



THE TRINITARIAN



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FROM THE PASTOR

John 15:13 Greater love has no one than this, that he lay down his life for his friends.

You may have seen the movie, "Groundhog day." Bill Murray's life is lived over and over again, the same day for who knows how long. He uses that day in the end for good and to win over a woman's love.

Many will be thinking of the love for another this month as well. Chocolate, flowers, poems and fancy meals will likely be used to show that love. Minds and hearts will be working overtime to make it a special day.

We work hard to make it a special day. Someone else looked to that day of love for others. He went to that cross in the ultimate demonstration of love. The thing of it was, it was as Paul wrote to those in Rome:

Romans 5:7-8 Very rarely will anyone die for a righteous man, though for a good man someone might possibly dare to die. But God demonstrates His own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

Are you ready to go all the way for love? Are you willing to sacrifice yourself, time, talents and treasure so that another will have the benefits of your love for them? Many are in need of your love for them, needing hope in a world that will only lead to death and not life.

He gave His all because He loved us enough to even die, physically for us. He had a plan to do that even before the beginning of the world.

We have a chance to make plans for others as well. Some we will work hard to show our love in one way or another. Others the Lord hasn't even brought into our lives yet but are in need of the love of one who knows what it is like to have someone die for them. Might our love extend to them as well as that one near and dear to our hearts, given us by the Lord.

Pastor

PICTURE ON FRONT COVER

The picture is of our organ at it's former church back east before being moved here to Trinity in 1989. The organ was a gift of the Gutknecht family in celebration of the 75th birthday of the Reverend Richard J. Gutknecht. Pastor Gutknecht served Trinity Lutheran congregation from 1959 to 1976. The organ was dedicated here at Trinity on March 12, 1989.

ELDER'S REPORT

LOVE is the operative word in February. How do you celebrate the most pervasive of obligatory days of the year. February 14 can be a day of joy or total embarrassment depending on how good your memory is and how fat your wallet.

As a young man, the depth your love and commitment to a young lady was measured by the number of red roses, heart shaped candy boxes, and the mushiness of the Hallmark cards you provided to that special someone. In those days, comparison of items received and promises made were the grist of young people's conversations.

Has it changed over the course of your lives, probably so, then again, maybe not. Valentine's Day is multi-billion dollar event. Venture into Walmart on Valentine's Day about 1800 hours and see the frantic actions of the males of the species as they try to find those special items that will determine their fate for that day and many to follow. The outcomes of those frantic actions are uncertain at best.

LOVE is also GOD's operative word, every day of our lives. We sin daily and would suffer the consequences if not for GOD's love for us by sending his SON JESUS CHRIST to suffer and die for our sins.

Our obligation to GOD is repent from sinning, receive HIS GRACE through His Word and Sacraments, and pray for His guidance as we live our daily lives.

Unlike the uncertainty of Valentine's day actions to please another person, following GOD's plan and doing HIS will is the certainty of

eternity with HIM .

The true expression of love is JOHN 3:16.

Jim Wilkes,
Head Elder

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The Board of Directors met January 16, 2020.

Jim Wilkes, Head Elder, reported that the elders distributed the names of the members served by Robert Rentschler among the four current elders. The elders asked that they be notified any time you have a need for care, i. e. hospitalized, need transportation, etc.

Robyn Luevano, outgoing Treasurer, reported that income exceeded expenses in December by \$11,498.41; General Income was \$26,097.00 and Expenses were (\$14,598.59). Year to date income (YTD) was \$201,164.17 (envelope and loose plate) and YTD expenses were (\$201,865.18). YTD expenses for 2019 exceeded income by (\$701.01). Our LCEF Stewardship account balance as of December 31, 2019, was \$17,507.02. Our Mortgage Loan balance for the same time was \$8,996.46. This is the loan we took out to pay for the Heating/Air Conditioning upgrade. All the change of signatures have been made; newly elected treasurer Cheryl Sandenaw now has control of the books.

Last month the board approved a committee to conduct a review of the financial records, insurance, etc. for the church. Susan Weitzel, Jim Wilkes and Dick Dommers will conduct the review in January and report to the board and congregation.

Bob Klose, President

LWML

HAPPY NEW YEAR – God's Blessing in the New Year 2020! Thank you to everyone who helped take down trees & packed things away, Also, Thank you to All our Trinity members who contributed cans of coffee to the January Mission project to serve the Homeless thru Kris King ministries.

SAVE THE DATE

MEAL FOR MITES – SUNDAY, FEB. 9th after church services. (This will be a free will offering for Mite Mission Goals) Preparations for the meal will be Saturday, Feb. 8th at 10 a.m. There is a signup sheet on the bulletin board in the Narthex. Everyone come join in the fun and catch up after the Holidays. Any questions ??? Belinda will be the organizer.

MARCH – LWML SPRING WORKSHOP will be hosted by Trinity. This a gathering of all the churches in our zone. More information to follow.

Next LWML Meeting will be March 14, 10 a.m. Nominations/Election for President and Treasurer is coming up.

JUNE 5-7 Rocky Mountain District LWML Convention in Keystone, CO. We will be nominating 2 delegates, a Young Woman Rep. and teen Rep. Let Yvonne or any LWML Board member know of your suggestions.

Did you know that **January 21 was National Hugging Day?** If you have ever watched LWML sisters greet one another, there are numerous hugs given and shared. Why do we hug? Hugs with our sisters and brothers in Christ convey our thanks to God for blessing us with a Savior and giving us the opportunity to serve and praise Him. Filling our Mite Boxes is a unique way we can send “hugs” to people all around the world, so they can learn of Christ and be blessed for eternity in the presence of God. Share a hug with someone today; tell them how God loves them and sent His Son to be their Savior.

2019-2021 NATIONAL MISSION GRANT 6-- Mobile Medical Mercy Mission Bus for Guatemala Lutheran Church of Guatemala and Child Beyond International - \$100,000. While Guatemala is a beautiful country, many people suffer in extreme poverty. Over 50% of the children are malnourished and have no access to any form of medical or dental care. Most have no pre-natal or post-natal care and often die from preventable diseases. Immanuel Lutheran Church, Hood River, Oregon and the Lutheran Church of Guatemala have partnered together to share God's physical and spiritual healing with as many souls as possible. They have developed a network of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod partner churches to send medical professionals and mission teams to Guatemala on short term medical mission trips. In order to reach these isolated villages they need the right tool, namely a Mobile Medical Mercy Mission Bus. The funds will be used to purchase and retrofit a bus with medical equipment. Bible school equipment

will also be purchased enabling the teams to heal both the physical and spiritual needs of the Guatemalan children. While the physicians tend to their physical needs, the ministers and lay leaders go into the villages and set up bible classes, VBS and worship services. Child Beyond International will continue to financially support this ministry.

2019-2021 NATIONAL MISSION GRANT 7 --

Restoring Hope for Detroit Children and Families - Camp Restore Detroit - \$100,000.

Detroit has experienced economic disaster and leads the nation with 57.3% of their children living in poverty without food or opportunity. Camp Restore Detroit provides a safe nurturing Christ-centered place for these children, their families, and other adults. This camp provides a place for the children to come and learn about God's love as they participate in art, theatre, and music classes and receive homework help while receiving assistance with basic educational and developmental skills. Additionally, adults are offered parenting, finance, and resume building classes. This grant will fund the renovation of two previously abandoned houses into community outreach centers, along with the house furnishings and outreach materials.

Rocky Mountain District LWML Grants for 2018-

2020--We are making progress with our our Mission Grant Goal for 2018–2020 and have the following amount left to raise by March: \$9,813. Please continue with your MITE Giving! The Table at Bethlehem Lutheran - Grant Amount: \$5,000. The Table is an outreach ministry to the immediate neighborhood of Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Lakewood, Colorado. Since

2009 free weekly meals, along with a church service presenting the Gospel, have been offered to the homeless and working poor population in the area. The Table now serves 125–200 people every week. Volunteers from Bethlehem assist with the service, the music, and cooking and serving the meal, but the food and worship materials are completely by donation. The grant would fund some of these costs.

Any questions? Contact Yvonne Steeby, Susan Weitzel, Belinda Burmeister, Bev Van Duyn, Hannah Keeler, or Cyndi Heithold.

LWML On The Go, is available through your podcast provider, at lwml.org, and on the LWML App.

Yvonne Steeby, LWML President

BABY BOTTLE FUNDRAISER

The ***Baby Bottle Fundraiser*** began on Sanctity of Life Sunday, January 19th and runs through February 16th. We are handing out baby bottles for the fund raising campaign to benefit the Pregnancy Help Center. Please consider filling a bottle (bottles are available in the narthex) with your change, bills, or checks to the Center so they can continue helping young women. Make checks to *Southern New Mexico Outreach, Inc. (SNMO)*. Address: P.O. Box 757 Outreach, Alamogordo, NM 88311. All donations are tax deductible. Just bring your bottles back to church by Sunday, Feb. 17th.

Love-ly Superlatives

To fall in love with God is the greatest of romances, to seek Him the greatest adventure, to find Him the greatest human achievement.

—St. Augustine

THE WINDOW

THIS DAY MAGAZINE, FEBRUARY 1960

By Herman W. Gockel

A young man, working in a large factory, was spending his first day on a new job. Everything went well until shortly after noon, when the machine which he was operating began to make an unusual sound. Eager to demonstrate his mechanical ability, he began to tinker with the machine—with the result that it soon came to a complete stop. Nothing he could do would start the wheels in motion again.

Just then the foreman walked up. The young man, somewhat embarrassed, but still trying to explain and defend his actions, told his superior exactly what he had done and then, shrugging his shoulders, added: "After all, I did my best."

Young man, the seasoned foreman replied, as he looked the precocious novice squarely in the eye, "around here, doing your best is to send for me!"

"Doing your best is to send for me!" How often has our heavenly Father had to remind us of that humbling yet strengthening fact! In our foolish pride we sometimes think that we are doing our best when we apply our own puny wisdom to the difficult problems of daily living; and we forget that in the vexing trials and temptations of the Christian life "doing our best is to send for Him."

"Call upon Me" is still God's command and invitation to all His children. "I will deliver thee" is still His promise. "And thou shalt glorify Me" is still His holy expectation.

How often each day do we really "send for" Him who has so graciously promised to help us? "Pray without ceasing," the Scriptures admonish us. "Pray constantly," a more modern version has it.

Our Lord in heaven would have us know, also, that those who do make a habit of sending Him will surely do their best—as He measures "best."

YOUTH ACTIVITIES

We have the following Youth Group activities planned for this spring. We hope you join us for some fun!

Let us know if you have any questions. Cindi Anderson 575-921-6932, Stacy Johnson 575-434-3416 or Jill Clark 575-442-3362.

Date	Time	Activity	Location
2-Feb	4:30 PM	Super Bowl Party (bring an appetizer)	Anderson Home, 937 Playa Azul St
15-Mar	after church	Potato Bar Lunch (fund raiser)	Church
24-Mar	TBD	Escape Room and Schlotzskys	Ruidoso
April (day TBD)	TBD	Mini-golf at Pizza 9	The Mall
7-May	8:00 PM	Full Moon Night	White Sands

THANK YOU

I would like to thank everyone for all the flowers, cards and gifts for Don. Also thank you for all your prayers for our family. We appreciate all of your thoughtfulness.

Thank you again,
Goldie Gressman

ORGAN WORK

The organ tuner spent another week here this past month. He cleaned up and redid quite a bit of the electronics, especially that associated with the stops. He also finished tuning all of the pipes. There are still a couple of problems with the organ that can be worked at a later date. A couple of the pipes are broken and one of the stops associated with the foot pedals isn't working.

Bob Thede

SUNDAY SCHOOL & BIBLE STUDIES

I hope everyone's New Year is off to a great start! I thought the New Year would be a great time to remind everyone of our Sunday School and Bible Study opportunities. We offer Sunday School for all ages Sunday morning at 9:00. We have an elementary age class, middle/high school class and an adult class. We would love to see as many kids as possible there! If anyone needs a ride to Sunday School please call me or send me a text – 575-921-6932. I would be more than happy to give your kids a ride to Sunday School.

We also have several adult Bible Studies throughout the week.

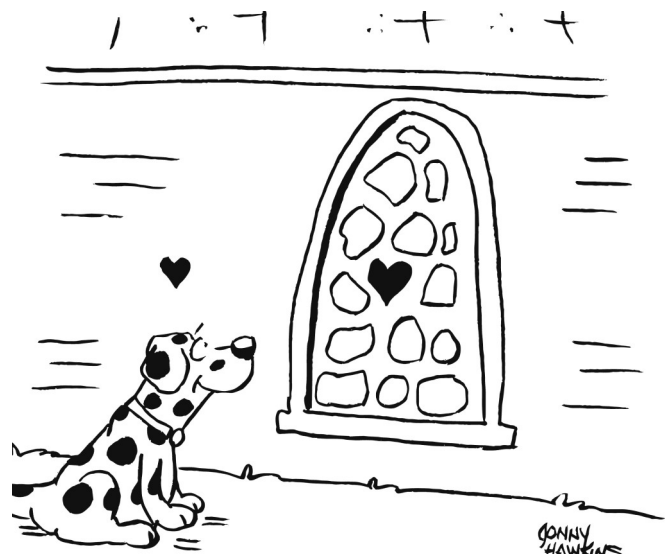
Pastor Cramm's Bible Study – Monday, 7:00 pm

Ruth Bible Study – Tuesday, 9:30 am

Men's Bible Study – Wednesday, 9:00 am

Thursday Afternoon Bible Study-Thurs. 2:00 pm

Cindi Anderson, Chair of Board of Education



FEBRUARY 2020 STEWARDS FOR CHRIST

ELDERS

Feb. 2 Matt Clark
Feb. 9 Ray Bailey
Feb. 16 Glen Schlehuser
Feb. 23 Jim Wilkes
Feb. 26 Ray Bailey (Ash Wednesday)

ACOLYTES

Feb. 2 Zac Sanchez
Feb. 9 Emma Fuller
Feb. 16 Ryan Sebring
Feb. 23 Ethan Fuller
Feb. 26 Abby Anderson (Ash Wednesday)

HOSTS

Feb. 2 Dick & Jan Dommers
Feb. 9 Shirley Enyeart & Vicki Leonard
Feb. 16 Wilma Jaecks & Yvonne Steeby
Feb. 23 Cheryl Richey & Cheryl Sandenaw

READERS

Feb. 2 Dick Dommers & Cheryl Sandenaw
Feb. 9 Susan Weitzel & Lewis Thomas
Feb. 16 George & Marianne Schweers
Feb. 23 Dick Dommers & Cheryl Sandenaw
Feb. 26 Shirley Enyeart & Susan Weitzel
(Ash Wednesday)

TELLERS

Feb. 2 Lola Ableidinger & Nora Sotak
Feb. 9 Sandy Klose & Susan Kelly
Feb. 16 Susan Weitzel & Patty Quinn
Feb. 23 Joyce Macon & Bob Klose
Feb. 26 Yvonne Steeby & Beck Worley
Ash Wednesday)

FEBRUARY 2020 ALTAR COMMITTEE

Christine Schlehuser
Beverly Van Duyn

USHERS

Feb. 2 Tom Blackmon, Susan Weitzel
Larry & Beverly Van Duyn
Feb. 9 Matt Anderson, Marvin Bunker,
John Marquardt
Feb. 16 Trey Johnson, Robert Johnson,
Ray Krueger, Bob Thede
Feb. 23 Bob Klose, Sandy Klose,
Gerald Moore

FEBRUARY 2020 ATTENDANCE

Hannah Keeler

FLOWERS

Feb. 2 Jennifer & Kali Johnson
Feb. 9 Dino & Laurie Di Paolo
Feb. 16 Darlene Oberling
Feb. 23 Ray & Sandy Krueger

LONG-TERM PRAYERS

Eric Bell, **Lois Babcock**, Margaret Brabson,
Kay Burger, Michael Burger, Pat Carr, Red
Chesbro, Mike Debaar, Paul Douglas, **Valerie
English**, Ashton Flasco, Lester & Olivia Drinkwa-
ter, Christopher Douglas, Renee Gocis,
Emma Heithold, **Kristie & John Humphrey**,
Connie Johnson, Caroline Kelly, Pastor Krohn,
Ty Landt, Myron Marquardt, Betsy Miller,
Emiclio Mutis, Cindy Oberling, Mary Palmos,
Alex Pearson, Margaret Romero, Justin Salmon,
Ila Schelter, Carol Schultz, Jessie Sharette,
Robert Spain, Les Street, Paul Thomas,
Austin Tice, Marea Turnbull,
Nolan Vann, Eric Van Horn, Vertein family,
Rhiann Williams, Christopher Wolfe,