



# THE TRINITARIAN



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

**Psalms 136:1 Give thanks to the LORD, for He is good, for His steadfast love endures forever.**

This Month we will not only celebrate and give thanks to God for His goodness and love but we have a couple of elections, one in our world and one in the church.

We want to give thanks but as I will be out of town and one of the elders won't be here for Thanksgiving and our two retired pastors will not be here for Thanksgiving either, we will not have a Thanksgiving Day service. That doesn't mean you can't remember how much the Lord has done for you and give thanks to Him.

I should be here for the Sunday after Thanksgiving, so if you have some special Thanksgiving praise, write it out and I will see if I can include it in the prayers of Thanksgiving on Sunday.

This month is an important month for elections as well. We can give thanks for these as the Church elections help the church to run smoothly and members are taken care of in a timely fashion with the work of the Church being done in an orderly fashion.

The other election, a local state and national election, is one to help us to live our lives without concern of how the Lord will have His will done in our lives as they are lived out in the place He has given us to live. It is important to know what and who to vote or before you enter the voting booth so that the care you give your input will help, not only you but your fellow man.

Take some time and give thanks for He is very good and His love for you took Him to the cross so the what He has done is a reason to give thanks every moment of our lives.

Pastor

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## **ELDERS MESSAGE**

### **HELP WANTED**

Praise the LORD for all the blessings he has given us!

We are having elections of church officers at the congregational meeting on November 13.

The following positions are open for nominations: President, Vice President, Elder (3), Financial Secretary, Education Chair and Evangelism Chair.

Prayerfully consider volunteering to serve in these important positions that attend to the business of our church.

GOD continues to answer the prayers we offer for the loved ones who suffer disease or injury.

Please continue to be thankful for HIS GRACE, PRAY, PRAY and PRAY. GOD is in control of all things going on in the world and in our personal lives.

JAMES R. WILKES, ELDER

## PRESIDENT REPORT

**ANNUAL MEETING:** Our annual meeting to consider the 2023 budget, election of officers and such other items that may come before the congregation will be held after service on **November 13**. Copies of the proposed budget will be made available at least two weeks prior to the meeting.

**2023 OFFICER SLATE:** We currently have one candidate for each of the positions listed below except **Financial Secretary**. We also need additional candidates for **Elders**. I encourage you to consider putting your name in for any of the positions. It does not hurt to have two or more candidates for any position. I ask anyone to prayerfully consider this opportunity to serve our Lord and His church.

President, Vice President, Education, Evangelism, Financial Secretary, Elder (4 required)

**AFRICA TRAINING FUND:** The cost of sending Pastor Cramm to South Sudan has increased substantially which should be no surprise. We will keep the Africa Training Fund active and encourage all contributions.

**NEW REFRIGERATOR:** The Humphrey family is contributing funds to buy a new refrigerator for the kitchen as well as new lighting for our sign in memory of Eldeen Humphrey a tireless worker in the kitchen.

Dick Dommers, Congregation President

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## FINANCIAL REPORT

### OUR MONTHLY RESPONSE TO GOD'S GRACE

#### September 2022

General Fund	\$11,841.00 (Envelope + Loose Plate)
Expenses	<u>(\$13,770.56)</u>
Profit/Loss	(\$1,929.56)
Estimated Monthly Budget Requirement:	\$ 17,866.34

#### YEAR-TO-DATE September 30, 2022

Giving (Actual)	\$146,033.01 (Envelope + Loose Plate)
Expenses (Actual)	<u>(\$132,964.58)</u>
Profit/Loss	\$ 13,068.43
Budgeted	\$161,521.78

### OUR WEEKLY RESPONSE TO GOD'S GRACE

#### October 2, 2022

General Fund:	\$5,928.00
Estimated Weekly Budget Requirement:	<u>\$4,137.00</u>
Difference:	\$2,791.00
Other Designated Giving:	
Dollar Project – Bible Stick Ministry	\$16.00
Mission – Luth Disaster Relief	\$300.00
Backpacks – Love INC	\$50.00
Flowers	<u>\$108.00</u>
Total Designated Giving	\$714 .00

#### October 9, 2022

General Fund:	\$2,925.25
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Estimated Weekly Budget Requirement:	<u>\$4,137.00</u>
Difference:	(\$1,211.75)
Other Designated Giving:	
Dollar Project	\$12.00
Mission – LCMS Disaster Fund	\$101.00
Africa Training	\$5,300.00
Memorial–Eldeen Humphrey	\$2,100.00
Flowers	<u>\$36.00</u>
Total Designated Giving	\$7,549.00

**October 16, 2022**

General Fund:	\$3,457.00
Estimated Weekly Budget Requirement:	<u>\$4,137.00</u>
Difference:	(\$680.00)
Other Designated Giving:	
Dollar Project	\$11.00
Mission – LCMS Disaster Fund	<u>\$ 850.00</u>
Total Designated Giving	\$861.00

**October 23, 2022**

General Fund:	\$3,229.21
Estimated Weekly Budget Requirement:	<u>\$4,137.00</u>
Difference:	(\$907.79)
Other Designated Giving:	
Dollar Project	\$12.00
Mission – LCMS Disaster Fund	<u>\$225.00</u>
Total Designated Giving	\$237.00

**October 30, 2022**

General Fund:	\$
Estimated Weekly Budget Requirement:	<u>\$</u>
Difference:	(\$)
Other Designated Giving:	
Dollar Project	\$
Total Designated Giving	\$

**ONLINE GIVING - (LCEF ACH ACCOUNT, NOT INCLUDED IN FIRST NATIONAL BANK ACCOUNT)**

**September 2022**  
\$2,550.00

**YEAR-TO-DATE August 31, 2022**  
\$11,127.69

Online giving funds are left in the LCEF ACH account, unless needed to meet monthly expenses, to draw interest.

**Estimated total funds currently available**  
\$13,068.43  
+\$11,127.69  
\$24,195.69

## EVANGELISM

**“Chosen”**: The next showing of “Chosen” will be November 27<sup>th</sup> after the church service. Bring a lunch & join us!

**Jehovah’s Witnesses**: In building the data bank for the Jehovah’s Witnesses responses, it was discovered that all the letters we received came from the same address which we assume to be their church. Regardless, we are going to go ahead with our planned responses to each individual that sent a letter. The following is our first response.

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### **Deuteronomy 18:20-22**

*“However, the prophet who presumes to speak in my name a word that I have not commanded him to speak or who speaks in the name of other gods, that prophet must die. And in case you should say in your heart: ‘How shall we know the word that Jehovah has not spoken?’ when the prophet speaks in the name of Jehovah and the word does not occur or come true, that is the word that Jehovah did not speak. With presumptuousness the prophet spoke it. You must not get frightened at him.” (NWT)*

**True or False: The Watchtower organization self identifies as “The Prophet” speaking in the name of Jehovah.** If true, then have their prophesies occurred or come true?

1. The organization predicted that the Battle of Armageddon “will end in A.D. 1914 with the overthrow of earths present rulership” (The Time Is at Hand, 1904 edition p. 101)
2. A further prediction by the organization stated “They are to be resurrected as perfect men & constitute the princes or rulers in the earth, according to his promise... Therefore we may confidently expect that 1925 will mark the return of Abraham, Isaac, Jacob and the faithful prophets of old” (Watchtower’s book Millions Now Living Will Never Die, 1920, pp. 89-90).
3. In “Why Are You Looking Forward to 1975?” (title of article in The Watchtower, 8/15/68, p. 494) it was predicted that “The End” would come in 1975.

**Have any of these predictions occurred or come true?** (Please reread the opening Bible Verse)

*“Beware of false prophets, who come to you in sheep’s clothing but inwardly are ravenous wolves” “For false **christ**s and false prophets will arise”.* (ESV) **Matthew 7:15 & 24:24a**

*“Be on the watch for the false prophets who come to you in sheep’s covering, but inside they are ravenous wolves.” “For false **Christ**s and false prophets will arise”.* (NWT) **Matthew 7:15 & 24:24a**

We invite you to join us for Sunday Worship. Bible Study & Sunday School are at 9am with the church service being at 10:15am.

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Due to leadership embezzlement problems, we will no longer be supporting the NM Baptist Children’s Home.

**The mission for November and December is Luther Classical College.** Luther Classical College is a college for Lutherans by Lutherans. Lutheran congregations are essential to its existence. First, because the mission of the college is to teach Lutheran men and women to value Christian culture and to live it out in their homes and their Lutheran congregations. Second, because the college relies on support from congregations to supply it with Lutheran students and to fund its building.

**The Next Evangelism Committee meeting will be** Monday November 14 at 5:30pm. We welcome anyone that may wish to attend!

Yours in Christ,

Cheryl Sandenaw, Evangelism Chairman

## STEWARDSHIP

Dear Friends at Trinity,

Jeremiah 1: 4, 5, and 8: <sup>4</sup>“The word of the Lord came to me saying <sup>5</sup>“Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, before you were born, I set you apart; I appointed you as a prophet to the nations. <sup>8</sup>Do not be afraid of them for I am with you and will rescue you, declares the Lord!”

WOW!! Look at all God told Jeremiah He had done for him and would do for him. You know what? God has done and will do all those things for each and every one of us. We serve an AWESOME GOD!!

We will have our annual congregational meeting on November 13<sup>th</sup>, 2022. There are many opportunities for us to answer God’s calling to serve Him here at Trinity Lutheran Church. We just need to remember that when God calls us, He also provides all we need to do His work. God keeps His promises. What is God calling you to do for Him here at Trinity Lutheran Church? Pray about it! Have questions? Ask! That is what the board of directors wants you to do.

May God bless you as you seek to serve Him here at Trinity Lutheran Church.

In God’s service,

Sandy Klose, Stewardship Chairperson

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## LWML

**I am the Heart of LWML!** : *“As a Lutheran Woman in Mission, I will share the joy and wonder of what is done through the LWML by the grace of God — the resources created, the missions supported, and the ministries provided.” This was the title of the Bible study that we shared during our October meeting. It seemed appropriate for the day prior to celebrating LWML Sunday. After our meeting we set up the great room for our Clergy Appreciation Dinner. It was well attended with approximately 50 members and with a great variety of food. I will be sending copies of the Bible study via email next week. If you don’t receive one or want a printed copy please let me know and I’ll make sure it gets in your box.*

### **Mite Report**

The 2021–2023 fiscal period is April 1, 2021 to March 31, 2023. (This money is distributed to the 28 missions that were chosen at the convention June) I will post a list and their status on the LWML board.

### **Mite Offerings Received**

Amounts as of September 30, 2022

**Mission Goal for 2021–2023 Biennium:** \$2,150,000.00

**Amount Received:** \$1,835,123.52

*November the LWML is having a prayer service on Saturday the 12<sup>th</sup> at 10 am. All the women of the church are invited. Nora Sotak and Jill Clark will be presenting the service. Please join us!*

*November also is the start of the holiday season and Thanksgiving is fast approaching. If you would like to participate in the Thanksgiving baskets follow the announcements in the bulletin. Susan Kelly has been getting this project together.*

*Saturday, December 3<sup>rd</sup> at **1030 am** we will be decorating the church with a no host potluck following. It is always a lot of fun setting up the nativity and the tree. More to follow regarding our Christmas families. Have a Blessed Thanksgiving!*

*Vicki Leonard, LWML President*

## LWML THANKSGIVING FOOD BASKETS

LWML is collecting food to fill food baskets for those in need again this fall. The following is a fun easy way to fill the baskets. (Of course, you can always do it YOUR Way!) There are tables set up in the Great Room for your donations.

**Please have all your contributions (food & \$\$\$) to the church by Sunday, November 21.**

Week 1	31-Oct	Box of Cereal
	1-Nov	Jar of Peanut Butter
	2-Nov	Stuffing Mix
	3-Nov	Box Potatoes
	4-Nov	Macaroni & Cheese
	5-Nov	Can of Fruit
Week 2	6-Nov	Cake Mix/Icing
	7-Nov	Jar of Applesauce
	8-Nov	Can of Sweet Potatoes
	9-Nov	Can of Tomatoes
	10-Nov	Can of Tuna
	11-Nov	Can of Cranberries
	12-Nov	Pkg of Beans
	13-Nov	Box of Crackers
	15-Nov	Pkg of Pasta
	16-Nov	Spaghetti Sauce
	17-Nov	Chicken Noodle Soup
	18-Nov	Tomato Soup
	19-Nov	Cans of Corn and Green Beans
	20-Nov	Can of Mixed Vegetables
Week 4	21-Nov	Can of Pie Filling or \$\$\$ towards a turkey

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### LWML PRAYER SERVICE

Prayer may be simple or complex — silent or corporate — memorized or free-flowing from our heart. It is a conversation with God and shows our love for our heavenly Father.

The 2022 Prayer Service, based on Luke 11:1, "*Lord, Teach us to Pray,*" looks at various forms of prayer used frequently by believers as we seek to honor Christ, the Lord of the Church, with our prayers. LWML thanks Rev. Grimm for authoring the 2022 LWML Prayer Service.

The annual LWML Prayer Service will be **Saturday, November 12 at 10:00 AM.**

Prayer is not female exclusive, neither is this Prayer Service. Men are welcome and encouraged to attend. Light refreshments will be serviced after the service.

## **THE ORIGIN OF OUR THANKSGIVING HYMN**

When we sing the words of the hymn “Now Thank We All Our God,” in church, I wonder how many of us will know the unusual way in which it was used shortly after it was written in Saxony in 1648.

For many years this hymn was sung or recited as a table prayer before meals in households all over Europe. The words were considered a perfect expression of praise and thanksgiving.

Martin Rinkart, a Lutheran pastor, wrote the lines. Shortly after his graduation from the University of Leipzig, he came to a church in Saxony. The Thirty Years’ War was then being fought and he soon came to know its horrors—hunger, starvation, disease and death.

Thousands of refugees poured into the city of Eilenberg but there was not enough room to care for them. Then it was that a terrible fever broke out and before it was over, more that 8,000 persons had died. Mr Rinkart was the only pastor in the whole city so he had the entire burden to carry. He seemed tireless in spirit and worked long hours. It was said that in one year he held burial services for 4,000 persons who died from the fever.

At last relief came, and when the fever was nearly gone, there arose a feeling of thanksgiving in many hearts. The pastor was especially grateful and wrote his thoughts in words of the song we know today as , “NOW THANK WE ALL OUR GOD.”

It was not until the year 1858 that Martin Rinkart’s hymn was translated into English. At that time Catherine Winkworth changed the German words into the lines which are so popular with church-goers in America and England today.

It has often been assumed that the music for this hymn was written by Johann Cruger, but here again Catherine Winkworth is due great credit, for after hunting through old records and searching for the hymn’s musical background, she became convinced that Martin Rinkart, the author of the words. Rinkart had also written the music in 1644. The source of the tune still seems not clearly proven and is still surrounded by mystery.

If you don’t already know this song, wouldn’t you like to learn it this Thanksgiving season? We are giving you the music and the words so if you or any other family member of you family plays the piano, it will be easy for you to learn it. Really sing out as you sing this hymn of praise and thanksgiving to our Savior.

-----Published in My Chum Magazine, November 1955

NOTE: “Now Thank we All our God” can be found in the Lutheran Service book on page 895.

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## **CAN YOU SPELL “THANKSGIVING”?**

### **A HOLIDAY MEASURING ROD**

- T** Have you kept your *Temper*, with no sulking afterwards, not patting yourself on the back, or see acclaim for having done so?
- H** Have you *Helped* those in need? Have you turned anyone away empty-handed? Did you give real sympathy to the friend who came call the other day?
- A** Have you been *Active* in affairs outside your home? Why did you skip that meeting last week at church when they needed you? Did you vote in the last election?
- N** Have you been *Neighborly*? When your neighbor was ill last month, did you offer to help her with her work? Did you slip in the back door to leave a covered dish when you saw she had nothing prepared?
- K** Have you been *Kind*? When a friend of yours was discussed one day, did you speak a *Kindly* word?
- S** Have you kept the *Sabbath*? Did you go to church because you had needed it or because it was expected of you?
- G** Have you been *Grateful*? Have you really been grateful for the good things that have come to you, or has it been just a casual acceptance?
- I** Have you *Injured* no one? Are you sure? When you lost out in the election of officers, did you compliment the winner sincerely?
- V** Have you kept the Vine of Friendship green? Or does it go through a spell of drouth of every bit of petty gossip?
- I** Have you kept *Irrelevant* things out of your life? Have you kept your life balanced so that you have plenty of time for your home, your community, and your God?
- N** Have you done things *Now*? Have you done the things that were necessary to do when they had to be done or when it was more convenient?
- G** Have you been a true worker in God’s field? Have you prayed sincerely? Have you worked faithfully?

I failed in the test. Now I am reviewing the lessons of life with the aid of prayers, hoping for a better grade.

Can you spell “Thanksgiving”?

*Sent in by Florence J. Johnson of Banning, California*

*----published in “This Day” Magazine, a Lutheran children’s magazine, November 1951*

## NOVEMBER 2022 STEWARDS FOR CHRIST

### ELDERS

Nov. 6 Matt Anderson  
Nov. 13 Jim Wilkes  
Nov. 20 Matt Anderson  
Nov. 27 Jim Wilkes

### ACOLYTES

Nov. 6  
Nov. 13 Ryan Sebring  
Nov. 20  
Nov. 27 Dylan Sebring

### HOSTS

Nov. 6 Cyndi Heithold & Wilma Jaecks  
Nov. 13 Robert & Stacy Johnson  
Nov. 20 Hannah Keeler & Susan Kelly  
Nov. 27 Pastor & Ruth Buttke

### READERS

Nov. 6 George & Marianne Schweers  
Nov. 13 Shirley Enyeart & Hannah Keeler  
Nov. 20 Larry & Beverly Van Duyn  
Nov. 27 George & Marianne Schweers

### TELLERS

Nov. 6 Yvonne Steeby & Becky Worley  
Nov. 13 Shirley Enyeart & Vicki Leonard  
Nov. 20 Dick Dommers & Megan Bowman  
Nov. 27 Lola Ableidinger & Nora Sotak

### SOUND TECH

Nov. 6 Ben Clark  
Nov. 13 Bob Klose  
Nov. 20 Matt Anderson  
Nov. 27 Jim Kline

### MUSIC

Nov. 6 Lisa Cramm  
Nov. 13 Lisa Cramm  
Nov. 20 Cindi Heithold  
Nov. 27 Lola Ableidinger

### USHERS

Nov. 6 Tom Blackmon, Jim Fladhammer,  
Larry & Beverly Van Duyn  
Nov. 13 Marvin Bunker, Susan Kelly  
Glen & Christine Schlehuser  
Nov. 20 Robert Johnson, Trey Johnson  
Ray Krueger, Bob Thede  
Nov. 27 Bob & Sandy Klose  
Gerald Moore, David Teller

### NOVEMBER ATTENDANCE

Hannah Keeler

### NOVEMBER ALTAR COMMITTEE

Christine Schlehuser  
Beverly Van Duyn

### NOVEMBER FLOWERS

Nov. 6 Lola Ableidinger/Wilma Jaecks  
Nov. 13 Bob & Jan Thede/Jim & Diane Kline  
Nov. 20 Cheryl Sandenaw  
Nov. 27 Bob & Susan Kelly



*"You counted your blessings instead of your calories on Thanksgiving, didn't you Mrs. Blair?"*









