



BANNER IN THE GREAT ROOM

THE TRINITARIAN



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FROM THE PASTOR

1Cor. 13:13 So now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; but the greatest of these is love.

There are a few holidays in February. We start off with groundhog day and whether you like winter or want spring to come on earlier this year, it supposedly comes down to a groundhog Phil in Pennsylvania seeing his shadow or not. Love him or not, we might be better off looking to the Old Farmer's Almanac or the long term forecast from the weather channel.

When we think of love in February we usually think of Valentines day. Yes, love is show with those little cards that we handed out to all those in our class. We looked over them all trying to get the right one for the right person to show that we cared about them. I think they have come back with those little valentine heart candies with the sayings on them that expressed love for another as well. For most of us though the day is a recognition of one who is closer than anyone else, one who was made one with us in marriage or one who holds a special place in us as we go about life with them in this world.

The passage above, talks of love too. It is the agape love, love that isn't looking for anything from it for themselves. We might not think too much of that love in a marriage and yet as the years go forward, how much time and effort is to that very end, to make life better for the other, not requiring something but out off love for the other person?

We might think that the verse above might not have anything to do with President's Day yet when it came to these two men, what did they give up for others? We think of Washington and leading this nation as a general who was going up the greatest nation in the world at the time. He did that out of love for the dream of a nation where all men were treated the same, created equal in their opportunity to live their lives out under God who has given life, liberty and the pursuit of those things that makes you happy.

Lincoln saw some in this nation who didn't have the rights of the created order for all as part of their lives. He sought to keep the nation together because if it split, there would be a nation which would not see all men as created equal with the endowed rights of the Creator. Each president loved with an agape love even though they didn't know how it would all come out in the end.

There is another we celebrate daily, every month and not just in February. He loved the world to such an extent He gave His life for all. His is a **perfect** agape love. He loved us and knew that we could never love Him enough to pay Him back but could show our love for Him by loving our neighbor with His agape love, though imperfectly.

May your love for others this month, lead you to let them know of the love of Him who gave Himself for you.

Pastor

ELDERS MESSAGE

The finest day I have ever lived!

This is the response to the question "How are you doing" when you speak to Jim Keeler, Hannah's husband of forty-nine years. He is an honest and moral man, so you can rely on it to be the truth.

Every day we wake up and see the sunrise, it is truly the 'finest day we have ever lived.'

As we begin our day with prayers of thanksgiving to our GOD and reading scripture (you do, don't you?), it should be evident that GOD is the reason we are here.

As we go about our daily journey, we need to recognize that what we do is part of GOD's plan for us and those around us.

Satan is also hard at work trying to coax us into sinful acts. We need to think twice about many of the things we do and ask this question of ourselves:

Is this what JESUS wants us to do?

We need to let the HOLY SPIRIT guide us to make the right decision!!! By letting the HOLY SPRIT guide us throughout the days of our lives, we can rest in the GRACE of GOD.

GOD is fully in control of all things. CELEBRATE THE LORD

GIVE THANKS TO HIM FOR HIS WONDROUS GIFT OF SALVATION THROUGH HIS SON JESUS CHRIST.

F.R.O.G.

Let GOD make each day "The finest day you have ever lived"

JAMES R. WILKES, ELDER

STEWARDSHIP

Trust in the Lord with all your heart,
And lean not on your own understanding.
In all your ways acknowledge Him,
And He shall direct your paths. (Proverbs 3: 5&6 NKJV)

These are the first two verses I memorized after becoming a Christian. While I was in college, I was struggling with some personal relationships, and a deacon from the church came and shared these verses with me. I remember these verses daily. It is a continuous challenge to trust the Lord with EVERYTHING!! I tend to lean on my own understanding instead of getting out of God's way and allowing Him to direct my paths. I have become aware of the fact that when I do trust in the Lord, and do not lean on my own understanding; when I acknowledge Him and let Him direct my paths; life works out a lot better for me.

My prayer for you this new year, is that you will trust in the Lord and continually seek His direction in your life.

God's Blessings,
Sandy Klose, Stewardship Chairperson

FINANCIAL STATUS REPORT

As promised, the Board of Directors approved the following format for reporting the monthly and weekly (as available at the time of publication of the newsletter) income verses budget/expenses. The estimated weekly budgeted requirement was derived by dividing the total budgeted amount of \$215,121.00 by 52, the number of weeks in the year. As stated, this is a rough estimate and will vary from actual expenses, which will be reported in the monthly report. We pray this will help members to track where we are throughout the year. Questions can be directed to Dick Dommers, President or Bob Klose, Vice-President.

OUR MONTHLY RESPONSE TO GOD'S GRACE

December 2021

Income	\$40,951 (Envelope + Loose Plate)
Expenses	<u>(\$16,466.86)</u>
Profit/Loss	\$23,484.14

YEAR-TO-DATE DECEMBER 31, 2021

Giving (Actual)	\$216,432.21 (Envelope + Loose Plate)
Expenses (Actual)	<u>(\$205,120.62)</u>
Profit/Loss	\$11,311.59
Budgeted	\$220,215

OUR WEEKLY RESPONSE TO GOD'S GRACE

January 2, 2022

General Fund:	\$6,280.00
Estimated Weekly Budget Requirement:	<u>\$4,137.00</u>
Difference:	\$2,143.00
Other Designated Giving:	
Dollar Project	\$21.00

January 9, 2022

General Fund:	\$2536.00
Estimated Weekly Budget Requirement:	<u>\$4,137.00</u>
Difference:	(\$1,601.00)
Other Designated Giving:	
African Ministry	\$2,482.73
Dollar Project	\$18.00
Flowers	\$144.00
Missions – Ysleta	<u>\$10.00</u>
Total Designated Giving	\$2,654.73

January 16, 2022

General Fund:	\$3580.00
Estimated Weekly Budget Requirement:	<u>\$4,137.00</u>
Difference:	(\$557.00)
Other Designated Giving:	
Dollar Project	\$ 24.00
Missions – Ysleta	\$320.00
Missions – Lutheran Disaster Response	<u>\$ 25.00</u>
Total Designated Giving	\$369.00

EVANGELISM

Tract of the Month: February's tract of the month is "The Conflict at Home". This tract is about 'Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder' (PTSD). The booklet is divided into 3 sections. The first describes PTSD in the form of a **Story**, the second is a **PTSD Toolbox**, and the last section has **Thoughts and Recommendations**. "Written with the serviceman or woman in mind, this information is nonetheless of great value to anybody fighting this fierce anxiety disorder. No matter the source of the trauma, there is hope, and it is found in Jesus Christ, who conquered everything this world can dish out – including PTSD." If you know anyone or of anyone suffering from PTSD, (or you just want to have a better idea what it is and how to deal with it) be sure to pick up this interesting and informative booklet (& please share as needed).

POTLUCK LUNCHEONS!!!! As you all know, we sponsor 6 missions each year. In an effort to keep you updated and informed as to what the missions this church sponsors are doing; the Evangelism Committee will be sponsoring potluck luncheons throughout the year so that representatives of each mission can come talk to us. The potluck supper for our first mission which is Ysleta, will be **after church on February 20th**. We hope you will join us for not only good food and fellowship, but also to learn and be updated about what is going on with Ysleta these days.

Speaking of missions, I'm sure you all realize that the wooden box with the slit is for people to put dollar bills in (you can put more if you wish!) when going into the church. The **Dollar Project** (See next page for a list of mission choices) was started to give some \$ to organizations that need support, but aren't one of our 6 yearly missions. I am told that there is a new \$ Project list up on the bulletin board. One of the duties of the hosts each week is to designate what mission you want that week's dollars to go to. **When you are a host**, please be sure to designate the mission you wish to receive that week's \$. I'm told all you have to do is just put the number. If you want some other organization not listed to get the \$, be sure we have not only the name of the organization, but also the address we need to mail the donation to.

Evangelism Committee Tuesday Evening Classes – The Evangelism Committee is doing classes on Tuesday Evenings @ 6:15pm called Tactics. These classes seek to teach you a game plan for discussing your Christian convictions with others. It helps you to see yourself as a gardener as you witness, instead of a harvester, that many have a harder time with. In gardening, you weed, water, and fertilize in the time before the harvest. Many people need time to think through what they actually believe and this course helps you to help them to do just that. It is very non-confrontational and easy to use. Come join the group if you want some direction in this area.

Some things we are hoping to do this year include bringing an Amy Grant concert and also the TV series "The Chosen" to our great room for viewing. Amy Grant is a platinum Christian music recording artist and "The Chosen" according to Wikipedia "is a television drama based on the life of Jesus of Nazareth, created, directed and co-written by American filmmaker Dallas Jenkins." "The Chosen" has a very large following and has achieved high acclaim. We hope to have a "movie night" complete with popcorn and snacks a couple of times (or more if popular) each month. We hope you will join us for some good viewing and fellowship.

The Next Evangelism Committee meeting will be Monday February 7th at 5:30pm. We welcome anyone that may wish to attend!

In closing I would like to quote ACTS 13:47 (NIV) – "For this is what the Lord has commanded us: 'I have made you a light for the Gentiles, that you may bring salvation to the ends of the earth.' "

Yours in Christ, Cheryl Sandenaw, Evangelism Chairman

DOLLAR PROJECT MISSION SELECTIONS

(If you are a Greeter-Please select a Mission for your Sunday)

1. Baptist Children's Home & Family
2. Bible Stick Ministry-Military
3. Boys and Girls Club
4. CAPPED
5. Concordia Students
6. **COPE**
7. Haiti Relief
8. Higher Things-Youth
9. LCMS Seminary Fund
10. **Lutheran Bible Translators**
11. Lutheran Church Charities Comfort Dogs
12. Lutheran Disaster Response
13. Lutheran Heritage Foundation
14. Lutheran Hispanic Missionary Institute
15. *Lutheran Hour*
16. **The Pregnancy Help Center**
17. Ysleta Mission

***The Above Listed Missions are only Suggestions. If you have a MISSION that has a particular meaning for you please provide the Name and Address so the Treasurer can send the donation. ***

BELOVED LYRICS

At a women's retreat in Arizona, the leader discussed the subject of passing faith to the next generation. She divided the women into groups of five and asked each group to choose and then sing a cherished hymn. The women were surprised to hear an overwhelming favorite: the Sunday school standard "Jesus Loves Me".

Most of us probably can sing the first and last verses of that beloved song. But do you know the other verses? Here are the lyrics:

Jesus loves me! This I know,
As He loved so long ago,
Taking children on His knee,
Saying "Let them come to Me."
(Refrain)

Jesus loves me still today,
Walking with me on my way,
Wanting a friend to give
Light and love to all who live.
(Refrain)

-----The NewsletterNewsletter, February 2008

LWML

Bible Study on Christian Living, Relationship with Others By Anneke Hudson (on-line).

Finally, brothers & sisters, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. What you have learned and received and heard and seen in me — practice these things, and the God of peace will be with you (Philippians 4:8–9). "Whatever ... Keeping Your Heart in Tune with Whatever Life Brings" takes a six-lesson look at Philippians 4:8–9. Each lesson contains Bible study, personal reflection and practical ideas to incorporate into your life. Designed as a group study, it can also be used as an individual study. <http://www.lwml.org/posts/long-bible-study/whatever-keeping-your-heart-in-tune>

EVENTS

JANUARY Mission Project – Collected cans of coffee for our Trinity Kitchen. Thank you to those that contributed. This will help with kitchen expenses.

FEBRUARY – Mission Project – Meals for Mites to raise funds for Mission Grants voted on by our district. We will be setting up and preparing food Saturday, Feb. 12th at 10a.m. We will need help also for serving and cleanup. The meal will be served after services Sunday, February 13th. There are signup sheets on the bulletin board in the Narthex.

FEBRUARY 19th – 10a.m. – LWML will meet for discussion of future events and Bible Study. Seems so long since we have been able to get together. Come for Bible study and fellowship.

51st LWML Rocky Mountain Convention - Mark your calendars. Our 51st district convention is happening June 3–5 in Albuquerque, New Mexico. Marriott Albuquerque, 2101 Louisiana Boulevard NE, Albuquerque. We cannot wait to show you what we've been working on. And we're counting the days until we see you... Registration is now open on the lwmlrmd.org website and hotel Reservations. Early registration until March 31 will save you \$20.

DISTRICT MISSION GRANTS 2020--2022

\$62,460.28 TOWARD OUR \$77,960.28 MISSION GRANT MITE GOAL, WHICH END MARCH 31, 2022.

NATIONAL MISSION GRANTS 2021-2023

LWML Mission Grant #6 = Hope of Christ for Cancer Patients Phil's Friends — \$70,000: As Christians, we are charged with sharing the message of the Gospel and the Word with all individuals. The mission of Phil's Friends, an LCMS Recognized Service Organization, is to introduce and strengthen relationships with Christ by providing faith-based hope to those with cancer. The support includes a care package with practical, emotional, and spiritual items, including a Bible, a card sent monthly for 12 months, and a new program "Hope on Call," in which Phil's Friends' trained volunteers meet virtually with the cancer patient to talk and pray. This grant would further fund Phil's Friends Cancer Care Packages, Cards of Hope, and Hope on Call.

LWML Mission Grant #7 = Training Pastors to Serve the Church in Russia Lutheran Theological Seminary, Novosibirsk, Siberia — \$100,000: Through the efforts of the Siberian Evangelical Lutheran Church and the pastoral training provided by the Lutheran Theological Seminary in Novosibirsk, Siberia, the Word and Sacraments are again making their way to the long-repressed Russian people. With this

grant, Lutheran Women's Missionary League will partner in training pastors and deaconesses and in helping the seminary continue its efforts to restore the Lutheran Church in Russia. The Novosibirsk seminary's goal is to prepare workers to spread the true Word of God to the Russian people. This grant will fund some of the operational expenses of the seminary and allow it to continue providing a solid theological education to those seeking to serve as pastors and deaconesses within the Siberian Lutheran Church.

REMEMBER: You get can all kinds of information, resources, bible studies, devotions, support by going to the LWML website: LWMLRMD.org (Rocky Mountain District) or LWML.org (National).

by Yvonne Steeby, Trinity LWML President

Any questions? Contact Yvonne, Bev, Hannah, Christine, Sue, or Cyndi H.

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

THE WINDOW "SEND FOR ME"

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 that 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!"

What a lesson in life!

"Doing you 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 that none of us is doing his best who is not sending for *Him* every moment of the day.

But He would have us know, also, that those who do make a habit of sending for Him will surely do their best – as He measures "best."

----BY HERMAN W. GOCKEL, ---*This Day Magazine*, February 1960

BABY BOTTLE CAMPAIGN

Did you pick up your baby bottle? Have you begun to fill it with money for the Pregnancy Help Center fund raiser? Our goal is \$1300, \$100 more than last year. The Pregnancy Help Center of Alamogordo has been assisting women with unintended pregnancies since 1987. Free services include: pregnancy testing, limited ultrasounds, counseling, education, clothing, and referrals for medical, legal and social services. Let's get this done! Please make checks to: Southern New Mexico Outreach, Inc. (SNMO). Those of you worshipping via the Internet, you may send your contribution to church or I will be happy to pick it up. Just give me a call. The money and/or baby bottles are due back no later than February 21st. Thanks. Hannah Keeler 491-9234.

POINTED SAYINGS

He who approves a white lie soon grows
color blind.

Choose: the attainment of man or the
atonement of Christ.

A Christian is a blot or a blessing.
a blank he cannot be.

God's way becomes plain when we
walk it.

Any church which is satisfied to hold her
own is on the way to the cemetery.

When church services are over, your
service begins.

Someone has said our economic situation
is one where this generation pays the
debts of the last generation by issuing
bonds for the next generation.

Communists are people who sneeze
every time Stalin takes snuff.

The glory of the local church is that it
.is not local.

The Lord Jesus loves to reveal Himself to
to those who dare to take the bleak side
of the hill with Him.

From STAR DUST

By Rev. J. E. Hermann

FEBRUARY 2022 STEWARDS FOR CHRIST

ELDERS

Feb. 6 Matt Anderson
Feb. 13 Jim Wilkes
Feb. 20 Jesse Elkjer
Feb. 27 Matt Anderson

ACOLYTES

Feb. 6 Dylan Sebring
Feb. 13 Reilly Quinn
Feb. 20 Macey Sebring
Feb. 27 Madie Sanchez

READERS

Feb. 6 Ruth Wilkes, Susan Kelly
Feb. 13 George & Marianne Schweers
Feb. 20 Dick Dommers, Cheryl Sandenaw
Feb. 27 Jill Clark, Lisa Collins

TELLERS

Feb. 6 Dick Dommers, Megan Bowman
Feb. 13 Linde Van Cleave,
Cheryl Sandenaw
Feb. 20 Lola Ableidinger, Nora Sotak
Feb. 27 Sandy Klose, Susan Kelly

HOSTS

Feb. 6 Laurie Di Paolo, Shirley Enyeart
Feb. 13 Sarah & Jesse Elkjer
Feb. 20 Verna & Jim Fladhammer
Feb. 27 Tom & Darlene Gilmore

SOUND TECH

Feb. 6 Ben Clark
Feb. 13 Louis Mauriot
Feb. 20 Matt Anderson
Feb. 27 Bob Klose

USHERS

Feb. 6 Tom Blackmon, Jim Fladhammer
Larry & Bev Van Duyn
Feb. 13 Matt Anderson Marvin Bunker,
Jesse Elkjer, Susan Kelly
Feb. 20 Robert Johnson, Trey Johnson
Ray Krueger, Bob Thede,
Feb. 27 Gerald Moore, Bob & Sandy Klose
Dave Teller

FEBRUARY FLOWERS

Feb. 6 Darlene Oberling
Feb. 13 Dick & Cheryl Richey
Feb. 20 Ray & Sandra Krueger
Bob & Jan Thede
Feb. 27 Larry & Beverly Van Duyn

FEBRUARY ATTENDANCE

Hannah Keeler

FEBRUARY ALTAR COMMITTEE

Christine Schulehuser
Beverly Van Duyn



"They joined the Fruit-of-the-Month Club, and everything was fine 'til they got to apple."

