



THE TRINITARIAN



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FROM THE PASTOR

Mark 12:14 And they came and said to him, "Teacher, we know that you are true and do not care about anyone's opinion. For you are not swayed by appearances, but truly teach the way of God. Is it lawful to pay **taxes** to Caesar, or not? Should we pay them, or should we not?"

That is a great question, especially since April 18th is the day to file your taxes if you haven't done so by then.

The people of Jesus' day were wondering if supporting the government which they had seen may not be the best for the people. The thinking probably was "Why support a government that does things against who we are as believers in God.

We too may have those same thoughts especially when the government funds so many things that go against what we would consider Christian. So you might ask me if is lawful to pay taxes to our Caesar? What was Jesus' response? "Whose likeness and inscription is this?" They said to him, "Caesar's." Jesus said to them, "Render to Caesar the things that are Caesar's, and to God the things that are God's." And they marveled at Him.

Jesus pointed to the coin that was used to pay taxes. We may not have a ruler's picture on the coin or account but we do have a government with representatives where we can go to encourage them in the right use of taxes for those things that would be in line with our Christian values.

We have the idiom attributed to Ben Franklin but is found to be a variation of the quote spoken earlier by an English actor Christopher Bullock. Here is the quote from Ben Franklin: "In this world, nothing is certain except death and taxes".

Yes, we are all eventually going to die and this month you may have to pay taxes. Thank God we are able to help make this nation, by our taxes, able to do all it does, yes so much good and yet so much bad. We pay knowing that this life is temporary and that death will come but the Lord will also take us to be with Him when this life of taxes is over.

As we pay those taxes, let us give thanks to God that He has placed us in this nation where we are free to tell others of where our allegiance lies. Yes, we are Americans but more importantly Christians who are aliens in this world but are looking forward to our going home one day to be with Him where there will be no more pain, no more thirst and no more sin but also, no more taxes.

Pastor

MOVIE NIGHT

Wednesday, April 13, 2022 -- "JESUS"

Sponsored by the Evangelism Committee

Drinks and Snacks will be provided.

Come join us!

From the streets of Jerusalem to the raging Sea of Galilee, Jesus befriends outcasts and heals the hurting. He challenges social norms and confronts hypocrisy. He sets sail with fisherman and reasons with religious scholars. And the lives He touches will never be the same. Experience the action-packed musical stage adventure that takes you on a miraculous journey alongside the most famous person to ever walk the earth and the everyday people whose lives He changes forever

ELDERS MESSAGE

As I was sorting through the myriad of things that people donate to the Twice Blest Thrift Store, I came upon this story on a ceramic tile from Verse-A-Tile:

FOOTPRINTS

One night a man dreamed he was walking along the beach with the LORD. As scenes of his life flashed before him, he noticed there were two sets of footprints in the sand. He also noticed at his saddest, lowest time there was but one set of footprints. This bothered the man. He asked the LORD, "Did you not promise me that if I gave my heart to you that you'd be with me all the way? Then why is there but one set of footprints during my most troublesome times?"

The LORD replied, "My precious child, I love you and would never forsake you. During those time of trial and suffering, when you see only one set of footprints, it was then I carried you."

AUTHOR UNKNOWN

PSALM 23 offers the same message of comfort.

JAMES R. WILKES, ELDER

FINANCIAL STATUS REPORT OUR MONTHLY RESPONSE TO GOD'S GRACE

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February 2022

Income	\$17,390.46 (Envelope + Loose Plate)
Expenses	<u>(\$14,954.17)</u>
Profit/Loss	\$2,436.29
Estimated Monthly Budget Requirement:	\$16,548.00

YEAR-TO-DATE February 28, 2022

Giving (Actual)	\$35,224.46 (Envelope + Loose Plate)
Expenses (Actual)	<u>(\$30,996.26)</u>
Profit/Loss	\$4,228.20
Budgeted	\$36,456.84

OUR WEEKLY RESPONSE TO GOD'S GRACE

Ash Wednesday and Lenten Services

General Fund:	\$2,116.00
Other Designated Giving:	
Missions – Luth Hispanic	\$7.00
Flowers	<u>\$36.00</u>
Total Designated Giving	\$43.00

March 6, 2022

General Fund:	\$6,179.00
Estimated Weekly Budget Requirement:	<u>\$4,137.00</u>
Difference:	\$2,042.00
Other Designated Giving:	
Dollar Project Bible Stick Ministry	\$16.96
Africa Training	\$100.00
Missions – Luth Hispanic	<u>\$10.00</u>

Total Designated Giving	\$126.96
March 13, 2022	
General Fund:	\$2,295.00
Estimated Weekly Budget Requirement:	<u>\$4,137.00</u>
Difference:	(\$1,842.00)
Other Designated Giving:	
Africa Training	\$200.00
Dollar Project Lutheran Hour (Ukraine)	\$20.00
Benevolence Kommer/Klose	\$100.00
Flowers	<u>\$36.00</u>
Total Designated Giving	\$356.00
March 20, 2022	
General Fund:	\$1,850.00
Estimated Weekly Budget Requirement:	<u>\$4,137.00</u>
Difference:	(\$2,281.00)
Other Designated Giving:	
Africa Training	\$25.00
Dollar Project-Ysleta	\$15.00
Memorial Fund – Messal	\$50.00
Missions – Luth Hispanic	<u>\$235.00</u>
Total Designated Giving	\$325.00
March 27, 2022	
General Fund:	\$3,138.10
Estimated Weekly Budget Requirement:	<u>\$4,137.00</u>
Difference:	(\$998.90)
Other Designated Giving:	
Dollar Project	\$ 23.00
Africa Training	\$25.00
Flowers	\$36.00
Missions – Ysleta	<u>\$ 200.00</u>
Total Designated Giving	\$284.00

STEWARDSHIP

Psalm 120:1 "I lift up my eyes to the hills. From where does my help come? My help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

I must admit I have experienced more than two weeks of asking for and receiving all of my help from the Lord. When we face tribulations in this world, we can be so thankful that God walks with us every step of the way. I am in awe of how many blessings God has shown me through this time since the fire at Tina, Richard and EmmaLee's house. The most important blessing to me was that God kept our grandchildren alive. God's timing was perfect to have me picking up Bob from the hospital when EmmaLee and Tina needed a ride from the hospital. God also blessed Richard with burn specialists to care for his wounds and most importantly, God's healing for Richard. I praise and thank God always for your prayers and concern for our family.

God's blessings,
Sandy Klose, Stewardship Chairperson

PS Thank you for giving from your heart!!

EVANGELISM

“You may recall that one day an expert in the Law asked Jesus what he should do to inherit eternal life. And, in response, Jesus asked the man how he would, as an expert, summarize God’s Law. The expert’s summary was a good one: “And he answered, ‘You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind, and your neighbor as yourself’” Luke 10:27” At this point you may be asking yourself who exactly is your neighbor? Is my neighbor just the person that lives next door? Or is there more to this neighbor business? The **Tract of the Month** for April is **“Love Thy Neighborhood – Rediscovering the Power of Sharing the Gospel With Our Deeds”**. Through this interesting booklet you will find out that neighborhood *is* your neighborhood, but so much more than that. You will also see how your actions can work as an evangelism tool.

January & February Mission & Dollar Project Giving: Our mission for January and February was Ysletta Lutheran Mission. Our total giving for Ysletta during this time period was \$1894.00 + over \$300 at the potluck supper we had for them. Also, during this time period, a total of \$209 was given to the Dollar Project. Sorry, I don’t have a breakdown for that but am told that the majority of the giving was for the Pregnancy Help Center and the Bible Sticks.

The mission for March and April is 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.

Potluck Dinner!! After church on April 24th, the Evangelism committee will be sponsoring a potluck supper as part of the fundraiser for the LHMI. Pastor Schlak of Lutheran Hispanic Missionary Institute will be our featured speaker.

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 Next Evangelism Committee meeting will be Monday April 11th at 5:30pm. We welcome anyone that may wish to attend!

In closing I would like to quote Psalm 51:10-13 & 15 (NIV). “10Create in me a pure heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me. 11Do not cast me from your presence or take your Holy Spirit from me. 12Restore to me the joy of your salvation and grant me a willing spirit, to sustain me. 13Then I will teach transgressors your ways, and sinners will turn back to you. 15O Lord, open my lips, and my mouth will declare your praise.”

Yours in Christ,
Cheryl Sandenaw, Evangelism Chairman

FUTURE PLANNING CALENDAR.

You will note that a future planner is posted in the west hallway. This item is intended as an aid to permit committee chairmen and others to post special items that fall outside our standard monthly calendar events, one of which is posted next to the planner. Through this method we will be advised of future plans and can avoid conflicts by eliminating overlapping events.

LWML – GIFTS FROM THE HEART IN-GATHERING

LWML is collecting and gathering items for the “Gifts from the Heart In-gathering”. Please help us gather these items. Tubs will be set-up by the LWML table for the items. The 3 outreaches are the following, including their wish lists.

1. **God Cares About You** – shares Christ’s love to the disadvantage in Albuquerque’s “international zone.”
Wish items: Children’s Bible story books (new or used in good condition); Hygiene Kits-hand towel, wash cloth, bar of soap and small packet of tissue (all put in a large ziplock bag)
2. **Hartley House** – provides support and provision to battered women.
Wish items: new underwear (all sizes and in original packaging feminine hygiene products (in original box or packaging)
3. **Ysleta Lutheran Mission Human Care** – proclaims the Gospel on both sides of the border.
Wish list: Blankets (all sizes, new or gently used); new toys (for ages 1-12) puzzles, legos, toy vehicles, plush toys, action figures, dolls, fidget toys, coloring books, cooking and kitchen craft kits, and board games.

If you have any questions, please see Yvonne Steeby, Hannah Keeler, Bev Van Duyn, Sue Kelly or Chris Schlehuser.

THE SUNSET YEARS BIBLE DEVOTIONS

We thank Pastor Kerry Buttke for getting the Bible devotions at Betty Dare started again in February and March. The residents were so used to staying in their rooms these past two years due to Covid making it a challenge to get started again.

Shirley Enyeart, and Ruth Buttke assist with the singing and Lola Ableidinger plays the piano. It is a joy to get to know these special people. Jesus loves to share His word and hymns with them during the sunset years.

Please pray for this ministry. We welcome you to join us whenever you can.

We meet in the chapel on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays from 4:30 to 5:00 pm.

Keep us in your prayers!

Pastor Kerry Buttke, Ruth, Shirley and Lola

LWML

The History of Mustard Seed Devotional Packets: The seed of the mustard plant is among the smallest of seeds, yet from this small seed grows a large bush. Jesus used the analogy of a mustard seed to show how something small and seemingly inconsequential can have a powerful impact. Mustard Seeds packets are used both for personal Bible study and as an evangelism or witness tool. The newest packets include a devotional text, clear Gospel message and include the complete text of quoted scripture. With these additions to a time honored product, the LWML hopes that Mustard Seeds continue to be a strong, vibrant tool for Christian growth and Gospel sharing.

Prayer Service: Prayer may be simple or complex — silent or corporate — memorized or free-flowing from our heart. It is a conversation with God and shows our love for our heavenly Father. The 2022 Prayer Service, based on Luke 11:1, “*Lord, Teach us to Pray,*” looks at various forms of prayer used frequently by believers as

we seek to honor Christ, the Lord of the Church, with our prayers. LWML thanks Rev. Grimm for authoring the 2022 LWML Prayer Service. (Available at the LWML.org website)

Thoughts about the Act of Prayer “To be a Christian without prayer is no more possible than to be alive without breathing,” Martin Luther wrote. In his Small Catechism, he also states: “God tenderly invites us to believe that He is our true Father and that we are His true children, so that with all boldness and confidence we may ask Him as dear children ask their dear father.” Prayer is conversation with God. It shows our love for our heavenly Father. Prayer may be simple or complex. You will look at various forms of prayer that are used frequently by believers, as we seek to honor Christ, the Lord of the Church, with our prayers. We are all able to pray. Some forms of prayer are corporate and familiar to us as church people. Some forms of prayer are intensely personal, almost private, just like other conversations we may have. Yet, a conversation with God is not exactly like having a conversation with another human being. We always approach God with respect; He is our Maker and we are not His equal. He promises to hear our prayers because of Jesus Christ, His Son. Our sinful nature reveals our evil desires, even in our prayers. So, while we may ask for anything, our prayers may be tainted with selfishness. We understand God only provides His people what is truly good, and so we seek to pray according to His will. When we pray, God will answer, because He wants us to have His blessings at the right time.

EVENTS

April 1-3 Yvonne and Nora will be attending LWML EC meeting in Albuquerque. Please let us know if you have anything to bring up before the RMD Board.

Saturday, April 9, 10 a.m. – LWML will be meeting for a Bible Study provided by Sandy Klose. We will also have Election of officers – President and Treasurer. PLEASE PRAYERFULLY consider stepping forward to use your Talents for one of these positions. Hostesses: Nora Sotak. We will also work on our ingathering for LWML District Convention in June.

DISTRICT MISSION AND GRANTS 2020-2022

The Rocky Mountain District Mission Grants have been paid in full. BUT the District Mission Goal Obligation to Nationals Mission Grants for this Biennium is **\$10,000 short still**. Please continue to collect your mites.

2 Corinthians 9:7 - Let each man do according as he hath purposed in his heart: not grudgingly, or of necessity: for God loveth a cheerful giver.

NATIONAL MISSION AND GRANTS 2021-2023

Mission Goal for 2021–2023 Biennium: \$2,150,000.00 - Amount Received: \$1,219,238.31 Please continue to collect and send in your mites monthly.

Mission Grant #8 - Light of Christ in Eastern Europe - Mission Central — \$56,000

For decades, Christians in Germany and Czech Republic had to hide their faith. Churches that stood for centuries were closed and generations lived with no knowledge of the Christian faith. The Lutheran Church is striving to meet the urgent need to bring the love and light of Christ to people who have been living in spiritual darkness. Recently, immigrants and refugees from the Middle East have settled in Europe, many in Germany. Our missionaries are meeting the additional challenge of reaching out to those of the Muslim faith with the message of the Triune God. Thousands of immigrants, and German and Czech citizens of all ages, need to hear the Gospel. This grant will help in the support of eight missionaries working in Germany and the Czech Republic.

Mission Grant #9 - Propelling the Gospel - LAMP Ministry, Inc. — \$65,000

Lutheran Association of Missionary Pilots (LAMP) Ministry, Inc. has been using small aircraft to take the Gospel message to the Indigenous people in the most remote areas of northern Canada. Each year, hundreds of volunteer missionaries from the United States travel to teach vacation Bible school to thousands of children in remote northern communities. LAMP's ministry is highly dependent on the two aircrafts that they use in order to get their missionaries to these places so they can bring the Gospel of Jesus Christ to those who so desperately need to hear the Good News. The aircraft has evolved over the years, and upgrades must be made to ensure safety and the ability for LAMP's missionaries and pilots to reach remote communities only accessible by air. Avionic instrument upgrades in the aircrafts are a costly investment. The Garmin GTX 345 model works best, not only with classical ground-based radar systems, but it also provides ADS-B input and output for both the American and Canadian/Aireon systems.

Watch the video about this mission grant.

Remember: You can get 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.

THANK YOU

Dear Friends at Trinity,

I want to take this opportunity to thank all of you for your prayers for Richard, EmmaLee, and myself. I also want to thank you for your generous outpouring of contributions. I just praise the Lord that He saved my children from the fire and the healing Richard is experiencing.

May God bless each of you.

In Christ's Love.

Tina Klose, Richard Kommer, and EmmaLee Kommer

EASTER BREAKFAST

Hosted by the youth group

Donations are accepted

Sunday, April 17th

Breakfast served after Sunrise Service
until 9:45 a.m.

Breakfast casseroles, muffins, fruit,
juice and coffee

SUNDAY SCHOOL

PreK through 5th grade Sunday School is thriving at Trinity. For the past two months this class has been studying about the country of Zambia on the continent of Africa. Using a free curriculum provided by Lutheran Hour Ministries, we learned how students go to school, what chores they have to do, how they keep elephants from eating their crops and much more. Most importantly we learned that **God is Good in Every Way** no matter what country we live in and how different our lives are.

We will soon be starting a survey of the Bible using the Enduring Word curriculum from Concordia Publishing House. Our class would love to grow with more students. We begin at 9:00 am Sunday mornings in the North Hall. If you have any questions, contact Jill Clark 575-442-3362.



HYMN OF THE MONTH
“CHRIST THE LORD IS RISEN TODAY”

And if Christ is not risen, then our preaching is empty and your faith is also empty.

1 Corinthians 15:14

John and Charles Wesley soon found themselves out of favor with many fellow Anglican ministers who spurned their fiery evangelistic preaching. Many pulpits were closed to them.

A friend from his Oxford days, George Whitefield, 22, who was having the same trouble, began preaching in the open air. In London, he asked Charles to stand with him as he preached to thousands in the open air at Blackheath, and Charles, too got a vision for reaching multitudes.

He made his first attempt in the outskirts of London. “Franklyn, a farmer, invited me to preach in his field,” he wrote. “I did so to about 500. I returned to the house rejoicing.” Soon he was preaching to thousands. “My load was gone, and all my doubts and scruples. God shone upon my path; and I knew this was his will concerning me.”

A man named Joseph Williams heard Charles in Bristol: “I found him standing on a table-board, in an erect posture....surrounded by, I guess, more than a thousand people of them fashionable persons, but most of the lower rank of mankind. He prayed with uncommon fervency...He then preached about half an hour in such a manner as I have scarce ever heard any man preach....I think I never heard any man labor so earnestly to convince his hearers they were all by nature in a sinful, lost, undone, damnable state; that notwithstanding there was a possibility of their salvation, through faith in Christ....All this he backed up with many texts of Scripture, which he explained and illustrated, and then by a variety of the most forcible motives, arguments and expostulation, did he invite, allure, quicken, and labor, if it were possible, to compel all, and every of his hearers, to believe in Christ for salvation.”

Charles Wesley still preaches today in much the same way through his ageless hymns which are sung around the world each Sunday. Perhaps his most exuberant anthem is the one he simply called, “Hymn for Easter Day,: published in 1739. It originally consisted of eleven stanzas. The “Alleluia’s” were added later but appropriately, for this is a hymn one never gets tired of singing:

Christ the Lord, is risen today, Alleluia!
Sons of men and angels say, Alleluia!
Raise your joys and triumphs high, Alleluia!
Sing, ye heavens, and earth, reply, Alleluia!

—Then Sings My Soul, Book 1
Robert J. Morgan

THE WINDOW

Our Pledge of Life Eternal

From 'This Day Magazine', April 1959, by Hernan C. Gockel

Men of all ages have sought for pledges of immortality – for proofs of a life beyond the grave. In our day it has become fashionable to point, for instance, to the dying leaves of autumn and to the tender shoots of springtime as pictures of human death and resurrection -- and as pledges of a life beyond the tomb.

But when the cold finger of icy death come tapping on our shoulder, there will be no comfort in the fact that October is the time of falling leaves and that springtime is the season when the lilacs and the lilies bloom!

At that moment nothing less will comfort our turbulent souls than the vision of our Savior, triumphant in the skies, with the seal of victory over death in His nail-pierced hands and the shout of assurance on His lips: *"Because I live, ye shall live also."*

For us death holds no terror. Our mighty Champion has gone before us through the valley of the shadow, preparing the way the way that we might follow. He has lifted the veiling cloud which hung heavily over what seemed to be the journey's end – and at the top of the road winds up the far side of the valley we see our Father's house with all its many mansions!

His glorious resurrection on that first Eastern Morning is our pledge of life eternal!

He lives and grants me daily breath;

He lives, and I shall conquer death;

He lives my mansion to prepare;

He lives to bring me safely there!

APRIL 2022 STEWARDS FOR CHRIST

ELDERS

April 3 Matt Anderson
 April 6 Jim Wilkes (Wed Lent)
 April 10 Jim Wilkes (Palm Sunday)
 April 14 Jim Wilkes (Maundy Thurs)
 April 15 Jim Wilkes (Good Friday)
 April 17 Jesse Elkjer (Easter Sunday)
 April 24 Matt Anderson

ACOLYTES

April 3 Reilly Quinn
 April 6 Macey Sebring (Wed Lent)
 April 10 Madie Sanchez (Palm Sunday)
 April 14 Ryan Sebring (Maundy Thurs)
 April 15 Zac Sanchez (Good Friday)
 April 17 Dylan Sebring (Easter Sunday)
 April 24 Reilly Quinn

HOSTS

April 3 Bob & Sandy Klose
 April 10 Ray & Sandy Krueger
 April 17 Vicki Leonard/Robyn Luevano
 April 24 Arin & Cara Meyer

READERS

April 3 Shirley Enyeart/Ruth Wilkes
 April 6 Larry & Bev Van Duyn (Wed Lent)
 April 10 Bob & Sand Klose (Palm Sunday)
 April 14 Louis Maruiot/Ruth Wilkes
 (Maundy Thurs)
 April 15 George & Marianne Schweers
 (Good Friday)
 April 17 Dick Dommers/Susan Kelly
 Easter Sunday
 April 24 Cheryl Sandenaw/Ruth Wilkes

APRIL FLOWERS

April 3 Marvin & Joyce Bunker
 April 10 Jesse & Sarah Elkjer
 April 17 Rick & Nora Sotak
 April 24 Matt & Cyndi Anderson

USHERS

April 3 Tom Blackmon, Jim Fladhammer
 Larry & Bev Van Duyn
 April 10 Marvin Bunker, Susan Kelly
 Glen & Christine Schlehuser
 April 20 Robert Johnson, Trey Johnson
 Ray Krueger, Bob Thede,
 April 24 Gerald Moore, Bob & Sandy Klose
 Dave Teller

SOUND TECH

April 3 Ben Clark
 April 6 Ben Clark (Wed Lent)
 April 10 Louis Mauriot (Palm Sunday)
 April 14 Louis Mauriot (Maundy Thurs)
 April 15 Bob Klose (Good Friday)
 April 17 Matt Anderson (Easter Sunday)
 April 24 Bob Klose

TELLERS

April 3 Shirley Enyeart/Vicki Leonard
 April 6 Dick Dommers/Megan Bowman
 (Wed Lent)
 April 10 Cheryl Sandenaw/Linde Van Cleave
 (Palm Sunday)
 April 14 Lola Ableindinger/Nora Sotak
 (Maundy Thurs)
 April 15 Sandy Klose/Susan Kelly (Good Friday)
 April 17 Joyce Macon/Bob Klose (Easter Sunday)
 April 24 Yvonne Steeby/Becky Worley

APRIL ATTENDANCE

Mary Leslie Schmitt

APRIL ALTAR COMMITTEE

Hannah Keeler
 Gayan Moore

PIANO/ORGANIST

April 3 Sarah Elkjer
 April 6 Lola Ableindinger (Wed Lent)
 April 10 Sarah Elkjer (Palm Sunday)
 April 14 Lisa Cramm (Maundy Thurs)
 April 15 Lisa Cramm (Good Friday)
 April 17 Lisa Cramm (Easter Early Service)
 Cyndi Heithold (Easter late Service)
 April 24 Sarah Elkjer

