

February

Trinity Trumpet
February 2023

Servant Thoughts

On Sunday, February 12th, we will be starting a special focus as a congregation for a period of 40 days. As you probably know, the season of Lent is also 40 days, but that never includes Sunday as a part of the 40 days, since Sunday is the Lord's Day. This year we are inviting everyone to participate in a special 40 day challenge known as the Red Letter Challenge. This is based on a book written by Pastor Zach Zehnder, who developed the idea while serving a church in Florida, and he now serves as pastor in our Nebraska District in Omaha. His Red Letter Challenge is a book that has been used by churches throughout America. The challenge is to consider what it means to be a disciple and follower of Jesus by looking at what Jesus Himself said, thus the idea of red letters, as some Bibles indicate Jesus' words in red.

On Saturday the 11th and Sunday the 12th we will have a special sermon introducing the Red Letter Challenge, and then on Tuesday, February 14th (appropriately a red letter day know for red hearts and Valentines), we are encouraging you to begin reading the Red Letter Challenge workbook. The first five days are an introduction, and then the next five weeks will focus on five different principles that come from Jesus' words, Being, Forgiving, Serving, Giving, and Going. We have workbooks which are available for 1 per family, including a youth edition, but if you want your own copy, we will place an order to get more copies if needed. Donations to defray the cost of the books are welcome but not necessary. You can mark your gift to Trinity Lutheran for Adult Bible Study as that is the account we have used in purchasing the materials. If you want to engage the materials in a more in depth way, we also have a small group DVD, that goes along with the materials, so you could get a group together and use the DVD each week during the Red Letter Challenge.

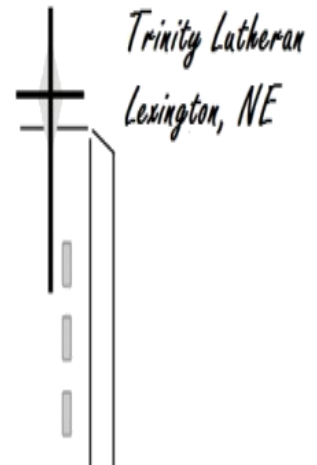
I should note that it's always easy to fall behind and worry about getting caught up, so we have built in a special make up week, as the weekend of March 18-19, Pastor Farrukh Khan will be with us and updating us on the ministry of People of the Book Lutheran Outreach (POBLO) a ministry to Muslims. He will preach that weekend and also be leading our Adult Bible Class. That allows anyone participating in the Red Letter Challenge to take that week off, or catch up if they need to do so.

You'll be hearing more about the Red Letter Challenge in church in the coming weeks, so I hope you join us!

In the service and love of Jesus,

Pastor Rob

Hebrews 13:20-21



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

Opening: "The Storm" by Francie Stieb

Program: "Slipping & Sliding" By Marilyn Hueftle

Closing: Mite Moment— Francie Stieb

Hostesses: LaDonna Kwiatkowski & Ellen Priel



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

◆ **February 5**

"Your Time to Shine"

Guest Speaker: Rev. Dr. John Nunes

Light is necessary for life; God's light, even more so.

(Matthew 5:14-16)

◆ **February 12**

"Shine Like Stars"

Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler

A social media star with a million followers can't possibly know all one million of them. However, there is one really famous Person with billions of followers Who knows--and loves--each one.

(1 Corinthians 3:6-7)

◆ **February 19**

"Table Manners"

Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler

(Exodus 24:11)

◆ **February 26**

◆ "It Begins with Who I Am"

Guest Speaker: Rev. Dr. Dean Nadasdy

Our identity defines us. Every decision we make, every action we take, and every temptation we face begins with who we are. In Christ we receive an identity uncompromised and secure.

(Matthew 4:1-11)



Christian Family Night Meals

February 1

Tater tot Casserole
bread,
Cole slaw

cake or bars

February 8

Walking tacos
Fruit Cocktail

February 15

Jambalaya,
Rolls
King Cake

February 22

(Ash Wednesday)
Split Pea and Ham Soup
Crackers
Pudding



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

Charlie LickingMarilyn Hueftle, Ron Lau, Rod Swanson, Jim Hersh, Norm Hoveling, Loretta Copper, Karen Kitzing, Bonnie Bonczynski, Dave Poore, Aaron Winningham, Arlene Wassinger, Eileen Woltemath

Chronic or Long Term Health Conditions

Barb Horn, Jackie Rowan, Jon Buhlmann,

Mission & Ministry Kearney Circuit Pastors and Congregations

Comfort— Family and friends of Esther Nierman who was called to her eternal rest December 4th



THOSE SERVING OUR COUNTRY

Lucas Horn, Randy Kwiatkowski, Jason Murray, Dylan Samway, Andy Howard, John C. Moore, Ben Wichelt, Devin Hueftle, Nic Van Cura, Tyler Schukar, Dakotah Kwiakowski.

DIFFERENCE BETWEEN

THRIVENT CHOICE DOLLARS AND THRIVENT ACTION GRANTS

Thrivent Choice Dollars

Thrivent Choice Dollars is an easy way for ELIGIBLE THRIVENT MEMBERS to recommend how Thrivent should distribute a portion of its charitable outreach funds to organizations, such as Trinity Lutheran Church, Orphan Grain Train, Mission Central, Lutheran World Relief, St. Jude's Hospital, St. Louis Seminary and many others. All organizations receiving Thrivent Choice dollars must be a 501 C 3 organization. For Thrivent members to be eligible to designate dollars, you must have a certain amount of cash value or own certain products. You can do this on the computer or you can call your representative (Scott Harvey 870-4663) or Thrivent at 800-847-4836 to see if you are eligible to designate dollars. You will have to call Thrivent or go on line to tell them where you want your dollars to go. Thrivent then sends the dollars to whatever account you have designated to receive them. You do not get tax credit for the donation. Choice dollars designated for Trinity go into a designated fund here at church and dollars are designated by the Board for certain expenses or requests. Every year these dollars must be designated by March of the following year. Example: 2022 dollars must be designated by March 31, 2023.

Thrivent Action Grants

Any Thrivent member 16 years or older may apply for an action grant. You can do this on the computer or you can call 800-947-4836 and they will do it with you over the phone. (Very easy to do over the phone.) You have to be able to tell the name of the project, date it will be completed, how many workers will be involved, do you want T-shirts and how the \$250 will be used. Only 1 request per project is allowed. This is given as a credit card, so be sure that where it is going to be spent accepts credit cards. Planning ideas: Orphan Grain Train, LWML projects, LLL projects, music for choir or band, Christmas Shoe boxes, Mitten trees, coats for children, school supplies for teachers, rodeo club needs and many more. A Thrivent member may do 2 projects a year, an investment member, one project. A final report must be completed (computer or phone) before a second request can be applied for.

If you have a Thrivent, Lutheran Brotherhood or an Aid Association for Lutheran policy or investment be sure to check if you are eligible for either benefit.

Be Still Women's Retreat

Saturday, February 11 -- 9am-4pm
Trinity Lutheran Church, Lexington

Carpool ... Sports ... School Projects ... Appointments ... Meal
Planning ... Work ... Bedtime Routines ... and more!

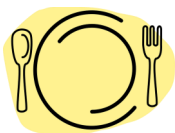
Sometimes we can fill our lives so full of living that we miss the opportunity to be filled with the good things God offers in His Word.



Take time for yourself to join other women for a day-long retreat with author Deb Burma to "Be Still" and to learn how God is our refuge in every part of our life.

Registration is free - attendees are asked to bring items for the local food pantry instead. Lunch and snacks provided.

Register online at www.bitly/Lex_retreat_reg or call the Trinity Church office at 308-324-4341 by February 6 to be included.



- ◆ Noontime Nibbles will meet on January 18, 2022 at 11:30 a.m. In the fellowship hall bring your own meal.

You are invited to join a 9-week journey to Physical and Spiritual wellness.

Key takeaways from this Study include:

- Finding freedom in your body and recognizing it as a good gift from God to do His good work.
- Learning to see yourself as a treasured Daughter/Son of God!
- Learning to love yourself as God loves you so you can love others!
- Living a holy and whole life.
- Taking care of your body and not obsessing over it.



This journey includes:

- Weekly Bible Study small group for 9 weeks. (Wednesday evenings @ 6pm)
- Video teachings from Alisa Keeton, author and founder of Revelation Wellness
- An optional Workout Calendar, Food Journal, Podcasts
- Support and encouragement from a licensed Revelation Wellness Instructor.

Group meetings begin Wednesday, February 1st, 2023 and will run every Wednesday for 9 weeks. Meetings will be held at Trinity Lutheran Church in Lexington, NE from 6pm – 7pm.

Contact Wendy Thome if you would like additional information or want to register: wendythome@yahoo.com or 308-293-1790.

Lenten Lunches are hosted by churches in Lexington offering a lunch and devotional service provided by each individual congregation.

Lunch 12:00-12:20 p.m.

Service 12:20-12:45 p.m.

February 23 Trinity Lutheran Church (205 E. 7th St.)

March 2 Grace Lutheran Church (105 E. 17th St.)

March 9 First United Methodist Church (201 E. 8th St.)

March 16 St. Ann's Catholic (Parish Center 1003 Taft St.)

March 23 Calvary Assembly of God (1304 N. Adams St.)

March 30 First Presbyterian Church (801 N. Lincoln St.)

Free Will Offering for Lunch

2023 Lenten Lunches

Sponsored by

Lexington Ministerial Association



Trinity Board of Directors Meeting

Monday, January 09, 2023

7:00 pm

Conference Room

CALL TO ORDER AND OPENING PRAYER

The meeting was called to order by Steve Gierhan.

Pastor Rob opened with prayer.

IN ATTENDANCE

Jared Bauer, Josie Bauer, Steve Gierhan, Michele Hoehner, Pastor Rob Kuefner, Donna Phillips, Marcus Porath, and Deb Porath

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Board Meeting Minutes from December, 2022 were approved as amended to show the meeting was called to order by Darek Hoefener.

TREASURER'S REPORT

\$61,388.87 bank balance, LCEF Loan Repayment Balance is ~ \$32,000.00

YOUTH AND EDUCATION REPORT

Board of Ed did not meet in December. Our Children's Christmas Program was a great success, we missed a few kids as we had snow and a storm that prevented some kids and members from attending. The other kids did a great job of filling in where needed. Board of Ed is in charge of coffee this month so busy doing that each Sunday. Josie

In addition to the attached report, it was noted that VBS materials have arrived and planning will begin.

ELDERS REPORT

TLC BOARD OF ELDERS REPORT (FROM THE DECEMBER 20, 2022 ELDERS MEETING MINUTES)

IN LIEU OF THE FORMAL MONTHLY MEETING, THE ELDERS BAGGED CANDY, FRUIT, PEANUTS, ETC. ON TUESDAY, DECEMBER 20TH FOR THE CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PROGRAM WHICH TOOK PLACE THE FOLLOWING EVENING. RICK TRAMPE DELIVERED THE AFOREMENTIONED ITEMS TO THE CHURCH - THANK YOU RICK!

INREACH/OUTREACH REPORT

Inreach/Outreach did not meet, however we met on Sunday December 18, 2022, to collect the gifts from the Angel Tree and the gifts were delivered to the Parent Child Center on Monday December 19, 2022. We received a thank you note from the parent child center. "Thank you for your donations of Christmas gifts to Parent-Child Center. Your continued support makes a huge difference for so many victims this holiday season. .

PLANNING REPORT

Nothing to report.

TRUSTEE REPORT

It was noted that ice melt has been put out and more is to be ordered.

PASTOR'S REPORT

We have made the transition to Church 360° and will be informing the congregation of their opportunity if they would like to have access to update their information, photo, etc. in early February. Currently working on switching over to a new website, which incorporate the Church 360° information. This means that members can update their information and decide what information they want shared with other members in an always available directory.

Only members will have access to that section of the website. Casey Arnold created a logo from the front cross that we will begin to incorporate into our branding. We will also be mailing out letters to the members from the Elders after the Elder's meeting next week informing members of who their Elder is. Been working with the two vacant dual parishes. One extended a call Sunday, the other is going to commit to having an SMP candidate who has been helping with their vacancy. I also am working with Beautiful Savior, North Platte in their call process.

Pastor showed a demo of the Church 360° website.

OLD BUSINESS

Sound System- Fellowship Hall sound/video is pending until March of 2023 at the earliest due to supply chain issues on equipment. We are still receiving gifts toward the cost of the project.

NEW BUSINESS

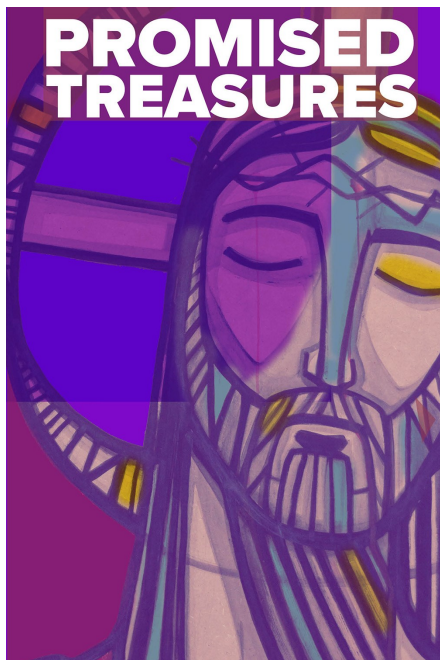
Pastor listed suggestions for nominations for Synod President, VP and Regional VP. Nominations are to be turned in by February. Pastor will provide bio sheets and we will make our selection at the February Board meeting.

Membership Changes Approved: Transfer in Sydney Miller from Holy Cross Lutheran, Kearney and Eric Miller from St. John's, Lyon.

Next meeting will be February 6, 2023 at 7:00 pm.

The meeting was closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Deb Porath
Secretary



While our Sundays during Lent will be focused on the Red Letter Challenge, our Wednesday Lenten series will be focused on the theme of Promised Treasures.

PROMISED TREASURES MATTHEW 13:52 This Lenten season, we have a fresh opportunity to embrace God's amazing love for us, His baptized children, in new ways. St. Paul clearly says that "faith comes from hearing" (Romans 10:17), but the Gospel is also communicated through the physical senses of sight, smell, touch, and taste. Jesus mentions that a good teacher not only brings out new treasures but reminds people of old and rich treasures as well (see Matthew 13:52). So, each Wednesday in Lent, we will take a weekly journey to concretely see, smell, touch, and taste a number of biblical elements.

Our Lenten series is called Promised Treasures. Just as Israel wandered through the wilderness under Moses for forty years, awaiting the Promised Land, we await heaven in the wilderness of this life. Life as exiles in the wilderness of this world is not easy and pain-free. In this vale of tears, we await our real home, the new promised land of heaven. Until we enter our eternal promised land, however, the Lord calls us to be His light in this dark world (see Colossians 3; Ephesians 4). This series will begin with ashes, then proceed to salt, water, light, bread, and finally, palms. Then, during Holy Week, the focus shifts toward water and blood, wood, fragrant oil, and finally, on Easter, milk and honey. All these beautiful Old and New Testament elements will remind you of God's eternal love in Christ, fill you with renewed hope, and increase your joy, knowing that because we are His baptized children, God is near to us now more than ever.



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Ronald King **February 07,**
Dorne Loudon **February 07,**
Robert Meyer **February 07,**
Elsie Underwood **February 11,**
Denis Jorgensen **February 18,**
Robert Raney **February 21,**
Philip Hladky **February 22,**
Christopher Barnes **February 24,**
Timothy White **February 25,**
Elaine Cantrell **February 26,**
Truman Burch **February 27,**
Loretta Naprstek **February 27,**
Elaine Peck **February 28,**
Terri Uden **February 28,**
Doug Loudon **February 29**



Priel, Ellen **February 08,**
Callahan, William & Cynthia **February 09**
Kwiatkowski, Norbert & LaDonna **February 10,**
Wobbema, Chuck & Roxanna **February 12,**



♦ 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!