



RECOGNIZING OUR SAINTS

# THE TRINITARIAN



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

Heb. 12:1a, 2a Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us, (look) to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith

This month begins with a special day, All Saint's Day, remembering the saints who have been taken to heaven ahead of us. They have lived their lives trusting in the Lord and His promises and now find themselves with Him.

We could name many from the Bible and from our own families and friends who have passed on. It is a good day to remember them and to look forward to the day, we too will leave this life to the life to come.

This day comes on the heels of a day many celebrate, it would seem, the dead as well. Many spend a lot of time and money preparing for the day and candy flows like water as it is dispensed to those who have dressed up, showing a person or character, not themselves as they go out to their neighborhoods to show off their costume and say those three familiar words: "Trick or Treat".

Jan may or may not get this out prior to these occasions. Pastor Butke will point out those who have gone to be with the Lord this past year the first Sunday in November, the day the church is celebrating All Saints Day.

We might be of the opinion that All Saint's Day is a good day to remember the saints and think that Satan has somehow taken over the previous night but Jesus conquered Satan and even though Satan seems to take over the night in many instances, to let him have it may not be the best way to handle it.

I have little booklets (A Biblical & Historical look at HALLOWEEN) that tell about halloween and how and why it may have come about that might be helpful and could be added to the candy in the bags that may be helpful to those who wonder about the evening.

Oh, yes, October 31 is also the day we celebrate the Reformation when Luther posted those 95 Theses, items he wanted to discuss with the Church as he had questions as to if they were Biblical or not.

Pastor

## **ELDERS ARTICLE**

What are you thankful for?

This is the month of Thanksgiving when we celebrate the day by stuffing ourselves with all those wonderful foods. Perhaps, we then settle into our couches and watch the seemingly endless football games. Maybe we choose to just enjoy the company of friends and family. Whatever the activities we choose, do we really think about the true blessings we have been given by God.

Aside from the almost ritual prayer before the meal, how many times can you recall discussing the true blessed gift God gives us daily, the knowledge that Jesus Christ died so we might have eternal life? Do you thank God daily for that gift he gave us all by Grace through Faith?

Ephesians 2:8-9 "for by Grace you have been saved through faith. And this is 'not your own doing; it the gift of God, 'not a result of works, so that no one may boast."

Our connection to God and Jesus Christ is through prayer, His Word and through His meal for us.

Is your connection with God disrupted by all the worldly distractions?

Do you pray to God on a daily basis for all the blessings he has given you or only when you think he can solve your problem?

PRAY

James R. Wilkes, Elder

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## **BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

The Board of Directors met on September 19, 2019.

Jim Wilkes, Head Elder, reported that the elders continue reviewing member attendance. They are actively attempting to contact delinquent members to encourage them to return to regular church attendance.

Matt Clark is continuing to investigate how computer-generated music is used.

Jan has requested her hours be reduced to twenty hours per week vs twenty-two. A change of worker status has been filed with Concordia indicating her requested change to part time, no more than 20 hours per week. This action relieves Trinity from paying into her retirement fund and disability insurance effective January 1, 2020.

The elders asked that they be notified any time you have a need for care, i. e. hospitalized, need transportation, etc.

Vicki Leonard, Financial Secretary, reported total income for September was \$18,924.00. Special fund giving totaled \$1,636.00 leaving a general fund balance of \$17,288.00.

Robyn Luevano, Treasurer, reported that income exceeded expenses in September by \$1,211.61 General Income was \$17,303.00 and Expenses were \$(16,091.39). Year to date income (YTD) is \$145,364.64 (envelope and loose plate) and YTD expenses are (\$145,997.39). YTD we're over budget by (\$632.75).

Lisa Collins, Evangelism Chair, reported response from the fair booth was down this year. The committee will evaluate the feasibility of continuing this effort. They are researching ways to get our name before the public, i.e. highway sign upgrades, electronic billboards, newsprint, etc. Lisa is still working on a project to create verse cards with Trinity's information on one side and Scripture verses on the other. They are also looking into Bible studies to offer the community, Alpha Course. Lisa has created an information sheet to give to individual who visit our church. They're located on the stand with the guest book.

Cindi Anderson, Education Chair, reported that the youth group are planning the following activities: Fall Festival and Chili dinner on October 26<sup>th</sup> at

4:00 PM; dinner for Pastor and Cyndi on October 27<sup>th</sup>. Family Yahtzee night and potato bar on November 17<sup>th</sup>; Youth Group Christmas party, Christmas tree decorating in December.

Bob Thede, Trustee Chair, reported that the issues with the sound system seem to persist. He's looking into the possibility of some new equipment. No word from the organ tuner. The trustee committee continues to maintain and make repairs as needed to our buildings and equipment.

**Unfinished Business:** The BOD approved a proposed budget for 2020 to be presented during the congregation meeting on November 10, 2019. We will also elect a congregation secretary, treasurer, stewardship chair, trustee chair and three elders at that time.

Bob Klose, President

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## **CONGREGATION MEETING NOVEMBER 10, 2019**

The Board of Directors (BOD) has selected November 10<sup>th</sup> as the date for the annual congregational meeting. The purpose of the meeting, as directed by the Constitution and By-Laws of Trinity, is to elect officers to the BOD, approve a budget for next year and conduct any other business brought up by congregation members.

This year we will be electing BOD members for the following: congregation secretary, treasurer, stewardship chair, trustee chair and two elders. Our By-laws state that there should be one elder for every *fifty confirmed members*. We currently have only two men nominated for three positions. We need another man to step-up!

The BOD approved a proposed budget for 2020. Copies of the proposed budget, a list of nominees and copies of last year's congregation meeting have been placed in your church mailbox.

We will also vote to accept or decline an amendment to the LCMS constitution. A copy of the proposal is posted on the bulletin board in the narthex. Please take time to acquaint yourself with the contents and be prepared to vote during our meeting on November 10<sup>th</sup>.

Bob Klose, Congregation President

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## **MISSION SERVICE QUILTERS**

The Quilters here at Trinity requested A Thrivent Action Grant to buy batting for our quilts. The grant is for \$250.00. We are required to make a report to Thrivent when our event is over. Below is the report we sent to Thrivent.

Trinity Lutheran Mission Quilters in Alamogordo, NM make and tie quilts. They are donated to local organizations; Love, I.N.C., the newborn ward at our local hospital, Kid's Inc. Child Advocacy Center, and also Ysleta Lutheran Mission in El Paso, TX. A Thrivent Action Grant allowed us to buy quilt batting for our tied quilts to make them warm and cozy.

This is the second year we have received a grant from Thrivent, and we are grateful to Thrivent for this program. If you have an idea for a mission and would like a grant, talk to Nora Sotak about how to go about getting one. The person applying must own a product from Thrivent. There are many members of our church that are a part of Thrivent that could apply for you.

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## **NOW CHOOSE WHAT YOU WANT**

"Either sin is with you, lying on your shoulders, or it is lying on Christ, the Lamb of God. Now, if it is lying on your back, you are lost; but if it is resting on Christ, you are free, and you will be saved. Now choose what you want."

—Martin Luther

## LWML

**LWML SUNDAY** – A Sincere THANK YOU to all those that baked for the Mites for Muffins; AND ALL Those that purchased goodies. \$473 was raised to send to Rocky Mountain LWML in support of Mission Grants. (Remember 75% stays in the Rocky Mountain district).

**FALL RALLY** - 25 attended the Fall Rally for **Bible Study and Fellowship** on Saturday, Oct. 19 at Zion Lutheran in El Paso. Pastor Heithold, our Junior Counselor, led the Bible Study on 1 Chronicles "Song to the Lord and to All". Zone Board elections for VP (Belinda Burmiester, Trinity) and Secretary (Karen D., Zion) were held. Convention reports were given and an Invitation extended to mark your calendars to attend the RMD Convention this summer (June 5-7) in Keystone, CO.

Our LWML society has chosen to support two local food banks for **Thanksgiving** this year. A food donation plan (suggestion) will be provided in a separate article. We hope everyone will support our efforts in helping the needy in our community.

**2019-2021 National Mission Grant 4 – God's Grace for This Generation, Lamp Ministry Inc., \$100,000.** LAMP Ministry Inc. has ministered for nearly 50 years in northern Canada where many villages are reachable only by aircraft or seasonal roads. Currently, nearly one million Indigenous people live in these isolated areas with about half of them under the age of 14. The most alarming statistic is that over 15 percent of children and youth will actually take their own lives out of despair and hopelessness. When LAMP goes into these communities with VBS, Bible studies, and personal witnessing, these communities will have access to Christian education for faith in Christ. In order to fulfill their mission of sharing the gospel in the next few years, LAMP will need to expand their staff of

full-time missionary pilots to four or five. LAMP will need to recruit and train 100 to 200 more volunteer missionaries committed to serve at least five years. This grant will provide the funds to help LAMP reach their goal.

### **Rocky Mountain District LWML Grants for 2018-2020 - Biblical Orthodox Lutheran Mission**

**Grant Amount: \$7,500.** Biblical Orthodox Lutheran Mission (BOLM) has a worldwide outreach with the Gospel, but targeted mainly to Arabic-speaking peoples in general and to Muslims in particular. This is done mainly through internet, TV, radio, and printed materials. There is a lot of secrecy, because of the persecution an ex-Muslim can experience (from a simple loss of a job to Christian martyrdom.) Much of the contact is on a one-to-one basis. This grant would help supply three (3) months expenses for the Internet Seminary and local office expenses for one year. This mission recently received RSO status with the LCMS.

**The Table at Bethlehem Lutheran:** Grant Amount: \$5,000—The Table is an outreach ministry to the immediate neighborhood of Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Lakewood, Colorado. Since 2009 free weekly meals, along with a church service presenting the Gospel, have been offered to the homeless and working poor population in the area. The Table now serves 125–200 people every week. Volunteers from Bethlehem assist with the service, the music, and cooking and serving the meal, but the food and worship materials are completely by donation. The grant would fund some of these costs.

Any questions? Contact Yvonne Steeby, Susan Weitzel, Belinda Burmeister, Bev Van Duyn, Hannah Keeler or Cyndi Heithold

**LWML On The Go**, is available through your podcast provider, at lwml.org, and on the LWML App.

## JUST FOR FUN

### NEWS BULLETIN

#### HUNDREDS HOSPIALIZED AFTER NEW HYMN INTRODUCED IN CHURCH

By Johannes Bugenhagen



Huron, SD - Hundreds were hospitalized and scores more traumatized for life in the wake of a disastrous hymn roll-out this past Sunday.

Recklessly acting in a way contrary to all Lutheran sensibilities, Pastor Norman Schroeder inserted a previously unsung hymn, "Through Jesus' Blood and Merit," into the church service.

"I remember paging to hymn 372 and thinking that it looked unfamiliar." said helpless victim Delores Hamilton from her hospital bed. "My heart started pounding in my chest! My vision narrowed!! As we started singing my hands trembled uncontrollably. I felt lightheaded! I don't even think I made it through the first stanza before I passed out."

First responders were overwhelmed by the chaotic scene. Ambulances struggled to make their way through the terrified mob streaming through the church parking lot. Inside the sanctuary, hundreds were incapacitated, many still frozen with their hands clutched over their ears in a vain attempt to shut out the unfamiliar tune. The few conscious congregants were in such a weakened state they were unable to assist their more gravely injured Lutherans.

"We haven't seen such a tragedy since the Reformed Church tried to introduce a contemporary version of the Song of Simeon," lamented local Police Chief Richard Johnson. "Thank goodness there was no loss of life. If we hadn't tasered the organist, the death toll would have been truly catastrophic."

The investigation is only beginning, but already red warning lights are flashing in the eyes of any common sense Lutheran. Why didn't Pastor Schroeder run his plans through the worship committee? Why wasn't the hymn tune introduced as postlude, prelude, and offertory? Why weren't congregants warned the standard three months in advance that a new hymn was being introduced?

Only a fair, impartial investigation and the immediate excommunication of Pastor Schroeder can ensure such a tragedy never occurs again.

*From the internet*

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#### **YOUTH YAHTZEE GAME NIGHT** **Sunday, November 17** **4:00 PM**

Everyone remember the old Fellowship Adult Yahtzee games we would have, well the Youth would like the everyone to come and join the youth for a night of Yahtzee!! They will be serving a Potato Bar (freewill offering). It should be lots of Fun!! Prizes for the winner and loser!!

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#### **ARTISTIC VISION**

A current writer tells the story of a schoolboy who painted wonderful pictures of horses. When someone asked him how he could remember the details of their anatomy with such accuracy, he replied., "There, on the paper, I see the horse, and all I do is draw around it."

—From an article sent in  
by Mrs. Charles Rea, *This Day Magazine*

**SAVE THE DATE - Saturday, Nov. 16,  
11:30 a.m. Ladies Gathering & Salad  
Luncheon**

**LWML  
THANKSGIVING**

EACH DAY IN NOVEMBER, ADD ONE ITEM TO A BOX. ON FRIDAY BEFORE THANKSGIVING THE CONTENTS WILL BE DONATED TO A FOOD BANK.

- NOV 1 -- Box of Cereal
- NOV 2 -- Jar of Peanut Butter
- Nov 3 – Stuffing Mix
- Nov 4 – Box of Potatoes
- Nov 5 – Macaroni & Cheese
- Nov 6 – Canned Fruit
- Nov 7 – Canned Tomatoes
- Nov 8 – Canned Tuna
- Nov 9 – Dessert Mix
- Nov 10 – Jar of Applesauce
- Nov 11 – Canned Sweet Potatoes
- Nov 12 – Cranberry Sauce
- Nov 13 – Canned Beans
- Nov 14 – Package of Rice
- Nov 15 – Package of Oatmeal
- Nov 16 – Package of Pasta
- Nov 17 – Jar of Spaghetti Sauce
- Nov 18– Chicken Noodle Soup
- Nov 19 – Tomato Soup
- Nov 20 – Canned Corn
- Nov 21 – Canned Mixed Vegetables
- Nov 22 – Canned Peas
- Nov 23 – Canned Green Beans

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We're all tempted to view Jesus as just another piece of the pie of life rather than the hub of the wheel around which everything in life — even our family revolves.

# NOVEMBER STEWARDS FOR CHRIST

## **ELDERS**

- Nov. 3 Robert Rentschler  
Nov. 10 Glen Schlehuser  
Nov. 17 Jim Wilkes  
Nov. 24 Ray Bailey  
Nov. 28 Jim Wilkes (Thanksgiving)

## **ACOLYTES**

- Nov. 3 Madie Sanchez  
Nov. 10 Zac Sanchez  
Nov. 17 Abby Anderson  
Nov. 24 Emma Fuller  
Nov. 28 Emily Johnson (Thanksgiving)

## **READERS**

- Nov. 3 George & Marianne Schweers  
Nov. 10 Shirley Enyeart & Hannah Keeler  
Nov. 17 Larry & Beverly Van Duyn  
Nov. 24 Cheryl Sandenaw & Dick Dommers  
Nov. 28 Matt Anderson & (Thanksgiving)

## **HOSTS**

- Nov. 3 Hannah Keeler & Robyn Luevano  
Nov. 10 Gerald & Gayan Moore  
Nov. 17 Virginia Nielsen & Tammy Thede  
Nov. 24 Cheryl Richey &

## **TELLERS**

- Nov. 3 Dick Dommers & Linde Van Cleave  
Nov. 10 Shirley Enyeart & Becky Worley  
Nov. 17 Lola Ableidinger & Cheryl Sandenaw  
Nov. 24 Nora Sotak & Joyce Macon  
Nov. 28 Yvonne Steeby & Susan Kelly  
(Thanksgiving)

## **NOVEMBER FLOWERS**

- Nov. 3 David & Yvonne Steeby  
Nov. 10 Robert & Heather Patrick  
Nov. 17 Vicki Leonard  
Nov. 24 Terry Marquardt & Barbara Bruning

## **USHERS**

- Nov. 3 Tom Blackmon, Susan Weitzel  
Larry & Beverly Van Duyn  
Nov. 10 Matt Anderson, Marvin Bunker,  
John Marquardt  
Nov. 17 Trey Johnson, Robert Johnson,  
Ray Krueger, Bob Thede  
Nov. 24 Bob Klose, Sandy Klose,  
Gerald Moore

## **NOVEMBER ALTAR COMMITTEE**

- Robin Haymes  
Sandra Krueger

## **NOVEMBER ATTENDANCE**

Shirley Enyeart

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### **WHAT WE HAVE**

When we look at what we want, and then compare that with that with what we have, we shall be unhappy.

When we think about what we really deserve, and then compare that with what we actually have, we shall thank God!

—NewsletterNewsletter  
November 2007

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“... And after he saved the animals, he started turning up on the mailing lists of environmental organizations.”