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June Devotion-

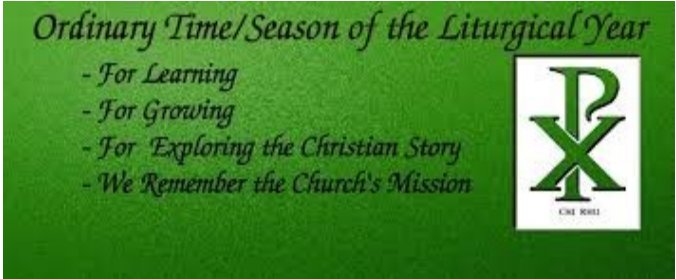
ORDINARY TIME-The Season after Pentecost

The Sundays after Pentecost make up the longest portion of the Church Year. This is the time of the Church-the time we focus on growing together in the life of the Holy Trinity. This season after Pentecost is also called Ordinary Time. The first Sunday is always Trinity Sunday, and the last Sunday is always Christ the King Sunday.

The basic color of "ordinary time" is green symbolizing growth in Christ. During this season, our scripture readings focus on the life of Christ in His church. We hear Jesus teaching His disciples and healing the faithful. This time helps us grow in our faith and discipleship in our ordinary daily life as we follow the teachings of Jesus.

The bookends of Ordinary Time are Trinity Sunday, the first Sunday after Pentecost, and Christ the King Sunday, the last Sunday after Pentecost and the week before the beginning of Advent. The liturgical color for both Trinity Sunday and Christ the King Sunday is white, signifying perfection, joy, and purity.

Trinity Sunday celebrates the Christian doctrine of the Trinity. We are baptized into only one name, but that name is "of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit." There is only one name, only one God-but there are three persons: the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. On this Sunday, we confess the great mystery of the Holy Trinity.



On Christ the King Sunday, the last Sunday after Pentecost, the focus is the lordship of Jesus. We celebrate Christ as King and Sovereign of the world and God's dominion over all creation. This Sunday forms the bridge between the completed year and the celebration of kingship of Christ, and the coming year, as we await with hope and expectation Christ's coming again in the season of Advent which follows.

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PRACTICES AND TRADITIONS

- ♦ The church is decorated in green, the color of growing plants. This marks the season of growth in living in our Baptism and receiving the Lord's Word and Sacraments.
- ♦ On Trinity Sunday, we confess the Athanasian Creed, which goes into great detail to confess the catholic (universal) faith that must be faithfully and firmly believed to be saved: "that we worship one God in Trinity, and Trinity in Unity."

June Scriptures

6/7/20 **TRINITY SUNDAY** Genesis 1:1-2:4a, Psalm 8, Matthew 28:16-20

6/14/20 Romans 5:1-8, Psalm 100, Matthew 9:35-10:8

6/21/20 Romans 6:1b-11, Psalm 69:7-10, 16-18, Matthew 10:24-39

6/28/20 Romans 6:12-23, Psalm 89: 1-4, 15-18, Matthew 10:40-42

Prayer Requests

For continuing comfort and healing

Carolyn Krick, Lelanie Exbom, Donna Kowalske, Pat Bingham, Vern Parsons, Sue Bernard, Char and Dale Matheny, Barbara McCord, Floyd Morris, Holly Vautier, Carol Wostal, Lula Stroud, Andrew Johnson

If you know of someone who should be included in the monthly ongoing prayer list, or you yourself would like to be included, please contact Pastor Michael (509-710-3283).



Dear LW Brothers and Sisters,

In the midst of our own struggles with the COVID crisis I was so pleased by our church's willingness to reach out beyond our immediate community and come to the aid of our Mexican brothers and sisters with whom we have served in Puerto Penasco. Muchas gracias! Donations can still be made and administered directly by myself through Well Child International (our mission partners in Mexico) by:

- a. Check made out to Well Child International and mail to 1308 Stockton Hill #600, Kingman, AZ, 86401, or brought to church; (Do not make checks out to Living Word)
- b. Online giving through Go Fund Me page:

<https://www.gofundme.com/f/money-for-child-mexico-health-clinic>

Pastor Michael

June Special Worship and Fellowship Events

June 4-Women's group "Blessed and Unstoppable" resumes See pg. 3

June 5-Men's Fellowship Event-6PM See pg. 3

June 14-Pastor Jeff Johnson will be with us leading our worship while Pastor Michael is away. Plan to join us for worship!

June 21-At approximately 11 am following our regular worship we will have a special Memorial Service to honor our friend Marie LeRoy who passed away May 25 at her home. Pastor Grif Vautier from Kingman Presbyterian Church will deliver a message of comfort. Please join us as we celebrate Marie's triumphant return to her Lord and Savior.



Many thanks to Carolyn Krick who spent several hours to inventory and catalog medical supplies being sent to Mexico!!



Blessed and Unstoppable

MEETINGS RESUMING IN JUNE! JOIN US JUNE 4 at IHOP!

*The point is to become yourself, to use yourself completely – all your skills, gifts and energies – to be the **YOU** that you were born to be!" (original quote from Warren Bennis - revised)*

"Blessed and Unstoppable" is the working name of a group of Living Word professional women who have been getting together to work through a book of the same name written by Billy Alsbrooks. The intent of the group is to offer support through prayer, discussion, and experience in a small group environment for working women of various ages, life styles, and professions.

The group meets the 1st & 3rd Thursday of the month, at the IHOP restaurant. Grouping starts at 6:00 PM and ends at 7:00 PM, although they try to get there early (around 5:30) to eat and visit.

AFTER TAKING SEVERAL WEEKS OFF DUE TO COVID-19, WE WILL BE MEETING JUNE 4 AT IHOP! JOIN US AT 5:30 TO GRAB A BITE TO EAT AND VISIT BEFORE DISCUSSION BEGINS AT 6! SEE YOU THERE!



Sound interesting? They have room for additional participants! Contact Bev Valentine for more information. 928-377-2577

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June Celebrations

June 5 Judy Ormsby
June 9 Vern Parsons
June 10 Todd Ormsby
June 22 Charlotte Matheny
June 25 Eric Hofflund
June 27 Eileen Pressler



No
June
Anniversaries

CALLING ALL POOL SHARKS!



Hola Guys! Once again we have an opportunity for the men of Living Word to get together and have some "fellowship" (church-speak for having fun together:) ! We had a really nice turnout for our "guys night out" a couple of months ago.

Bob Pressler has invited those interested to get together at his house (2719 Sandstone) for an evening of pool (as in pool table not swimming)

It'll be Friday night June 5 at 6 pm. **Please RSVP to me by text or email** so we can plan according to how many might show up. Teams of players, etc.

Bob has generously offered to provide beverages, the others of us bring a snack, even if it's just a bag of chips or dip to share.

If you're not a pool shark, no worries, just come and have a good time watching the Pastor beat the president of the congregation.....

Social distancing, of course, no hugs or fights...

Pastor Michael (aka:Pastor Shark)



Living Word Council Minutes-Meeting Summary 4/7/2020

Pastor Michael Birnbaum, Pastor Assistant Eileen Pressler, President Ken Bourlier, Vice-President Bob Pressler, Mission Coordinator Rosie Freeman & Secretary Sharon Peterson.

Meeting opened with Prayer. March minutes approved. Items to be added to agenda: LCMC

Pastor's Report: Pastor Michael Birnbaum With attendance on the rise again when COVID happened, I really feel we will come back strong when all is over. Would suggest having 2 Easter services. One this coming Sunday the other to be held on the first Sunday we can worship together again, we can resurrect the Alleluias.

Pastor Assistant: Eileen Pressler Compensated Sundays off in 2020: 1/19 & 2/16 Canceled plans to be off: 4/16 Discussion on Facebook streaming. Pastor mentioned the possibility of meeting with another local church for assistance with streaming. He will send out an email.

Vice President-Financial Report: Bob Pressler All regular bills and utilities are now set up to automatic debit or bill pay. Would like to set up Pastor's salary on PayPal to be paid automatically on the 15th of the month. Council

approved. Did check of our insurance cost. Last year our Church Mutual policy was \$573. Payment for this year will be due in June. We have not received our quote yet. Did receive a quote from Ministry Pacific for \$733. Will decide once we receive our Church Mutual quote.

Due to the virus shutdown our financial situation is being hurt. Would like to make a recommendation not making our \$1,650.00 transfer to rent savings or Quarterly Mission donations (AAPC, Cornerstone, Annies Attic, Root & LCMC). Motion approved not to transfer the rent money to savings but continue with Mission donations. Would like to continue asking everyone to use Bill Pay or mail in checks.

Mission Coordinator: Rosie Freeman Since the virus we are limited as to what can be done or continued to do. Email sent by WOW (Donna Pederson): Before the virus and limited groceries were an issue, we applied for a Thrivent project to supply Easter food boxes to families from the Pregnancy Center. With the current situation, it isn't reasonable to ask the church family to donate food so we have ordered food through Smith's for pickup this Thursday. The boxes will be packed and delivered to the families Thursday afternoon. If any church members need help with groceries, please let me know and we'll work with that too.

New Business: Council is considering discontinuing affiliation with the LCMC since they have removed us from their website. We would become an Independent Lutheran Church. This will need to come up at a congregation meeting in the near future.

Plans for Holy Week? (Maundy Thursday, Good Friday) After discussing decided no Maundy Thursday but will do a devotional for Good Friday that will be posted. Rosie and Alice will be there to strip the altar and then to have the altar ready for Easter. Easter will be streamed.

Next meeting May 5, 2020 at 1:30 pm Meeting was closed with Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted:

Sharon Peterson, Secretary



WOW in ACTION!

A Thrivent Action Team

project was carried out to benefit families from the Advice & Aid Pregnancy Center during the Easter celebration. Six families, (12 adults, 13 children) received boxes packed with food (fresh chicken, scalloped potatoes, corn, cereal, milk, eggs, bread, peanut butter, jelly, cookies, apples, oranges, bananas), bags of Easter treats for the children and great, soft, fluffy stuffies. Members of WOW supported the efforts through supplying materials and personal scripture notes for an Easter handout to the families to tell the Easter story. The handout also invited the families to join us in worship and to become members of the family of God through baptism into the Christian faith. As the pandemic was sweeping our country the love of Jesus was spread to our neighbors through this Thrivent event.



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Vision Statement

Our vision is to be a welcoming, scripturally based community intentionally serving Christ through missions.

Mission Statement

Living and growing in faith together as a spirit filled church with the

Word of God as our foundation and reaching out through missions showing the

Love of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior, to

Create a hunger in others to embrace the Word of God, salvation through Jesus Christ and guidance of the Holy Spirit.

Summertime thoughts as COVID continues

I just asked a six year old why there is no school. He said, "It's because they are out of toilet paper."

One day you'll be able to tell your grandkids: "I survived the Great Toilet Paper Shortage of 2020."

Don't wear headphones while vacuuming. I just finished the whole house, then realized the vacuum wasn't even plugged in.

I wish everything was as easy as gaining weight.

So, technically, showing up at the bank with a mask and gloves is okay?

Moses was the first man to download data from the cloud to a tablet.

Just once, I want a user name and password prompt to say, "close enough."

Remember when you wished the weekend would last forever? Are you happy now?!

I feel like I'm sixteen again. Gas is cheap, and I'm grounded.

