



# THE TRINITARIAN



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## **FROM THE PASTOR**

### **EPIPHANY**

Matt. 2:1-2 Now after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, behold, wise men from the east came to Jerusalem, saying, "Where is He who has been born king of the Jews? For we saw His star when it rose and have come to worship Him."

Epiphany: The twelfth day of Christmas is defined by Webster's Dictionary as appearance or manifestation. We see it as the coming of the Magi, Gentiles who come to worship Jesus, the light of the world. They were drawn to Jesus by the light in the sky, the star. We don't know how they understood the star to be a sign for Jesus but they were led by the star to Jesus.

Led by a star. The star gave a light to follow. They saw in that star something different than other lights in the sky. It was different and because of that they followed.

As you go about life, you will emit a light different than others. People will see the Holy Spirit working in you and will want to know why you are different. You are different because you are not your own but are the Lord's.

This new year may Jesus make your appearance to others be a light into their dark world. May He manifest in you something desired by others as they look for answers in this world that can only be found in your Savior and mine. May Jesus bless each day of this year in your life and the life of others He brings into your life, even if they aren't from the east. Pastor

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### **ELDERS ARTICLE**

What are your New Year's resolutions ? Lose that pesky fifteen pounds that you vowed to do last year but it kept creeping back onto your torso and maybe grew larger?

Stop doing whatever you do that you know isn't good for you! Get more exercise, park at the end of the Wal-Mart parking lot instead of the closest spot to the entrance. Thought about it, but were in such a hurry, didn't do it, besides it was too cold, hot or your aching feet, back, or knees wouldn't handle the walk.

Yep, New Year's resolutions are made to be broken, especially if they have no real consequences for breaking them. How about making a resolution to attend church every Sunday? GOD admonishes us to attend worship regularly and receive His Grace through hearing His word and partaking of His Holy Sacraments.

Perhaps living your life according to His will would be a resolution that has real consequences if you don't. Think about your resolutions for 2020 and beyond. Which ones really matter? Jim Wilkes, Head Elder

## **BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

**HAPPY NEW YEAR!!!** It's hard to believe that we're entering the year of our Lord, 2020. It's going to take some getting used to too write 20--!

The BOD didn't meet in December so there isn't much to report. However, I take this opportunity to thank all members of the Board of Directors for Trinity. It's due to their efforts that things are kept running here at Trinity. A special thanks to outgoing officers Juli Bailey, Stewardship; Robyn Luevano, Treasurer; Robert Rentschler, Elder; and Bob Thede, Trustee. I appreciate your dedication and service.

I welcome incoming board members: Allen Burmeister, Trustee; Sandy Klose, Stewardship and Cheryl Sandenaw, Treasurer. A big thank you to Susan Weitzel for agreeing to serve a second term as Church Secretary.

Please pray for all the BOD members as well as Pastor Bill and others who are leaders in the congregation. A great tool for doing this has been created by Lisa Collins our Evangelism Chair; it's the monthly prayer calendar. Use it to pray for a particular person or group each day of the month. Thanks Lisa.

I also want to thank all members of Trinity for your support and faithful attendance.

Bob Klose  
President, Trinity Lutheran Church

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The 2020 Board of Directors will be installed during the service on Sunday, January 5th.

## **AREA WIDE TURN OUT FOR PASTOR REEDER'S INSTALLATION**

On the afternoon of Sunday, Dec. 1, pastors from as far away as Alamogordo and Hobbs gathered at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Clovis along with members of Immanuel and half a dozen other congregations to install and welcome Clovis' newest clergyman, Rev. Thomas N. Reeder, Jr. of south Wisc.

Pictured on the front cover are from L to R: The Reverends Kyle Brown, Hobbs/Lovington; Brian Flamme, Roswell; Jason Rust, Ruidoso (liturgist & Circuit Visitor); Thomas Reeder, Clovis; Gary Piepkron, Portales (preacher, officiant, ret. Lt. Col. USAF Chaplain, 1st Vice Pres. LC-MS Rocky Mountain Dist.); Scott Blazek, Clovis (pastor 1990-2012, vacancy 2018 -Dec.1), William Heithold, Alamogordo (Rio Grande Circuit Visitor), David Symm, Lariat, TX (reader, vacancy 2016-17) and (not pictured) John Rollinson, Clovis/Muleshoe (Anglican priest along with his wife, Dr. Shirley Rollinson, ENMU Religion Dept. Chair).

The sermon was based on Titus 3 addressing the priority of ministry including the proper balance of Law & Gospel in teaching and preaching. The Service was followed by a wonderful dinner in the parish hall. Having been Thanksgiving weekend, the turnout was quite impressive, expressing by all in attendance the importance of the event. (courtesy photo by Adam Ball)

## **LWML**

HAPPY NEW YEAR – God's Blessing in the New Year 2020!

Again, Thank you to All our GENEROUS Trinity members who contributed to the November food drive for our community food banks; and, the overwhelming short notice Angel Tree tags to give one family, plus 6 more girls AND 6 boys a Christmas. Praises!

### **SAVE THE DATES**

**Saturday, Jan. 11, 10 a.m**

Please come help take down our Christmas Trees & decorations, we plan on going to a local restaurant afterwards for fellowship.

**MEAL FOR MITES – SUNDAY, FEB. 9<sup>th</sup> after church services.**

Preparations for the meal will be Saturday, Feb. 8<sup>th</sup> at 10 a.m. Everyone come join in the fun and catch up after the Holidays.

### **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.

### **2019-2021 Mission Grant 5**

**God's Word Changes Everything, Lutheran Bible Translators - \$95,000**

Martin Luther wrote, "I wish that this book alone, in all languages, would live in the hands, eyes, ears, and hearts of all people." When people have God's Word, it changes their lives in ways they couldn't imagine. Lutheran Bible Translators is training people from churches in Ethiopia and Tanzania to translate the Bible into their own languages as a part of seminary training. This will be four-year project with 15 trainees working each year. The funds will be used to equip pastors and lay leaders in the translation of God's Word in the numerous local dialects for the benefit of their Tanzanian and Ethiopian people in their everyday worship.

## **Rocky Mountain District LWML**

### **Grants for 2018-2020**

*We are making progress with our Mission Grant Goal for 2018–2020 and have the following amount left to raise by March: \$19,800 Please, Please continue with your MITE Giving!*

### **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.

### **Lutherans for Life Post-Abortion Crisis** **Hotline, Grant Amount: \$5,000.**

In a world where even Lutheran women and men are faced with decisions regarding pregnancy, LFL operates “Word of Hope,” the only crisis hotline specifically addressing post-abortion issues. The 300 people who contact Word of Hope each month are offered forgiveness and grace by faith alone and not faith plus works, according to

Lutheran doctrine. The grant would help expand the hotline outreach by increasing staffing (currently only 10 hours/week availability) with an ultimate goal of hiring a full-time director. Along with this, LFL would launch promotion efforts to Lutheran congregations with distribution of brochures and literature about Word of Hope for more opportunities to guide hurting people into a relationship with the Trinity.

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

***LWML On The Go*, is available through your podcast provider, at [lwml.org](http://lwml.org), and on the LWML App.**

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### **TRUSTEE**

We have replaced the drinking fountain in the Great Room. The old one was partially plugged up and not producing much water. Repair parts for the old one were very expensive and it didn't cost much more to get a new one. The new one has refrigeration so it produces cold water.

We are working on trying to seal up the gaps around some of the exterior doors. There is still more work to be done of that project.

Bob Thede  
Trustee Chairman



## Caroling, Luminaries and Christmas Program



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## INSTRUMENTS OF PRAISE

Some innovative musicians play instruments that actually melt at their fingertips. Their ice creations — everything from drums and a pipe organ to harps and didgeridoos — make awe-inspiring sounds (search online to hear for yourself).

The unique challenges posed by dissolving instruments seem to increase their impact. “ICEstruments” sculptor Tim Linhart says concertgoers, whose bodies also are largely composed of water, often feel a “spiritual connection” to the music.

Although people don’t melt, our physical bodies eventually return to ashes and dust. Despite that impermanence, God created us as wonderful instruments to make joyful noises for him: “Let everything that has breath praise the Lord!” (Psalm 150:6).

—adapted from *The Wired Word*  
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## THE CROSS IN MY POCKET

I carry a cross in my pocket  
A simple reminder to me,  
Of the fact that I am a Christian  
No matter where I may be.

This cross is not magic  
Nor is it a good luck charm.  
It isn’t meant to protect me  
From every physical harm.

It’s not for identification  
For all the world to see.  
It’s simply an understanding  
Between my Savior and me.

When I put my hand in my pocket  
To bring out a coin or a key,  
The cross is there to remind me  
Of the price He paid for me.

It reminds me, too, to be thankful  
For my blessings day by day,  
And to strive to serve Him better  
In all that I do and say.

It’s also a daily reminder  
Of the peace and comfort I share  
With all who know my Master,  
And give themselves to His care.

So, I carry a cross in my back pocket  
Reminding no one but me,  
That Jesus Christ is Lord of my life,  
If only I’ll let Him be.

———Author unknown  
Contributed by Shirley Enyeart

# **JANUARY 2020 STEWARDS FOR CHRIST**

## **ELDERS**

Jan. 5 Jim Wilkes  
Jan. 12 Glen Schlehuser  
Jan. 19 Matt Clark  
Jan. 26 Ray Bailey

## **ACOLYTES**

Jan. 5 Abby Anderson  
Jan. 12 Emily Johnson  
Jan. 19 Reilly Quinn  
Jan. 26 Madie Sanchez

## **HOSTS**

Jan. 5 Kerry & Ruth Buttke  
Jan. 12 Matt & Jill Clark  
Jan. 19 Eli, Miriam & Lisa Collins  
Jan. 26 Laurie & Dino Di Paolo

## **READERS**

Jan. 5 Lola Ableidinger & Matt Anderson  
Jan. 12 Cheryl Richey & Dick Dommers  
Jan. 19 Mary Leslie Schmitt & Lisa Collins  
Jan. 26 Louis Mauriot & Kelly Thomas

## **TELLERS**

Jan. 5 Yvonne Steeby & Becky Worley  
Jan. 12 Shirley Enyeart & Robyn Luevano  
Jan. 19 Dick Dommers & Megan Bowman  
Jan. 26 Cheryl Sandenaw & Linde Van Cleave

## **JANUARY 2020 ALTAR COMMITTEE**

Hannah Keeler  
Gayan Moore

## **JANUARY 2020 ATTENDANCE**

Lisa Collins

## **JANUARY FLOWERS**

Jan. 5 Robert & Heather Patrick  
Jan. 12 Virginia Nielsen  
Jan. 19 Jim & Hannah Keeler  
Jan. 26 Pastor & Cyndi Heithold

## **USHERS**

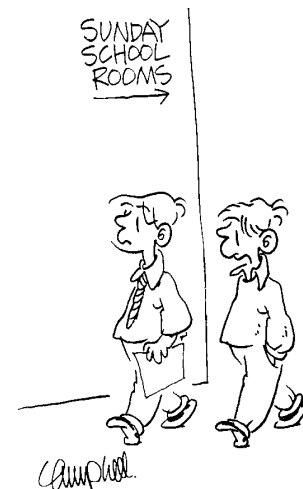
Jan. 5 Tom Blackmon, Susan Weitzel  
Larry & Beverly Van Duyn  
Jan. 12 Matt Anderson, Marvin Bunker,  
John Marquardt  
Jan. 19 Trey Johnson, Robert Johnson,  
Ray Krueger, Bob Thede  
Jan. 26 Bob Klose, Sandy Klose,  
Gerald Moore

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## **LONG-TERM PRAYERS**

Eric Bell, **Lois Babcock**, Margaret Brabson,  
**Kay Burger**, Michael Burger, Pat Carr, Red  
Chesbro, Mike Debaar, Ashton Flasco, Lester &  
Olivia Drinkwater, Renee Gocis, **Kristie & John  
Humphrey**, **Connie Johnson**, Caroline Kelly, Ty  
Landt, Myron Marquardt, Betsy Miller, Emiclio  
Mutis, Cindy Oberling, Mary Palmos, Alex Pear-  
son, Margaret Romero, Justin Salmon, **Ila Schel-  
ter**, Carol Schultz, Jessie Sharette, Les Street,  
Paul Thomas, Austin Tice, Marea Turnbull,  
Eric Van Horn, Verstein family, Rhiann Williams

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"I'm not sure what an E-pistle is.  
I think it's some sort of pre-e-mail device."