



PICTURE OF SOME OF THE KIDS AND HELPERS AT VBS.  
THERE WERE 54 KIDS IN VBS THIS YEAR! AWESOME!

# THE TRINITARIAN



THE NEWSLETTER OF  
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## FROM THE PASTOR

Prov. 22:6 Train up a child in the way he should go; even when he is old he will not depart from it.

The New American Standard Bible has a footnote for the first part of this verse. It says the literal translation for this is "Train up a child ACCORDING TO HIS WAY."

August is here and a couple weeks children will be going off to school again. How are they going to be trained? Are they going to be trained for the Lord, according to the way the Lord made them? If not, are we prepared to fill in the way? How are we to make a difference in our children, grandchildren or even great-grandchildren? Do we know them well enough to know "Their Way?"

We know they will be taught many things, things we may not even know ourselves but what are they being taught when we are with them? Can we confront their learning that seeks to teach that they are in control of their own destiny? Can we provide answers to questions that are answered in their learning by those who have no idea what a Biblical world view is, if they even know what a Bible is or what is in it.

While the grandkids were here this summer for VBS, it was interesting how many times questions came out about God, His power, uniqueness of creation and others. Answering these questions brings back the need to be in the Word and especially know what it says on these topics. Yes, they still have a wonder as to who God is and what He is about. May they and we never get to the point that we think we know all we need to know about Him.

The kids will be off to school soon and will be learning a lot. When it comes to God's Word, are they partaking of teaching along those lines as well? We think they are learning but what about ourselves? Is it time for us to go "Back to School" too when it comes to God's Word to learn more and to be able to answer those whom we meet that need to be fed as a child so that they too can grow up in the faith to where they will not depart from it?

Are we ready to train up a child or even one who is wondering about the faith? 1Pet. 3:14-5 But even if you should suffer for righteousness' sake, you will be blessed. Have no fear of them, nor be troubled, but in your hearts honor Christ the Lord as holy, always being prepared to make a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and respect,

May we shower others with the hope we have, given to us as a free gift by Jesus who went to the cross and died, rose from the grave and ascended to heaven. We now have a secure hope in Him who was the first as He paved the way to Him.

Pastor

## ELDERS

Some years ago I was participating in a Bible study group in the Café Espresso. A group of men at another table were from a Christian motorcycle club. One of them who had overheard our discussion came to our table and gave us each a large aluminum coin as he witnessed his faith to us, and invited us to join their table.

On one side of the coin is the verse from John 3:16 and on the reverse is inscribed the question "*Where will you spend Eternity?*" with a reference to John 3:36 and the name of Jesus Christ.

I have carried that coin ever since in a plastic pocket change pouch, which I often take out when paying at a register. On two occasions, the clerk at the register has asked about that 'big coin'. What a great opportunity to witness for our Lord! In one case I was in a long line and very briefly cited John 3:16 as the basis of my Christian faith and how central it is to accepting Jesus as our savior. In the second instance, given more time I did the same and was able to ascertain that the clerk was also Christian and understood the importance of believing the Gospel.

Perhaps the next time, I may meet one who is not a believer, and have the opportunity to tell him/her of God's grace to all who believe in Jesus.

These incidents have prompted me to seek the manufacturer of these coins to order some for others who may want to carry them. It seems like a great way to open a conversation on faith, particular with those who are ready to hear.

In Christ's Love,  
Dick Dommers, Elder

## BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The Board of Directors didn't meet in July.

Robyn Luevano, Treasurer, reported that expenses exceeded income in June by \$2,426.00. General Income was \$15,498.00 and Expenses were \$17,924.00. There were \$17,591.39 in available funds as if June 30<sup>th</sup>. June marked the end-of-quarter so there were additional quarterly expenditures. Year-to-date we've received \$102,389.81 and had expenses of \$97,615.42 for a difference of plus \$4,774.39.

A special thank you to our youth leaders and group members for taking on the project of swapping the nursery and youth rooms. GREAT JOB! Thanks also to the two anonymous donors who provided funds for a new TV and new blinds.

Another thanks to Matt Anderson for taking over management of our website, [www.trinityalamogordo.org](http://www.trinityalamogordo.org). He's done a great job building an attractive, informative site. I urge you to take a look.

I asked the board members to begin thinking about the budget for 2019 and to think about finding volunteers to agree to be nominated for board of director positions. This year we will elect the following officers: President, Vice-President, Financial Secretary, Education Chair, Evangelism Chair and two (2) Elders. Please prayerfully consider serving in one of these positions. Let myself, Dick Dommers or Cheryl Sandenaw know if you are willing to serve. The congregation meeting is scheduled for November 18<sup>th</sup>.

Bob Klose,  
President

## EVANGELISM

The tract of the month for July is "**The 3Bs of When Life Begins**". "When does life begin? It is as simple as the 3Bs. **Biology** and the **Bible** tell us that life begins at the moment of conception. **Baptism** marks the beginning of new spiritual life. These are inseparably linked. **Baptism** and faith enable us to see the truth of what God has revealed in the **Bible**. That truth enables us to see all human life as valued by God from the moment of conception. That truth enables us to live our lives trusting in promises rather than being overwhelmed by our circumstances." You can find this tract in the plastic bag on the door by the tract rack.

**Our 3rd Quarter Mission (July through Sept)** is LCMS Disaster Relief. Mission Sundays are always on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the month, but you can give to the mission anytime during this quarter.

**Local Mission for August & September** – After church on **Sunday August 26<sup>th</sup>** Randy Rankin from the NM Baptist Children's Home & Family Ministry will come to speak to us about the work they are doing with At-Risk children in Otero County. We plan to have a luncheon & are hoping for better food than sub sandwiches or pizza! We will let you know... Meanwhile, please save this date on your calendars and plan to join us! The Evangelism Committee is adopting this organization as our local charity for August & September. We hope you will help to support them through your contributions. Remember, if you want a financial donation to go to them, you must write Baptist Children's Home (or something similar) on your check or envelope so that the \$ will go to them.

**We are still looking for** input, ideas, and suggestions as to what you think we as a church

should, could, need to do to get more people in the 40 and under age groups into this church. Please come talk to me about any and all ideas you may have.

**New Evangelism Chairman** – Since this is my final year of eligibility as the Evangelism Chairman, we will be needing someone to take over in January. The primary responsibilities of this job include writing newsletters, doing the yearly Host List, coming up with the list of potential missions for the yearly Congregational Meeting to vote on, attending BOD Meetings, and the County Fair. (*I may have forgotten something...*) Anything else above and beyond is up to the chairman and the committee. I have the computer end of things fairly organized and plan to develop a guide to help with the transition. In addition, if my replacement desires it, I will plan to stay on as part of the committee. Since I have found this to be a rewarding experience, it is my hope 1 or 2 or 3+ of you will prayerfully consider taking over. If you have any questions please feel free to contact me!

**The Next Evangelism Committee meeting will be** Thursday August 9th at 5:30pm. We welcome anyone that may wish to attend!

In closing I would like to quote Deuteronomy 15:10 "Give generously to him and do so without a grudging heart; then because of this the Lord your God will bless you in all your work and in everything you put your hand to."

Yours in Christ,  
Cheryl Sandenaw, Evangelism Chairman

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## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

VBS was a huge success this year. We had a total of 54 children attending. We would like to thank everyone who helped this year. We couldn't have done it without you!

Bobby and Garrett Anderson

## **LUTHERAN DISASTER RELIEF**

Nora Sotak received the letter below asking people to go help with on-going recovery from Hurricane Harvey. If you are interested there is a contact number below.

Friends,

Words can not begin to thank you enough for the time you have given to serve those impacted by hurricane Harvey in Beaumont. As you can imagine, the recovery process is far from over, with 200 billion in damage, the newest estimate is that it will take 5-10 years to recover from this disaster.

I am writing to you today to ask you to please continue to pray for the recovery efforts. Smaller communities that depend on tourism are still grappling with the aftermath of the hurricane, and many families are still displaced and need help rebuilding their houses.

I would also ask you to consider signing up again to bring a team down to serve. I realize that there are many places that you can take your teams, but we really are in desperate need of volunteers. With water temperatures as warm as they are in the Gulf, we had another federally declared disaster in the Valley that we are responding to , and hurricane season is far from over.

If you have any questions, feel free to email me or call me at 210-324-8845 or you can go to [j2e3.com/vol-reg](http://j2e3.com/vol-reg) to sign up.

Until they all know him,  
Julie Tucker  
Director of Disaster Response  
Texas District, LCMS

## **LWML RUMMAGE ANNUAL SALE SATURDAY, AUGUST 18, 2018 8:00 A.M. - NOON**

Set-up times for the rummage sale begins Monday, August 13th—17th from 9:00 am to noon.

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### **THE HOLY ALPHABET**

**A**lthough things are not perfect  
**B**ecause of trial or pain  
**C**ontinue in thanksgiving  
**D**o not begin to blame  
**E**ven when the times are hard  
**F**ierce winds are bound to blow  
**G**od is forever able  
**I**magine life without His love  
**J**oy would cease to be  
**K**eep thanking Him for all the things  
**L**ove imparts to thee  
**M**ove out of "Camp Complaining"  
**N**o weapon that is known  
**O**n earth can yield the power  
**P**raise can do alone  
**Q**uit looking at the future  
**R**edeem the time at hand  
**S**tart every day with worship  
**T**o "thank" is a command  
**U**ntil we see Him coming  
**V**ictorious in the sky  
**W**e'll run the race with gratitude  
**X**alting God most high  
**Y**es, there'll be good times and yes some will be bad, but...  
**Z**ion waits in glory...where none are ever sad

## **BOLM**

### **BIBLICAL ORTHODOX LUTHERAN MISSION**

Sharing Christ's Love with Arabic speaking people, Muslims, Mormons, Atheists and others, nationally and internationally. In Grateful response to God's grace and empowered by the Holy Spirit through Word and Sacraments, BOLM is vigorously endeavoring to make know the love of Christ by word and deed within churches, communities and nations of the world.

### **SMALL HEAVEN ON EARTH!**

The Lord has used this haven to receive thousands of converts and helping them in deep understanding of the Christian Faith. We have now 6 bedrooms with double beds each and 6 air mattresses. Most of the times in summer, this haven is completely full, and you can feel the presence of God and taste the heaven to come. Different ages, males and females, many with different native languages, all races!

All are coming and meeting in the name of Jesus.

Pastor George Naeem and his wife (Miranda) are working for the converts almost 10 hours every day, picking people from airport, dropping them back, cooking, washing, cleaning and preparing lessons daily

We thank the Lord for this amazing opportunity and we pray to have the health and energy to continue this heavenly work!

### **BOLM CONTRIBUTIONS DO NOT SUPPORT HAVEN**

You may know that Miranda is doing all this work as a volunteer and Pastor Naeem spends all the expenses from his little income.

We have renovated the whole house, **but we need urgent help with some stuff, like installing countertops, finishing a bathroom,**

**painting, plumbing work and supplies. We need at least 6 twin beds in very good condition, linens, sheets, pillow cases, stand lights, table lights, with other supplies for the kitchens and bathroom!**

If the Lord moves you to share this blessing, please contact Pastor Naeem immediately as we are in a very bad need!

If you can't, please pray for the haven, converts and those who may be willing to offer their labor or supplies. Lord's blessings to you!

For questions and information contact Pastor Naeem at:

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If you would like to sign up to receive our newsletters by email, please submit your request to Rev. George Naeem.

Pastor Naeem is the founder and executive director of BOLM. Presently Pastor Naeem is an active Pastor of the LCMS Rocky Mountain District and is also a volunteer assistant Pastor at Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church in Centennial, CO. Pastor Naeem is willing to visit churches anywhere to preach the Gospel.

**Pastor Naeem is scheduled to come preach here at Trinity in October.**

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### **BIBLE DISTRIBUTION**

BOLM has distributed **237 Bibles this month** to new believers and potential converts. The Bibles are donated by a Church somewhere in the world. We praise the Lord for the missionary attitude of these congregations and pastors! Please pray for them even if you don't know them.

## ADULT CHOIR

### It almost choir time again!

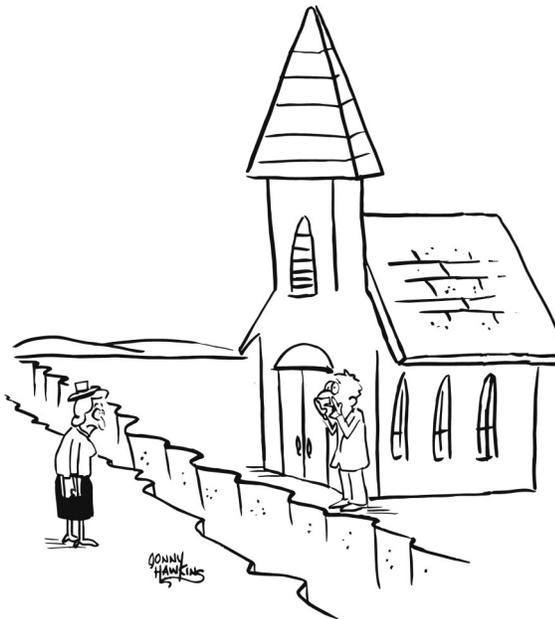
Calling all singers!! We need your voice!! We need sopranos, altos, tenors and basses. We need all voices!!

If you can sing we need your voice. We meet on Wednesdays (during Lent and Advent we meet on Tuesdays) from 7pm to 8pm. You don't have to know how to read music. We will teach you your part. Please come join us! We have a lot of fun!

**Our first rehearsal for this choir season will be Wednesday August 22<sup>nd</sup> at 7pm.**

Cheryl Sandenaw,  
Choir Director

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"Ethel, take a leap of faith!"

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## LONG-TERM PRAYERS

Tony Alonzo, David Barry, Eric Bell, Caitlin Boverie, Bernadeane Bridges, Jane Cadwalder, Pastor Robert and Lourdes Carrobatta, Dave Cauraugh, Red Chesbro, Donna & Dan Columbus, Mike Debaar, Carol Fox, Renee Gocis, **Gene & Eldeen Humphrey, Kristie & John Humphrey**, Hunter Ty Landt, Millie & Issac Luevano, Jackie Monso, Cindy Oberling, Mary Pamos, Alex Pearson, Margaret Romero, Justin Salmon, Ila Santini, Carol Schultz, Jessie Sharette, **Judy Sharpe**, Lynne Skinner, Eric Stephenson, William Stewart, Andrew Stoner, Hank Thomas, Austin Tice, Brenda Timmons, Martin Trujillo, Marea Turnbull, Eric Van Horn

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## TRUSTEE

The nursery and youth room upgrades have been completed. Walls have been painted, floor covering has been replaced, and new blinds have been installed in the windows. A 50 inch TV has been mounted on the wall in the youth room and a carpet has been purchased and placed in the nursery. Thanks to all who helped with these projects and to those who donated funds for the TV and for the blinds

We have a painter who is doing some painting of the interior of the church. He has completed painting the social hall and some of the hall ways. He will paint the rest of the hall ways and also the back wall of the sanctuary.

Bob Thede  
Trustee Chairman

# AUGUST STEWARDS FOR CHRIST

## **ELDERS**

August 5 Dick Dommers  
August 12 Robert Rentschler  
August 19 Jim Wilkes  
August 26 Ray Bailey

## **ACOLYTES**

August 5 Abby Anderson  
August 12 Emily Johnson  
August 19 Miriam Collins  
August 26 EmmaLee Kommer

## **READERS**

August 5 Larry & Beverly Van Duyn  
August 12 Bob & Sandy Klose  
August 19 Susan Weitzel & Gerald Moore  
August 26 Laura Klose & Dick Dommers

## **TELLERS**

August 5 Lola Ableidinger & Joyce Macon  
August 12 Shirley Enyeart & Pete Simak  
August 19 Vicki Leonard & Nora Sotak  
August 26 Sandy Klose & Yvonne Steeby

## **HOSTS**

August 5 Dino & Laurie Di Paolo  
August 12 Dick & Jan Dommers  
August 19 Shirley Enyeart & Vicki Leonard  
August 26 Wilma Jaecks & Yvonne Steeby

## **AUGUST ALTAR COMMITTEE**

Sheila Anderson  
Wilma Jaecks

## **AUGUST ATTENDANCE SHEETS**

Shirley Enyeart

## **AUGUST FLOWERS**

August 5 Matt & Jill Clark  
August 12 Don & Goldie Gressman  
August 19 Terry Marquardt  
August 26 Dino & Laurie Di Paolo

## **USHERS**

August 5 T Tom Blackmon, Glen Schlehauser  
Larry & Beverly Van Duyn  
August 12 Matt Anderson, Marvin Bunker,  
John Marquardt  
August 19 Ben Clark, Robert Johnson,  
Trey Johnson, Ray Krueger  
August 26 Bob Klose, Laura Klose,  
Gerald Moore,

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## **HOME AT LAST**

By Esther Jones—(member of our church)  
Published in the Trinitarian in 2005

*As I lay sick in my wet bed,  
Wondering how long I'll be here  
And if I will ever be fed,  
Wish my family were here.*

*Oh, where are they? My dear family.  
Where have all the doctors gone?  
And the nurses I hold dearly?  
Certainly something has gone wrong.*

*A voice whispered in my right ear,  
That a hurricane passed by.  
Waters rising, but not to fear;  
It will soon be bye and bye.*

*All the waters rose ten feet high,  
Then I saw St. Peter's Gate.  
And I heard someone say, "Hi"  
I stepped in, it was my fate.*

*I had never seen such beauty,  
It was New Orleans no more.  
I bowed calmly; 'twas my duty.,  
It was better than before.*

*I was led into my mansion,  
That the Lord prepared for me.  
It was free; I had no pension,  
And was for eternity.*