



# THE TRINITARIAN



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## **FROM THE PASTOR**

We are here again in October. We are thinking of Fall and all that entails. This is also the month when we have all those little (some big) dressed up kids knocking on the door looking for something tasty to put into their bags.

Martin Luther wasn't looking for something tasty but was wanting to know the answer to the question, "How do I obtain a gracious God?" Looking to scripture for the answer, He read the scripture verses below:

**Psa. 31:1** In you, O Lord, do I take refuge; let me never be put to shame; in your righteousness deliver me!

**Psa. 71:2** In your righteousness deliver me and rescue me; incline your ear to me, and save me!

**Rom. 1:17** For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith for faith, as it is written, "The righteous shall live by faith."

David, in these Psalms, reminds me of a child hiding behind the skirt of his mother when confronted by something that was scary. Where does the child find grace? In a mother hen who will sacrifice all to save you. It is that faith in the mother that Luther saw in God, the God who had given him faith to live life, not in fear of God but in a gracious God who would do all, even die for Him.

Luther saw the passage from Romans as God being the one who creates in us and with that faith given, He strengthens that faith to live out a strengthened life of faith in the Lord. It is that faith we have been given that keeps us in Christ's righteousness, not our own as we continually look to Him as He reveals Himself and His works in our lives through the Word and the sacraments.

To that end, Luther posted the 95 theses to address the issue of indulgences which would lead the people to think they could somehow pay to obtain a gracious God instead of totally trusting in His free forgiveness through Jesus.

If you would like some tracts to pass out with the "sweets" let me know.

Pastor

## **ELDERS ARTICLE**

Matt. 10:32-33 *So everyone who acknowledges Me before men, I also will acknowledge before My Father Who is in heaven, but whoever denies Me before men, I also will deny before My Father Who is in heaven.*

A knock on the door last Thursday afternoon came as a surprise. I thought it was the neighbor or even Jehovah Witnesses. I opened the door to find a man about my age in working man's attire. I noticed a battered pickup truck parked at the curb. This man looked as worn out as his pickup truck.

He introduced himself in a manner associated with AA meetings, "my name is Mike and I was an alcoholic, but Jesus Christ saved my life." He went on to tell his story of being desperate for a solution to his addiction. He spoke candidly and rapidly about his conversion to sobriety thru his newly found faith in Jesus. He proclaimed himself as a sinner and how he truly felt that Jesus is the only way to salvation.

As he wound down a little bit, I told him it was a pleasure to meet another believer in Christ's salvation. I explained that I fully believed as he did, we are all sinners every day and our only hope for eternal life is thru the Grace of Jesus Christ. Jesus paid the price for our sins so that we may live with him for all eternity.

Mike takes his faith seriously and is unashamed to proclaim the Gospel to as many people as possible. He touched me with his fervent belief in the saving Grace of Jesus Christ.

We prayed together for the Lord to continue to work in our lives to spread the Gospel in our everyday words and actions. We should strive to be like Mike. Jim 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 and Ray Bailey are contacting sources they know to determine how they use a computer to present music and liturgy for worship services. Pastor advised that the Servant Keeper software can play the music. Jan has requested her hours be reduced to twenty hours per week vs twenty-two. The elders are investigating the feasibility of reducing Jan's hours. If it is feasible a new contract, effective January 1, 2020, will be signed. 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 August was \$18,253.65. Special fund giving totaled \$2,096.72 leaving a general fund balance of \$16,156.93.

Robyn Luevano, Treasurer, reported that expenses exceeded income in August by (\$1,315.79). General Income was \$16,156.93 and Expenses were (\$17,472.72). Year to date income (YTD) is \$127,061.63 (envelope and loose plate) and YTD expenses are

(\$129,906.00). YTD we're over budget by (\$2,844.37).

Cindi Anderson, Education Chair, reported that confirmation started this month - Emily Johnson and Abby Anderson are in their second year. Nora bought bible study material for the women's Tuesday Morning Bible class. The youth group started selling Calendars on Sunday September 22nd. They also helped with the fair booth on Saturday.

Bob Thede, Trustee Chair, reported that the issues with the sound system seem to be resolved. The organ tuner is rebuilding some parts for the organ. Eli Collins has taken over running the sound system.

**Unfinished Business:**

- Pastor learned that TBTC can not provide internet service to us because fiber optic cabling is not available in the area. Investigation into how to increase the internet speed at Trinity is on-going.
- The BOD is in the process of developing 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. Please prayerfully consider accepting a nomination if asked to fill one of these very important officer positions.

**New Business:** The board voted to approve a request from LCEF for a \$100.00 donation to support Laborers for Christ.

Bob Klose, President

**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, nominate individuals as delegates to Synod offices, 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. Please prayerfully consider serving in one of these positions. Let myself, Bob Thede, or Susan Weitzel know if you are willing to serve.

Our By-laws state that there should be one elder for every *fifty confirmed members*. We currently have a full slate of five elders.

Romans 12:1-2 *1 I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship 2 Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.*

I appeal to you also brothers and sisters, please come forward and agree to serve.

Bob Klose,  
Congregation President

## TRUSTEE

Our organ tuner was here on Sep 10 & 11. He believes we have some significant problems with the air controllers in the organ. He removed one of them and took it back with him to rebuild it. He could not get at two others, but he plans to replace them with two that he has and will rebuild those. He estimates that it will be about six weeks before he will return to restore and tune the organ.

We have pruned the hedges on the south side of the church.

Some graffiti was painted on the back wall of the church. The police have been notified. They will have someone come out and power wash and clean it off.

Bob Thede, Trustee Chairman

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## ANNUAL FALL FESTIVAL AND CHILI SUPPER

The congregation is invited to the annual fall festival and Chili Supper. The youth group is hosting and will be providing the Chili, corn-bread and more!! No need to bring anything.

**Date:** Saturday, October 26th  
**Time:** TBD  
**Where:** The Great Room here at church  
**What:** Chili supper, costumes, games and plenty of fellowship!

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## 2020 CALENARS

The youth group is selling calendars for 2020. The calendars are \$7 and will be available for purchase in the narthex after the worship service.

*Jesus loves me, this I know,  
For the BIBLE tells me so”-  
Little children ask no more,  
For love is all they’re looking for,  
And in a small child’s shining eyes  
The FAITH of all the ages lies –  
And tiny hands and tousled heads  
That kneel in prayer by little beds  
Are closer to the dear LORD’S heart  
And of His Kingdom more a part  
Than we who search and never find,  
The answers to our questioning mind –  
For FAITH in things we cannot see  
Requires a child’s simplicity  
For, lost in Life’s complexities,  
We drift upon uncharted seas  
And slowly FAITH disintegrates  
While wealth and power accumulates. –  
And the more man learns,  
the less he knows,  
And the more involved  
his thinking grows  
And, in his arrogance and pride,  
No longer is man satisfied  
To place his confidence and love  
With childlike FAITH in God above –  
Oh, Father, grant once more to men  
A simple childlike FAITH again  
And, with a small child’s  
trusting eyes,  
May all men come to realize  
That FAITH alone can save man’s soul  
And lead him to a HIGHER GOAL.*

---Helen Steiner Rice

---contributed by Shirley Enyeart

## **LWML**

Twelve ladies attended the first bible study and fellowship on Saturday, Sept. 14. Cyndi Heithold led us in a devotion on Holy Cross Day. Belinda, Bev, Cyndi & Yvonne provided refreshments. Annual plans were made and the calendar reviewed, there were some changes, so look for the new calendars.

There are signup sheets on the bulletin boards for social hostesses (3). LWML Sunday and carpooling to the Fall Rally.

### **LWML SUNDAY – October 6th**

***Ladies wear your purple!!*** There will be a ***Muffins for Mites Bake Sale*** after services to raise funds for our District Mission Grants. Plan ahead for the holidays.

### **2019-2021 National Mission Grant 3**

***Mission Outreach for At-Risk Young Women in Africa, Lutheran Hour Ministries \$100,000 —***

Through its ministry centers, Lutheran Hour Ministries is offering programs that are a powerful force to physically and spiritually change the lives of young women to disrupt the cycle of poverty and prostitution by teaching income producing trades for economic independence and success, sharing the Gospel, and connecting them with the church. The purpose of this grant is to identify young women in prisons after they have been arrested for prostitution or small crimes and provide rehabilitation through counseling sessions and voluntary Bible studies for those young women

expressing a desire to reform and connecting them with the church.

### **Rocky Mountain District LWML Grants for 2018-2020**

***St. Andrew Church Plant - Grant Amount: \$6,700.*** A study of Southwest Albuquerque, New Mexico, has identified this area as a “geographical/population gap” in the RMD where the Gospel is not being proclaimed. The target is LCMS individuals in the area without a home church and those unchurched to whom the Gospel can be shared. The most pressing need to make this a viable church plant is funding LCMS Domestic Missionary Adam DeGroot as the called pastor. Per requirements of the LCMS Mission Advancement Office, he accepted a call in 2017 from Faith in Christ Lutheran Church (Mother church to St. Andrew) to be a dedicated worker at St. Andrew. Grant money would go directly to support him.

### **SAVE THE DATE-Saturday, Oct. 19, 9 a.m.**

Ladies come join in Bible Study & Fellowship at LWMLs Fall Rally (8 churches) at Zion in El Paso. Pastor Heithold will lead us in the Bible Study. Carpooling available. INGATHERING -- ARCH BOOKS IN SPANISH FOR YSLETA MISSION -Cash contributions are being collected to make one big purchase from the Trinity LWML Society. More info is in bulletin.

**Any questions? Contact Yvonne, Susan, Belinda, Bev or Cyndi H.**

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

## HEAVEN'S ENTRANCE EXAM

A man dies and goes to heaven. Of course, St. Peter meets him at the Pearly Gates. St. Peter says "Here's how it works. You need 100 points to make it into heaven. You tell me all the good things you've done, and I give you a certain number of points for each item, depending on how good it was. When you reach 100 points, you get in."

"Okay" the man says, "I was married to the same woman for 50 years and never cheated on her, even in my heart."

"That's wonderful," says St. Peter, "that's worth three points!"

"Three points?" he says, "Well, I attended church all my life and supported its ministry with my tithe and service!"

"Terrific!" says St. Peter. "That's certainly worth a point."

"One point?!! I started a soup kitchen in my city and worked in a shelter for homeless veterans!"

"Fantastic, that's good for two more points," he says.

"Two points?!!!! Exasperated the man cries, "At this rate the only way I'll get into heaven is by the grace of God!"

"Bingo! 100 points! Come on in!"

—contributed by Shirley Enyeart



"You won't believe this, Sir, but I have another pastor checking in."

# OCTOBER STEWARDS FOR CHRIST

## **ELDERS**

Oct. 6 Glenn Schlehuser  
Oct 13 Jim Wilkes  
Oct 20 Ray Bailey  
Oct 27 Matt Clark

## **ACOLYTES**

Oct. 6 Emily Johnson  
Oct 13 Reilly Quinn  
Oct 20 Madie Sanchez  
Oct 27 Zac Sanchez

## **READERS**

Oct. 6 Lola Ableidinger & Vicki Leonard  
Oct 13 Bob & Sandy Klose  
Oct 20 Hannah Keeler & Gerald Moore  
Oct 27 Mary Leslie Schmitt & Vicki Leonard

## **HOSTS**

Oct. 6 Sandra Krueger & Vicki Leonard  
Oct 13 Robert & Stacy Johnson  
Oct 20 Ray & Sandy Krueger  
Oct 27 Bob & Sandy Klose

## **TELLERS**

Oct. 6 Nora Sotak & Joyce Macon  
Oct 13 Yvonne Steeby & Susan Kelly  
Oct 20 Suse Lehmann & Sandy Klose  
Oct 27 Bob Klose & Patty Quinn

## **OCTOBER ALTAR COMMITTEE**

Gayan Moore  
Cheryl Richey

## **OCTOBER FLOWERS**

Oct. 6 Colleen Sandenaw  
Oct 13 Larry & Beverly Van Duyn  
Oct 20 Susan Weitzel  
Oct 27 Tom Blackmon

## **USHERS**

Oct 6 Belinda Burmeister, Cheryl Richey  
Nora Sotak, Beverly Van Duyn  
Oct 13 Matt Anderson, Marvin Bunker,  
John Marquardt  
Oct 20 Trey Johnson, Robert Johnson,  
Ray Krueger, Bob Thede  
Oct 27 Bob Klose, Sandy Klose,  
Gerald Moore

## **OCTOBER ATTENDANCE**

Hannah Keeler

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- ✦ A minister and his wife (who are very poor) already have fourteen children. Now she finds she is pregnant with number 15.
- ✦ The father is sick with the sniffles, the mother has TB. They have four children: the first one is blind, the second one died, the third is deaf and the fourth has TB. The mother finds she is pregnant.
- ✦ A white male raped a thirteenth-year-old black girl, and she finds herself pregnant again.
- ✦ A teenaged girl is pregnant. She's not married. Her finance is not the father of the baby and he's very upset.

If you recommended abortion for any of the above, consider this.

In the first case, you killed John Wesley, one of the great evangelists of the 19th century. In the second case you killed Beethoven. In the third case, you killed Ethel Waters, the black gospel singer. And in the fourth, you have just declared the murder of Jesus Christ