



"GOD'S LIVING WATER" -- VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2023

# THE TRINITARIAN



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## **FROM THE PASTOR**

**Proverbs 22:6 Train up a child in the way he should go; even when he is old he will not depart from it.**

We have all heard that proverb and it gives us some comfort but also anxiety as we wonder when the training will kick in for some. It is good that the Holy Spirit will work on them their whole lives.

I was thinking about those who come from Chaparral Middle School on Wednesdays early and thought it would be good to be able to connect with them as they walked by the property. Many walk by and others are picked up by parents or others.

I was thinking I would set up a tent or one of the canopies and have a table and information for them. To get them to stop by, I thought I would offer a chance to win a dollar or two by answering selected questions that I would write on a white board for them to see.

I have thought of a couple of questions but thought I would let you in on this to see if you had some suggestions as to questions I could put on the sign that might draw them to the table.

I will have a few Bibles with the plan of salvation laid out in them if they don't have a Bible and other information available that I think they might like but I will also visit with them to see what questions they have about things like church or faith or science and the Bible etc.

If you have some ideas, let me know.  
Pastor.

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## **ELDER'S MESSAGE**

### **Independence Day**

In 1996, while I was TDY to Tooele UT supporting the US Army at their Chemical Demilitarization Depot (they store nerve gases, Sarin and other very unpleasant things) , I was able to see the movie Independence Day. Space aliens invading earth and a cast of crazy characters repelling that invasion. It was a great fantasy flick for total relaxation.

The true celebration of the 4<sup>th</sup> of July was more about our ancestors throwing off the yoke of repression from the English army. Not so relaxing for them but they succeeded and we are better for it.

Rebelling against oppressors seems to be in our blood as Americans, whether it is fantasy or stark realism.

As believers, we also rebel against the satanic influences that seem to be invading our everyday lives. All the crazy sexual perversions, corruption at the highest levels and just plain evil actions of people possessed by the devil that are pushed into our faces by the media.

We know that GOD's plan for all of us as believers is to be with HIM in Heaven on the Last Day. Our belief in GOD, HIS SON JESUS CHRIST, and the HOLY SPIRIT is the TRUE path to Heaven. All the world's trials and tribulations will come to an end, when Jesus, on the last day will come again to make all things new.

That will be the true Independence Day.  
Jim Wilkes, Elder

## EVANGELISM

**Tract of the Month:** July's booklet is "**A Biblical Response to Witchcraft**". "Witchcraft, simply defined, is any practice by which a person seeks to gain control over his or her circumstances through magical, supernatural, or occult means. This can take many forms: some may use witchcraft to harmonize with nature, others use it for physical health or prosperity. Some use witchcraft for violence, revenge, or aggression. The problem with witchcraft is that humans are not God, the Creator. We are God's creatures, but we have sinfully rejected that role and want to take His place. Learn more about the nature of witchcraft to see how you can respond as a Christian. Help others to repent of this sin and see that they have been forgiven by the all-atoning work of Christ on the cross." Be sure to pick up this month's tract or any of the previous month's tracts to read!

**Guest Speaker Luncheon:** After church on Sunday June 25th Joe Deverian, our guest speaker from LCMS, spoke to us about some of the LCMS charities, two of which we regularly contribute to (Joint Seminary and Disaster Relief). The 16 Trinity members in attendance found his talk interesting and enlightening. During the luncheon we raised \$122 which will be sent for the Joint Seminary Fund.

**The mission for July and August is the Joint Seminary Fund:** One of the things we learned at the luncheon is that of all the money that is brought in for the fund (last year 3 million), each Seminary (St. Lewis & Fort Wayne) is given 1/4<sup>th</sup>. The remaining half is given out to the students to pay for their Pastoral education. It covers the students' expenses so that they don't start out in debt upon graduation, seems to be bringing in more students!

**"The Chosen":** The next showing of "*The Chosen*" will be on July 9th. Please plan to join us after the church service, in the Bible Study room.

**The Next Evangelism Committee meeting:** There will be no July Evangelism meeting.

**In closing** a quote from 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

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### FINANCIAL STATUS REPORT OUR MONTHLY RESPONSE TO GOD'S GRACE May 2023

Total Income	\$11,830.00
Total Expenses	<u>(\$22,463.79)</u>
Profit/Loss	(\$-10,633.79)

The District Tithe for the 1<sup>st</sup> six months of the year was paid in May, \$8,700.

### YEAR-TO-DATE May 31, 2023

Total Income	\$100,351.63
Total Expenses	<u>(\$ 84,007.38)</u>
Profit/Loss	\$ 16,344.25

Bob Klose, Vice-President

## **ADULT INFORMATION CLASS**

I have some who are wanting to take the information class in order to become members of the church. If any of you would like to take the class in order to join the church or for many, maybe you would like a refresher or want to get to know those who want to join the church better come to the classes. I am planning on starting in July. Don't know the day or time yet but will nail that down when I have the people interested. Also, depending on who signs up, I might need to have babysitters if we are meeting ash the church. Let me know if you are interested so we can take care of the particulars. Pastor.

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## **EDUCATION**

This years Vacation Bible School was held the week of June 12<sup>th</sup> though the 16<sup>th</sup>. We 16-19 children in attendance depending on the day. Everyone had a good time and are looking forward to coming back next year.

The summer youth program is almost over. It was also a huge success. Abby Anderson did a great job in planning and leading the Bible Study, games and crafts for 10 children. The boys and girls really had a great time in the 2 weeks it was being held. Thanks, Abby!

Again thanks to everyone who helped make both the VBS and the summer youth program so sussessful!

The next education committee meeting will by July 17<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 p.m.. We will be looking at the Fall Sunday School Rally day in early September.

Blessings,  
Susan Kelly, Education Chair



**VBS 2023**

## STEWARDSHIP

Dear Friend at Trinity,

*Colossians 3:23 "Whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him."*

We are so blessed here at Trinity to have so many people who truly do all things as for the Lord. Believe it or not, we ALL work for the Lord here at Trinity. As stewards of Christ, we give back to God with our time, talents and treasures.

As stewardship chairperson I want all of you to mark September 17<sup>th</sup> on your calendar. On that day we will have a potluck lunch after church honoring all our workers for Christ here at Trinity. Even if you don't feel like you are a worker here COME ANYWAY!

Thanks for all you do for the Lord!

God's Blessings,  
Sandy Klose, Stewardship Chair

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## ANNUAL LWML RUMMAGE SALE

**SAVE THE DATE, SATURDAY, AUGUST 12<sup>TH</sup>!!**

It's time to start cleaning out those closets and sheds. We will start to collect items August 1<sup>st</sup>. Volunteers are needed to help clean, sort, and price the week of August 7<sup>th</sup> through the 11<sup>th</sup> in the mornings 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. For those that work and are willing to help we will set up Tuesday and Thursday evenings of that week. Funds raised go to support 6 missions and any mission request from Trinity. Thank you everyone! **Any questions, see Yvonne Steeby or Vicki Leonard**

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## TRAVELOG

### Balance Living:

*By Edward A. Jenne*

Life is like a journey. We encounter smooth roads and rough, good weather and bad. Sometimes we are laid up for repairs. At times we are not sure which road to take. We may find ourselves going in a direction opposite to the one intended. Occasionally we get lost and lose time getting back on the road. Sometimes we go wrong because we have been misdirected.

We pass through drab little towns and fascinating cities, through monotonous stretches, and through breathtaking scenery. Sometimes we are high up in the mountains; at others we drive through valleys, possibly dark and gloomy.

At times the driving is pleasant and leisurely. Then again we travel in heavy traffic requiring constant alertness. Ever so often we run into a rough detour on which we are bounced and thrown about. With a sigh of relief we regain the smooth highway and the open road.

Often we experience disappointment because the reality does not come up to our expectations. We find that some points of sight-seeing are not worth the price of admission. The publicity was misleading. Then again, perhaps a little off the main highway, we come upon something truly enjoyable at little or no cost.

We want to see much more than we have time for – or money. Constantly we must make a choice – and do not always make the right one. But regrets are futile. We're past the place and will never return.

Frequently we need to check our funds to see whether we will have enough to complete the journey. Unexpected expenses cut into our financial reserves. Sometimes we spend too much for souvenirs that catch the eye for the moment but are later packed away and forgotten.

Here and there we stop at a historical marker reminding us of those who have gone before and made our country a better place in which to live – perhaps at the cost of their lives.

Generally we are good-natured toward our travel companions. At times, however, we get on one another's nerves. Perhaps it's hot, and we are crowded together. We get tired and irritable and wish we were at home. In the morning we set out full of zest; the evening finds us tired and worn.

Road maps are a necessity. Otherwise we will get lost and perhaps wind up in a dead-end road, so that we have to retrace our steps. One indispensable road map is the Bible, and it covers every state in detail. We need to consult it constantly.

We wonder where all our fellow travelers are headed for. We hope they arrive safely. Where we have the opportunity, we share our Bible road map with them, to set them on the right road. Some are most appreciative; others rebuff us, saying that our road map is outdated; they know where they are going. Don't all roads lead to the same place?

THE SATAN HIGHWAY is broad and heavily traveled. Along the road are many gaudy structures with false fronts, illuminated by huge neon signs. Accidents are common because of unmarked sharp curves and bad holes in the roadway. Yet many of the travelers travel on it at high speeds. The King's Highway is narrower and far less pretentious, but it is carefully marked to assure safe travel. The highway signs all carry the familiar cross emblem. As long as you see these signs with a cross, you know you're on the right road. If you don't see them for awhile, be sure to turn back, for somehow you've gotten off the right road. And the longer you're off it, the farther you will go astray.

At the end of the King's Highway you come to Heavenly Acres, a real estate development of surpassing beauty. Here is the ideal place to settle down – you'll never want to leave -- the journey is over.

## JULY 2023 STEWARDS FOR CHRIST

### ELDERS

July 2 Jim Wilkes  
July 9 Robert Rentschler  
July 16 Matt Anderson  
July 23 Jim Wilkes  
July 30 Robert Rentschler

### READERS

July 2 George & Marianne Schweers  
July 9 Dick Dommers & Ruth Wilkes  
July 16 Lola Ableidinger & Susan Kelly  
July 23 Cheryl Sandenaw & Lisa Collins  
July 30

### TELLERS

July 2 Lola Ableidinger & Nora Sotak  
July 9 Susan Kelly & Sandy Klose  
July 16 Joyce Macon & Bob Klose  
July 23 Yvonne Steeby & Becky Worley  
July 30 Shirley Enyeart & Vicki Leonard

### HOSTS

July 2 Vicki Leonard & Robyn Luevano  
July 9 John Marquardt & Heather Patrick  
July 16 Gerald & Gayan Moore  
July 23 Cheryl Sandenaw  
July 30 Robert & Susan Rentschler

### SOUND TECH

July 2 Ben Clark  
July 9 Bob Klose  
July 16 Matt Anderson  
July 23 Jim Kline  
July 30 Ben Clark

### MUSIC

July 2 Lola Ableidinger  
July 9 Lisa Cramm  
July 16 Lisa Cramm  
July 23 Garrett Anderson (Via recording)  
July 30 Garrett Anderson (Via recording)

### USHERS

July 2 Tom Blackmon, Jim Fladhammer  
Larry & Beverly Van Duyn  
July 9 Abby Anderson, Marvin Bunker  
Emily Johnson, Susan Kelly  
July 16 Robert & Trey Johnson  
Bob & Tammy Thede  
July 23 Bob & Sandy Klose  
Gerald Moore & Irvin Torres  
July 30

### JULY ALTAR COMMITTEE

Stacy Johnson  
Sandra Krueger

### JULY ATTENDANCE

Diane Kline

### JULY FLOWERS

July 2 Bob & Sandy Klose  
July 9 Matt & Cindi Anderson  
July 16 Bob & Jan Thede  
July 23 Pastor Kevin & Lisa Cramm  
July 30 Dick & Cheryl Richey

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### HOW MANY LUTHERAN WOMEN DOES IT TAKE TO CUT RICE KRISPIE BARS







