



**Thanks to Diane Kline for taking care of our garden in front.**

# THE TRINITARIAN

THE NEWSLETTER OF  
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## **BOARD OF ELDERS**

### **God was always there!**

As many of you are aware, I had a stroke last November and heart surgery last December. I never had any anger towards God, in fact, He is the one who kept me alive. If we hadn't been in Houston at the time of my heart event, I wouldn't have survived. However, I was very disappointed in what I couldn't do. I had trouble with many small tasks and was very slow in recovery – in short, I was having my own pity party.

I count it as a blessing that all this was going on in December. This is the time of year that all the commercials for help are on TV. I watched a lot of them but particularly Wounded Warriors and Shriners Hospital – they hit home very hard. How could I compare my problems to what these people were suffering. It is always easy to look at our problems but they are minor compared to what others are going through. I thank God for my situation and look forward to seeing what his plans for me are.

Allen Burmeister, Elder

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### **EDUCATION**

The Education Committee met with representatives from the Stewardship and Evangelism Committees on Sunday, May 10<sup>th</sup> after church service. Eight people were in attendance. The primary topic of discussion was the July 4<sup>th</sup> summer congregational picnic and games day. It will be held on Saturday, July 4<sup>th</sup> from 2:00 to 4:00 pm in the Great Room. Games will be for all ages, held both inside and outside.

The menu will consist of hamburgers and hotdogs with a choice of condiments and toppings, sides and salads, and sundaes with all the toppings for dessert. Education will provide the meat, lettuce, tomato, onions, and buns; Stewardship will provide the condiments, and Evangelism will provide the ice cream and toppings for dessert.

There will be a sign-up sheet for those who will be attending, and a sign-up sheet for members of the congregation to say what side or salad they will be bringing to share. Merry Zumwalt volunteered to make the sign-up sheets for the July 4<sup>th</sup> event and hang them on the Education bulletin board by the second Sunday in June.

The last business brought up was having a church clean-up day before Pastor Simon arrives. It was decided to have it on Saturday, June 6<sup>th</sup> or another day if you can't make it on Saturday. Cindi Anderson put the notice in the bulletin and a sign-up sheet has been placed on the bulletin board, for people to volunteer for the area that they would be willing to help clean.

There was no other business to discuss, so the meeting was adjourned with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Susan Kelly, Director of Education

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### **LWML RUMMAGE SALE**

We are collecting rummage for our annual Rummage Sale. Please place your rummage in the center Sunday School Room, the other two rooms are used for Children's Sunday School Classes. The East Shed is also available for storage of rummage. The shed key is available through Jan Thede during office hours 575-437-1482 or call Nora Sotak 575-439-7524, or Norbert Sanchez 575-921-2239.

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### **SPRING CLEANING!**

We are planning a spring clean up day for Saturday, June 6<sup>th</sup>. This is something that we would like to get done before the Ordination and Installation for Pastor Simon. There is a list of cleaning projects posted in the narthex. **(We really don't have very many that have signed up to help with this project—so please take a look at the list to see what you can help with!)** Sign up for a project (you can sign up with a friend if you would like)! We will meet June 6 to work on our projects but if you aren't available on the 6<sup>th</sup> feel free to do your project anytime during the week before June 6. Let Norbert Sanchez know if you need any cleaning supplies by May 31 and he will make sure we have them available. Talk to Cindi or Stacy if you have any questions.



## EVANGELISM

**Tract of the Month: Telling the Good News about Jesus** What is our great privilege as Christians? Where does telling the good news about Jesus begin? Isn't evangelism just the pastor's job? What can be done to prepare ourselves to tell others about Jesus? **These questions, are answered by Dr. A. L. Barry, former President of The LCMS.** Pick one up on the spinning rack in the Narthex.

**Result of Congregational Vote on Bi-Monthly Mission Assignments:** The results of congregational voting for the May & June mission in 2026 is highlighted below:

Ballot Order (#)	Mission Name	# Votes	Mission Month
1	Ysleta Lutheran Mission Care, El Paso	22	Jan / Feb
9	LCMS Disaster Response	21	Mar / Apr
2	Lutheran Hispanic Missionary Institute, El Paso (LHMI)	20	May / Jun
10	LCMS Seminary Student Financial Aid Fund	18	Jul / Aug
3	Luther Classical College	16	Sep / Oct
4	The Lutheran Heritage Foundation	15	Nov/Dec

**Mission for May / June:** Lutheran Hispanic Missionary Institute, El Paso (LHMI) - From their website at: <http://www.missionaryinstitute.org/>--"The central purpose and role of the LHMI is expressed by the following mission statement: The mission of the Lutheran Hispanic Missionary Institute is training workers to multiply healthy Hispanic Ministries.

WE COMMIT TO:

- TRAIN...men and women as missionaries for service as evangelists, deacons/deaconesses with a spirit of humble obedience (Philippians 2:5-8), sowing the seed of the Gospel among Hispanics.
- PARTNER...with individuals, congregations, and other Lutheran organizations to extend outreach to Hispanics.
- NURTURE...new workers and ministries in response to His Great Commandment (Mt. 22:37-40)"

**Other communication from the Evangelism Committee:** The Evangelism committee will meet again on Monday, June 8 at 5:30 in the Bible Study room.

*Have a blessed month!*

The Evangelism Committee



## **TRINITY'S STEWARDSHIP MINISTRY**

### **Trinity's Stewardship Ministry Clothed in Christ**

***“As God’s chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, greatness, and patience with each other...put on love which binds them all together in perfect unity.” (Colossians 3:12,14)***

I love Trinity Lutheran Church! Many of you would say the same. We are taught God's Word in its' truth and purity. We are his baptized and redeemed people whom God looks at as holy and dearly loved. All by God's grace. The Scripture above describes God's people. It speaks of Trinity Congregation. Colossians 3:12 is who the people of Trinity are by God's amazing grace. I love the picture of being "clothed" with Christ's righteousness.

***Galatians 3:27 “...for all of you who were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ.”***

***Isaiah 61:10 “I delight greatly in the Lord: my soul rejoices in my God. For he has clothed me with garments of salvation and arrayed me a robe of his righteousness.”***

Our gracious God clothes His people at Trinity with compassion, reflecting the compassion of Jesus our Savior. This is the center of stewardship...a way of life with the cross at the center.

Whenever a family or a person's needs are known by our congregation, they are quick to respond with prayers and helping to fill those needs. There are times when sorrow and anguish reach deep into one's soul. Again, the Trinity family responds with prayers, compassion, and love. And Jesus, called ***“the man of sorrows”*** in ***Isaiah 53***, who understands and comforts us.

Trinity Lutheran, our pastors, our children, our sisters and brothers in Christ are all precious gifts God has given us. We cherish these gifts as Jesus lavishes His love upon us.

In Jesus Name

Lola Ableidinger, Stewardship Chair

**HOLY, HOLY, HOLY! LORD GOD ALMIGHTY -- 1826**

*And they do not rest day or night, saying: "Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty. Who was and is and is to come! Revelation 4:8*

Reginald Heber was born April 21, 1783, to a minister and his wife in an English village. After a happy childhood and a good education in the village school, he enrolled at Oxford where he excelled in poetry and became fast friends with Sir Walter Scott. Following graduation, he succeeded his father as vicar in his family's parish, and for sixteen years he faithfully served his flock.

His bent toward poetry naturally gave him a keen and growing interest in hymnody. He sought to lift the literary quality of hymns, and he also dreamed of publishing a collection of high-caliber hymns corresponding to the church year for use by liturgical churches. But the Bishop wouldn't go along with it, and Heber's plans were disappointed.

He continued writing hymns for his own church, however, and it was during the sixteen years in the obscure parish of Hodnet that Heber wrote all 57 of his hymns including the great missionary hymn, "From Greenland's Icy Mountains," which exhorted missionaries to take the gospel to faraway places like "Greenland's icy mountains," and "India's coral stand."

*From Greenland's icy mountains, / From India's coral strand, /  
Where Afric's sunny fountains / Roll down their golden sand; /  
From many an ancient river, / From many a palmy plain, /  
They call us to deliver / Their land from error's chain.*

This hymn represented an earnest desire for Reginald, for he felt God was calling him as a missionary to "India's coral strand." His desire was fulfilled in 1822, when at age 40, he was appointed to oversee the Church of England's ministries in India.

Arriving in Calcutta, he set out on a 16-month tour of his diocese, visiting mission stations across India. In February 1826, he left for another tour. While in the village of Trichinopoly on April 3, 1826, he preached to a large crowd in the hot sun, and afterward plunged into a pool of cool water. He suffered a stroke and drowned.

It was after his death that his widow, finding his 57 hymns in a trunk, succeeded in publishing his *Hymns Written and Adapted to the Weekly Service of the Church Year*. In this volume was the great Trinitarian hymn based on Revelation 4:8-11, "Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty."



### **Reflecting the Father's Name**

Renowned actor Sidney Poitier once said, "I decided in my life that I would do nothing that did not reflect positively on my father's life." For those blessed with a father they admire and respect, such a decision can be deeply shaping. How might it influence the way you set priorities, live with integrity, or serve as a positive example to the young people watching your life?

For all of us — children of the only perfect Father — may this be our prayer and intention: *God, while earthly fathers are a blend of strengths and flaws, you give yourself to us as our heavenly Father, wholly loving, kind and deeply invested in our good. Help me seek to reflect positively on you. May my life spread your love, kindness and care far and wide, and may others see you in me. Amen.*

# JUNE 2026 STEWARDS FOR CHRIST

## ELDERS

June 7 Dick Dommers  
June 14 Matt Clark  
June 21 Bob Klose  
June 28 Dick Dommers

## SERMON

June 14 Bob Klose  
June 28 Dick Dommers

## LITURGIST

June 14 Matt Clark  
June 28 Dick Dommers

## TELLERS

June 7 Susan Kelly & Sandy Klose  
June 14 Bob Klose & Joyce Macon  
June 21 Yvonne Steeby & Becky Worley  
June 28 Wilma Jaecks & Vicki Leonard

## HOSTS

June 7 Vicki Leonard & Cheryl Richey  
June 14 Robert & Susan Rentschler  
June 21 Glen & Chris Schlehuser  
June 28 Nora Sotak & Yvonne Steeby

## SOUND TECH

June 7 Jim Kline  
June 14 Vicki Leonard  
June 21 Sheri Cortez  
June 28 Matt Anderson

## JUNE ALTAR COMMITTEE

Cindi Anderson  
Jan Thede

## USHERS

June 7 Tom Blackmon, Jim Fladhammer  
Larry & Bev Van Duyn  
June 14 Susan Kelly, Norbert Sanchez  
Glen & Christine Schlehuser  
June 21 Robert Johnson, Trey Johnson  
Bob and Tammy Thede  
June 28 Cameron Maltz, Gerald Mooe  
Irvin Torres, Cody Zumwalt

## JUNE ATTENDANCE

Cheryl Sandenaw

## MUSIC

Michael Cortez

## JUNE FLOWERS

June 7 Dick & Cheryl  
June 14 Jim & Hannah Keeler  
June 21 Cody & Merry Zumwalt  
June 28 Lisa Cramm

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