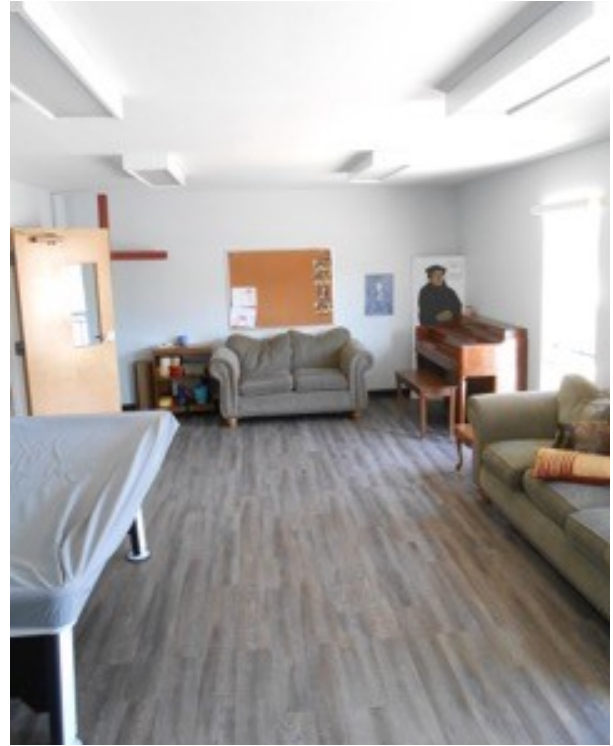


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YOUTH ROOM

THE TRINITARIAN



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FROM THE PASTOR

But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. 1Peter 2:9 ESV

This past Sunday, I mentioned a new witnessing resource that we will be looking at on Sunday mornings when the Hebrew Bible Study is finished. It is a little different as it is not something where you have to memorize a script etc. but is more of a natural way to get to know the person you are wanting to witness to and what they are about so that you can eventually be in a place to bring up Jesus and His work in your life and even in theirs.

This resource utilizes the Lassie approach which stands for L: Be quick to listen, A: Ask questions to listen more, S: Seek a point of connection, S: Share God's Word: The only thing that can change people's hearts, I: Invite, keep the conversation about Jesus going, E: Encourage, follow up and follow through. You can see how listening might be a good first item. You have all heard the adage: The Lord gave us two ears and one mouth so maybe we should listen before engaging the mouth. With the listening, there are going to be questions you have about what the other person is saying. You will want to clarify what they are saying and can do that in a non-threatening way by asking more questions.

Once you have listened for longer than you may have thought, all the while learning more and more about a person there, by the power of the Holy Spirit, are going to be certain things that you are going to have in common with the other person. Challenges and joys can be attributed to God who allows things in our lives so that we can be strengthened to continue to serve Him. He has the answers for life in His Word, especially in His Word made flesh, Jesus.

Once Jesus is brought up, we can keep Jesus in the conversation as Jesus is a part of everyday life for all who believe and even for those who may not know Him well. You will eventually get to the point of showing how Jesus could be a part of their lives as well. Even then it is not us who can change hearts but they will know where we stand and even though the Holy Spirit may not move their hearts at a point of our choosing, He will have His will done, dealing with them even when we aren't sitting across from them.

We as Christians and Lutherans for so many years know all about this but sometimes it takes a reminder of who we are and what we are to be about. People whom we know, very possibly will find themselves in Hell if they are not told of a Savior. If it is natural for us to let them know of Him, maybe the Holy Spirit who wants all to be saved could use us to bring the Good News of Jesus to them.

Pastor

ELDERS

HYPHEN

Ten years ago one of my retired friends and co-workers fell ill to what he thought was just a stomach bug. He had been feeling bad for several weeks but kept self-medicating and putting off going to the doctor. Finally he went to the emergency room and after several inconclusive tests was admitted to the hospital.

He was not happy about the admission because he was planning to leave for a Corvette rally back east. This guy had scrimped and saved for his entire career. Frugal was his middle name. He owned a nice home in a good neighborhood, a new Chevy pickup truck that he used to tow his auto trailer containing two late model Corvettes and several other "toys".

He slipped into a coma and the doctors were planning to do exploratory surgery. Two of his co-workers went to the hospital to pray for him. When they expressed their desire to bring God into the equation, his sister refused them access to him stating "he wouldn't want that kind of religious 'mumbo jumbo' to be used around him especially in this situation.

When the surgeons opened him up, they found extensive infection was present in his entire abdomen and had spread to his heart. He cardiac arrested on the operating table and died.

At his funeral, one of his friends and co-members of the Corvette club told the story of his life by quoting what he had accomplished in the period between his birth and death, He had been an active member of various veteran groups and car enthusiast organizations. They stressed how he could always be counted on to accomplish good works for those entities.

Not once did they mention God or a religious

affiliation. As a matter of fact the two co-workers who offered to pray for him and with him were openly shunned by his sister and several of his friends.

So this man's HYPHEN (that which separates his birth date from his date of death on the tombstone) was full of expensive ostentatious "TOYS" and GOOD WORKS, but was bereft of any contact with the Lord. He missed out completely on the greatest gift from Jesus Christ, SALVATION and ETERNAL LIFE.

WHAT STORY WILL YOUR HYPHEN TELL?

Jim Wilkes, Elder

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The Board of Directors met on June 21st.

Dick Dommers, Head Elder, reported that Garret Anderson is the organist for the summer. Lee will play for those Sundays that Garret is travelling with the NMSU band. Pastor stated that he had researched the availability of qualified organ tuners while at the district conference. If other churches in the area could use the services, it would provide some economy of scale.

Based on the action of the BOD last month, Dick prepared a draft letter to go to those members who have not attended in over a year and presented it to the elders. The letter will be finalized, signed by the Pastor and elders and sent to those affected.

Robyn Luevano, Treasurer, reported that income exceeded expenses in April by \$996.49 and May by \$593.44. Year to date income exceeds expenses by \$7,200.81. General Income for April was \$19,099.26 and Expenses were (\$18,102.77). General Income for May was \$15,571.75 and Expenses were (\$14,978.31). Available Funds as of 5/31/2018 were \$24,396.00.

Cheryl Sandenaw, Evangelism Chair, reported that

she is still having difficulty getting cooperation from the contact at Alamogordo Public Schools administration. There is agreement to move the event to the spring of 2019.

Bob Thede, Trustee Chair, reported that the Youth leaders and the youth have painted the former nursery and youth room and have replaced the carpet with vinyl tile. They have completed moving the nursery room items into the former youth room and the youth room items into the former nursery. Thanks to the youth and their leaders for all the work they have done on this project. They are still planning on getting new blinds for the windows in those rooms. And are looking into purchasing a television and upgrading the Wi-Fi network for the church.

The BOD voted not to have a meeting in July. I asked them to come to the August meeting prepared to work on the budget for 2019 and to think about possible candidates for the positions of President, Vice President, Financial Secretary, Education Chair, Evangelism Chair, and two elders. I ask the congregation members to pray about and consider filling one of these positions.

The BOD voted to set the date for the annual congregation meeting to be November 18th.

Bob Klose, President

EVANGELISM

The tract of the month for July is "**Planned Parenthood, It's not what you think**". This tract takes a closer look at the Planned Parenthood organization and what it really promotes. This is certainly worthwhile to read.

Our 3rd Quarter Mission (July through Sept) is LCMS Disaster Relief. Mission Sundays are always on the 3rd Sunday of the month, but you can give to the mission anytime during this quarter.

Attention Everyone 40's & Under – We would like to have your input, ideas, suggestions.... As to what you think we as a church should, could, needs to do to get more people in your age groups into this church. Please come talk to me about any and all ideas you may have. Thanks in advance for your help!!!

The Evangelism Committee will be meeting Thursday July 5th at 5:30pm. We welcome anyone that may wish to attend!

In closing I would like to quote Ephesians 4:15-16 (NIV). "Instead, speaking the truth in love, we will in all things grow up into him who is the Head, that is, Christ. From him the whole body, joined and held together by every supporting ligament grows and builds itself up in love, as each part does its work."

Yours in Christ,

Cheryl Sandenaw, Evangelism Chairman

TRUSTEE

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Bob Thede, Trustee Chairman

FRONT PAGE OF NEWSLETTER

The pictures on the cover of this newsletter are of the new nursery and youth rooms mentioned above.

Great job youth directors and youth!

OUR PRAYER

America, be this thy plea:
Our Father, guard our liberty;
Thy mighty arm protect our shore
As was clouds draw close to our door.
In Thee, we place our confidence;
Be Thou our fortress, our defense.

America, bow down and pray:
Lord, let us never see the day
When Godless men shall rule by night,
And disregard what's just and right.
With flaming sword, stand at our gates;
Lord, guard our own United States.

America, bow down and pray:
Our Father, lead us the way.
Endow with wisdom, each and all
Our nation's rulers great or small.
Unsullied let our banner wave
Over land—home of the brave.

America, be this thy prayer:
Our Father, Lord of sea and air,
Avert from us, we Thee implore,
The cruel bloodshed of a war;
Preserve our nation's sacred shrine,
Religious freedom so divine.

America, arise!. Awake!
Our liberty is now at stake.
Firmly together, yours and mine,
Must stand in one unbroken line.
They shall not pass—our cause is just;
We'll hear the torch; in God we trust.

America, lest we forget,
Our father's God is Ruler yet.
Our songs of praise shall rise to Thee,
Thou Keeper of our liberty.
We dare to ask in humble awe,
God bless and keep America.

*Mrs. C. L. Behlinger, Melrose Mark, ILL
Just before World War II*

HYMN OF THE MONTH "JESU, JOY OF MAN'S DESIRING"

*...I heard a loud voice of a great multitude in heaven,
saying "Alleluia! Salvation and glory and honor and
power belong to the Lord our God! Revelation 19:1.*

Some said it doesn't matter who gets the credit as long as the work gets done. Here's Exhibit A: "Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring," a lovely, lilting classical melody often played at weddings. A recent poll touted it as the overwhelming favorite of all the compositions of the great musician, Johann Sebastian Bach.

But it was actually composed by another Johann—the German musician, Johann Schop. Born about 1590, Schop was a musical prodigy, a gifted youth and accomplished instrumentalist who became one of seventeenth-century Europe's best known composers, conductors, and performers.

In 1614, Schop was appointed probationary musician in the Hofkapelle, the national or royal orchestra of Saxony. His performances on the lute, cornet, and trombone were lauded, but he was exceptionally gifted on the violin. As a result, he was invited to become a permanent member of the Hofkapelle in 1615.

Johann, however, had better offers, and he left Saxony for Copenhagen where he joined the musical staff of King Christian IV. He performed there until 1619 when the plague drove him from Denmark. He returned to Germany, and by 1621, he had become the leading musician in Hamburg, a city that paid him handsomely and was determined to keep him. Johann took charge of the choirs and orchestras, and planned church music for civic occasions. He became Hamburg's musical ambassador to the rest of Germany and to all of Europe, doing much to shape German religious and classical music in the seventeenth century. Many of his melodies found their way into Lutheran hymnals. "Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring" is a good example accompanied by words

composed in 1661 by Martin Janus, an evangelical pastor in Silesia.

It was the famous Leipzig church musician, Johann Sebastian Bach, who “borrowed” this work and rearranged it into beautiful piece it is today. Bach began working on this arrangement during the Christmas season of 1716, but it wasn’t performed publicly until July 2, 1723, when it appeared as the final choral selection in one of his cantatas. Bach ended up with credit, but always remember: Behind on Johann stands another. Behind every famous person is a host of faithful, gifted souls, and, in the end, all the glory goes to God.

Or as Bach would say: SDG-Soli Deo Gloria: *To God be the glory.*

VBS SNACK DONATIONS

Please check the VBS snack list on the VBS bulletin board to see if there are still items that are needed for VBS which begins tomorrow. Want to know what the goofy snacks have to do with the Bible theme? Show up at church during VBS and I will be happy to explain it to you.

Nora Sotak, VBS Snack Lady

Theme and Snacks

- Day1 Jesus is Lord and God-Rice Krispie Treat Dove**
- Day 2 The Holy Lord Delivers His Holy-- Word -Tortilla Bible Sandwich**
- Day 3 Honor and Truth Come from the Lord . — Celery Crosses**
- Day 4 True Love for our Neighbor— Jelly Heart Sandwiches**
- Day 5 True Love for our Neighbor’s stuff . Trail Mix**

Diced fruit cups will be available every day along with the daily snack

**HIGHER THINGS
VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL**

July 9 through July 13— 9:00 A.M. – 11:30 A.M.

DAY 1

Jesus is Lord and God

Doubting Thomas (John 20:24-29)
1st Commandment

DAY 2

The Holy Lord Delivers His Holy Word

Samuel and Eli’s Wicked Sons (1 Samuel 2:12-26) - 2nd and 3rd Commandments

DAY 3

Honor and Truth Come from the Lord

Jesus Before Pilate (John 18:33—19:16a)
4th and 8th Commandment

DAY 4

True Love for Our Neighbor

Joseph and Mary (Matthew 1:18-25); Christ and His Church (Ephesians 5:21-33)
5th and 6th Commandment

DAY 5

True Love for Our Neighbor’s Stuff

Joseph in Potiphar’s House (Genesis 39:1-23)
7th, 9th, and 10th Commandments

Kids, come on out and have fun at our VBS and bring your friends!!

Any questions, see Bobby or Garrett Anderson

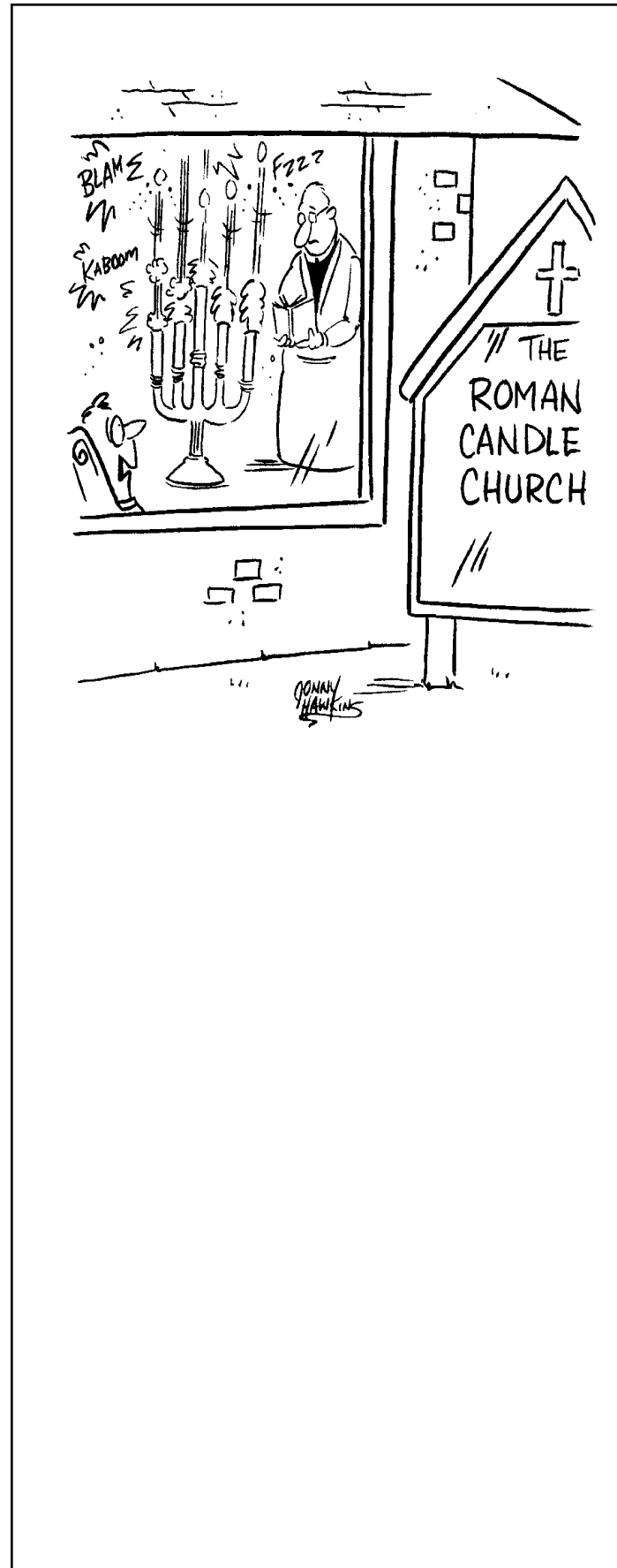
CONGRATULATIONS

Sarah Clark has just passed the NCLEX (national nursing) exam. She is now a registered nurse.

Well deserved accomplishment Sarah!

“Don’t pray when you feel like it. Have an appointment with the Lord and keep it.”

—Corrie ten Boom



YOUTH SUMMER ACTIVITIES

The youth activities for July will be as follows:

- July 3rd Video game Day
- July 4th Picnic
- July 5th Water Day
- July 9-13 Vacations Bible School
- July 10th Pizza Day
- July 12th Board Game Day
- July 17th Cardboard Box Day
- July 19th Nerf Day
- July 21-22 Retreat with Circuit youth in Ruidoso

Hope to see all of you there!!

Bobby and Garrett Anderson

LONG-TERM PRAYERS

Tony Alonzo, David Barry, Eric Bell, Caitlin Boverie, Bernadeane Bridges, Jane Cadwalder, Dave Cauraugh, Red Chesbro, Donna Columbus, Mike Debaar, Nicole Doth, Lou Flowers, Carol Fox, Renee Gocis, **Don Gressman, Gene & Eldeen Humphrey, Kristie & John Humphrey**, Ty Landt, Jackie Monso, Paul Neussendorfer, Cindy Oberling, Mary Palmos, Alex Pearson, Judy Piepkorn, Margaret Romero, Justin Salmon, Ila Santini, Carol Schultz, Jessie Sharette, **Judy Sharpe**, Lynne Skinner, Eric Stephenson, William Stewart, Andrew Stoner, Hank Thomas, Austin Tice, Brenda Timmons, Martin Trujillo, Marea Turnbull, Eric Van Horn

If you know the status of anyone on the Long-Term list above, please let the church office know so that the list can be updated.

Please leave a note for me in the box on the office door. If you tell me in church on Sunday I don't always remember to take them off when I go to work on Tuesday.

Jan

JULY STEWARDS FOR CHRIST

ELDERS

July 1 Robert Rentschler
July 8 Dick Dommers
July 15 Jim Wilkes
July 22 Ray Bailey
July 29 Matt Clark

ACOLYTES

July 1 Morgan Sebring
July 8 Abby Anderson
July 15 Emily Johnson
July 22 EmmaLee Kommer
July 29 Morgan Sebring

READERS

July 1 Dick Dommers/Mary Leslie Schmitt
July 8 Lola Abeidinger & ????
July 15 Yvonne Steeby & Laura Klose
July 22 Matt Anderson & Lisa Collins
July 29 Youth

TELLERS

July 1 Viki Leonard & Nora Sotak
July 8 Sandy Klose & Yvonne Steeby
July 15 Sandy Klose & Robyn Luevano
July 22 Megan Bowman & Bob Klose
July 29 Cheryl Sandenaw & Linde Van Cleave

HOSTS

July 1 Marvin & Joyce Bunker
July 8 Daro & Lola Ableidinger
July 15 Matt & Jill Clark
July 22 Lisa Collins & ????
July 29 Youth

JULY ALTAR COMMITTEE

Lola Ableidinger
Ruth Buttke

JULY ATTENDANCE SHEETS

Lola Ableidinger

USHERS

July 1 Tom Blackmon, Glen Schlehauser
Larry & Beverly Van Duyn
July 8 Matt Anderson, Marvin Bunker,
John Marquardt
July 15 Ben Clark, Robert Johnson,
Trey Johnson, Ray Krueger
July 22 Bob Klose, Laura Klose,
Gerald Moore,
July 29 Youth

JULY FLOWERS

July 1 Dick & Jan Dommers
July 8 Matt & Cindi Anderson
July 15 Bob & Jan Thede
July 22 Frank & Shirley Enyeart
Ray & Sandy Krueger
July 29 Dick & Cheryl Richey

CHEERS FOR FIFTY YEARS!

*Join us for an anniversary party celebrating their
50th Anniversary*

BOB AND JAN THEDE

Sunday, July 15, 2018

3:00 to 5:00 pm

Trinity Lutheran Church

Hosted by Tammy Thede and Cindi Anderson

No gifts please

Can the liberties of a nation be thought secure when we have removed their only firm basis, a conviction in the minds of the people that these liberties are the gift of God.

—Thomas Jefferson

Music is the speech of angles.

—Thomas Carlyle