



CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR 2022 CONFIRMANDS
ZACKARY SANCHEZ AND REILLY QUINN

THE TRINITARIAN



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FROM THE PASTOR

2Tim. 3:16-17 *All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work.*

On Sunday May 1, Zack Sanchez and Reilly Quinn will be confirming their faith given them in their baptisms a few years ago. They have read and have been asked questions on their reading of God's Word given us in the New Testament. They have gone through Luther's Small Catechism twice in the last two years.

This month there will be the celebration of some graduations in the congregation, Ben and Jill Clark as well as Miriam Collins, who will have a reception here at the church recognizing their accomplishments from the schools they have attended or took classes associated with the schools.

In the one, we talk of confirmation and the other is a graduation. Are they different?

In graduation, it marks a milestone where now the person is qualified to do a job or some other higher education pursuit. In the other, it is a profession of their faith, not to be qualified for a job as a Christian but accepting the responsibility to live out their lives with the help of God, as Christians.

Living out your life is just that, living as a Christian daily, looking to the Lord for His help through His Word and Sacraments to stand up to the devil, the World and your own sinful nature handed down from Adam and Eve. It is a life long process of continually being in the Word of God to aide you to deal with the world that your graduation says you are now qualified for.

Some might see Confirmation as equal to graduation but Confirmation is just the beginning of a person's taking responsibility for themselves of living out their life in Christ.

Once you graduate, you will probably have to have more classes and instruction to qualify you for a certain job or position but Confirmation is a daily continual looking to what God has provided so that you can live out your life under His care and concern. Because you are pledging to continue on in the faith, the Lord is faithful and just to assist you in that endeavor until that day when He calls you to your heavenly home.

We celebrate and look forward to the future. May all who are Confirmed and graduate be looking to the future of how the Lord will use them to bring the Good News of Jesus and His work on their behalf that will find support through their continuing use of the Word and sacraments.

Pastor

**ELDERS MESSAGE
HELP WANTED**

Jesse and Sarah Elkjer will be leaving by the end of June. Jesse to Nellis AFB, NV and Sarah to Nebraska with family for the duration of Jesse's six month TDY. They will be going to a follow-on assignment at the Toledo, Ohio Air National Guard Base. We thank them for their service and wish them well and GOD speed in all future endeavors.

We need one of the men in the congregation to step forward and take Jesse's place as an elder.

Sarah has been our pianist with the able assistance of Lola, Lisa and Cyndi. On Easter we were blessed to have Bobby provide guitar music for the late service. We need to expand the pool of pianists/organists.

Several members of the congregation have given me names of potential pianist/organists and I will pursue those leads. If any of you have additional names, please provide them to me or approach them yourselves.

Prayerfully consider serving as an elder.

As always in all things, GOD is in control and will provide for our needs.

JAMES R. WILKES, ELDER

STEWARDSHIP

1 John 3:1 "See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God!"

We are so blessed by God's love for us. It is unconditional and free.

So, what are we supposed to do with this bountiful love God lavishes on us? According to the Bible we are supposed to give back to God ten percent of all He has given us. Ten percent is really not very much when you consider how much love God gives us. (His only son to die on the cross for our sins!)

In John 13:34-35 Jesus says, "A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another. By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

It is really a blessing when we show love to one another. It is a blessing to the one who receives our love, but it also comes back to us as a blessing. It is wonderful that no matter how much love we give to others; there is always more! We will never run out of love to give to one another. I praise God that He never runs out of love for me!!

God's blessings,
Sandy Klose, Stewardship Chairperson

HIGHWAY CLEAN-UP

It has been noted that our turnout for the past couple of highway cleanup days has been sparse. Our highway cleanup is scheduled twice yearly, in April and October. Our congregation is responsible for the one mile stretch of US 70 to the east and west of the Border Patrol checkpoint, both sides of the highway. The job can be accomplished in 1.5 to 2 hours by eight individuals, working two to a section. Equipment is provided and easy to use. As a public service contribution to the community, we are doing God's work and enhancing the appeal of our landscape for visitors.

The issue is whether or not we as a congregation want to continue to render this service to our community. A form has been prepared to poll the congregation with regard to this question. Copies will be placed in each mailbox and we request that they be filled out and returned to the Dommers mailbox at your earliest convenience. The results of this survey will determine whether or not we continue the cleanup, so please take the time to fill them out.

Dick Dommers, Congregation President

FINANCIAL STATUS REPORT OUR MONTHLY RESPONSE TO GOD'S GRACE FINANCIAL STATUS REPORT OUR MONTHLY RESPONSE TO GOD'S GRACE March 2022

Income	\$16,758.10 (Envelope + Loose Plate)
Expenses	<u>(\$16,106.85)</u>
Profit/Loss	\$651.25
Estimated Monthly Budget Requirement:	\$17,866.83

YEAR-TO-DATE March 31, 2022

Giving (Actual)	\$52,124.56 (Envelope + Loose Plate)
Expenses (Actual)	<u>(\$48,694.38)</u>
Profit/Loss	\$3,430.18
Budgeted	\$54,323.67

OUR WEEKLY RESPONSE TO GOD'S GRACE

Ash Wednesday through Maunday Thursday	
General Fund:	\$5,730.00
Other Designated Giving:	
Africa Training	\$575.00
Missions – Luth Hispanic	\$7.00
Flowers	<u>\$36.00</u>
Total Designated Giving	\$618.00

April 3, 2022

General Fund:	\$5,871.00
Estimated Weekly Budget Requirement:	<u>\$4,137.00</u>
Difference:	\$1,734.00
Other Designated Giving:	
Africa Training	\$2,184.00
Ysleta	\$1,894.00
Missions – Luth Hispanic	<u>\$30.00</u>
Total Designated Giving	\$4,108.00

April 10, 2022	
General Fund:	\$3,113.00
Estimated Weekly Budget Requirement:	<u>\$4,137.00</u>
Difference:	(\$1,024.00)
Other Designated Giving:	
Dollar Project Ysleta	\$17.00
LCMS Seminary Fund	\$10.00
Youth Group	\$20.00
Missions – Luth Hispanic	\$60.00
Flowers	<u>\$72.00</u>
Total Designated Giving	\$179.00
April 5, 2022	
Africa Training	\$999.00
April 17, 2022	
General Fund:	\$3,605.00
Estimated Weekly Budget Requirement:	<u>\$4,137.00</u>
Difference:	(\$532.00)
Other Designated Giving:	
Africa Training	\$500.00
Missions – Luth Hispanic	<u>\$141.00</u>
Total Designated Giving	\$641.00

FINANCIAL SECRETARY REPORT

Online Giving

We transfer the funds that have been given online to our local bank account at the end of each month. This is sometimes not reflected in the months total until after the newsletter has been completed. I am writing this just to update our figures from February and March 2022.

FINANCIAL SECRETARY REPORT

February 2022 Adjusted Report

Total Income: \$ 19,680.46 (Adjusted for online giving +\$600)
 General Fund: \$ 17,990.46
 Special Funds: \$ 1,690.00

March 2022

Total Income: \$ 19,401.06 (Adjusted for online giving +\$650)
 General Fund: \$ 17,675.10
 Special Funds: \$ 1,725.96

Vicki Leonard, Financial Secretary

EVANGELISM

Tract of the Month: I didn't pick a Tract of the Month for May, but there are several excellent tracts covering many topics of interest, concern, or need on the rack in the Narthex. I hope you will give them a look. You may find one that interests you, or that you need.

Jehovah's Witnesses: Raise your hand if you have been getting mail from the Jehovah's Witnesses inviting you to come to their church. The Evangelism Committee has decided that we should respond to these letters with one of our own. If you receive any mail from the Jehovah's Witnesses, please bring it to the committee so that we can respond to it with an invitation of our own. You can put the letters in any of the following boxes: Cheryl Sandenaw, Vicki Leonard, Chris Schlehuser, Pastor & Cyndi Heithold, or Lola Ableidinger. You can also hand them in person to any of the preceding. Thank you in advance for helping us with this!

National Day of Prayer is Thursday May 5th. You may recall that in 2021 Trinity did 24 hours of prayer for the National Day of Prayer. We would like to do 24 hours of prayer again this year. We are asking all members of the church to sign up for 1 hour of prayer. There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in the Narthex. Since it's a 24-hour period, there are time slots available for any schedule! You can come to the church to pray, or you can pray at your house. We can/will provide a list of subjects to pray for and about, along with your own, for all who desire one. One hour of dedicated prayer goes by surprisingly fast! Please be sure to sign up for your desired prayer hour!

Holy Week Movie!! This year's Holy Week movie "JESUS" was held on Wednesday April 13th @ 6:30pm. Jim Wilkes brought chili dogs & the Evangelism committee provided popcorn and other snacks. Eighteen of us gathered for the fellowship and to watch this excellent movie. A great time was had by all.

The mission for May & June is the Joint Seminary Fund. The LCMS Joint Seminary Fund was established to supplement the Synod subsidy by directly soliciting the church for charitable donations. Gifts to the LCMS Joint Seminary Fund are restricted exclusively to supporting both of our world-class seminaries. Our LCMS seminaries have only three sources of operating revenue: 1) Investment income from endowment, 2) Tuition paid by students after financial aid is awarded (often in the form of student loans), & 3) Financial gifts graciously supplied by God's people.

The **Potluck Dinner** for the Lutheran Hispanic Missionary Institute was held after church on April 24th. About 20 people attended. We collected \$162 for the Institute at the dinner. Next month I will report on what the total giving for the Institute was, as well as for the Dollar Project.

The Next Evangelism Committee meeting will be Monday May 9th at 5:30pm. We welcome anyone that may wish to attend!

In closing, for your consideration, I would like to quote Ezekiel 33:8-9 NIV: "8When I say to the wicked, 'O wicked man, you will surely die,' and you do not speak out to dissuade him from his ways, that wicked man will die for his sin, and I will hold you accountable for his blood. 9But if you do warn the wicked man to turn from his ways and he does not do so, he will die for his sin, but you will have saved yourself."

Cheryl Sandenaw, Evangelism Chair

LWML

Count Your Blessings (The refrain of a familiar hymn came to mind when I saw the title to our ladies retreat. It is a reminder when so many things in the world today cause us to turn our thoughts to all the bad things instead of focusing on the wonderful things in our life. We just celebrated one of the greatest of all-Our Savior gave his life for us!)

Count your blessings, name them one by one,
Count your blessings, see what God hath done!
Count your blessings, name them one by one,
And it will surprise you what the Lord hath done.

Mark your Calendars for May 14th here at Trinity for A One Day Ladies Retreat (9:30 am to 3:00pm)-
Count Your Blessings. Sign up sheet is on the Bulletin Board.

Are you ready for the 51st LWML Rocky Mountain District Convention? Inspiring speakers, good food, nice accommodations, New Mexico sunsets, Bible study, worship, informative exhibits and more await you!

Event Summary: Lutheran Women's Missionary League - Perfect Gifts From Above -James 1:17
Rocky Mountain District Meeting
Start Date: Thursday, June 2,2022
End Date: Sunday, June 5, 2022
See you in Albuquerque!

Purchased Fleece for 2 blankets for 2022 Convention.

Purchased 6 Children's books for "what's our 80" in Celebration of LWML's 80 Years.

New Officers: Installation for LWML officers will be Sunday, May 15.

President – Vicki Leonard

Co-VP – Hannah Keeler & Bev VanDuyn

Secretary – Susan Kelly

Treasurer – Chris Schlehuser

Christian Life – Sandy Klose

LWML Activities/Funds raised during 2021:

1. Rummage sale - \$3258.00
60% of rummage sale went to 6 missions
2. Mission Table 2021- \$1615.00
Mission Table 1st Qtr 2022 - \$400
3. Mites 2021 (Jan 2021 - Dec 2021) -\$1706.55
4. Meals for Mites - \$600.00

LWML Helps at the Holidays:

1. Thanksgiving Baskets - 5 families
2. Christmas Tree – 5 families

In Christ's Blessings,
Yvonne Steeby/ Vicki Leonard



Count Your Blessings

A One Day Ladies Retreat

May 14, 9:30-3:00

Purpose of Retreat: Fellowship with our Sisters in Christ
Devotions and Bible Study
Singing
Yummy Lunch (Stone Soup)

Sign up on the purple sheet posted on the bulletin board so we can get your chair set up. Bring your Bible and something to add to the soup.

The Story Behind Stone Soup

Some travelers come to a village, carrying nothing more than an empty cooking pot. Upon their arrival, the villagers are unwilling to share any of their food stores with the very hungry travelers. Then the travelers go to a stream and fill the pot with water, drop a large stone in it, and place it over a fire. One of the villagers becomes curious and asks what they are doing. The travelers answer that they are making "stone soup", which tastes wonderful and which they would be delighted to share with the villager, although it still needs a little bit of garnish, which they are missing, to improve the flavor.

The villager, who anticipates enjoying a share of the soup, does not mind parting with a few carrots, so these are added to the soup. Another villager walks by, inquiring about the pot, and the travelers again mention their stone soup which has not yet reached its full potential. More and more villagers walk by, each adding another ingredient, like potatoes, onions, cabbages, peas, celery, tomatoes, sweetcorn, meat (chicken), milk, salt and pepper. Finally, the stone (being inedible) is removed from the pot, and a delicious and nourishing pot of soup is enjoyed by travelers and villagers alike. Although the travelers have thus tricked the villagers into sharing their food with them, they have successfully transformed it into a tasty meal which they share with the donors.

NEWS FROM THE BABY BOTTLE CAMPAIGN

Sandra Freund, the coordinator of the Baby Bottle Campaign for the Pregnancy Help Center, let us know the results of the campaign. In total the campaign raised \$31,415.15. Trinity's contribution was \$904.68. Great job, Trinity! Our total wasn't quite as much as I had challenged the congregation to raise, but it was a goodly amount nonetheless. Thank you all for your donations! Hannah

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR MEMBERS

Jill Clark has graduated from Grand Canyon University with a Master of Education in Early Childhood Education and Early Childhood Special Education. She accomplished this while teaching full-time for the Alamogordo Public Schools. Jill is the daughter of Rick & Nora Sotak and great-grand daughter of Virginia Nielsen.

Benjamin Clark received his Bachelor of Science in Justice Studies from Grand Canyon University on April 21, 2022. Ben is the son of Matt and Jill Clark, the grandson of Nora & Rick Sotak and great-grandson of Virginia Nielsen.

Miriam Collins is graduating from high school in May. Miriam is the daughter of Lisa Collins and granddaughter Rick & Nora Sotak & great-granddaughter of Virginia Nielsen.

Garrett Anderson and Jane Kelly have announced their engagement to be married. Wedding plans are for December of this year. Garrett is the son of Matt and Cindi Anderson and grandson of Jan & Bob Thede. Jane will receive her Master of Trumpet Performance degree from Bowling Green University, in Bowling Green, OH on April 28, 2022. Jane is from Albuquerque, NM and attended NMSU for her Bachelor's degree.

**There will be a reception for our graduates following the worship service on
Sunday, May 15.**

MAY 2022 STEWARDS FOR CHRIST

ELDERS

May 1 Jim Wilkes
May 8 Jesse Elkjer
May 15 Matt Anderson
May 22 Jim Wilkes
May 29 Jesse Ekjer

ACOLYTES

May 1 Macey Sebring
May 8 Madie Sanchez
May 15 Ryan Sebring
May 22 Zac Sanchez
May 29 Dylan Sebring

HOSTS

May 1 Louis Mauriot & Scott Mohr
May 8 Gerald & Gayan Moore
May 15 Carol Nygaard & Heather Patrick
May 22 Matthew & Patty Quinn
May 29 Cheryl Richey & Cheryl Sandenaw

READERS

May 1 Cheryl Sandenaw/Ruth Wilkes
May 8 Larry & Beverly Van Duyn
May 15 Jill & Matt Clark
May 22 Shirley Enyeart/Gerald Moore
May 29 Youth

MAY FLOWERS

May 1 Robert & Stacy Johnson
May 8 Bob & Sandy Klose
May 15 Goldie Gressman
May 22 Roy & Linde Van Cleave
May 29 Ray & Sandy Krueger
Tom & Darlene Gilmore

MAY ATTENDANCE

Cheryl Sandenaw

MAY ALTAR COMMITTEE

Belinda Burmeister
Cheryl Richey

USHERS

May 1 Tom Blackmon, Jim Fladhammer
Larry & Bev Van Duyn
May 8 Marvin Bunker, Susan Kelly
Glen & Christine Schlehuser
May 15 Robert Johnson, Trey Johnson
Ray Krueger, Bob Thede,
May 22 Gerald Moore, Bob & Sandy Klose
Dave Teller
May 29 Youth

SOUND TECH

May 1 Ben Clark
May 8 Louis Mauriot
May 15 Matt Anderson
May 22 Bob Klose
May 29 Matt Anderson

TELLERS

May 1 Shirley Enyeart & Vicki Leonard
May 8 Megan Bowman & Dick Dommers
May 15 Cheryl Sandenaw & Linde Van Cleave
May 22 Lola Ableidinger & Nora Sotak
May 29 Sandy Klose & Susan Kelly

SPECIAL DATES IN MAY

- *Confirmation Day, May 1, 2022, Reception for confirmands after service*
- *National Day of Prayer, May 5, 2022*
- *Mother's Day, May 8, 2022*
- *Reception for high school & college graduates after service, May 15, 2022*
- *Ascension Day, May 26, 2022*
- *Memorial Day, May 30, 2022*

HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY TO ALL OUR MOTHERS!!!!!!

