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# THE TRINITARIAN



THE NEWSLETTER OF  
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## **FROM THE PASTOR**

Consequently, faith comes from hearing the message, and the message is heard through the word about Christ. Romans 10:17

How would a person hear a message? The message has to be proclaimed in order for you to hear it.

What happens when you read? Do you have that inner hearing that is speaking those words to you, inside. Yes, as you read, there is that inner voice that is speaking it out in a way.

The last few years a few people have been reading through the Bible in two years. In the past there was a Bible reading guide. If you didn't know it, the Lutheran Study Bible has all sorts of helps when it comes to the Bible and to understanding scripture better, more easily.

On pages lix-lxiii (49-53) there is a daily reading list that allows you to get through the Bible in two years. It has readings for every day of the week except Sunday, supposing you will be in church on Sunday to hear God's Word and if you go to Bible Study on Sunday morning, you will get into the Bible there as well.

Jan will be putting the reading schedule in the bulletin and I will try to get a couple questions dealing with the reading for the upcoming week.

If you aren't attending Sunday morning Bible study or one of the other Bible studies during the week, I wonder why not. I know many of you make a point of going to your doctor for your appointments. Yes, we go to the doctor so that our lives will be better and we may live a little longer or a little better. We go and then hopefully we listen to our doctor and adjust our lives accordingly.

When we are studying the Bible, why is it important to go to Bible study and being in the Word daily? If we just study by ourselves it is a little like trying to be your own doctor. Yes, the Holy Spirit will work through the Word but who else is wanting you to read the Word but wants you to read with your own interpretation or the interpretation that he has attached his slant to like he did with Eve, "Did God actually say...?" Yes, it is satan.

If you don't have the Lutheran Study Bible, you can go on Amazon and if you are a prime member you can get one sent to you without shipping.

Make this New Year a year when you take the time to crack open God's Word daily and take time to attend one of the Bible studies that are offered each week.

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### **HELP TO MAKE PASTOR'S STOLES FOR SOUTH SUDAN**

Pastor Cramm asked if we would make Stoles for the Pastors who are studying at the Seminary in South Sudan. These Stoles will be presented to them upon their graduation. Would you like to help? Saturday January 27, 9:30 AM we will have a work day to apply interfacing, cut out the stoles, and prepare the appliques for the stoles. If you plan to attend please let Nora Sotak know. Bring your sewing scissors with you, everything else will be supplied.

## **ELDERS MESSAGE**

Celebrate THE LORD with all your heart and soul.

The New Year is upon us with all the attendant predictions by the media of doom and gloom.

We all face the uncertainty of the woes of the world, personal health issues and just the daily news of war and rumors of war.

Yet we have lived through these same issues for all our lives and survived.

Our survival is based totally on the Grace of GOD and our belief in HIS SON JESUS CHRIST.

We gather together in HIS NAME every Sunday as a congregation and in groups to study his Word.

The prayer chain has proven to be very effective by beseeching GOD to be with those in need.

HE protects us in our daily lives from the evils of the world.

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.**

Fully Rely On GOD

JAMES R. WILKES, ELDER

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## **THANK YOU ONE AND ALL**

As we begin another year, we want to thank all who have supported Trinity throughout the past year. Thanks for your willingness to serve in whatever capacity; be it ushering, operating the sound system, being a teller, teacher, board member, committee member, etc.

Thanks to your generosity we have finished the year financially in the black.

Sandy and I wish you all a happy, healthy, and blessed New Year.

Bob and Sandy Klose

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## **TRINITY LUTHERAN COOKBOOK**

Submit  
Your  
Recipes



Do you have a favorite recipe that others have asked you to share or just something you really enjoy eating or preparing? We would like to do a Trinity Lutheran Cookbook this year. This is not going to be a quick project, but you can begin submitting either legible handwritten recipes or type written recipes by email or printed to the church office or my box. Please include your name and phone number with the recipe. The phone number will just be to confirm the recipe if we have questions. Also, if you can think of a good Name, please submit it as well. We may need volunteers at some point as well. Once printed, we will keep extras to give to new members.

Vicki Leonard/Jan Thede

## LWML

### A Prayer for the New Year

So help us to humbly put our hands into Your hand, and to trust You and to seek Your will for our lives during this coming year. In the midst of life's uncertainties in the days ahead, assure us of the certainty of Your unchanging love.

Hard to believe it is already time for the New year to begin. The church looked very pretty for our Christmas services and activities, but remember that Saturday, January 6<sup>th</sup> we will be taking down the decorations at 10am followed by a Potluck and a short business meeting. We will be getting ready for our Meal for Mites on February 17<sup>th</sup> and catch up on a bit of unfinished business. The March meeting will feature a speaker and a servant event. April of course is election month so its not too early to start thinking if you might run for an office. The offices that will be up for election are the President and Treasurer. In May, I have already reserved the Patio at Heart of the Desert for our final meeting of the year Saturday the 11<sup>th</sup>. Please come and join us when you can.

Looking to the summer there will be a District Convention as follows. I will have more details at our meeting.

### 2024 District Convention

June 6–9, 2024

Greeley, Colorado

“In His Hands” Job 12:7-19

Vicki Leonard, LWML President

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### **FINANCIAL SECRETARY**

It is the beginning of a New Year and I have made a new Teller Schedule. If you are unable to help or need time off please contact Vicki @ (575) 921-8602. With the same idea in mind, if you have time or are willing to help we would love to have you. Currently, we have 7 teams so unless it is the holiday season you count once every 7 weeks. Training is easy and there is always a second person to help. We welcome Merry Zumwalt as a teller this year.

Yearly statements will be available Sunday, December 7<sup>th</sup>. If you have any questions or need any further information please let me know.

Envelopes have been available for the past couple of weeks in the narthex, if I missed you or you would like envelopes please let Jan or myself know. I distributed monthly or weekly envelopes according to giving patterns. We also have online giving available at no cost, it can be tailored to your needs as far as weekly, bimonthly, or monthly etc.

Thank you everyone for your help!

Vicki Leonard, Financial Secretary

## DO YOU HAVE A BIBLE ON YOUR SMART PHONE?

You don't! Why not? What if you wanted to look something up to witness to an unbeliever, or what if you wanted to read a Psalm to someone in the hospital? I asked members of the Tuesday Morning and Wednesday Morning Bible studies to tell me what Bible Application they use, and if they paid for it. Here are their replies:

**Pocket Bible** by Laridian Inc. (Pastor) Free download at Apple, Android App Stores, and Amazon.com

Comments: It can be expanded for Greek and Hebrew for a fee. Probably too expensive for most people.

**ESV Bible by Crossway.** Free at Apple and Android App stores

Comments: Copy and paste functions and Audible that "reads" to me.

**Life Bible (formerly Tecarta)** Free KJV-- ESV \$7.99, ESV Study Bible \$34.99, many versions of translations can be bought and Downloaded at [lifebible.com](http://lifebible.com)

Comments: The ESV Study Bible has many good resources, like maps and study notes.

**Bible.is** Faith Comes By Hearing, Free download at [Faithcomesbyhearing.com](http://Faithcomesbyhearing.com), many Versions available.

Comment: This Bible App reads to you.

## OTHER RESOURCES YOU MIGHT LIKE

**Lutheran Study Bible** by Concordia Publishing House. \$37.95 at Amazon for Kindle.

Comments: This is an ebook more suited to a tablet or computer.

**Study Bible for Women** by Eileen Nyberg. \$7.49 at Amazon for Kindle.

Comments: This is an ebook more suited to a tablet or computer.

**Luther's Small Catechism** by Concordia Publishing House, buy at Apple or Android App Stores.

**Portals of Prayer** by Concordia Publishing House, buy at Apple or Android App Stores.

Nora Sotak

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## MAKING THE MOST OF ORDINARY TIME

In liturgical churches, more than half of the church-year calendar is labeled as Ordinary Time. Although that merely means the weeks are designated by ordinal numbers (*First Sunday after the Epiphany*, etc.), people may assume that "ordinary" means not special, or not a church holiday.

Ordinary gets a bad rap, but it represents the bulk of daily life. Not all days contain mountaintop experiences that warrant Facebook posts. Yet "simple, consistent, sometimes boring faithfulness" can lead to out-of-the-ordinary results, according to blogger Karl Vaters. "When you're following God's will for your life and you string a bunch of ordinary but necessary actions together, extraordinary things can happen," he writes at [ChristianityToday.com](http://ChristianityToday.com).

Likewise, although Christians may strive to be radical, out-of-the-ordinary followers of Jesus, everyday discipleship leaves a powerful legacy. In *The Ordinary Christian Life*, pastor Michael Horton extols the value of "the regular preaching of Christ from all of the Scriptures, baptism, the Supper, the prayers of confession and praise, and all of the other aspects of ordinary Christian fellowship." He says the result of participating in "the ordinary life of the covenant community" is quite extraordinary: "steady maturation in Christ."

—adapted from *The Wired Word*



### **TRINITY WILL BE CELEBRATING LIFE SUNDAY ON JANUARY 21, 2024**

Just As I Am ... its beloved lines memorably testify to the sanctity of every human life. Almighty God does “receive, welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve” each member of our race with the heart of a Heavenly Father and the arms of a Gracious Savior. No ages, appearances, or abilities, no impairments or illnesses, not even guilt and grief can exclude from a place in His kingdom and a part in His family. We get to rejoice in our own lives and in our neighbors as gift and privilege. If our Lord’s forgiving favor can overcome sinful failures, then His lavish love will more than make up for human limitations. “Just” has become an especially precious word for Lutherans. Its verb “justify” occupies the heart of the Gospel. The Holy One Himself gives the reason for every existence by declaring humankind righteous for the sake of Jesus Christ. “Just” means “worthy,” but it also means “barely.” Any humanity from fertilization to final breath amounts to enough. God’s creating work, redeeming labors, and calling activities never come up short. Persons undergoing surprise pregnancy, experiencing disability, or suffering terminal diagnosis matter as much as you and me. Indeed, they matter as much as the Son of Man, since Jesus incarnates all of our conditions and carries every sorrow. Even when human mouths cannot utter “I am,” Lord God lends them His own likeness and proclaims, “I AM!” We Lutherans love life because He first loved all.

### **BABY BOTTLE CAMPAIGN**

To coincide with Sanctity of Human Life Sunday on January 21<sup>st</sup>, the 2024 Baby Bottle Campaign will begin on that day as well. You were asked in December to start saving your change for the baby bottles. Hopefully you have amassed a huge pile of coins and miscellaneous bills for your baby bottle. If you would prefer to just write a check, please make it out to Southern New Mexico Outreach, not the church! A large envelope will be provided for that purpose. If you choose to just write a check, you need not take a baby bottle. The campaign will end on February 18<sup>th</sup>. This is the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Pregnancy Resources Plus. Let us please aim for a congregational donation of at least \$2000 this year. We were close last year. We can do it! Thanks. Hannah Keeler, POC for Trinity’s campaign if you have questions or concerns.

## 2024 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

<b>POSTION</b>	<b>NAME</b>	<b>PHONE</b>		<b>EMAIL</b>
President	Dick Dommers	see	print	version
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	Jim Wilkes	see	print	version
Pastor: Rev. Donavon W. (Bill) Heithold, Jr...		see	print	version
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## **JANUARY 2024 STEWARDS FOR CHRIST**

### **ELDERS**

Jan. 7 Jim Wilkes  
Jan. 14 Matt Anderson  
Jan. 21 Robert Rentschler  
Jan. 28 Jim Wilkes

### **HOSTS**

Jan. 7 Cheryl Sandenaw  
Jan. 14 Merry Zumwalt & Jericho Vertain  
Jan. 21 Margaret & Becky Worley  
Jan. 28 Hank & Rosanne Wehmeyer

### **READERS**

Jan. 7 Shirley Enyeart & Dick Dommers  
Jan. 14 Bob & Sandy Klose  
Jan. 21 Ruth Wilkes & Shirley Enyeart  
Jan. 28 Kelly & Lewis Thomas

### **TELLERS**

Jan. 7 Shirley Enyeart & Vicki Leonard  
Jan. 14 Dick Dommers & Merry Zumwalt  
Jan. 21 Linde Van Cleave & Cheryl Sandenaw  
Jan. 28 Lola Ableidinger & Nora Sotak

### **SOUND TECH**

Jan. 7 Vicki Leonard  
Jan. 14 Bob Klose  
Jan. 21 Matt Anderson  
Jan. 28 Jim Kline

### **MUSIC**

Jan. 7 Lola Abeidinger  
Jan. 14  
Jan. 21  
Jan. 28

### **JANUARY FLOWERS**

Jan. 7 Robert & Heather Patrick  
Jan. 14 Gerald & Gayan Moore  
Jan. 21 Charles & Kristi Humphrey  
Pastor & Cyndi Heithold  
Jan. 28 Bob & Sandy Klose

### **JANUARY ATTENDANCE**

Diane Kline

### **JANUARY ALTAR COMMITTEE**

Hannah Keeler & Gayan Moore

### **USHERS**

Jan. 7 Tom Blackmon, Jim Fladhammer  
Larry & Bev Van Duyn  
Jan. 14 Marvin Bunker, Susan Kelly  
Glen & Christine Schlehuser  
Jan. 21 Robert Johnson, Trey Johnson  
Bob Thede, Tammy Thede  
Jan. 28 Gerald Moore, Bob & Sandy Klose  
Irvin Torres

**Jesus is everything you need!**



**GOD  
ROCK  
SAVIOR  
MESSIAH  
IMMANUEL  
HOLY\*CHILD  
MIGHTY\*GOD  
LORD\*OF\*ALL  
LAMB\*OF\*ALL  
LAMB\*OF\*GOD  
CHRIST\*OF\*GOD  
KINGS\*OF\*KINGS  
THE\*WORD\*OF\*GOD  
ALPHA\*AND\*OMEGA  
PRINCE\*OF\*PEACE  
LIGHT\*OF\*THE\*WORLD  
HEAD\*OF\*THE\*CHURCH  
SON\*OF\*THE\*HIGHEST  
EVERLASTING\*FATHER  
RESURRECTION\*AND\*LIFE  
**JESUS****



