

# THE TRINITARIAN



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

Jesus when asked if it was lawful to pay taxes to Caesar, asked for a coin where He asked whose likeness and inscription was on the coin? **Matt. 22:21** They said, “Caesar’s.” Then he said to them, “**Therefore render to Caesar the things that are Caesar’s, and to God the things that are God’s.**”

The question then for us is, “What is Caesar’s?” Paul in his letter to the Roman Christians writes this : **Rom. 13:1** Let every person be subject to the governing authorities. For there is no authority except from God, and those that exist have been instituted by God.

When it comes to those who govern, God wants them to rule in such a way that we as Christians are protected and that they would rule in such a way that we wouldn’t have to worry about being “good” citizens. We all know that there are those who have been elected to office who see it more as a source of power for themselves and really only care about maintaining that power even if “good” people might have to suffer.

We are having governmental primary elections coming up. Have you voted early? Did you do your due diligence in finding out about those you voted for? If you haven’t voted yet, I ask the same question. We have been given the opportunity to vote by God who set this nation and this state in place with a constitution under which we are to be governed. Shouldn’t it behoove us to find out about those running and vote for those who seem like they see the rules they are going to govern by as limitations to their doing the work they have been voted into their office to do?

Check out those on the ballot. Vote for those whom you have determined are going to do the job as the Lord would want them to do if elected. You have no reason to complain if you didn’t take the time to find out about these candidates and vote for those who, from all you could find out about them would do the job as is required for that office and one that would support you as a Christian who wants the freedom to live your life to the Lord.

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## **THE BEST FATHER**

Unlike an earthly prince, God didn’t take a high-and-mighty title, notes 17th century British preacher Thomas Watson. Instead, God calls Himself Father to encourage us to pray to Him.

But God isn’t just any father. Watson offers these reasons why God is “the best Father”:

- ◆ He is the most ancient (Daniel 7:9).
- ◆ He is perfect (Matthew 5:48).
- ◆ He is the wisest (Romans 16:27).
- ◆ He is the most loving (Zephaniah 3:17; 1 John 4:16).
- ◆ He has unsearchable riches (Ephesians 3:8).
- ◆ He can reform His children (Acts 9:11).
- ◆ He never dies (1 Timothy 6:16; Revelation 1:8).

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## **ELDERS**

### **STANDING ON THE PROMISES**

*The Lord is not slack concerning His promise, but is longsuffering toward us, not willing that any should perish but that all should come to repentance. (2Peter 3:9)*

One of my favorite hymns has been "Standing on the Promises". Although it is not included in our Lutheran Hymnal, it has been a favorite Christian hymn about a century. Written by Russell Kelso Carter (1849-1926) its lively tune is a wonderful stimulus to get us in the spirit. Its scriptural basis is listed as 2 Peter, 1:4, "*by which He has granted us His precious and very great promises..*"

As I listen to the words, particularly the second verse,

*Standing on the promises than can not fail  
When the howling storms of doubt and  
fear assail,  
By the living Word of God I shall prevail,  
Standing on the promises of God.*

It occurs to me that this is a simple and strong expression of our faith. What is faith, after all? It is our trust in the promise of eternal life through the redemption purchased on the cross by our Lord Jesus Christ.

The Bible can be viewed as a promise made and a promise fulfilled. The Old Testament contains the promise of a savior, from Genesis and throughout the prophets. The New Testament tells us of the fulfillment of that promise. "*And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen His glory, glory as of the only Son of the Father, full of grace and truth.*" (John 1:14)

One day all believers will experience the full delivery on this promise as we stand before our Savior in His full glory in Heaven.

Dick Dommers, Head Elder

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### **BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

The Board of Directors met on May 17<sup>th</sup>.

Dick Dommers, Head Elder, reported that he met with Bobby and Garrett Anderson. They signed employment contracts as our Summer Interns for the youth program.

Elders discussed three members who have not attended for over a year. Responsible elders have either contacted or attempted to contact these members without success in getting their agreement to return to services. Dick Dommers made a motion that the elders be permitted to send letters to three-member families informing them of the possible removal of their names from the Trinity membership rolls, seconded by Robyn Luevano. After much discussion the motion passed.

Robyn Luevano, Treasurer, reported that income exceeded expenses in April by \$188.26. General Income was \$19,153.25 and Expenses were \$18,964.99. There were \$17,878.70 in available funds as if April 30<sup>th</sup>.

Cheryl Sandenaw, Evangelism Chair, reported: An email was received on 4/24 saying that it would be better to push the Bob Lenz event to the spring semester. We agree that this would be okay.

NM Baptist Children's Home: Pastor said he'd see if he can get a presentation set up on the last Sunday in June. We intend to advertise this & open it up to the public.

October 28<sup>th</sup> Pastor Naeem of BOLM will come talk to us about BOLM. This will also be an event that will be advertised & the public invited.

Laurie Di Paolo, Education Chair, asked the board to consider approving a change in the rooms used for the youth and the nursery. The BOD approved a motion, made by Cheryl Sandenaw seconded by Juli Bailey, to let the youth move into the present nursery and renovate their current room as the nursery. The motion also included upgrading the church's Wi-Fi system and purchasing of a flat screen TV for the youth room, total cost not to exceed \$800.00 with the funds coming from budget line item 60820, Office equipment.

Bob Thede, Trustee Chair, reported that Showcase Carpets has replaced the carpet in the sanctuary. They also cleaned the carpets in the great room, social hall and offices. They also cleaned the chairs in the social hall.

He reported that the trustee committee is working on repairing the sprinkler system behind the church.

Bob Klose, President

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### **HYMN OF THE MONTH**

#### **"GLORIOUS THINGS OF THEE ARE SPOKEN"**

*Glorious things are spoken of, O city of God!*

Psalm 87:3 (NKJV)

If you visit England in the future, plan to stop in quaint little Olney, home of John Newton and William Cowper. An excellent museum is dedicated to them, housed in Orchard Side, Cowper's home on Olney's triangular marketplace. Cowper had moved to Olney to be under

the ministry of John Newton, who preached in the village church. The two became friends and would often meet in the garden between their houses for long talks. Out of their friendship came one of history's most famous books -- the *Olney Hymns*, first published in 1779.

This song "Glorious Things Of Thee Are Spoken," Number 60 in the Olney hymnal, is a powerful hymn about the church, which is metaphorically described here as "Zion." It originally had five verses, built around seven biblical passages, which Newton footnoted in the original hymnal

If you hear this hymn being played in Germany, you'd better stand to your feet for you'll be hearing the German national anthem. Franz Joseph Haydn's majestic composition, AUSTRIA, was played for the first time on February 12, 1797, to honor the Austrian Emperor Franz Josef on his birthday. It was an immediate hit, and was almost instantly adopted as the Austrian national anthem. Thus it remained until Adolf Hitler rose to power. In 1938 when Austria was annexed into the German Third Reich during the Anschluss, Hitler not only seized Austria, but he seized Austria, adapting Haydn's musical score as the Nazi national anthem.

After the War, the Austrian people, feeling they could no longer use Hayden's tune as their national song because of its association with the Nazis, chose another melody. The Germans, however, kept Haydn's tune, AUSTRIA as their own anthem.

As far back as 1802, however, Christians in America and Britain were using Haydn's AUSTRIA as a hymn accompaniment, and this majestic composition is best known today as the melody for John Newton's famous hymn about the church of Jesus Christ, "Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken."

*Then Sings My Soul, Book 2*  
Robert J. Morgan

## BIBLE BOOK PUZZLE

There are 30 books of the Bible in this paragraph. Can you find them?

This is a most remarkable puzzle. It was found by a Gentleman in an airplane seat pocket, on a flight from Los Angeles to Honolulu, keeping him occupied for hours. He enjoyed it so much, he passed it on to some friends. One friend from Illinois worked on it while fishing from his john boat. Another friend studied it while playing his banjo. Elaine Taylor, a columnist friend was so intrigued by it she mentioned it in her weekly newspaper column. Another friend judges the job of solving this puzzle so involving, she brews cup of tea to help settle her nerves. There will be some names that are really easy to spot. That's a fact. Some people, however, will soon find themselves in a jam, especially since the book names are not necessarily capitalized. Truthfully, from answers we get, we are forced to admit it usually takes a minister or scholar to see some of them at the worst. Research has shown that something in our genes is responsible for the difficulty we have in seeing the books in this paragraph. During a recent fund raising event, we featured this puzzle, the Alpha Delta Phi lemonade booth set a new sales record. The local Paper, The Chronicle, surveyed over 200 patrons who reported that this puzzle was one of the most difficult they had ever seen. As Daniel Humana humbly puts it, "the books are all right there in plain view hidden from sight." Those able to find all of them will hear great lamentations from those who have to be shown. One revelation that may help is that books like Timothy and Samuel may occur without their numbers also, keep in mind, that punctuation and spaces in the middle are normal. A chipper attitude will help you compete really well against those who claim to know the answers.

Remember, there is no need for a mad exodus, there really are 30 books of the Bible lurking somewhere in this paragraph waiting to be found

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## TRUSTEE

The Youth and their leaders had requested that the Youth room and the nursery room in the church be switched. The reason for this was that the nursery was larger than the youth room and the youth wanted a larger room. The board approved this request and the swap of rooms is underway. The Youth leaders and the youth have painted the former youth room and have replaced the carpet with vinyl tile. They have moved the items in the nursery into that room, so that part of the project has been completed. They are now painting the former nursery and will replace that carpet with vinyl tile. They expect to finish this project in another week or two. Thanks to the youth and their leaders for all the work they have done on this project.

We have completed the repair of the watering system in the back lot so that we can now water the east end of that. We should have green grass there in the near future.

Bob Thede, Trustee Chairman

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"If you don't mind my saying, I've always found serving herbal tea during coffee hour to be dangerously schismatic!"

## EVANGELISM

The tract of the month for June is "**A Christian Guide to End-of-Life Decisions**". This tract is very short, yet makes some excellent points that are worth considering. I highly recommend that everyone read this.

**Our 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter Mission (April through June)** is Ysleta Lutheran Mission Care, El Paso. This very active mission needs the support of other churches to survive. Not only does the mission conduct worship services, Bible Studies, Sunday School and VBS, but it also attends to the needs of the poor through many, many outreach services.

### Projects:

- We are planning to bring in a speaker from the NM Baptist Children's Home which is out in Dog Canyon. We hope you will come to learn what they do and how you/we can help. This is our local mission (so far) for this year. We don't have a date set yet, but are hoping for the last Sunday in June. We intend to advertise this & open it up to the public.
- Please mark October 28<sup>th</sup> on your calendars. That is the day that Pastor Naeem of BOLM is coming to visit with us. His visit will include the adult Bible Study, Preaching the sermon, and a presentation about BOLM at the meal to follow the service. Once again, it is our intent to advertise this and open it up to the public.

For each of these events we are hoping to have better fare to offer than pizza or sub sandwiches!!

**Bob Lenz** – Per the request of the school administration, it looks like Bob Lenz is going to have to be moved from fall of 2018 to spring of 2019. We will keep you informed as to how this is progressing.

**Attention Everyone 40 & 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. Better yet, maybe you could come talk to the committee about this at our next meeting on Thursday, June 4<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 p.m. Thanks in advance for your help!!!

**The Evangelism Committee will be meeting** Thursday June 14<sup>th</sup> at 5:30pm. We welcome anyone that may wish to attend!

In closing I would like to quote: *Luke 14:23 (NIV): Then the master told his servant 'Go out to the roads and country lanes and make them come in so that my house will be full.'* This verse is from the Parable of the Great Banquet Luke 14:15-24. (Let us not forget that we are servants of the Master)

Yours in Christ,  
Cheryl Sandenaw, Evangelism Chairman  
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"We often think that when God closes a door, that is His final answer. We put a period where God puts a comma. We think it's a 'no', but really it's really a 'not yet.'"

**Mark Batterson**, from his book,  
'Whisper: How to Hear the Voice of God'

"When our failings run deep, God's love runs deeper."

**Mary C. Neal, M.D.**, from her book  
"7 Lessons from Heaven:  
*How dying Taught Me to Live a Joy-filled Life*"

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### 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 Turnbul, Eric Van Horn

### YOUTH SUMMER ACTIVITIES

Youth group events will be hosted every Tuesday and Thursday from 3-5:00 pm. **Service project days are also from 3-5:00 pm on Fridays. The younger youth (ages 4-10) will be on Wednesdays from 2-3:00 pm.** Hope to see you there!!

**June 1 – Paint the New Youth Room project**

**June 5 – Farm Day**

**June 6 – First day for the younger kids.**

**June 7 – All Business day**

**June 8 – Flooring for the new youth room project**

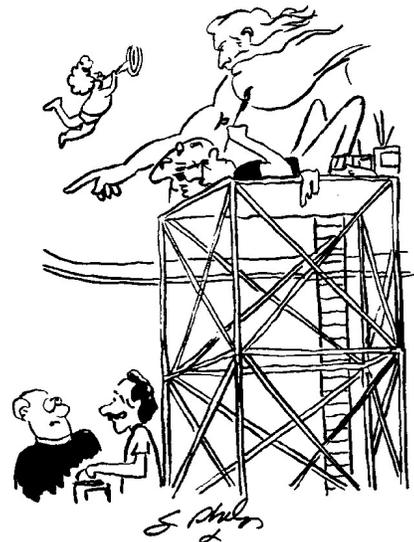
**June 12 – Western Day**

**June 13 – Younger group, Western Day**

**June 14 – Space Day**

**June 15– Cookie Service Project**

There will be no youth group June 18 to June 29. Bobby and Garrett will be in Spain for the NMSU Jazz band.



"Look, I appreciate the youth group's offer to paint the church, but I was thinking more along the lines of basic off-white."

# JUNE STEWARDS FOR CHRIST

## **ELDERS**

June 3 Dick Dommers  
June 10 Jim Wilkes  
June 17 Ray Bailey  
June 24 Matt Clark

## **ACOLYTES**

June 3 Morgan Sebring  
June 10 Abby Anderson  
June 17 Emily Johnson  
June 24 EmmaLee Kommer

## **READERS**

June 3 Dick Dommers & Cheryl Richey  
June 10 Lisa Collins & Dick Dommers  
June 17 Bob & Sandy Klose  
June 24 George & Marianne Schweers

## **TELLERS**

June 3 Megan Bowman & Bob Klose  
June 10 Vicki Leonard & Linde Van Cleave  
June 17 Lola Ableidinger & Joyce Macon  
June 24 Shirley Enyeart & Pete Simank

## **HOSTS**

June 3  
June 10 Matt & Cindi Anderson  
June 17 Ray & Juli Bailey  
June 24 James & Megan Bowman

## **JUNE ALTAR COMMITTEE**

Gayan Moore  
Yvonne Steeby

## **JUNE ATTENDANCE SHEETS**

Juli Bailey

## **JUNE FLOWERS**

June 3 Dick & Cheryl Richey  
June 10 Terry Marquardt  
June 17 Wilma Jaecks  
June 24 Don & Goldie Gressman

## **USHERS**

June 3 Tom Blackmon, Glen Schlehauser  
Larry & Beverly Van Duyn  
June 10 Matt Anderson, Marvin Bunker,  
John Marquardt  
June 17 Ben Clark, Robert Johnson,  
Trey Johnson, Ray Krueger  
June 24 Bob Klose, Laura Klose,  
Gerald Moore,

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## **HIGHER THINGS VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL**

**SAVE THE DATE**—July 9 through July 13  
9:00 A.M. – 11:30 A.M.

## **WE NEED VOLUNTEERS!**

### **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