



## THE TRINITARIAN



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

Eph. 5:15-20 Look carefully then how you walk, not as unwise but as wise, making the best use of the time, because the days are evil. Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is. And do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery, but be filled with the Spirit, addressing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody to the Lord with your heart, giving thanks always and for everything to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ,

Paul wrote to the Church at Ephesus about the times they were dealing with. He wanted to encourage them as the world around them was not good. He encourages them to use the time, as evil as it was to recognize the times as evil but looking to who they were in Christ.

What is the inclination of many when the times they live in are challenging, not what they desire? Yes, they turn to alcohol to help them forget what is going on. Instead Paul wants them to look at who they are and the hope they have because of Christ. He wants them to live a life in the Spirit.

Yes, there are all sorts of evil raising its head these days. Parents are being accused of being terrorists if they care about what is being taught their children. Boys and girls are to be allowed to occupy the same restroom even if it may mean girls may be abused. Laws are wanted to be changed where the money the Lord has blessed us with will be used to provide even more killing of children in their mother's wombs. Children are being taught that not all of them are created equal but since some groups have been treated wrongly in the past, in order to make up for that, new groups need to undergo mistreatment even though they never, themselves have shown any inclination to hurt others.

Jesus, as was proclaimed by those who knew Him and saw how He interacted with people knew He didn't show favoritism but treated everyone equally. We, too are called to treat all people the same way. Any attempt to foist any other view on us or on our children should be met with resistance but also with gentleness and respect.

All this may lead to more and more people looking to sacrifice to put their children in a Christian School or home school.

Pastor Heithold

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## **TRANSPORTATION AVAILABILITY**

A driver pool has been created for members who need transportation to medical appointments. The following volunteers have signed up to provide this transportation.

Dick Dommers	(575) 434-8735
Shirley Enyeart	(575) 439-7665
Bob Klose	(575) 491-3407
Cheryl Richey	(575) 214-9942 (In town only)
Nora Sotak	(575) 434-5247 or (575) 439-7524

Persons needing the transportation may call those on the list to schedule transportation. To avoid possible liability for the church this will be a person-to-person arrangement.

Sandy Klose, Stewardship Chair

## **ELDERS MESSAGE**

### **F.R.O.G**

When you think of the word frog, what comes to mind?

Those cute little amphibians that come out after a rain storm, even in the desert. They seem to attract the fascination of everyone, young and old. What about the sound that we all try to imitate, **RRRRRIBIT?**

When we try to teach that sound to the very young, it is really hilarious to hear grownups (LOL) making utter fools of ourselves.

Another example of a frog is Kermit of Muppet fame. No more needs to be said about him.

One of Ruth's friends has a different take on the word FROG. **Fully Rely On GOD.**

Biblebelievenet.wordpress.com has an article by Allen Domelle, who cites a lengthy article by Jennifer Petticoffer. The article is based upon John 15:5-"I am the vine, ye are the branches. He that abideth in me and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit; **for without me ye can do nothing.**"

**We ALL rely on GOD for everything in our lives.**

**F.R.O.G should be our go-to phrase forever.**

JAMES .R.WILKES, ELDER

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## **CONGREGATION PRESIDENT REPORT**

The board of directors met on Thursday October 21 in preparation for the annual congregation meeting that will be held after service on November 14. On Sunday October 31, two weeks before the scheduled annual meeting, the congregation will receive copies of the board approved budget, slate of officers up for election this year and a copy of the minutes of our 2020 annual meeting for review and comment at the 2021 meeting.

In order to vote, our By-Laws require that members register by signing our Constitution and By-Laws. For those who have not signed these documents in the past, a copy of each will be in the narthex for the next three weeks with a signature sheet. Members may also indicate if they would like a copy of these documents, and those who ask will receive an email copy.

The slate of officers to be elected this year currently has no candidate for Congregation Secretary. We ask all of our members to consider offering their candidacy for this important function. The requirements are straightforward. Secretary duties are stated in Article VII, D. 3) for the By-Laws.

One very important topic discussed at the October board meeting was the current financial deficit we are running, the difference between donation income and expenses. In considering the budget this deficit was front and center before the board, and the discussion considered how to trim our expenditures without compromising the effectiveness of our ministry. We would welcome any suggestions from the congregation on this matter. To keep the congregation informed on current status of our finances, we will publish the income statement regularly in the bulletin and a chart indicating gross contributions in the monthly Trinitarian.

Rocky Mountain District has instituted two funds. The *Rocky Mountain Partners in Mission Fund* provides for direct contributions from individuals for carrying out the annual mission and ministry of the RMD. The *Rocky Mountain District Endowment Fund* has been established to receive bequests and proceeds from the sale of property and other instruments. Information on these funds will be posted in the narthex. RMD has also called for nominations for the 2022 District Convention.

Yours in Christ's service,  
Dick Dommers, President

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### **EVANGELISM**

Novembers Tract of the Month is **What about Christian Stewardship.** When it comes to stewardship "The apostle Paul puts matters quite clearly when he writes, "We brought nothing into this world, and we cannot take anything out of the world" (1 Tim. 6:7)". "When we talk about Christian stewardship then, we are talking about a "big Picture" view of how we manage and use all that our good and gracious God has given to us". As we embark this month on setting up a budget and considering the operation of the church for 2022, it seemed that this tract could be a timely offering. However, please also consider that Christian Stewardship is about far more than giving of your financial wealth. Christian stewardship also includes giving of your time and talents, and even so much more than that. In fact, as you read this informative tract, you might be amazed at not only what the true meaning of Christian Stewardship is, but also the very real and truly great reasons why we all should be Christian Stewards.

The nametags are in your boxes! Thank you, Chris Schleuser, for all of your hard work in bringing this to fruition! We hope that everyone will wear their nametag every week! The reasons for the nametags are many... They are an excellent tool for helping to get to know other members better and also a helpful aid on Sundays with visitors to our church. Speaking of visitors to our church... Do you speak to faces you don't know & have never seen? You should and I pray that you will/do. Those faces could be prospective new members & if the current members are standoffish & don't speak to them, they are not likely to come back. We need new and especially younger members in this church. We need all to feel welcome! Please wear your nametags, & please speak to folks you don't know, thank them for coming, even including members of this church that you don't know.

Our last meeting was very productive. We talked about a number of ideas. One thing we discussed was reaching out again to local charities or worthwhile organizations. If you know of a group or organization that you feel is deserving of Trinity outreach, please let me know so that we can consider them.

Meanwhile, at our meeting we also continued with the series by Gregory Konkl called **Tactics – A Guide to Effectively Discussing Your Christian Convictions.** This series is awesome, and speaking of Christian Stewardship we will be bringing it to the congregation in some form in the future.

In closing, I would seek to encourage everyone to be an Evangelist! Think about all of our brothers and sisters in this life that do not know Christ, who will die to the sting of death and God's judgement. You could be the only person they know or meet that could tell them the good news of Christ! You could be the Evangelist or Christian Steward that could save their life!

**Matthew 9: 37-38** <sup>37</sup>Then he said to his disciples, “The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few. <sup>38</sup> Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field.”

Brothers and Sisters, this was pertinent last month and still this month and every week/month thereafter. We each have special talents & abilities given to us by God. Talent’s worthy of stewardship. We are the workers God sends out into the field!

In Christ’s service, Cheryl Sandenaw, Evangelism Chairman

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### **STEWARDSHIP**

Matthew 6:19-21 “Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal, but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.”

I am thankful to report that \$8,623.42 of the money spent so far this year for Stewardship, has been from Memorial Funds. Line item 60620 Love Inc. has received \$1800.00 of the \$2400.00 budgeted. 2022 Contributions envelopes were purchased for \$247.08 in line item 60600.

As observed by the amount of Memorial Funds spent this year Trinity Lutheran Church members do store up their treasures in heaven, where their heart is also. PRAISE THE LORD!!

Respectfully submitted,  
Sandy Klose, Stewardship Chairperson

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### **OCTOBERFEST IN NOVEMBER**

Everyone is invited to our Octoberfest in November! We will have brats, root beer and polka music. The brats will be provided so bring a side dish or dessert to share (German side dishes or desserts would be great!). The Octoberfest will be Sunday, November 7th at 4:00 in the Great Room. Please sign up on the bulletin board in the narthex so we know how many brats to get. See Cindi or Stacy if you have any questions. We hope to see you there!

*COME OUT AND JOIN US FOR FUN and FELLOWSHIP!!!*

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### **CONGRATULATIONS**

The Alamogordo Tiger Band, the little band with big hearts, reached their goal of making finals at The Zia Marching contest in Albuquerque and ended up taking 9<sup>th</sup> place overall! They won 1<sup>st</sup> place in Class AA and beat seven Class AAA bands and two Class AAAA bands to reach finals for the first time in 15 years! Finals are based on over-all points earned in the preliminary round regardless of which class the bands compete in. They also placed 1<sup>st</sup> in their division at the SISD marching contest in El Paso. This next weekend they will compete in their last competition at the Tournament of Bands Concert in Las Cruces. The public is also invited the Tiger Band in exhibition at the tiger football stadium on Friday, November 5<sup>th</sup>.

## 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

**THANK YOU**

### A BLESSING OR A CURSE?

Holocaust survivor and devout Christian Corrie ten Boom recounts how her sister Betsie thanked God for the fleas infesting their packed barracks. When Corrie resisted the idea, Betsie pointed out that 1 Thessalonians 5:18 says to “give thanks in all circumstances.”

Still, Corrie wasn't convinced – until the sisters realized the infestation kept the guards away, giving prisoners in those quarters freedom to worship and pray. The biting pests, which seemed like added misery became a blessing.

Anger and bitterness sometimes cloud our vision, causing us to forget to thank God *in* all situations, though not necessarily *for* them. Other times we don't wait long enough for blessings to be revealed. But faith is like waiting through a storm, knowing a rainbow is coming eventually. Meanwhile, the Lord holds an umbrella for us, and the closer with Him we walk, the less wet we'll get.

*From the NewsletterNewsletter, November 2021*

## NOVEMBER 2021 STEWARDS FOR CHRIST

### ELDERS

Nov. 7 Jim Wilkes  
Nov. 14 Glen Schlehuser  
Nov. 21 Matt Clark  
Nov. 25 Jesse Elkjer (Thanksgiving Day)  
Nov. 28 Matt Clark

### ACOLYTES

Nov. 7 Ryan Sebring  
Nov. 14 Zac Sanchez  
Nov. 21 Dylan Sebring  
Nov. 25 Reilly Quinn (Thanksgiving Day)  
Nov. 28 Macey Sebring

### HOSTS

Nov. 7 Gerald & Gayan Moore  
Nov. 14 Bobby Anderson & Tom Blackmon  
Nov. 21 Matt & Cindi Anderson  
Nov. 28 Ray & Juli Bailey

### READERS

Nov. 7 George & Marianne Schweers  
Nov. 14 Shirley Enyeart & Hannah Keeler  
Nov. 21 Larry & Beverly Van Duyn  
Nov. 25 Cheryl Sandenaw & Dick Dommers  
(Thanksgiving Day)  
Nov. 28 George & Marianne Schweers

### TELLERS

Nov. 7 Lola Ableidinger & Nora Sotak  
Nov. 14 Susan Kelly & Sandy Klose  
Nov. 21 Bob Klose & Joyce Macon  
Nov. 25 Yvonne Steeby & Becky Worley  
(Thanksgiving Day)  
Nov. 28 Shirley Enyeart & Vicki Leonard

### USHERS

Nov. 7 Tom Blackmon, Jim Fladhammer,  
Larry & Beverly Van Duyn  
Nov. 14 Matt Anderson, Marvin Bunker  
Jesse Elkjer, Susan Kelly  
Nov. 21 Robert Johnson, Trey Johnson  
Ray Krueger, Bob Thede  
Nov. 28 Bob & Sandy Klose  
Gerald Moore, David Teller

### NOVEMBER FLOWERS

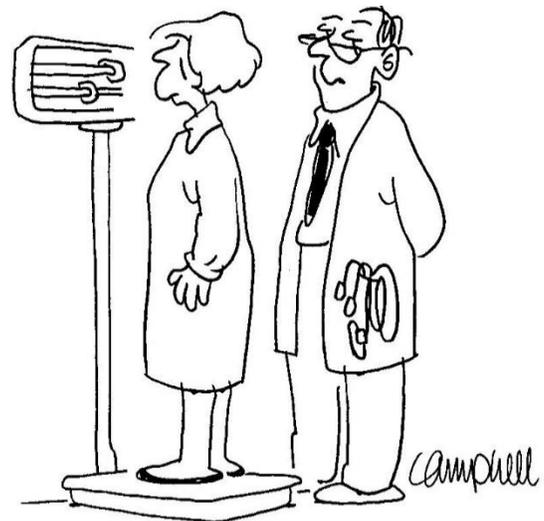
Nov. 7 Lola Abeidiner & Wilma Jaecks  
Nov. 14 David & Yvonne Steeby  
Nov. 21 Rick & Nora Sotak  
Nov. 28 Vicki Leonard

### NOVEMBER ATTENDANCE

Cheryl Sandenaw

### NOVEMBER ALTAR COMMITTEE

Christine Schlehuser  
Beverly Van Duyn



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







