



WITNESSES TO CHRIST

THE TRINITARIAN



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FROM THE PASTOR

If we look at the Old Testament, we see how God assigned there to be certain days throughout the year when certain feasts and festivals were to be held. God would describe what was to go on during each of these special days.

We are entering into the season of Lent. We know it starts with Ash Wednesday and ends with Easter. Much more than that, we may not know too much. I thought it would be good to give you a little background that you may or may not have heard.

In the Lutheran Cyclopedia it has this to say about Lent: From early days, Easter was preceded by a period of preparation called Lent. The custom of fasting during this time was generally at an early date, but the length of fast varied. Finally the fast was extended to 40 days, after the analogy of the period of the Lord's temptation. (Matthew 4:2)

Ash Wednesday (so called from the custom of daubing the foreheads of worshipers on that day with ashes of the previous year's palms, in token penitence and human mortality) has been the 1st day of Lent since the Roman Catholic missal (Roman Catholic order of service for the year).

The season of preparation for Easter ended with the Great Week also called Holy Week. We celebrate Maunday Thursday commemorating the institution of the Lord's Supper which comes either from the Latin for John 3:34 or from the custom of carrying gifts to the poor in maunds (hand baskets). Good Friday was a day of deep mourning, with a complete fast till 3 or 6 o'clock in the afternoon.

We will observe lent beginning this Wednesday, Ash Wednesday, with a soup and sandwich supper at 6PM and then the Ash Wednesday service at 7PM

Pastor

ELDERS MESSAGE

As we gather together as Christians to relive the Passion of Our Lord during this Lenten season, we need to remember this is a fulfillment of GOD's promise to mankind.

GOD sent his only SON to suffer and die for us and for all people, past present and future. Even though Jesus did it all to believe that is not a simple task, given the sinful nature of the world and all the temptations we are faced with on a daily basis.

But the opportunities to gather together for each and every church service strengthens us to follow HIS commandments and truly repent of our sins looking to His forgiveness accomplished for us on the cross.

The Lenten services begin with Ash Wednesday on March 2 and continue until Easter on April 17.

Please attend these church services to reinforce your faith in GOD and HIS SON OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST. John 3:16.

JAMES R. WILKES, ELDER

FINANCIAL STATUS REPORT
OUR MONTHLY RESPONSE TO GOD'S GRACE
January 2022

Income	\$17,834.00 (Envelope + Loose Plate)
Expenses	<u>(\$16,106.85)</u>
Profit/Loss	\$1,727.15
Estimated Monthly Budget Requirement:	\$20,685.00

YEAR-TO-DATE January 31, 2022

Giving (Actual)	\$17,834.00 (Envelope + Loose Plate)
Expenses (Actual)	<u>(\$16,106.85)</u>
Profit/Loss	\$1,727.15
Budgeted	\$22,920.27

OUR WEEKLY RESPONSE TO GOD'S GRACE

February 6, 2022

General Fund:	\$7,405.00
Estimated Weekly Budget Requirement:	<u>\$4,137.00</u>
Difference:	\$3,268.00
Other Designated Giving:	
Dollar Project	\$28.00
Flowers	\$36.00
Ysleta Mission	<u>\$10.00</u>
Total Designated Giving	\$74.00

February 13, 2022

General Fund:	\$4,040.46
Estimated Weekly Budget Requirement:	<u>\$4,137.00</u>
Difference:	(\$96.54)
Other Designated Giving:	
Dollar Project	\$16.00
Flowers	\$54.00
Missions – Ysleta	<u>\$10.00</u>
Total Designated Giving	\$72.00

February 20, 2022

General Fund:	\$3,010.00
Estimated Weekly Budget Requirement:	<u>\$4,137.00</u>
Difference:	(\$1,127.00)
Other Designated Giving:	
Dollar Project	\$
Flowers	\$54.00
Bible study books	\$15.00
Missions – Ysleta	\$1,361.00
Missions – Lutheran Disaster Response	<u>\$</u>
Total Designated Giving	\$

February 27, 2022

General Fund:	\$
Estimated Weekly Budget Requirement:	<u>\$4,137.00</u>
Difference:	(\$)
Other Designated Giving:	
Dollar Project	\$
Flowers	\$
Missions – Ysleta	<u>\$</u>
Total Designated Giving	\$
Total Designated Giving	\$ 58.00

STEWARDSHIP

Ephesians 3:20 & 3:21

“Now to Him who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, according to the power at work within us, to Him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever. Amen.”

WOW! What a statement of the ability and desire of our Lord Jesus Christ. Christ can and will do even more than we can imagine. He wants us to ask! Do we take the time or the effort to ask God for help with the little things in our lives? He wants us to. He desires to be involved in every plan we make and every step we take. I believe it would be well worth our time and effort to ask God for His help with our needs and desires. We know that “Nothing will be impossible with God.” Luke 1:37.

Our Ruth Bible Study on Tuesday mornings always begins with prayer requests and prayer. It is so awesome to look back and realize how many of our prayers God answers; many of them even more generously than we would have even imagined!

May God bless you abundantly as you ask Him for what you need or desire in your service to Him.

Sandy Klose, Stewardship Chairperson

EVANGELISM

“Alzheimer’s disease alters the brain, causing memory loss and personality change. While the clinical effects of the disease are well known, the impact it has on the person suffering – as well as the family who cares for them – is much more complex.” The **Tract of the Month** for March is **Alzheimer’s: Facing the Loss of a lifetime**. This very informative and interesting booklet “explores the effect of the disease on both the patient and the caregiver” as “told through the eyes of a family experiencing Alzheimer’s”. The booklet covers the disease from the early stages through the latter stages & offers insights as to the joys and hope that are still possible throughout the progression of the disease.

MISSIONS: Our mission for January and February is Ysletta Lutheran Mission Care. On Sunday February 20th, Pastor Heimer and his wife came to Trinity to tell us about this mission. Through the adult Bible Study and Sermon, Pastor Heimer informed us what the mission does and some of the difficulties of running the mission. Following the service there was a potluck dinner in the great room. Pastor Heithold provided a yummy brisket and many others provided delicious side dishes to go along with it. After the dinner, Pastor Heimer briefly shared more information about Ysletta with us. A door offering was taken for the mission and amounted to \$218. Next month I will report the total giving to Ysletta through the January and February offerings.

The mission for March and April will be Lutheran Hispanic Missionary Institute. The mission of the LHMI is preparing workers to multiply healthy Hispanic Ministries. The Institute trains men and women as missionaries, lay leaders, and leaders who will go on to serve as called church workers to sow the seed of the Gospel among Hispanics.

AFRICA MISSION: Pastor Cram will be going to Africa again, likely in the latter part of April. His ministry in Africa is teaching Seminary students. This is a call for donations to help Pastor Cram continue this Africa mission. Please when you donate to this, specify Africa.

The Evangelism Committee has purchased lanyards for the nametags. The lanyards will make it much easier to use the nametags. Since nametags are a good Evangelism tool, we hope that with the addition of the lanyards people will start using the nametags again.

The Next Evangelism Committee meeting will be Monday March 14th at 5:30pm. We welcome anyone that may wish to attend!

In closing I would like to quote Ezekiel 3: 18-19 (NIV): 18When I say to a wicked man, 'You will surely die,' and you do not warn him or speak out to dissuade him from his evil ways in order to save his life, that wicked man will die for his sin, and I will hold you accountable for his blood. 19But if you do warn the wicked man and he does not turn from his wickedness or from his evil ways, he will die for his sin; but you will have saved yourself.

Yours in Christ, Cheryl Sandenaw, Evangelism Chairman



Trinity Lutheran Church now has the ability to do automatic withdrawal for giving of your offerings. This a free service that has been offered to the church through LCEF. We are not trying to push the online giving but are offering an opportunity for those who might be interested in using it. It is a very simple process-there is just one form to fill out and then we need a voided check with the form. Withdrawals can be scheduled for a certain day of the month, twice a month, weekly and designated as to which fund it will go to (i.e. General Fund, Missions etc.). A receipt is sent to you automatically and the monies are downloaded through our church financial program Servant Keeper. Jan or I will be available to help you with the forms and entry into the system after church. You will be provided a copy of the entry. If you have any questions, please call Vicki @ (575)921-8602.

Vicki, Financial Secretary

SOUP & SANDWICH SUPPERS

We will begin our Wednesday night Lenten Soup and Sandwich suppers on Ash Wednesday, March 2nd. The soup and sandwich suppers are at 6:00 pm and the worship services follows at 7:00 pm. There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board for individuals to provide soups and sandwiches each week during Lent. Sign up and join the fellowship.

THANK YOU

Thank you to everyone for prayers for me during several surgeries. Your many kindnesses, cards, prayers and concerns for my well being, particularly during the Christmas season, are greatly appreciated. May God bless our church and all of you in the years to come. Lee Wood

LWML
WHAT'S YOUR 80?

1942–2022 — 80 YOUR Years of God's Grace 80?

In thanksgiving for 80 years of the Lutheran Women's Missionary League, each member, group, zone, or district is encouraged to reflect God's love by blessing others with 80 of something, remembering events from the last 80 years, or sharing legacy concepts for carrying forth the LWML mission. Below are some ideas to get you started. Be sure and take a picture of your group's 80. We are planning a montage of your activities at the 2023 LWML Convention.

Personal, Group, Zone, or District 80s:

- \$80, \$800, or even \$8000 extra mite donation
- 80 hours visiting shut-ins
- 80 religious books donated to libraries
- 80 pairs of socks, mittens, hats, or other clothing items to a preschool
- 80 cans of food to an emergency shelter
- 80 bottles of water for a sporting event — add a label "Compliments of LWML"
- www.lwml.org
- **Make and Donate:** 80 dozen cookies, pies, sandwiches, etc. to first responders or emergency room workers
- 80 Bibles marked for prison ministry
- 80 new Chrismons for a Christmas tree
- **Personal 80:** 80 hours of Bible reading for the next year
- 80 days of prayer for a missionary
- \$8 or \$80 extra mite donation

EVENTS

Once again! A BIG THANK YOU to our generous congregation in supporting the MEAL FOR MITES. 50+ members were served and \$600 was raised as free will offering that will go to support LWML Mission Grants. Thank you to all the ladies help that made this possible.

March LWML Get-together: (Change of date) **Saturday, March 12th at 10 a.m.** We hope you will come for Bible Study and fellowship.

DISTRICT MISSION GRANTS 2020-22

Praises! Praises! The Rocky Mountain District Mission Goal has been paid in Full! \$77,960.28 - Funds will continue to go to support National's LWML Mission Goal.

NATIONAL MISSION GRANTS 2021-2023

Mission Goal for 2021–2023 Biennium: \$2,150,000.00 Amount Received: \$1,119,686.94 Mite Report - Jan 2022 Praises!

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. *Watch the video about this mission grant on the LWML.org website!*

**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 LONG LOOK OF LENT
THE WINDOW, BY HERMAN W. GOCKEL**

After the assassination of Abraham Lincoln, while his body lay in state, a great procession of mourners passed by his casket. In the vast throng was an elderly Negro woman together with her four-year-old grandson, who held tightly to her hand.

As they came up to the bier of the great emancipator, the aged woman stood motionless for a long moment, looking at the lifeless form of her slain benefactor – hot tears running down her cheek.

The she stood and lifted up the little boy so that he, too, could see the body of the dead President. Wiping the tears from her eyes, she said to the lad: “Honey, take a long look at that man, He *died* for you!”

Indeed, he had done just that! He had given his life so that that little lad – and millions of other like him – might live their lives in dignity and freedom. And, as few other men whom that lad would ever see, he deserved “a long look”.

In and unspeakably higher sense the Christian world is pausing during these days to take a “long look” at the One who gave His life so that *all* men might be free – free not from an earthly taskmaster but from the slavery of sin, death, and the power of the devil.

THE MAN ON THE CROSS who engages our attention during these days is none other that the Son of God, who loved us and gave Himself for us – the Lenten Lamb who bled and died so that we might be forever free from the guilt, the power, and the punishment of sin. He died *for us!* He died “for *our sins*,” the Scripture tells

us. (1 Corinthians 15:3)

How important that each of us find time for the long and quiet look of reverent contemplation. Not just a passing glance, but a long and thoughtful look! The look of penitence. The look of faith. The look of gratitude. The look of love. The look of unconditional self-surrender.

*Behold the Savior of mankind
Nailed to the shameful tree!
How vast the love that Him inclined
To bleed and die for thee!*

-----*This Day magazine, March 1960*

WITNESSES TO CHRIST: PEOPLE FROM HIS PASSION

John tells us why he wrote his Gospel: “Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; but these are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in His name” (John 20:30–31). Life! When we believe that Jesus is the Christ, God gives us life—abundant life, forgiven life, and eternal life.

Historically, the Fourth Gospel is likened to an eagle—an image that suggests John soars to heights of glory and grandeur. That’s because the evangelist paints a stunning portrait of Jesus, who is the bread of life, the resurrection and the life, and the way, the truth, and the life. Life in Jesus. That’s God’s gift to you!¹

This Lent, our life in Christ will be strengthened as we hear the witness of those in John’s Gospel who journeyed to the cross. Along the way, we’ll meet villains, such as Barabbas and Pontius Pilate, as well as sinners, such as Peter (who denied Jesus *three* times), Mary Magdalene (who was possessed by *seven* demons), and Judas Iscariot (who betrayed Jesus for *thirty* pieces of silver).

Please join us for worship as we hear the witness of these people in John’s Gospel:

Ash Wednesday: *John the Baptist*, John 1:29–34

Midweek of Lent 1: *Mary, the Sister of Lazarus and Martha*, John 12:1–11

Midweek of Lent 2: *Malchus*, John 18:1–11

Midweek of Lent 3: *Peter*, John 18:12–27

Midweek of Lent 4: *Barabbas*, John 18:33–40

Midweek of Lent 5: *Pontius Pilate*, John 19:1–16

Maundy (Holy) Thursday: *Judas Iscariot*, John 13:21–30

Good Friday: *John, the Gospel Writer*, John 19:25–37

The Vigil of Easter: *Nicodemus*, John 19:38–42

The Resurrection of Our Lord: *Mary Magdalene*, John 20:1–18

[Bonus sermon in “Additional Resource”:

Palm Sunday: *The Disciples*, John 12:12–19]

JESUS LOVES ME

*“Jesus loves me, this I know,
For the BIBLE tells me so”-
Little children ask no more,
For love is all they’re looking for,
And in a small child’s shining eyes
The Faith of all the ages lies--
And tiny hands and tousled heads
That kneel in prayer by little beds
Are closer to the dear LORD’s heart
And of His Kingdom more a part
Than we who search, and never find,
The answers to our questing mind--
For FAITH in things we cannot see
Requires a child’s simplicity
For lost in life’s complexities,
We drift upon uncharted seas
And slowly Faith disintegrates
While wealth and power accumulates
And the more man learns,
the less he knows,
And the more involved
his thinking grows
And, in his arrogance and pride,
no longer is man satisfied
To place his confidence and love
With childlike FAITH in God above—
O, Father, grant once more to men
A simple childlike FAITH again
And, with a small child’s
trusting eyes,
May all men come to realize
That FAITH alone can save a man’s soul
And lead him to a HIGHER GOAL.*

---Helen Steiner Rice

MARCH FLOWERS

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

MARCH 2022 STEWARDS FOR CHRIST

ELDERS

March 2 Jim Wilkes(Ash Wed)
March 6 Jessie Elkjer
March 9 Jesse Elkjer(Wed Lent)
March 13 Matt Anderson
March 16 Matt Anderson(Wed Lent)
March 20 Jim Wilkes
March 23 Jim Wilkes(Wed Lent)
March 27 Jesse Elkjer

ACOLYTES

March 2 Ryan Sebring (Ash Wed)
March 6 Zac Sanchez
March 9 Dylan Sebring (Wed Lent)
March 13 Reilly Quinn
March 16 Macey Sebring (Wed Lent)
March 20 Madie Sanchez
March 23 Ryan Sebring (Wed Lent)
March 27 Zac Sanchez

READERS

March 2 Larry & Bev Van Duyn (Ash Wed)
March 6 Shirley Enyeart/Ruth Wilkes
March 9 Lisa Collins/Lewis Thomas
(Wed Lent)
March 13 Yvonne Steeby/Dick Dommers
March 16 Lola Ableidinger/Susan Kelly
(Wed Lent)
March 20 Louis Mauriot/Shirley Enyeart
March 23 Gerald Moore/Matt Anderson
(Wed Lent)
March 27 Dick Dommers/Glen Schlehuser

MARCH ATTENDANCE

Bob Klose

MARCH ALTAR COMMITTEE

Robin Haynes
Vicki Leonard

USHERS

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

HOSTS

March 6 Goldie Gressman & Robin Haynes
March 13 Cyndi Heithold & Wilma Jaecks
March 20 Robert & Stacy Johnson
March 27 Hannah Keeler & Susan Kelly

SOUND TECH

March 2 Bob Klose(Ash Wed)
March 6 Ben Clark
March 9 Ben Clark (Wed Lent)
March 13 Louis Mauriot
March 16 Louis Mauriot (Wed Lent)
March 20 Matt Anderson
March 23 Matt Anderson (Wed Lent)
March 27 Bob Klose

TELLERS

March 2 Joyce Macon & Bob Klose
(Ash Wed)
March 6 Yvonne Steeby & Becky Worley
March 9 Shirley Enyeart & Vicki Leonard
(Wed Lent)
March 13 Dick Dommers & Megan Bowman
March 16 Linde Van Cleave
Cheryl Sandenaw (Wed Lent)
March 20 Lola Ableidinger & Nora Sotak
March 23 Sandy Klose & Susan Kelly
(Wed Lent)
March 27 Joyce Macon & Bob Klose

