



THE TRINITARIAN



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FROM THE PASTOR

Luke 12:16-21 *And He told them this parable: "The ground of a certain rich man produced a good crop. He thought to himself, 'What shall I do? I have no place to store my crops.' "Then he said, 'This is what I'll do. I will tear down my barns and build bigger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. And I'll say to myself, 'You have plenty of good things laid up for many years. Take life easy; eat, drink and be merry.' "But God said to him, 'You fool! This very night your life will be demanded from you. Then who will get what you have prepared for yourself?' "This is how it will be with anyone who stores up things for himself but is not rich toward God."*

You read this passage from Luke about how Jesus handled an inheritance dispute between two brothers. You may say that I have been generous with the money the Lord has provided me and looking at how this congregation gives, I would be inclined to agree with you. So what is the point you may be asking yourself.

This is a new year. What resolutions have you thought you would do this year? Giving more? That might be a good one. You will likely have a chance to do that as there are people in need. But was one of those resolutions that you were going to attend Bible study with others this year?

If you have looked at the posters in the men's and women's bathrooms and taken time to read them, I'm sure the Holy Spirit has caught you agreeing with some of those points. What is keeping you from group Bible Study? Ashamed you don't know your Bible very well? Guess what the cure for that is? If you can't even read, that isn't an excuse anymore and if you think it still is, let me know, we can work that out too.

You may say I read Portals of Prayer regularly. That is great but doesn't it make you want to learn more, to understand more so that when that neighbor or relative brings up a Bible topic you can at least refute their errors or confirm the truth?

If opportunities are offered this coming year, be ready to find time to come and learn and grow in His Word, the very Word made flesh who saved you and wants you to proclaim the glories of His grace. Hey, it is fun and come Sunday morning, coffee and donuts are provided. See you in Bible Study.

Pastor

ELDERS ARTICLE

Renewal in the New Year

In writing this note, I am reminded of the concept the passing of the old to the new. My tenure as an elder has come to an end and the year 2018 is also passing away. The new year of 2019 will have arrived as most of you read this. Thus has it been since God created us and our beautiful world.

Though sin blemished the beauty of the first creation, God has given us the promise of redemption through our savior, Jesus Christ, the new creation. The old covenant has given way to the new covenant in Christ.

Many of us make new year resolutions in the expectation of correcting or improving what has gone before. We should be reminded of Paul's admonition *"to put off your old self, which belongs to your former manner of life and is corrupt through deceitful desires, and to be **renewed** in the spirit of your minds, and to put on the new self, created after the likeness of God in true righteousness and holiness.* (Eph 4:22-24). At our baptism each of us was renewed as our sinful old nature was drowned. We can strive for better obedience to God's commandments, strengthening our faith through constant prayer and study of the scriptures, service to our church and letting our light shine for others who have yet to be brought to faith. It is certain that we can all improve in each of these areas through a continuous renewal process. My best wishes for a very happy 2019 new year to all Trinity members.

In Christ's love,
Dick Dommers, Elder

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

We lost some members but also gained some. Financially we ended the year on the plus side, I'll have numbers in the February Trinitarian. Thanks to everyone for your support of our church family. It's evident to those who visit that God is with us at Trinity.

A personal thanks to the members of the Board of Directors. Recently a member thanked me for the job I've done as president. I told him it wasn't hard when you have a good team to work with. Laurie, Dick, Hannah and Cheryl a special thank you for your years of service. You will be missed. Thanks to Cindi, Glenn, Vicki and Lisa for stepping up to fill the vacated positions. I look forward to working with all of you.

My prayer is that God continues to bless each of us in the coming year.

Bob Klose, Congregation President

LWML

I am so in awe to call Trinity Lutheran Church my church family! Seven families in our community had a better Christmas than what might have been. Thank you to all who were able to contribute either in donating food, taking a Christmas Tree Gift Tag, and/or all your time getting things organized and delivered. A mom & grandma both cried when things were delivered. ...Thank you...

We will be getting together Saturday, Jan. 12, at 10 am to take down the trees and undecorate the church. Afterwards we're going to

restaurant for some social time together. Hope you will consider Joining us.

SAVE THE DATE—FEBRUARY 10, 2019

LWML is hosting a Meal for Mites - Free Will Offering. (We'll meet Sat. 9th, 10 a.m., to prepare the food and setup the great room.)

NEW YEAR RESOLUTIONS:

An old year has passed on and a new year has come. How many of you made a New Year's resolution on December 31? How long do you expect to keep to your resolution? What is the longest you have kept a New Year's resolution? Have you ever kept to a resolution for an entire year or it was accomplished?

WHAT ARE SOME RESOLUTIONS WE CAN MAKE AS A COMMITMENT TO OUR LORD?

- ✦ Consider committing to daily or group Bible study,
- ✦ Reading through the Bible in a year, Renew your effort in church attendance, Take a mission trip you have thought about,
- ✦ or inviting an unchurched friend or neighbor to join you at worship on Sunday.

Prayer – Dear Heavenly Father, Bless the gifts we give of our time, money, and talents to further Your Kingdom. Help us to keep the resolutions we make this year as a commitment to You. Keep us within the one true faith as we minister out in the world. Amen.

Yvonne Steeby,
LWML president

EVANGELISM

Greetings from the Evangelism corner!

As we move into a new year, I will be taking on the new role of Evangelism Chairman. I ask the congregation's help and patience as I learn the duties associated with the position. I feel evangelism is a very important part of every church but also one that is difficult to implement. I want to encourage myself and everyone of us to start the new year by looking within ourselves to search the core and joy of our belief in the truth; the truth of Christ as our savior! Knowing Christ, the Holy Spirit and God the Father and the promise of joy that awaits us fills us with peace and a lightness of spirit, When we remember and foster that feeling it can grow within us and spill over for other people to see.

Lisa Collins

Matthew 5:14-16 New International Version (NIV)

***14**" You are the light of the world. A town built on a hill cannot be hidden. **15**Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. **16**In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven"*

Thank You

I would like to thank everyone who came out to help with the luminaries on Christmas Eve. It was a perfect day for them. We had a great time!!

Abby Anderson, youth member

TLC MISSIONS FOR 2019

Mission Change: At November Congregational meeting, the congregation elected to go for 6 missions for 2019 instead of the normal 4. The new missions are as follows:

- Ysleta Lutheran Mission—January/February
- Lutheran Hispanic Missionary Institute—March & April
- LCMS Seminary Student Financial Aid Fund—May & June
- BOLM (Biblical Orthodox Lutheran Mission/Paster Naeem) - July & August
- LCMS Disaster Response—September & October
- New Mexico Baptist Children's Home and Family Ministries—November & December

2019 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

President,	Bob Klose
Vice President:	Matt Anderson
Secretary:	Susan Weitzel
Financial Secretary:	Vicki Leonard
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Education Chair:	Cindi Anderson
Evangelism Chair:	Lisa Collins
Stewardship Chair:	Juli Bailey
Trustee:	Bob Thede
Head Elder:	Jim Wilkes
Elders:	Ray Bailey
	Matt Clark
	Robert Rentschler
	Glen Schlehuser

The 2019 BOD will be installed on Jan. 6, 2019

WHEAT RIDGE MINISTRIES

WE RAISE FOUNDATION

Wheat Ridge Ministries began in the early 1900's in Wheat Ridge, CO to deal with the tuberculosis problem facing the country. My family live just around the corner from the buildings built to handle this issue. At one point, my mother was the cook. As the program evolved, a specific TB-centered facility became unnecessary and the hospital was taken over by the county. The Lutheran Hospital is now the main medical establishment for Jefferson County, CO.

In January 2018 Wheat Ridge Ministries (an LCMS connected organization) adopted a new title, their mission changed to new needs. We Raise Foundation seeks to help the poor and disadvantaged throughout the country. And gift to the entity frees children from the cycle of poverty, violence and inequality. They provide academic intervention, physical care, spiritual nurture through the medium of caring adults. Emerging Leader Grants are provided and gospel-centered organizations.

Any gift to We Raise Foundation will be an uplift to God's glory.

Shirley Enyeart

I was once young and now I am old, but not once have I been witness to God's failure to supply my need when first I had given for the furtherance of His work. He has never failed in His promise, so I cannot fail in my service to Him.

—William Carey

VIET NAM—GOD’S FURNACE OF LOVE

BY CARL MANTEY

This Christmas Season represents the 50th Anniversary of my service in Viet Nam. One of the important things that I wanted to accomplish upon my return to the “World” from Vietnam was to write a book about the experience and the brave young men with whom I had the honor to serve. Unfortunately, I never got around to completing this worthy mission.

While studying the Psalms this year, our Pastor asked each of us to try and write a Psalm to our Lord and Saviour. This is what came to my heart almost immediately. I would like to dedicate this to the men who have served our country so well, especially the men of Charlie Company, 1/2, 1st Infantry Division.

A PSALM TO THE LORD

I walked through the valley of Death, but you were with me. The enemy has evil plans directed toward me, but you placed a hedge of protection around me. The place that I feared, became a place to be remembered in peace, for it was in that place that I learned to trust you fully and not fear what man may do to me. It was in there that I met men who stick closer than a brother....men who would give their very own lives to protect their fellow soldier. It was also here where I faced my greatest failure in trusting you...yet in all my weakness, you were still faithful...like a

loving father, you never allowed me to completely fall. You delivered me from the flaming arrows and returned me safely to my family.

I am an old man now...the vigor of youth has passed, but your loving kindness endures forever and still upholds me. I praise you for your patience with me, for your loving kindness, for your manifold blessings throughout my life...blessings that I know were never earned. May the remaining days of my life on this earth bring honor and glory to your wonderful name...I love you Lord Jesus

“Greater love has no one than this, that one lay down his life for his friends”. John 15:13

“For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believes in Him should not perish, but have eternal life” John 3:16

Carl Mantey is a friend of Jim Keeler and Carl gave permission for us to print this in our Newsletter

A TREE STOOD IN NEW ORLEANS

At First Lutheran in New Orleans they were reluctant to throw out the tree after Christmas. So they took off the ornaments and let it stand. Then, on Ash Wednesday, they lopped off all the branches and made a cross out of the trunk to stand at the altar through Lent. On Easter, it stood before the people dressed in a profusion of lilies.

This Day Magazine , April 1952

CHRISTMAS CARD

We received a Christmas card and letter from Darlene Eggers. It's posted on the bulletin board. Darlene would love to receive phone calls from family and friends. Just call her at her apartment at the Cascades (520-777-5079) and let me know how you are doing. She is not on a computer or the internet, so call or write. The address that is currently in our data system is 201 N. Jessica, Apt. 143, Tuscon, AZ 85710. If you talk to her and get an address, please let the office know.

A BRIGHT NEW YEAR

I see not a step before me...As I tread into this new year...But the past is still in God's keeping...The future His mercy shall clear...And, what now looks dark in the distance...He will brighten as I draw near.

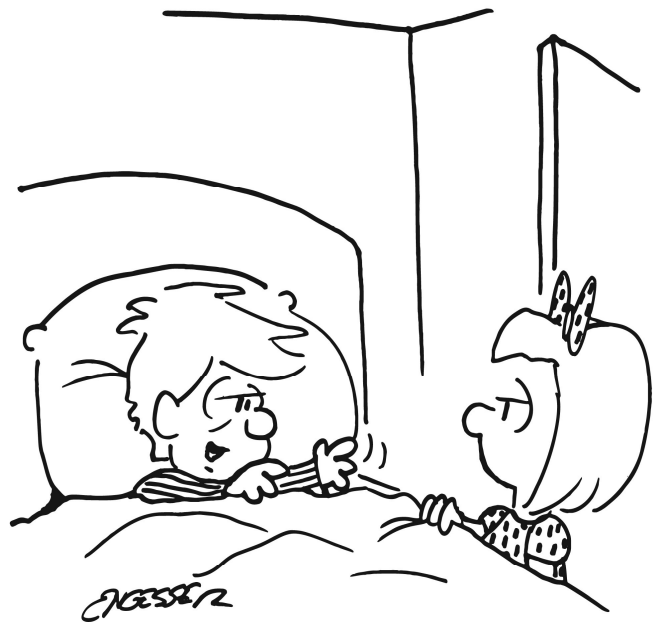
*This Day Magazine— a Lutheran children's magazine
January 1955*

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

Robert & Heather Patrick	January 6
Charles & Kristie Humphrey	January 17
Jim & Hannah Keeler	January 20
Dino & Laurie Di Paolo	January 27

LONG-TERM PRAYERS

Eric Bell, Caitlin Boverie, Pam Cerny, Red Chesbro, Mike Debaar, **Valerie English**, Carol Fox, Renee Gocis, **Don Gressman**, **Gene & Eldeen Humphrey**, **Kristie & John Humphrey**, Hunter Landt, Ty Landt, Myron Marquardt, Chad McCastle, Jackie Monso, Robbie Nowell, Cindy Oberling, Mary Palmos, Alex Pearson, Margaret Romero, Justin Salmon, **Ila Schelter**, Carol Schultz, Jessie Sharette, Lynne Skinner, William Stewart, Austin Tice, **David Townsend**, Marea Turnbull, Eric Van Horn, Vertein family,



"Tell Mom I'll stay home today
and do Sunday school online."

JANUARY 2019 STEWARDS FOR CHRIST

ELDERS

Jan. 6 Jim Wilkes
Jan. 13 Glen Schlehuser
Jan. 20 Robert Rentschler
Jan. 27 Ray Bailey

ACOLYTES

Jan. 6 Emily Johnson
Jan. 13 Reilly Quinn
Jan. 20 Zac Sanchez
Jan. 27 Morgan Sebring

READERS

Jan. 6 Lola Ableidinger & Matt Anderson
Jan. 13 Cheryl Richey & Dick Dommers
Jan. 20 Mary Leslie Schmitt & Lisa Collins
Jan. 27 Louis Mauriot & Kelly Thomas

TELLERS

Jan. 6 Sandy Klose & Yvonne Steeby
Jan. 13 Suse Lehmann & Robyn Luevano
Jan. 20 Megan Bowman & Bob Klose
Jan. 27 Cheryl Sandenaw & Linde Van Cleave

HOSTS

Jan. 6 Cheryl & Colleen Sandenaw
Jan. 13 George & Marianne Schweers
Jan. 20 Jerry & Jennifer Sebring
Jan. 27 Nora & Rick Sotak

THANK YOU

Bob and I would like to thank everyone for all the cards and prayers as we traveled to and from Nebraska for Bob's brother-in-law.
Bob and Jan Thede

USHERS

Jan. 6 Tom Blackmon, Susan Weitzel
Larry & Beverly Van Duyn,
Jan. 13 Matt Anderson, Marvin Bunker,
John Marquardt
Jan. 20 Ben Clark, Trey Johnson
Robert Johnson, Ray Krueger
Jan. 27 Bob Klose, Laura Klose, Gerald Moore

JANUARY FLOWERS

Jan. 6 John Marquardt
Jan. 13 Virginia Nielson
Jan. 20 Wilma Jaecks
Jan. 27 Cyndi Heithold

JANUARY ATTENDANCE SHEETS

Juli Bailey

JANUARY ALTAR COMMITTEE

Robin Haymes
Sandra Krueger

SPECIAL EPIPHANY SERVICE

On Sunday, January 6th at 4:00 P.M., Zion Lutheran Church in El Paso is hosting a special Epiphany Service with Rocky Mountain District President Roger Schlechte as guest preacher. There will be a light sandwich supper after the service. Zion hopes people from Trinity will be able to attend.