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THE NEWSLETTER OF  
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Bible Classes and Sunday School 9:00 AM

Divine Service 10:15 AM



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## **FROM THE PASTOR**

*And God saw everything that He had made, and behold, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day. Genesis 1:31 ESV*

It is almost summer again. Schools are out and plans are being made or have been made to go somewhere, to take a vacation or maybe some day trips to see some relatives, friends or some of God's creation.

We are inspired by the creation around us. Some things are close by and yet even I and Cyndi haven't gone to see the waterfall just down from the tunnel on the way to Cloudcroft and our own home. We have heard about it but it wasn't until recently that there was a picture in a magazine where a picture of some people near a waterfall that was associated with Alamogordo that I think is that waterfall.

There are all sorts of things to do in the summer. In the past the pastor (Andy Perry) from Las Cruces would organize a group of kids from the circuit and would take them on a hike on one of the trails in our area and then end up at our house for hot dogs, hamburgers and a little time to swim.

In taking in creation there is one thing that may not come to mind when you are in the midst of the grandeur and beauty of creation. What you are seeing is something that has been affected by sin. Yes, when Adam and Eve took and ate the fruit, everything was affected. Mankind which were to take care of creation brought about a creation that was going to be more challenging to take care of.

Adam and Eve started it all but with their sin and things got so bad that God wanted a do over, or at least wanted to have a house cleaning and caused the worldwide flood of Noah and his family's day. With that flood so much was changed. We can't really know what the surface of the earth was really like and how beautiful and grand it was. Adam and Eve and all those up to Noah's day knew what a perfect world was even though sin had affected it to some extent but no where close to what happened to it because of the flood.

You might go out into creation to see some of the greatness but some of you are more inclined to go rest on a lounge or easy chair. You might like to get a chance to read a good book. Whether we are out in nature or in the easy chair, it might be a time to take it all in. Even when out in nature, there are times when you want to rest and that might be with a book. If there is time, might you get out and take a look at the GOOD BOOK too. Maybe you could take and study one of the 66 books of the Bible and get to know it better than you ever thought you could.

We generally have a little more free time in the summer to do things we don't always have a chance to do. Maybe we can take in a little more of the sin tainted creation or we may get a chance to delve into the Word of God with a little more vigor, looking for the Holy Spirit to enlighten us with the depth of the Word, given for us to use.

Pastor

## **BOARD OF ELDERS**

### **CHALLENGES**

We all face challenges in our lives. Some are good and some not- so- good.

For us elderly, the challenge may be moving from a vibrant life full of productive time to one of more time spent thinking rather than doing because our bodies are wearing out from all that productive time.

For the younger set, the challenges are more life altering, graduations, choosing to get more education , or just getting a job. Maybe leaving the cocoon of your parent’s home you’ve grown to love is very intimidating.

Whatever the challenge, GOD is in control of our lives and we need to look to HIM in prayer, to guide us through the life he has chosen for us.

GOD has given us the gift of eternal life through HIS SON JESUS CHRIST most in our baptisms, as we continue repenting and believing in HIM.

JAMES R. WILKES, ELDER

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## **BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

**Trinity Website.** Several suggestions have been received for additional information on our website to aid home viewers of our Sunday service as well as other enhancements to the information currently posted. We welcome specific suggestions that may be helpful to website viewers (members as well as other interested folks), so we can organize an upgrade. You may see me or leave a written suggestion in my mailbox.

**Color Copying.** The board has been advised that the cost of running color copies on our office copier significantly exceeds that of B&W copies. Anyone using the copier should ensure that B&W copies are made unless there is an overriding need for color in the document. Be aware that any hi-lighting or red lines may cause the copier to produce a color copy.

Dick Dommers, Congregation president.

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## **FINANCIAL STATUS REPORT**

### **April 2024**

Total Income	\$14,402.69
Ordinary Expenses	<u>(\$15,987.23)</u>
Profit/Loss	( \$ 1,584.54)

### **YEAR-TO-DATE April 30, 2024**

Total Income	\$152,918.65
Ordinary Expenses	<u>(\$ 72,045.34)</u>
Profit/Loss	\$ 80,873.31 due primarily to \$80,500 gift from the Virginia Nielsen estate

Bob Klose, Vice-President

## **EDUCATION**

The Education Committee met with 5 people in attendance to continue working on preparations for Vacation Bible School (VBS).

Students will be divided into three groups. The groups will be Green representing Creation, Red representing the Cross, and Yellow representing the Consummation. It was decided by the group present to purchase 3 packages of bandanas, 1 package of 10 for each of the three-color groups.

We are still in need of volunteers for Registration, Music, Science, 2 group leaders, Bible, Games and Crafts for VBS. Sue volunteered to make flyers and hang them in local businesses within the next 2 weeks. Jill suggested we make more post cards to give to the congregation to pass out to family, friends, and neighbors to help spread the word about VBS. The VBS banner that was purchased will be put up in front of the church so anyone walking or riding by the church will see it.

Jill said that Shanna Starling would bring her ice cream truck to church again this year as a special treat for the kids.

We are also looking for someone to take individual pictures of each child to put in a frame for them to take home on the last day of VBS.

It was discussed if we would do the mission project suggested with the kit or do something in our local area. Everyone agreed they would prefer to do something local, like collecting canned goods. More information to come at the next meeting.

The next meeting for the VBS preparations would is on Tuesday, May 28<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 p.m.

Sue Kelly, Education Chair

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## **LWML**

On Saturday, May 11th, 17 women attended a fellowship at Heart of the Desert for the final function of the year. The day was beautiful, and the setting was perfect. We enjoyed visiting and sharing appetizers. Pastor Cramm spoke with us about the possibility of an LWML mission grant to support the people of Sudan. There is more research needed but hopefully we will be able to have a grant proposal by the fall so it can be submitted for the National Convention next year. Thank you to Marianne and George for their hospitality. It was a very enjoyable morning.

Nora Sotak, Yvonne Steeby and Belinda Burmeister will be headed to Greeley Colorado for the Rocky Mountain District Convention this coming week. Thank you to these ladies for the positions they serve for the district.

On Sunday, June 9th the new board members of the LWML will be installed during the service. Vicki Leonard, President; Cheryl Richey, Vice President; Diane Kline, Treasurer; Susan Kelly, Secretary

Even though we do not meet during the summer months, we will be preparing for our annual garage sale in August. Start looking around the house for items you might want to donate. Also looking for a volunteer or a team to head up this endeavor. More to come.

Blessings in Christ!

Vicki

## FAITH ALONE

“A man can accept what Christ has done without knowing how it works; indeed, he certainly won’t know how it works; indeed, he certainly won’t know how it works until he’s accepted it.”  
----C.S. Lewis

“Reason must be deluded, blinded and destroyed. Faith must trample underfoot all reason, sense and understanding, and whatever it sees must be put out of sight and....[know] nothing but the Word of God.”

----Martin Luther

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## LONG-TERM PRAYERS

Sofia Banks, Hunter Bednorz, Eric Bell, Brianna Bickham, Brian Byrosovich, Janet Buckman, Michael Burger, Arlene Calixto, Red Chesbro, Chuck Collins, Mike Debaar, **Laurie Di Paolo**, Christopher Douglas, **Valerie & Bill English**, Ashton Flaco, Owen Frantz, Darwin Haslid, **Cyndi Heithold**, Emma Heithold, Wayne Holmes, Scout Hughes, , **Kristi Humphrey**, Shannon Jones, Laura Klose, Jake Koller, Margo Lindsey, Ron Linn, Maria Martin, Brody Mahlendorf, Betsy Miller, Emiclio Mutis, Nowak Family, Cindy Oberling, Layton O’Quinn, Mary Palmos, Pastor Chris Patterson, Karen Rawlings, Dick Richey, Margaret Romero, Kyrie Selph, Bonnie Schneider, Jessie Sharrett, Lynn Skinner, Marilyn Spain, Robert Spain, Justin Tice, Marlea Turnbull, Guy Warden, Hannah Weathers, Glen Weber,

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## TRINITY LUTHERAN COOKBOOK

Do you have a favorite recipe that others have asked you to share or just something you really enjoy eating or preparing? We would like to do a Trinity Lutheran Cookbook this year. This is not going to be a quick project, but you can begin submitting either legible handwritten recipes or type written recipes by email or printed to the church office or my box. Please include your name and phone number with the recipe. The phone number will just be to confirm the recipe if we have questions. Also, if you can think of a good Name, please submit it as well. We may need volunteers at some point as well. Once printed, we will keep extras to give to new members.

Vicki Leonard & Jan Thede

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## JUNE 2024 STEWARDS FOR CHRIST

### ELDERS

June 2 Robert Rentschler  
June 9 Jim Wilkes  
June 16 Matt Anderson  
June 23 Jim Wilkes

### USHERS

May 5 Tom Blackmon, Jim Fladhammer  
Larry & Bev Van Duyn  
May 12 Abby Anderson, Emily Johnson  
Susan Kelly

June 30 Robert Rentschler

### **READERS**

June 2 Dick Dommers & Ruth Wilkes  
June 9 Larry & Beverly Van Duyn  
June 16 Bob & Sandy Klose  
June 23 Ruth Wilkes & Jim Wilkes  
June 30 Susan Kelly & Cheryl Sandenaw

### **TELLERS**

June 2 Lola Ableidinger & Nora Sotak  
June 9 Sandy Klose & Susan Kelly  
June 16 Joyce Macon & Bob Klose  
June 23 Yvonne Steeby & Becky Worley  
June 30 Shirley Enyeart & Vicki Leonard

### **HOSTS**

June 2 Bob & Sandy Klose  
June 9 Ray & Sandra Krueger  
June 16 Vicki Leonard & Robyn Luevano  
June 23 John Marquardt & Heather Patrick  
June 30 Alonzo & Amber Marquez

### **SOUND TECH**

June 2 Vicki Leonard  
June 9 Bob Klose  
June 16 Matt Anderson  
June 23 Jim Kline  
June 30 Vicki Leonard

### **MUSIC**

June 2 Lisa Cramm  
June 9 Garrett Anderson  
June 16 Garrett Anderson  
June 23 Garrett Anderson  
June 30 Cyndi Heithold

May 19 Robert Johnson, Trey Johnson  
Bob Thede, Tammy Thede  
May 26 Gerald Moore, Bob & Sandy Klose  
Irvin Torres

### **JUNE ATTENDANCE**

Bob Klose

### **JUNE ALTAR COMMITTEE**

Diane Kline  
Cheryl Richey

### **JUNE FLOWERS**

June 2 Vicki Leonard  
June 9 Jim & Hannah Keeler  
June 16 Jim & Verna Fladhammer  
June 23 John Marquardt  
June 30 Bob & Jan Thede

## **AN ODE TO DADS**

God took the strength of a mountain, the majesty of a tree,  
the warmth of a summer sun, the calm of a quiet sea.

The generous soul of nature, the comforting arm of night,  
the wisdom of the ages, the power of the eagle's flight.

The joy of a morning in spring, the faith of a mustard seed,  
the patience of eternity, the depth of a family need.

Then God combined these qualities, when there was nothing more to add,

He knew his masterpiece was complete, and so, he called it ... Dad.

## **HAPPY FATHER'S DAY TO OUR DADS**