



THE TRINITARIAN



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FROM THE PASTOR

What happens in March. We think of the coming of Spring, at least on the calendar. We may think of wind as it seems we get a lot of it this month. We have sayings that if it comes in like a lamb it will go out like a lion which living in the plains states would mean that we were likely to get an early Spring blizzard that kind of takes a person by surprise even though the snow may not last that long.

This year, March almost is a build-up to April where we will begin the new month appropriate to the rising of the Savior alive, breaking forth out of the tomb, like a chick out of an egg or a bunny out of his hole in the ground. From death in March as Good Friday will be in March and with the new month, new life even if it is April Fools day where jokes are played on others. Maybe there is a sermon there.

We have a full month of services where we not only are looking forward to Easter but appropriately are looking at ourselves and how we don't deserve the gifts God is going to give us after this month is over with. In looking at ourselves and why we are in such need of Jesus because of our sins, how important is it for us to then look at the close of this month, the last week, "Holy" week where we see and contemplate what Jesus must have been going through in His mind as well as what He went through bodily and how in saving us from what we deserve, He suffered, bodily and mentally as He bore Hell for us on that cross. He suffered but then, as evidence of His successful fulfilling of the demands of God, rose from the grave, ascended to heaven and is now ruling, bodily in heaven.

One more month of preparation, of ourselves and for Jesus' going to the cross to die but then rise three days later. So we prepare, looking truthfully at ourselves and admitting we are sinners in need of a Savior and then looking to Him as He triumphantly rode into Jerusalem only to be riding to His suffering and death for us.

EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH IN SOUTH SUDAN

Later this month Pastor Cramm will be heading overseas to teach a course on the Old Testament at the Seminary in South Sudan. Thanks for all the donations to cover his costs, also relay your thanks to the Twice Blessed Thrift Store for providing money to cover the cost of the books they will be using in the class. If you look on the bulletin board there is a newsletter with pictures etc., of the buildings and articles on what is happening there. Take a look at it. It was good to see that he will not be conducting classes in a mud hut or an open air classroom. Keep him in your prayers for travel and the ability to put into words what the students need to know about the Old Testament as he teaches them how the Old Testament points throughout to our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

BOARD PRESIDENT

The Board of Directors met on February 15th. Dick Dommers, Head Elder, reported that Pastor and Lisa Cramm's transfers came in; they were installed as new members on February 25, 2018.

Since Lent is upon us, Dick requested that elders contact those members who have not attended lately by phone in lieu of the traditional letter, reminding them of the reason for our Lenten services and our Wednesday soup and sandwich suppers.

Hannah Keeler, Financial Secretary, reported total income for January was \$16,909.76 General Fund income was \$15,585.05. She also reported \$1,115 was donated to support the Pretoria Seminary project last year.

Robyn Luevano, Treasurer, reported that income exceeded expenses by \$1,713.03 for the month of January. Year to Date income has exceeded expenses by \$1,713.03. She reported an additional \$103.00 was donated for the Pretoria Seminary project through the Dollar Project offering bringing the total to \$1,218.00.

Cheryl Sandenaw, Evangelism Chair, said the committee has updated the Trinity Daily Prayer list. They also evaluated their annual budget to get a better idea of where the money is spent. Cheryl is continuing to work on bringing Bob Lenz to Alamogordo for presentations at local schools and an evening performance open to the community. Cheryl announced that the Otero County Fair will not start until September 15th.

Juli Bailey, Stewardship chairman, suggested deliver them. making Easter baskets for our homebound members and have the elders or youth group will deliver them.

Bob Thede, Trustee Chair, reported that the faulty LED bulb in the Great Room has been replaced.

The floor tile replacement in the sanctuary is ongoing. The trustees are looking into the cost of replacing the carpet in the sanctuary and youth room and cleaning the carpets in the great room, adult Sunday school room, Pastor's and secretary's offices.

A sheet containing needed "cleanup" items prior to Easter has been posted on the bulletin board in the narthex.

The board approved setting up an ongoing donations line item for Africa Training to support the seminary in South Sudan.

Bob Klose, President

LWML

ROCKY MOUNTAIN DISTRICT CONVENTION BOLD IN CHRIST

June 8-10, 2018 Boulder, CO

The registration form is in the January/February "Tiding" or copies can be found under the LWML Bulletin Board.

The Ingathering for the convention is completed layettes, most of the layettes gathered will be donated to Orphan Grain Trail, and Ysleta Mission. A few layettes will go to pregnancy help centers in Boulder.

Trinity LWML is collecting items for layettes through May. A plastic bin is located under the LWML bulletin board for your donations. Trinity's Mission Service Quilters group will donate quilts to wrap up the items. We will announce when (sometime in May) and where we will gather to assemble the layettes.

- Diapers, preferably newborn to 6 months
- Baby wipes
- Pacifier (new)
- Bottle (new)
- Sleeper Onesie (1 piece underwear that snaps at the bottom)
- Receiving Blanket

**FIRST CALL FOR
NOMINATIONS—2019 LCMS
CONVENTION**

LCMS has provided information for nominating personnel for various offices and positions within the Synod. Requirements for the positions vary from an Ordained Minister (Ord.), Commissioned Minister (Com.), to a Lay Member of LCMS Congregation. The positions are:

Officer: Secretary of the Synod, 1 (Ord.); Commission: Theology and Church Relations, 1 Parish Pastor, 1 Lay.

Boards: LCMS Board of Directors 1 (Com) 1 Lay; LCMS Church Extension Fund 1 (Ord or Com., 2 Lay; Board for National Mission 3 1 (Ord or Com); Concordia Historical Institute 2 (Ord), 1 (Com or Lay); LCMS Foundation 1 (Ord), 1 (Lay); Board for International Mission 1 (Lay); Concordia Publishing House 4 (Lay); Concordia University System 1 (Ord).

Boards of Regents (Colleges and Universities) 1 (Ord), 1 Com), 1 (Lay) each for nine campuses.

Boards of Regents (Seminaries) 2 (Ord), 1 (Com), 1 (Lay) each for two seminaries.

If you are interested in serving or in nominating some one contact Bob Klose, Congregation President, (575) 491-3407. Get information and requirements for the offices.

Bob Klose

God proved His love on the cross. When Christ hung, and bled, and died, it was God saying to the world, "I love you."

—*Billy Graham*

"Faith is permitting ourselves to be seized by the things we do not see."

—*Martin Luther*

**CONGREGATION MEETING
REPORT**

A special congregational meeting was held at Trinity Lutheran Church on February 18, 2018. This meeting was called to obtain a vote from the congregation for two projects:

1. A motion was presented to the congregation to use the \$1217 that was donated for the Pretoria Seminary Project and dedicate the monies to the African Training Project in South Sudan. Ruth Wilkes so moved and Gerald Moore seconded. Motion carried,
2. A motion was presented to the congregation at the request of the Trustee Committee. They requested up to \$7000 for replacement of carpeting in the sanctuary and youth rooms and cleaning of the carpets in the Great Room and social hall and Pastor's and the secretary's offices. Sandy Klose so moved and Jim Wilkes and Cheryl Sandenaw seconded. Motion carried.

Bob Klose, Congregation President

**TRINITY YOUTH GROUP
SPRING SCHEDULE**

MARCH 17: St. Patrick's Day Nacho Night at 5:00 p.m.

APRIL 1—Easter Breakfast served between the Sunrise Service and 10:15 a.m. service. Breakfast will consist of casseroles, muffins, fruit and juice

APRIL 15 at 2:00 PM—White Sands or bowling (depending on what we did on Feb. 18) and Bible study.

MAY-YOUTH GROUP INTERN WILL PLAN—watch for details.

EVANGELISM

The Tract of the Month for March is **“Why Do Bad Things Happen?”** This booklet, “shares in easy-to-understand language why trouble exists in the world, the benefit that can come from suffering and what God has done to deal with the evil and pain of this world.” It “also provides valuable insights for sharing God’s love and reminds readers that His desire is to comfort His people in all situations.” If you have ever asked or been asked “Why do bad things happen?” and no answers were forthcoming, then this is a booklet you need to read.

March is the final month for our 2018 Second Quarter Mission: Lutheran Hispanic Missionary Institute in El Paso, TX. The institute trains men and women as missionaries for service as evangelists, deacons and deaconesses to sow the seed of the Gospel among Hispanics throughout the United States and beyond... Mission Sunday is always the 3rd Sunday of the month, but you can give a mission offering on any Sunday you choose.

Bob Lenz Update – I have been in contact with Michelle Perry who is our liaison with the schools. She is looking at the school scheduling for Fall 2018 in order to pick out a date that would work for hosting Bob Lenz. Once the date is chosen, we will begin organizing the event in earnest. I and the Evangelism committee would be very grateful for any and all volunteers that would like to help us. I would be especially grateful if someone were to volunteer to help me with things that can only be done during business hours since I have a full time job..... Please prayerfully consider helping out.

We are still in need of volunteers to pick up attendance sheets after church. It is a *very easy* job that really doesn’t take much time. Volunteers serve for a month at a time. If you are interested

in volunteering please put a note in my box or let me know.

The Evangelism Committee will be meeting Thursday March 8th at 5:30pm. Anyone is welcome to attend!

In closing I would like to quote Ezekiel 3: 18-19 (NIV): 18When I say to a wicked man, ‘You will surely die,’ and you do not warn him or speak out to dissuade him from his evil ways in order to save his life, that wicked man will die for his sin, and I will hold you accountable for his blood. 19But if you do warn the wicked man and he does not turn from his wickedness or from his evil ways, he will die for his sin; but you will have saved yourself.

Yours in Christ,
Cheryl Sandenaw, Evangelism Chairman

TRUSTEE

Church Clean Up: We would like to do some extra cleaning in our church before Easter. I have posted a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board listing tasks that we would like to have accomplished. These tasks can be accomplished any time between now and Palm Sunday. The tasks include window washing , pew cleaning, extra dusting, painting, and other things to get our facilities looking nice. Please sign up to take care of one of the items on the list. If you have any questions please call Bob Thede at 921-6931.

Carpet Replacement and Cleaning: The congregation has approved replacing the carpet in the sanctuary and cleaning carpets in the great room and the social hall. We have chosen Showcase Carpets to do this work. The new carpet we have chosen will be a brown color. We also plan to paint the communion rail and other items in the altar area to better match the color of the carpet. We hope to have this work accomplished in April after Easter.

Robert Thede
Trustee Chairman

“...but CALVARY DOES.”

The Window by H. W. Gckel
This Day Magazine, Sept. 1952

A man who had misspent his life lay critically ill. Turning to his pastor he asked: “Do you think that a deathbed repentance does away with a whole life of sin?” “No, the pastor answered quietly, “*but Calvary does.*”

Calvary does away with every sin – the sins of our childhood, the sins of our youth, and those of our old age. “The blood of Jesus Christ, His Son, cleanseth us from *all* sin,” says St. John. “Though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be white as snow; though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool.” And that means *all* of our sins!

It’s not a question of being late or being early, of being more guilty or less guilty, of being very old or being very young – it is merely a question of accepting NOW the abundant pardon which is ours through the limitless love of Jesus Christ, our Savior.

There is love for all, there is mercy for all, and there is pardon for all alike.

Do you feel that you have been harboring some secret sin too long to be forgiven, that you have trampled upon God’s grace too long to ask for pardon?” Take heart! The Scriptures tell us that where sin abounded, there did God’s love much more abound. If you are still able to read these words, it is not too late. “Now is the accepted time. Now is the day of salvation.”

The thief on the cross was late – *very late* – but not too late! The hour was late in the life of Zacchaeus, but not too late. For he still was

privileged to hear from the lips of the Savior; “*This day is salvation come to this house!*” This day! Have you recognized this day as a day of grace?

*Today Thy mercy call us
To wash away our sin.
However great our trespass,
Whatever we have been;
However long from mercy
Our hearts have turned away,
Thy precious blood can cleanse us, And make us
white today.*

Do, nothing that we can do can make up for a whole life of sin. But Christ can, and Calvary *does!*

REQUEST FOR ASSISTANCE

It’s come to the board of directors’ attention that there is a need for transportation assistance for some of our members. If you are willing to provide transportation please contact Juli Bailey, Stewardship Chair, (907) 351-3117, so she can compile a list. If you, or a family member need the service let Juli know so she can help with the arrangements. We need to “take care of our own.” Bob Klose

THE RED FACED USHER

When an elderly woman asked a church usher to seat her close to the pulpit, he tried to talk her out of it. “if you sit up front, you won’t be able to sleep,” he said.

The woman looked the usher square in the face and asked, “Do you know who I am?”

“No, I don’t” he responded

“Well,” she said firmly, “I’m the preacher’s mother.”

Fully embarrassed., the usher asked, “Do you know I am?”

“No”. She answered.

“Good!” whispered the fellow. “Sit anywhere you want.”

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

Hank & Rosanne Wehmeyer March 24
Gerald & Gayan Moore March 30

LONG-TERM PRAYERS

Eric Bell, Caitlin Boverie, Red Chesbro, Mike Debaar, Nicole Doth, Carol Fox, Renee Gocis, **Don Gressman**, Tom Hollander, **Gene & Eldeen Humphrey, Kristie & John Humphrey**, Myron Marquardt, Jackie Monso, Robbie Nowell, Cindy Oberling, Mary Palmos, Alex Pearson, Judy Piepkorn, Margaret Romero, Justin Salmon, Carol Schultz, Jessie Sharette, **Judy Sharpe**, Lynne Skinner, William Stewart, Austin Tice, **Irvin Torres**, Marea Turnbul, Eric Van Horn, Vertein family, Ward family

A POTLUCK OF PEOPLE

Many congregations enjoy gathering for potluck dinners—meals largely unplanned, when people bring food to share. Usually, the main dishes, salads and desserts balance out. The fun is the variety mixing together on a plate and the surprise factor of what's contributed.

Churches and communities -- even families -- are potlucks of a sort, too. When groups assemble, each person contributes something unique and sometimes unexpected. When all is mixed together, the whole is truly greater than the sum of parts. A beautiful balance often results: One is a good singer, the other writes well; some are strong leaders, others dependable team members; some are traditional, other innovative. Together, it delicious!

Potlucks are sometimes called covered-dish dinners. But don't keep your gifts "covered"! Share them because you're a valued part of the whole.



"I'm playing a crowd member in the Passion Play. I was going to play Pilate 'til I found out I'd have to wash my hands."

MARCH STEWARDS FOR CHRIST

ELDERS

March 4 Ray Bailey
March 7 Ray Bailey (Wed, Lent)
March 11 Matt Clark
March 14 Matt Clark (Wed. Lent)
March 18 Robert Rentschler
March 21 Robert Rentschler (Wed. lent)
March 25 Dick Dommers
March 29 Dick Dommers (Maundy Thurs.)
March 30 Jim Wilkes Good Friday

ACOLYTES

March 4 Emily Johnson
March 7 EmmaLee Kommer (Wed. Lent)
March 11 Morgan Sebring
March 14 Abby Anderson (Wed. Lent)
March 18 Emily Johnson
March 21 Miriam Collins (Wed. lent)
March 25 Abby Anderson (Palm Sunday)
March 29 EmmaLee Kommer (Maundy Thurs.)
March 30 Good Friday

READERS

March 4 Beverly & Larry Van Duyn
March 7 Shirley Enyeat & Susan Weitzel
March 11 Ben Clark & Laura Klose
March 14 Yvonne Steeby & Dick Dommers
(Wed. Lent)
March 18 Lola Ableidinger & Gerald Moore
March 21 Cheryl Richey & Mary Leslie Schmitt
(Wed. lent)
March 25 Zac Collins & Matt Anderson
March 29 Cheryl Sandenaw & Hannah Keeler
(Maundy Thurs.)
March 30 Shirley Enyeart & Susan Weitzel
Good Friday

MARCH ATTENDANCE SHEETS

Cheryl Sandenaw

TELLERS

March 4 Lola Ableidinger & Joyce Macon
March 7 Nora Sotak & Vicki Leonard
March 11 Yvonne Steeby & Sandy Klose
March 14 Bob Klose & Megan Bowman
(Wed. Lent)
March 18 Suse Lehmann & Robyn Luevano
March 21 Linde Van Cleave & Cheryl Sandenaw
(Wed. lent)
March 25 Lola Ableidinger & Joyce Macon
March 29 Shirley Enyeart & Pete Simank
(Maundy Thurs.)
March 30 Nora Sotak & Vicki Leonard
Good Friday

USHERS

March 4 Tom Blackmon, Glen Schlehauser
Larry & Beverly Van Duyn
March 11 Matt Anderson, Marvin Bunker,
John Marquardt
March 18 Ben Clark, Robert Johnson,
Trey Johnson, Ray Krueger
March 25 Bob Klose, Laura Klose,
Gerald Moore,

HOSTS

March 4 Robert & Susan Rentschler
March 11 George & Marianne Schweers
March 18 Cheryl & Colleen Sandenaw
March 25 Jerry & Jennifer Sebring

MARCH ALTAR COMMITTEE

Beverly Van Duyn
Suse Lehmann

MARCH FLOWERS

March 4 Terry Marquart
March 11 Darrell & Sheila Anderson
March 18 Gerald & Gayan Moore
Denise Race
March 25 Hannah & Jim Keeler