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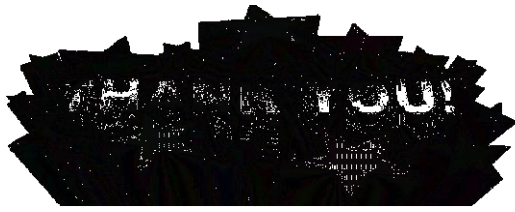
In college I had an instructor that began each class by reading a section from a little book entitled, Mr. God, This is Anna. This is a story, supposedly true, about a little girl of five or six years of age and her wonder of the world and how God might see things, She ultimately falls to a tragic death while still a child. My instructor, on occasion, would be moved to tears as he read the story to us in class. This mystified me as I was not particularly impressed with the story and thought this practice a bit off topic. But as a result of my instructor being moved in such a manner, and given that I admired this particular instructor, I felt that I must be missing something. There must have been some deeper meaning that I just was not comprehending. Several years later I purchased my own copy of Mr. God This is Anna and read it again for myself to see what I might have missed. But no, I still just didn't get it. Instead of seeing this little girl as insightful I felt she was in need of instruction to correct her youthful innocents.

I recall an experience my father had with one of his instructors. Everyone called him Dr. Bob. He was greatly admired by his students and between classes he was often surrounded by students wanting to engage him in further discussion. Another student of Dr. Bob once told me that every class period was like a revival meeting. Chapel was a regular occurrence for the student body and on one occasion my father was not at all impressed with the guest speaker. He felt like he might have made better use of his time in study. However, later that same day he was walking down the hall with Dr. Bob and they saw this guest speaker coming toward them. At their meeting Dr. Bob stopped, took the man's hand, thanked him, and shared with him how much he had gained from his message. At this my father said he felt ashamed for his earlier assessment and wondered how he could have missed what Dr. Bob obviously understood.

The biblical account of the resurrection of Lazarus also has a similar twist as the above examples. It is one of those times when the crowd believed there to be a discord between the circumstances and the emotional display of Jesus. It comes in what is known as the shortest verse in the bible, John 11:35, "Jesus wept". But why did Jesus weep? It's even more bewildering knowing that Jesus was intending to raise Lazarus back to life. Would this not be an occasion for celebration rather than sorrow? Some said it showed his love for Lazarus, others said it showed his failure. The first believed it demonstrated the special relationship they had, while the second believed he could have done something if he had been there. But we might ask another question, why is this short verse even included in the scriptures. To remove it would not change the overall story at all. But to do so would result in losing much.

Jesus was not weeping for himself, rather he was "weeping with those who weep" (Romans 12:15). It tells us that Jesus didn't just know about the sorrow of death he actually felt it. Further we understand from scripture that death is not only our enemy but also that of Jesus (1 Corinthians 15:26). Death is what Jesus ultimately came to conquer, and he did this through his resurrection. And through this resurrection he is never to die again (Romans 6:9). It is this resurrection which he freely offers to us, this one who conquered death. Through this we have his promise, "He will wipe away every tear from their eyes; and there will no longer be any death; there will no longer be any mourning, or crying, or pain; the first things have passed away. (Rev. 21:4) Weep if you must, as Jesus did, but remember, "Joy comes in the morning."

Pastor Tim



To the women of Kemper and Trinity; blanket making angels!

Thank you for your speedy and beautiful work on the prayer blanket for my dear friend Lora Andrews. I was able to mail it to her, and she is wrapped in love awaiting her surgery on July 25th. She was diagnosed with an aggressive form of Parkinson's Disease in her early 40's. She is not responding to medications and is having surgery to start deep brain stimulation. She asked for prayer warriors and you ladies rose to the need. Thank you for sending her love just as you did for me some 32 years ago. I appreciate all of you and am lucky to have you in my family's life.

Alison Hansen Burgett

Thank you for your donation and support of the highly anticipated, new all-inclusive playground for Cambridge and surrounding communities.

The Park Board &
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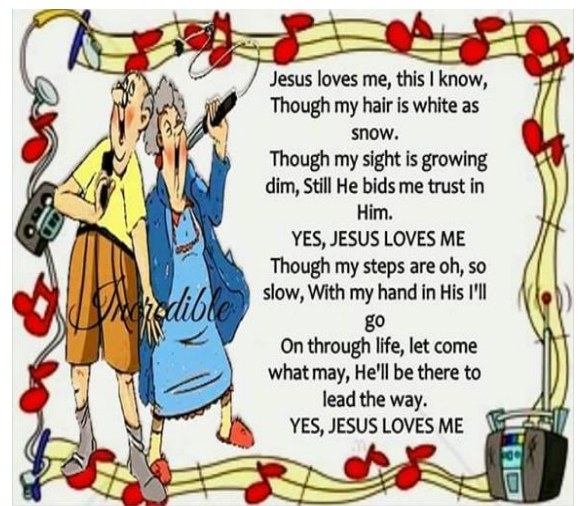
Dear Trinity Community Church,

Thank you so very much for your donation.

This helps so much in our efforts to advocate for the kids here in Southwest Nebraska.

Please let us know if you ever want to stop by and see us. We would love to show you around and see what we do.

Prairie Plains CASA
Caitlin



Jesus loves me, this I know,
Though my hair is white as snow.
Though my sight is growing dim,
Still He bids me trust in Him.
YES, JESUS LOVES ME
Though my steps are oh, so slow,
With my hand in His I'll go
On through life, let come what may,
He'll be there to lead the way.
YES, JESUS LOVES ME

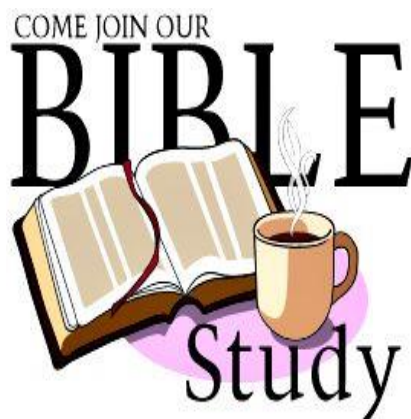
Mission Giving for Trinity for the month of August will be to the Crystal Theater in Arapahoe to sponsor a new movie. The movie is White Bird. It is about Hope, Courage and Kindness. At this time, we are not sure when it might be available at the Arapahoe theater, but we will keep you informed!



POTLUCK will be back in September! We all hope to enjoy cooler weather and a special time to share together. We are asking for helpers each month to set up and clean after the dinner. It will be wonderful to have time together to share our summer news with each other! Please advise if you would be willing to help.

Bible Study is starting again!

Join us for Bible study, discussion and fellowship. We meet on Wednesdays from 5 to 6 pm. Most of our past studies have lasted 8 to 10 weeks. The first meeting will be Sept. 11 at 5pm and be an organizational meeting. We would love to see you there!



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Backpack Sunday with many of our youth!

Please say an extra prayer for our students as they head off to college!
Heavenly Father, please be with these students as they go where they do not know.

As they seek to grow in knowledge, we ask that they grow in faith.

As they start to conquer the world, we hope that they conquer their fears.

As they strive to find their place, we pray that they find You.

Please go where we cannot, protect when we cannot, give strength that we cannot, and bring them safely home.

Amen

If you are receiving this newsletter in the mail and have an email account, please call and share your email. The cost of postage has jumped again. Every penny helps!

Bartley Sisters in Christ will meet for the first time after the summer break on September 11 at 9:30 am at the Church.

Hopefully everyone is excited and ready to get back together and enjoy some fellowship time together. At this time, we are unsure of who will lead as LaNora will just have had surgery.

There will be refreshments for the meeting. Looking forward to seeing everyone after a long hot summer!

History of Hymns: "Just as I Am" comes from writer's struggle with confining illness
Charlotte Elliott

*Just as I am, without one plea,
 But that Thy blood was shed for me,
 And that Thou bidst me come to Thee,
 O Lamb of God, I come, I come.*

Charlotte Elliott, a Victorian hymn writer, was born in the south London district of Clapham in 1789 and died in Brighton, England, in 1871. Her grandfather was a famous evangelical preacher. Her family, who belonged to the evangelical wing of the Anglican Church, taught her Christian piety.

Elliott was a famous humorous poet during her youth. At the age of 32, she suffered from a serious illness that left her disabled for the rest of her life. Then her lifelong spiritual mentor César Malan, a Swiss minister and hymnologist, counseled her to replace her rage and inner conflict with peace, and simple faith in God; from that day on, she turned her literary talents to writing hymns.

Although sometimes depressed by her condition, she always felt renewed by the assurance of salvation, and she responded to her Savior in hymns with her "strong imagination and a well cultured and intellectual mind" (John D. Julian, *A Dictionary of Hymnology*, 1892).

By the invitation of Harriet Kiernan and the suggestion of the Rev. Hugh White, Elliott became the editor of *Christian Remembrance Pocket-Book* (1834-1859) and published *The Invalid's Hymnbook* in 1834. She wrote about 150 hymns. Her most famous, "Just as I Am," is widely used in English and North American hymnals today.

Elliott's hymns, which are simple, devotional and full of consolation for **those in sickness** and sorrow, are contained in six volumes: *Psalms and Hymns for Public, Private, and Social Worship* (1835-1848); *The Christian Remembrance Pocket-Book*; *The Invalid's Hymn Book*; *Hours of Sorrow Cheered and Comforted*; or, *Thoughts in Verse* (1836); *Morning and Evening Hymns for a Week* (1839); and *Thoughts in Verse on Sacred Subjects* (1869).

"Just as I Am, Without One Plea" was written in 1834 and first published in leaflet form in 1835. It was then published in the 1841 edition of *The Invalid's Hymn Book*. It appeared again with the title "Him that Cometh to Me I Will in No Wise Cast Out" (John 6:37) in the 1849 edition of *Hours of Sorrow Cheered and Comforted*. In this edition, the seventh stanza was added.

In 1834, Elliott moved to Brighton and lived with her brother, the Rev. Henry Venn Elliott. One day when everyone in her family had gone to a church bazaar to raise funds for a charity school, Elliott was left alone, confined by her sickness. Though depressed with feelings of uselessness and loneliness, she recalled the message "Come to Christ just as you are," which she had received from César Malan during the darkest period of her soul. She then overcame her distress to write this hymn.

The repetition of the short line, "O Lamb of God, I come," is a commitment to Jesus-centered life. Hymnologist J.R. Watson notes that there is a beautiful structure in this hymn, "from the nakedness of 'Just as I am' to the climax of 'O Lamb of God, I come!'"

People aren't "good enough" or "not good enough" to come to Jesus. It is through God's initiative, pardon, promises and free love mentioned throughout the hymn that everyone can come to Jesus. Just like Elliott, people will face "conflict," "doubt" and "fighting and fears within [and] without," but one can find rest in Jesus.

Because of its simple but powerful message, this hymn has been widely used in church meetings like those led by evangelists D.L. Moody, Billy Graham and John Stott.

September 2024						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Fellowship 9:45 Sunday School Bartley fellowship after services	2	3 Kid's play group	4 Youth Group at 7pm	5	6	7
8 Fellowship 9:45 Sunday School Potluck Bartley fellowship after services	9 Elizabeth Circle at 12 pm	10 Kid's play group	11 Bible Study at 5 pm Youth Group at 7 pm Bartley Sisters in Christ at 9:30 am	12	13	14
15 Fellowship 9:45 Sunday School Music Bartley fellowship after services	16 Outreach at ALF at 9:30 am	17 Kid's play group	18 Bible Study 5 pm Youth Group 7 pm Lois Circle 7:30pm	19 Bingo at ALF 2:30 pm	20	21
22 Fellowship 9:45 Sunday School Bartley fellowship after services	23	24 Kid's play group	25 Bible Study 5 pm Youth Group at 7 pm	26	27	28
29 Fellowship 9:45 Sunday School Bartley fellowship after services	30					





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Worship Services
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9:30 Fellowship

Sunday School at 10 am

11:00am Worship

Kemper Memorial Methodist Church

9:45 am Worship
 Followed by Fellowship



**& Birthdays
 Anniversaries**

September

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| 3 | Josh Holtze | 18 | Rod Horst |
| | Jason Ellicott | 21 | Kimmie May |
| | Don Farley | | Pat Downer |
| 4 | Erin Randolph | 23 | Olivia Taylor |
| | Virginia Roberts | 24 | Chris Borland |
| 5 | Colleen Johnson | 27 | Austin Wineland |
| 6 | Penny Johnson | 29 | Destry Jorgensen |
| 9 | Chloe Besler | 30 | Cort Fiene |
| 10 | Julie Carpenter | | Darren Huxoll |
| | Gloria Hilton | | Emily Mollring |
| | Jason Benson | | |
| | Asa Burke | | |
| 12 | Judy Jackson | | |
| 15 | Ken Dutt | | |
| 16 | Drew Holtze | | |
| | Capri Sayer | | |
| 17 | Patricia Sayer | | |
| | Brad Borland | | |

Happy Anniversary

- September 3
 Tim & Deb Burke
- September 10
 Dave & Andela Taylor
- September 12
 Jake & Makayla Kessler
- September 15
 Dave & Kathy Benson
- September 19
 Troy & Pam Westadt