva were trying to take Paul's word and cast out demons in the name of Jesus. The evil spirits said, I know Jesus & I know Paul, but who are you? Alexander quiets the crowd and tries to speak to them, the town clerk said go home and use the court systems for what they were designed to do. This is like what we still see going on today. Pastor asked for prayer requests and included in our opening prayer, healing requests for Rod Swanson, & Ann Young's father Rick.

IN ATTENDANCE

Josie & Jared Bauer, Peg Fisher, Derek Hoefner, Kyle & Michele Hoehner, Eric Young, Kim Richman, Pastor Rob, Gary Petersen, Becky, John Moore & Steve Gierhan

MINUTE CORRECTIONS

None. Josie motioned to approve the minutes and Kyle seconded the motion. Minutes were approved.

TREASURER'S REPORT

John Moore reported that the balance is \$45,318.31. This doesn't include the weekend offering.

YOUTH & EDUCATION REPORT

Josie discussed the plans for VBS. We are still needing volunteers & group leaders. Becky said her kids are willing to help.

ELDERS REPORT

Gary reported that the Shepherd List & Shut-in Lists have been distributed. They are working on the sound system situation and actively looking for an organist.

PLANNING COMMITTEE REPORT

Shirley was not in attendance. Pastor did mention that we will be trying to do a new member welcome soon, as a couple of individuals are looking in to taking the classes.

TRUSTEE REPORT

Jared didn't have anything to report.

PASTOR'S REPORT

Pastor Rob reported that we are looking in to the organist, piano situation. He stated that the going rate is anywhere from \$55-\$60 per service. We have \$5000 budgeted for this. He has contacted Sam Jilka regarding the church landscaping and he said that he can not take on anymore at this time. He visited with John Jordening and he suggested we contact Natural Escapes in Cozad. In the meantime, John will remove the trees out front. The robot mower that we have been using may require a 3 prong outlet. Fagot Electric will come and take care of that. Regarding weekly attendance, he has looked back over the course of 2022 and compared to last year, it has been very similar. He has not seen much of a decline by going to one service. Pastor Rob stated that he will be gone Friday, July 29- Sunday, July 31st. to Memphis. Pastor Whitt will be filling in on Saturday and Pastor Bill will be back for Sunday's service. Josie suggested that we have a few more contemporary songs in the Sunday Services. Some discussion was held on that as well as the current way of distributing communion.

OLD BUSINESS

Discussed plans with the sound system. Jared asked if the sound system for the fellowship hall will include the kitchen. We may need to add an additional speaker in the kitchen if needed. Need Board of Education Report included for May's Voter's Meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

Installation of officers is usually done the last Sunday of July, but Pastor Rob will be gone. Option to install the officers on 8/7/22 and have the board meeting on the 8th or install the 24th and have the meeting on 8/2/22. It was decided to meet on Tuesday the 2nd @ 6:00. We are in need of a secretary. Pastor suggested that we ask Carol Ziebel if she would want to serve another year.

MEMBERSHIP CHANGES

No changes.

Next meeting, Tuesday 8/2/22 @ 6:00 in the Fellowship Hall

Respectfully Submitted

Kim Richman, Secretary