October

Servant Thoughts

October is proving to be a busy and exciting month! First, we continue to enjoy the fall activities that have resumed including the opportunities of Bible study... as I hope of course you are taking up the 2 divided by 168 Challenge! The first week of the month, I will be heading back to New York City for a follow up visit with my surgeon on my back. While I think my recovery is going great and all is well, I am curious to see what his thoughts are and what guidelines he might have for my activities and limitations. I do have a feeling he will tell me I need to be more active, which is usually something we all hear from our doctors! When Amy and I return from New York, I will have the opportunity to do a chapel at Concordia University in Nebraska on Friday, October 7th. I especially enjoy the opportunity to see our members from Trinity who are attending Concordia (and yes, two of them are my own kids!) and encourage them. That is followed up by a Pastor's conference on October 10th and 11th in Norfolk. So, that is certainly a busy start to the month for me personally!

I'm most excited by the opportunity we have to welcome new members to Trinity. It has been a while since we last had a new member welcome, so on Sunday, October 16 we will be welcoming new members who have joined since our last new member welcome. During worship that day we will recognize them as new members, and then our Planning Committee is going to have a potluck following worship with some getting to know you activities I will coordinate. We ask members to bring a main dish and then a side dish or dessert to share that day. But wait, that's not all! On Wednesday, October 28th, we will be having our annual Trunk or Treat and everyone is encouraged to decorate the trunk of your vehicles and be prepared for the hundreds of kids who will be coming through our parking lot. If you can't decorate a trunk, you are always welcome to donate candy to help out! Finally, on Sunday, October 30th, join us at 6:00 pm at Holy Cross in Kearney for our Circuit Reformation Service, which will be followed by a time of fellowship with pie! A busy but exciting month! Join us throughout the month for some of these special events, as well as our regular activities like Christian Family Night on Wednesdays.

In the service and love of Jesus,

Hebrews 13:20-21

Trinity Trumpet October 2022



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Trinity LWML

"Ingathering of Mittens and Hats"



Opening: "Where Does This Fit?" By Marilyn Licking

Program: 'A Patch of Wisdom" By Barb Batie Closing: Mike Box Moment– Marilyn Licking

Hostesses: Barb Batie and LaDonna Kwiatkowski



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

October 15— Kearney Zone Fall Rally Grace Lutheran in Sumner Starts: 8:30 registration and coffee "Jesus, the Servant Serving with Him" Open to all Trinity members

A huge "thank you" to all Trinity members for supporting our LWML Fall Salad Luncheon. We appreciated all those who contributed their salads, time and energies to help make our luncheon so successful! You are all so amazing!



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

October 2

"You've Got It in You"

Guest Speaker: Rev. Dr. John Nunes

Faith in Christ is something that's in you, but you didn't put it there.
(2 Timothy 1:13-14)

October 9

♦ "Thankfulness, Eh?"

Guest Speaker: Rev. Cody Cooper
It's only right to be thankful for what we have and what we are. The question is, to whom are we thankful?

(Luke 17:11-19)

- ♦ October 16
- ♦ "Look at Me"

Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler
God hears our cry for justice, not as an indifferent judge, but as our merciful heavenly Father.

(Luke 18:1-8)

- ♦ October 23
- ♦ "He Gets Me"

Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler
It might sound strange to regard God as a friend, and the more fear, awe, and respect you have for God, the stranger it gets.

(Luke 18:9-14)

♦ October 30

"Give Your Brother a Call"

Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler God cares that we relate to Him with childlike faith and relate to others with Christlike love. (Luke 19:1-10)

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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LWML Sunday 2022 — October 1-2, 2022

This year's Lutheran Women's Missionary League (LWML) Sunday theme is "For Us and With Us," based on Romans 8:31-39 — What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all, how will he not also with him graciously give us all things? (Romans 8:31-32).

We glorify God by sharing His love with others. Your generous mite offering donations, enable us to we can share the Gospel throughout the world. Join us on LWML Sunday to give thanks and praise to God. Thank you for supporting the LWML!



 Noontime Nibbles will meet on October 19,2022 at 11:30 a.m. In the fellowship hall bring your own meal.



◆ New Member Welcome—On Sunday, October 16th we will be welcoming new members to our congregation as a part of our worship service that morning. After the service we will have a potluck and fellowship time together. Members who have joined since our last welcome will be receiving a letter in the next week with details. Current Trinity members are asked to bring a main dish and then a side dish or dessert to share as we welcome our newest members!



◆Save the Date! Celebrate Reformation
Day with other members of the
Kearney Circuit on Sunday, October
30th at 6:00 pm at Holy Cross Lutheran Church in Kearney. Our special
guest preacher will be revealed soon.
Pie fellowship will follow! Plan to
attend!



• One of my Favorite verses is Proverbs 3;5, Trust in the Lord with all your heart and do not lean on your own understanding. The past seven months has really opened my eyes on what we don't understand and where our trust is to be. You dear friends have been a great help your prayers, cards, kind and encouraging words. Thank you all from the bottom of my heart. My radiation treatments has gone quite well, my last treatment is Sept. 30th Then I can sit back and enjoy each day knowing God is Good! Again Thank you very, very much for making each day brighten and filled with hope.

God Bless You all

Trinity Annual Voter's Meeting Sunday, May 1, 2022 7:00 PM

CALL TO ORDER & DEVOTIONS

The meeting was called to order by Eric Young. Pastor Rob led the devotion on John 16. Part of Jesus' time in the upper room with His disciples. He said in a little while you will not see me & then in a little while you will. Ask and you will receive, that your joy will overflow. Pastor chose this scripture to reflect that we still wonder about the "in a little while" We have our moments of anguish & worry & we wonder when? But we have His promise that gives us a peace that the world cannot give.

MINUTE CORRECTIONS

None. Don motioned to approve the minutes and Jared seconded the motion. Minutes were approved.

TREASURER'S REPORT

John Moore reported that the balance is very similar to last year. Balance is \$49,530.52. The mortgage increase includes what is left on the remodel. We have an accounting firm that handles the tax filings & this helps a lot. They are doing the work for about 1/3 of what we would pay someone else. Pastor stated that we just made a recent payment of \$5,000 on the mortgage. We continue to make advanced payments; special gifts go to the building funds. We are paying it way ahead of what we are supposed to be. The building maintenance reserve is for unexpected expenses, such as the freezer that was able to be paid out of this. We may be looking at having to use some of that money for a new coffee machine. The Bunn machine has quit working.

BYLAW CHANGES

The Bylaw committee consisted of 3 members, Don Batie, Julie Loudon, & Quentin Dailey. Copies of just the items that were being changed were included in the meeting agenda. It was proposed to combine the Youth & Education Committees; and eliminate the Stewardship Committee. One of the reasons for combining these committees, is that it becomes a challenge for us as a Board of Directors to find members to serve, due to the eligibility guidelines of having to stay off of a committee for 2 years. It was also discussed if we should change the spending amount of \$5,000 that would need the congregation's approval. Discussion was had and Kyle Hoehner voiced that we should leave the amount at \$5,000 Barb Batie motioned that we approve all of the recommended changes and updates presented by the Bylaw committee and the amount of \$5,000 would remain the same. Quentin Dailey seconded the motion. Motion approved.

VOTING

Voting occurred and ballots were collected to be counted.

EDUCATION

Josie noted that her report was in agenda and had nothing to add. (see agenda report below)

Board of Education planned another successful VBS in July 2021 with a theme of Roar! There were an average of 38 kids each night for the week. Still being cautious, we opened this attendance for only members of Trinity Lutheran and a friend of each child. We held our Rally Sunday September 12th. There was a bouncy house, bingo with prizes and a lunch provided. We had a beautiful day and great attendance. Our Sunday School started a new curriculum for the 2021-2022 school year and will continue with the same through the next year. We continued CFN classes on Wednesday nights on October 6th and continued through until mid April. We provided shadow boxes for the 3 confirmation students this year. We held a Trunk-or-Treat on October 27th. It was moved into the fellowship hall due to the weather, but had much better turnout than expected! Our Christmas Program had to be rescheduled for a Sunday as we had snow on the original Wednesday in December. All kids involved did an excellent job. Josie Bauer

Board of Ed

INREACH/OUTREACH REPORT

Peg reported that in addition to her attached report, they were able to appoint Dana Thornburg as chair elect and member, Amy Graham has decided to join their committee. (see agenda report below)

The InReach/OutReach committee members are Peg Fisher (chairman), LaDonna Kwiatkowski, Francie Stieb, Brenda Jewett, Mary Ann Kerr, Dana Thornburg (chairman-elect), and Pat Samway. We receive and create (and monitor the execution of) ideas to engage the church body in active Christian service, promote fellowship within the church body, and reach out to the community.

The committee works closely with the entire church community to facilitate and coordinate all events. If you have an idea that would promote church fellowship or engage the community in a Christian event, please get in touch with Peg Fisher (308-746-2910), chairman, or committee members.

Ongoing project - Card Connections: LaDonna mails birthday and anniversary cards to Trinity members. 4

May 2021: We presented the mothers of the congregation with a small gift for Mother's Day.

June 2021: We presented the fathers of the congregation with a small gift for Father's Day.

September 2021: We served the Rally Day Picnic Meal.

October 2021: We attended the Life Chain, Trunk n Treat, and requested names for Thanksgiving baskets and Angel Tree families.

November 2021: We delivered Thanksgiving basket vouchers to families.

December 2021: We delivered Angel Tree gifts to families.

March 2022: We helped the Lutherans For Life group with hosting coffee between services.

April 2022: We gave Easter gifts to children at church and were coffee hosts between services.

We look forward to ongoing service opportunities with our church family and local community!

Peg Fisher, Chairperson

PLANNING COMMITTEE REPORT

Report was attached. (see agenda report below)

Our first Planning Committee that we had since I have been chairman was held Sunday, August 1, between services. Donna Phillips, Deb Porath & I attended. The Planning Committee consists of Loretta Anderson, Kelly Harvey, Deb Porath, Kim Richman, Pam Trampe & me, Shirley Swanson. We have met 4 times since then & have hosted coffee fellowship. We also hosted Pastor Appreciation Sunday & Pastor Bill's retirement reception. We participated in the LLL Chile Cookoff. We will be hosting a reception in honor of the confirmands on Sunday, April 24.

Respectfully

Shirley Swanson

Planning Committee Chair

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

Don had nothing to add to report. (see agenda report below)

The Stewardship labeled and distributed the offering envelopes. Don also spoke to the congregation to remind them about their responsibilities to donate their time, treasures and talents.

With passage of the By-Laws amendment, the Stewardship Committee will be dissolved, and the functions will become the responsibility of the Elders Committee.

Don Batie, Chair

TRUSTEE REPORT

Jared reported that they replaced the transformer behind the stain glass on the cross. Everyone was very appreciative of he and Marcus' work. We are having issues with the sprinkler system that they will be working through. We are now having Gnirk Lawncare's robotic mower system do the mowing. This will happen 3 times per week with them physically doing the trim work. Keith Anderson asked whether we had heard anything back from Yanda's Music on the sound system and Pastor Rob stated that they will be coming soon to take a look. (see agenda report below)

In October the church's phone system went down, after getting 2 estimates we decided to go with a company out of Kearney. Regular maintenance of furnace filters and sprinkler system etc are being completed when needed. A bathroom toilet at parsonage had to be repaired for a small leak at the base. Ceiling tiles around the church are being replaced. The neon light behind the stained glass is being looked at. The dishwasher was broken but was replaced with some new relays. Our lawn care will be maintained by a robotic mower. Installation and maintenance will be completed by Gnirk Lawn Care along with the trimming. We are waiting on estimates for landscaping around the church grounds.

Jared Bauer Trustee

YOUTH REPORT

Julie added that they are going to Houston, Texas for the National Youth Gathering, 6 students and 2 adults will be attending. LaDonna notified her that there are about 12 butter braids left in the back freezer for them to sell. (see agenda report below)

The youth has been meeting on Wednesday nights for fellowship and Bible study. We have been averaging 3 youth each night, even trying to make Chrismons and other crafts! We participated in the LLL Chili Cookoff and helped serve breakfast on Easter morning with huge success. We held a ButterBraids fundraiser last fall, thank you to all who participated! We will continue to do coffee hour and raise funds for our National Youth Gathering, held in Houston in July of 2022. We are taking 6 youth and 2 sponsors this year. We look forward to helping with VBS and in any other way to serve the church.

Julie Loudon

ELDER'S REPORT

Kyle had nothing to add in addition to his submitted report. (see agenda report below) TLC BOARD OF ELDERS "END-OF-THE-YEAR" REPORT (April 20, 2022)

Following is the "end-of-the-year" report for the TLC board of elders. Included is a chronology of the activities, events and general summarization:

- The Elders started doing congregational home visits in June 2021 and continued for the next three months (June, July and August). The general feeling was that the visits were very successful and inspiring for its members. Pastor Rob also recommended that the elders make contact with trinity members who are on their individual shepherd group lists during those months in which formal visitations are not taking place.
- The Elders completed the 2022 TLC budget at the October meeting.
- In December, elders sacked candy for the children's Christmas program (200 bags). Pastor Rob also informed the group of his plan to meet with those shut-ins who pastor bill had been meeting with during Pastor Bill's remaining time at trinity. Pastor Rob set up a schedule for the elders to also meet with TLC members who are shut-ins in the forthcoming months.
- Pastor Bill's farewell event took place dec. 12th (with a potluck lunch that followed the 11am service)
- The elders discussed the shut-in list at the January meeting and continued to update the shepherd group lists for new members which will be updated and distributed to elders in February. An introductory letter was to be sent out to shepherd groups beginning later in February so that all members knew who had been assigned as their elder. The group also discussed the Lenten and Easter schedule and worked on recruiting new last supper drama actors.
- In February, Pastor Rob reported that they were continuing to update the shut-in & shepherd group lists and would eventually send letters to TLC members (with photos of their elder) that belongs to each shepherd list. Pastor Rob also discussed sharing shut-in visit duties; pastor would do 1/3 of the shut-ins and the elder teams (made up of two elders per team) would take the other 2/3. They would plan to rotate each month, so that pastor could see each shut-in once every three months. The Easter Lenten schedule was also discussed.
- The elder's shepherd group lists was completed in march elders were to begin making contact with the members on their individual lists. The shut-in list was also updated in March plans were made to meet with, visit, offer communion, and provide trinity information to/for our 4 lists of shut-ins sometime before the 2nd week of April.
- All cast members for the last supper were secured/finalized and rehearsals were in process in march and April. The following important dates/events were also discussed at the march meeting:
- march 27th Pastor attended Pastor Dean Hanson's 30th anniversary event (Pastor Rob's prepared sermon was read by Don Batie at the 11:00am service in Pastor's absence)
- April 13th and 14th @ 7:00pm- the last supper drama was presented by TLC members
- April 17th (Easter services) 7am and 10am services
- April 25th the April elders meeting was moved to the 25th to move off of post-easter week
- May 26th TLC is planning to host the circuit ascension day service (with communion) @ 6:30pm
- June 24th & 25th TLC is the host congregation for the Nebraska district convention held at Younes conference center
- summer 2022 (post-Memorial Day weekend) one church service is scheduled at 10:00am for sundays going forward during the summer months. A multi-age Sunday school class is planned for 9am. A determination will be made at the end of the summer as to whether TLC will resume the current two services on Sundays or continue with one service.

Respectfully submitted – Kyle Hoehner (Elder chair)

PASTOR'S REPORT

Pastor Rob reported he often gets the question of what will be happening since Pastor Bill has left, will we be hiring someone? He stated that it is really hard to find someone to fit this position, not a lot of candidates out there. May 26th is Ascension Day, and we will be hosting. After the service, we will have an ice cream social. Ascension Day is always 40 days after Easter- that is why it is on a Thursday.

We are worship host for the District Convention which means Pastor Rob will be conducting the service and communion will be held. Pastor Rob is up for several elected positions, Vice President for our region, and Board of Regents for Concordia University. He is currently serving on the Nominating Committee. John Moore asked if they are still doing services at the care home. The answer was yes, and Pastor Rob is covering two rotations, his and Pastor Parker's. Mary Weichel asked when Orphan Grain Train would be coming. They will be her on June 6th.

FOUNDATION REPORT

The Foundation Committee met Thursday 4/29/22. They approved and additional scholarship request for Saidi Ringenberg. Don gave a brief overview of the history of the Foundation. The Foundation was created in 1982. It has a current value of approximately \$1.5 million. An amount of \$2.8 million has been distributed out since it was formed. Don recognized Mary Weichel and Larry Hauptmeier as they will be coming off of the board. Mary has served for 16 years, and Larry was on the initial board back in 1982. He thanked them both for their years of service and commitment. Last year's income was \$30,000 and the board approved the use of \$60,000 for this year, with the newest cause being Lutheran Family Services Refugee Resettlement.

NEW BUSINESS

Votes were counted and election results were announced. Vice Chair Elect – Derek Hoefner; Education – Rebecca Potter; Elder Elect – Gary Petersen; Foundation – Tom Phillips & Ann Young; Planning Elect – Michele Hoehner

MEMBERSHIP CHANGES

Transfer out: Larry & Phyllis Hauptmeier to Holy Cross, Kearney, NE. Pastor gave a health report on Larry. He had made a visit to him this past week. He is doing well and aware of things. Brenda Bierman motioned to approve the transfer out of Larry & Phyllis Hauptmeier to Holy Cross, Kearney and John Moore seconded the motion. Motion approved.

The meeting was adjourned, and we closed with the Lord's Prayer Respectfully Submitted Kim Richman Secretary

Trinity Board of Directors Meeting
Tuesday, August 2, 2022
6:00 PM

WELCOME AND OPENING PRAYER

Pastor Rob led an opening prayer and we joined in sharing a wonderful meal together.

IN ATTENDENCE

Josie & Jared Bauer, Derek Hoefner, Kyle & Michele Hoehner, Dana Thornburg, Pastor Rob, Gary Petersen, Steve Gierhan, Marcus Porath

MINUTE CORRECTIONS

July minutes were approved. Discussion on May Voter's minutes correction – no Education report. Revised minutes to be presented in September.

TREASURER'S REPORT

We didn't have any of the financial reports yet as the month just ended. We remain around \$40,000 in the black.

EDUCATION & YOUTH REPORT

Josie reported that we had around 26 to 29 kids each night. There were three other VBS' taking place the same week as ours. There were 22 kids on Sunday which was a really good turnout. Rally Sunday will be on September 11th.

ELDERS REPORT

Nothing to add to the report that was attached to the agenda.

PLANNING COMMITTEE REPORT

Shirley was not in attendance and is needing to step down due to Rod's health. We will look for someone to fill out her last year.

TRUSTEE REPORT

Jared didn't have anything to report.

PASTOR'S REPORT

Pastor Rob's report was attached to the agenda.

OLD BUSINESS

Pastor updated on the Sound System in sanctuary likely be installed the end of August.

NEW BUSINESS

Instillation of Officers to take place August 6 & 7 Need for Secretary and Planning Committee Chair Key's for Church

MEMBERSHIP CHANGES

No changes.

Next meeting, Tuesday, September 6 at 7:00 pm in the Conference Room

Respectfully Submitted

Pastor Rob Acting Secretary



Could It Be?

A pastor and a bus driver entered heaven on the same day, about the same time. St. Peter is there to welcome both in. They both looked at the glory of heaven and were amazed. But they both notice that there are different types of houses. All nice, but some a little better than others. The preacher notices the differences and is pretty sure that the nicer place, the mansion, is probably for him. After all - he is the preacher.

But that wasn't the case. The bus driver was given the keys for the mansion. The preacher got the more humble home. The preacher pulled St. Peter aside and asked him if he had gotten it wrong. Peter said, "Oh, no. We got it right. You see, when he drove that bus people prayed. When you preached your sermons people slept."

LEXINGTON LIFE CHAIN



<u>Sunday, October 2, 2022</u> <u>2:00 to 3:00 p.m.</u>

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.

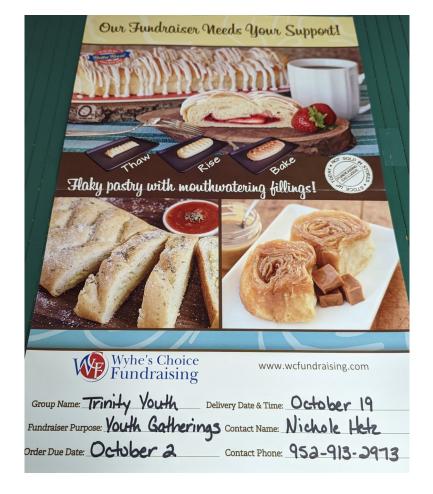
Signs say:

"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"

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Steven Gierhan October 03 Jolene Swartz October 03 **Debra Wells October 04** Michael Hendricks October 05 **Norman Hoveling October 05 Charles Licking October 06** Trista Callahan October 07 **Barbara Graham October 07** Loretta Anderson October 08 **Curt Kopf October 08** Lori Gierhan October 10 **Sharon Jeffrey October 10 Maydelle Messerchmidt October 11 Bradley Davey October 12 Don Brockway October 13 Rob Kuefner October 13 Alynn Stauffer October 13** Jennifer Hendricks October 16 Michael Richman October 16 **Larry Thornburg October 19 Loretta Copper October 20** Savannah Potter October 20 **Shane Callahan October 21 Rod Holtz October 21 Janell Rossen October 21 Bill Wilkinson October 21 Keith Anderson October 22 Nichole Hetz October 22 Roger Wells October 22 Beth Atwood October 23 Lynn Hueftle October 23 Robb Koerting October 23 Amy Kuefner October 23** Ella Young October 24 **Brett Area October 28 Andrew Area October 29** Terri Burch October 29 Shane Ziegenbein October 30



Loudon, Doug & Julie October 04, Lau, Ron & Linda October 05, Hetz, Justin & Nichole October 10 Hendricks, Michael & Cynthia October 12, Goodrich, Sandra October 17, Rowan, Erik & Jackie October 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!