



THE TRINITARIAN



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PROMISES, PROMISES

“Promises, promises”. We may all have used this expression at one time or another usually when we experience an un-kept promise or two. Such experiences are not unusual after an election year, when elected officials are expected to make good on the promises they made during the campaign.

All of us, when young, were taught to keep the promises we made, or not to make them at all. Most of us have made very important promises in our lifetime, especially those made at the wedding altar. In cases if those promises were not kept, families suffered grievously.

We have a wonderful record of promises that have been made and kept, however. God’s Word in the Bible! Indeed, we might view the Bible in its two testaments, the old and the new as a promise made and a promise fulfilled. In Genesis 3:15, confronting Adam and Eve after they have partaken of the forbidden fruit, God says, “And I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your seed and her Seed; He shall bruise your head, and you shall bruise His heel.” This is taken as the promise of a savior to redeem mankind from the sinful condition into which they have fallen, the first of what we shall call the Promise with a capital “P”. This Promise is backed up throughout the Old Testament by the writings of the prophets, the Psalms and stories such as Job.

Perhaps the best announcement of the promise fulfilled is found in the first chapter of John. “In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.” (Jn 1:1) and “And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth.” (Jn 1:14). The Word, of course is our Lord Jesus Christ. In John 3:16 we hear the succinct result of that promise fulfilled, “For God so loved the world that He gave his only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.” What finer promise could we as believers hear? And coming from the mouth of God’s Son, we know that this promise will be kept! If that is all we know of the Gospel in the New Testament, that would be enough. But let’s take a look at some of the other wonderful promises we find in God’s Word.

In the midst of His terrible suffering on the cross, Jesus responded to the expressed faith of the crucified criminal who asked “Lord, remember me when You come into Your kingdom.” With the promise “Assuredly, I say to you, today you will be with Me in Paradise.” (Jn 23:42-43). As repentant sinners, we can also be assured that Jesus will accept us with him in Paradise.

Another wonderful promise from the lips of our Savior is found in Matthew 11:28-29. “Come to Me, all you who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For My yoke is easy and My burden is light.” No matter what is troubling us, no matter how severe our anguish, Jesus has promised that He will lighten our burden if we will only come to Him in prayer. I am sure some of us have experienced that lifting of the load in the warmth of Jesus’ love.

And yet another wonderful promise is found in Matthew 6:33. “Therefore do not worry, saying, ‘What shall we eat?’ or ‘What shall we drink?’ or ‘What shall we wear?’ For after all these things the Gentiles seek. For your heavenly Father know that you need all these things. But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you.” Our Lord Jesus constantly promises that God will care for our needs if we have faith in Him.

Let us not forget that wonderful simple promise that Jesus made in Matthew 21:22. “And whatever things you ask in prayer, believing, you will receive.” I know this works and I know you do as well.

Let us sum up this discussion of God’s promises with a reading from 1John 2:24-25. “Therefore let that abide in you which you heard from the beginning . If what you heard from the beginning abides in you, you also will abide in the Son and in the Father. And this is the promise that He has promised us – eternal life.”

The Lord be with you. Amen.

Dick Dommers, Elder

BOARD OF ELDERS

Christian Billboard Fund. The Board of Directors authorized a special fund in support of a program initiated by a group of local churches to set up a billboard that will post Gospel messages to counter the false attacks on our Christian faith posted along Hwy 70. Presently two billboards are envisioned, one on either side of Hwy 70 west of town. Below is a sample posting. Contributions to the fund will be sent to the group managing the project.



Advent Devotional Booklets. We will order devotional booklets for the Advent season as in the past. A sample booklet will be on the table in the narthex with a sign up sheet for those who want the booklet. Sign up as soon as possible in order to get the booklets in time.

LADIES BIBLE STUDY OPPORTUNITIES

Tuesday Morning Ruth Bible Study meets in the adult Sunday school room at 9:30.

Currently studying topics found in the LWML Quarterly magazine.

October begins a study written by Donna Snow, Strong and Courageous: Studying God's Promises in Joshua

Thursday Afternoon Bible Study meets in the church library at 2:15.

Currently studying Ephesians.

Questions about either Bible Study or if you are interested in an evening Bible study, talk to Nora Sotak (575-439-7524 cell)

Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. John 6:68

TRINITY QUILTERS

No, we don't quilt our quilts, we tie them and we can use help on the first and third Thursday Mornings of the month from 9:30 to 11:30. If you can tie your shoes you can tie a quilt. No we don't tie bows, but we tie knots, that's what we need help with.

Warning! We visit and laugh a lot, so for an enjoyable time come spend a couple hours and enjoy the company. There is no machine sewing involved, unless you want to cut squares and/or help sew the quilt tops. Talk to one of the quilters for more information.

Nora Sotak, Beverly Van Duyn, Diane Kline

EVANGELISM

Name Tags: Help us all get to know each other better! If you need a name tag, please sign up on the sheet in the narthex. You can choose between a magnetic or clip-on style. Your name tag will be placed in your church mailbox.

Tract of the Month: "A Simple Explanation of Heaven and Hell" - "Hell is as real as Heaven but understanding the two can be difficult for those new to Christianity. Does God choose who goes to heaven and who goes to Hell? What do Christians believe Heaven and Hell are? Are they real places? Answers to these questions and more from a Lutheran perspective in 'A Simple Explanation of Heaven and Hell' (CPH.org)

September & October Mission: LCMS Disaster Response - The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod's Disaster Response ministry responds to immediate and long-term needs following natural and man-made disasters. Learn more at the following website: lcms.org/how-we-serve/mercy/disaster-response

Facebook: Want to help spread the word about our services? "Sharing" our weekly Divine Service event on your Facebook wall is a simple and powerful way to invite your friends and family. It lets them know they have a place to join you on Sunday morning!

Your servant in Christ,
Merry Zumwalt, Evangelism Committee

BACKPACK MINISTRY

We are collecting food items for the Love INC Backpack Ministry for the Tularosa schools. Please leave your donations in the tub in the south hallway. A list of items needed is posted above the tub. You may make a monetary donation if you prefer. Contact me at 575-214-9942 if you have any questions. Thank you for your support. Cheryl Richey.

Backpack Food Suggestions

Small boxes of Cereal	Cereal Bars
Fruit cups	Shelf stable milk boxes
Cheese Crackers	Small bags of Chips
Soups or stews	Tuna or Chickens salads
Juice Boxes	Fresh Fruits

Other suggestions are welcomed and appreciated!

LWML

Once again we have completed our Annual Rummage Sale for Missions. It was a huge success and we raised approximately \$3395. (Approximate because our treasurer was out of town and there were some additional monies collected.) Everyone who helped in anyway from set up to takedown and everything in between "Thank You!" We can't do it without each and everyone of you!

The LWML board met and discussed upcoming events and meetings for the 2025-2026 year. Our normal monthly meetings are held the 2nd Saturday of each month at 10 am. Please come and join us. All women are invited to attend.

Of course, there are a few exceptions to this and September is one of them. This upcoming weekend, September 5th thru the 7th the Rocky Mountain District LWML is having a Fall Retreat at Glorieta, NM. On top of being held in a beautiful mountain setting; there will be bible study, fellowship, and a closing worship service just to mention a few items. A good time to reflect, learn and share with fellow Christian women. Belinda Burmeister is the retreat chairman.

Saturday, September 13th there will be a Fall Rally at Zion Lutheran Church in El Paso. We will meet at the church and car pool to the Rally. There will be an ingathering of coats and jackets for Ysleta. Anyone wishing to donate please bring to the church no later than Friday, September 12th. Gift cards are also accepted. There will be a table in the Great Room for the donations. Sign up for Car Pool will be on the bulletin board.

Due to the aforementioned activities there will not be a regular meeting during the month of September. Please support the Education Board and attend the quarterly fellowship "Chili and Yahtzee". Sign up on the bulletin board.

Our first regular meeting will be held on Saturday, October 11th at 10 am. The board will host the meeting. Please keep an eye out for upcoming events in the bulletin or in next month's Trinitarian. LWML Sunday will be held in October with a potluck and bake sale following the service.

There will be a new women's Bible study starting in late September "Strong and Courageous " Studying God's Promises in Joshua -Author Donna Snow. The book can be purchased in paperback or Kindle version on Amazon. Contact Nora if you have any questions.

Bible Verse from the book—"Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be frightened, and do not be dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go." Joshua 1:9

God's blessings be with you this month.

Vicki, LWML President

EDUCATION

The Education Committee met on Sunday, August 10th after church. There were 5 members present. The first item for discussion was the idea of using children's bulletins on the first and third Sundays when Pastor Graff is preaching, as a trial run. If it is successful we may use it on the other Sundays. It will be tried for a month starting in mid-September.

Jill Clark asked that the Children's Sermon be brought up at the B.O.D. She suggested it be used when more than one child is present. It puts the single child on the spot making them feel uncomfortable/shy about going in front of the whole congregation.

The second item discussed was the book to be passed out at the Christmas Eve service to the children in attendance. It is titled, "Preparing for Jesus" and it goes along with the devotional and midweek service used during Advent. Ten to fifteen copies will be ordered.

Our next Quarterly Congregational Get Together will be On Sunday, September 14th after the church service. The theme will be Chili and Yahtzee. Please bring your favorite chili recipe and/or desert to share. A sign-up sheet will be put up on the Education bulletin board by August 31st to sign up for what you will bring and how many will be attending. The Education Committee will provide drinks and some toppings for the chili. It should be a fun time for all.

Don't forget we will also be hosting a Congregational Oktoberfest on Sunday, October 19th More details to come later.

We will be hosting something new in December, a Congregational Christmas Party. It will be on Sunday, December 7th. More information will be in next month's Trinitarian and future bulletins.

The meeting was closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Yours in Christ,

Susan Kelly, Director of Education

CHILI & YAHTZEE

Join us for a fun afternoon of food, fellowship and friendly competition!

Sunday, September 14th after the worship service.

Sign up for the following on the Education bulletin board to the left in the Narthex.

Sign up to bring a pot of chili - Sign up to bring a chili topping - Sign up to bring a dessert

Enjoy delicious chili and stick around for a lively game of Yahtzee with friends

**Rio Grande Fall Zone Rally
Lutheran Women in Mission**

SAVE THE DATE

September 13, 2025

Zion Lutheran Church, 2800 Pershing Dr , El Paso, TX 79903

9:30am – Registration, 10:00am - Opening
Fellowship & Bible Study



“Give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God’s will for you in Christ Jesus.”

Ingathering items will be
collected for YLM
Coats & Jackets for children
Ages 5-12



SEPTEMBER 2025 STEWARDS FOR CHRIST

ELDERS

Sept. 7 Bob Klose
Sept. 14 Matt Anderson
Sept. 21 Dick Dommers
Sept. 28 Matt Anderson

SERMON

Sept. 14 Robert Rentschler
Sept. 28 Bob Klose

LITURGIST

Sept. 14 Dick Dommers
Sept. 28 Dick Dommers

TELLERS

Sept. 7 Lola Ableidinger & Nora Sotak
Sept. 14 Susan Kelly & Sandy Klose
Sept. 21 Bob Klose & Joyce Macon
Sept. 28 Yvonne Steeby & Becky Worley

HOSTS

Sept. 7 Glen & Christine Schlehuser
Sept. 14 Nora Sotak & Yvonne Steeby
Sept. 21 Bob & Jan Thede
Sept. 28 Cheryl Sandenaw & Irvin Torres

SOUND TECH

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

SEPTEMBER FLOWERS

Sept. 7 Larry & Beverly Van Duyn
Sept. 14 Henry & Rosanne Wehmeyer
Sept. 21 David & Colleen Thompson
Sept. 28 Juli Bailey

SEPTEMBER ALTAR COMMITTEE

Sheila Anderson
Wilma Jaecks

SEPTEMBER ATTENDANCE

Bob Klose

MUSIC

Michael Cortez

USHERS

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