



# THE TRINITARIAN



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

As I “labor” over this article that Jan wishes was in her in-box a couple days ago, I remembered an article, book or maybe one of those programs I listen to of a person who talked of the curse of the garden and how Genesis talks of there would now be weeds and it would now be a struggle to put food on the table. He also talked of how, even though all the world seems that God was punishing Adam and Eve and the devil, He was also blessing creation.

Yes, the devil would begin his warfare with a literal vengeance and yes, Eve would have to deal with the pain of childbirth and her and future brides desire would be for their husbands. Adam and future men would, by the sweat of their brows would work to provide themselves and their families until the death that was promised him and Eve would come to pass and he would return to the dust from which he was formed.

We tend to think of work as a curse and yet what did the guy talk about? How with sin in the world, how much that curse of work, really is a blessing in many ways. What is it like to work hard, get a task accomplished and to sit back and relax? Yes, it is blessing even though you had to sweat it.

Maybe we haven't thought of work as a blessing but what else was said about work? Paul in his 2nd letter to the Thessalonians wrote: 3:10 For even when we were with you, we would give you this command: If anyone is not willing to work, let him not eat.

In times past for us here in the USA and for many still today, the work of the day only gets you the food on the table and in some instances, not very good or substantial food. We don't think too much of working just to have enough to eat but if we were in that situation, we might see the need for God to provide even more.

As we give thanks to God for the ability to work and the work of many who have made this nation what it is, let us not forget that there is still work to do, sweat to endure and the greatest work of all for us to do, to spread the good news of the Savior, Jesus, who did the ultimate work of taking on the sins of the world and winning salvation for all.

Pastor

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## **ELDERS MESSAGE**

LISTEN: How many times do you remember saying ‘LISTEN’ to a child?

I say it to cause my granddaughter Hailey to get her attention or to distract her from doing something wrong. Usually I say it when a loud truck or the train passes by her house to get her to recognize the sound and associate it with the item causing it. The ‘Sound of Freedom’(an F-16 passing overhead)used to frighten her to the point she would run to me and jump into my arms for protection. I would explain to her that it was only an airplane and to not be alarmed by the sound.

Thunder and lightning presents another ‘teachable moment’. I tell her that is GOD showing us the glory of HIS natural world and that precious rain will usually follow.

A friend of mine sent me this message: GOD wants you to know that divine messages come to you all the time. They come through dreams, through snatches of songs, through things you read which resonate with you, through synchronistic conversations, and most of all, in the quiet recesses of your heart through the indwelling Holy Spirit. You may not have encounters with burning bushes, but that doesn't mean GOD isn't talking to you.

We hear GOD talking to us in the sermons delivered by Pastor Bill, the Old and New Testament readings, and the lessons of the Holy Gospel. We most importantly get GOD's messages through study of the Scriptures, both alone and in group settings.

We are all the children of GOD.  
Do you "LISTEN" when HE speaks to you?

Jim Wilkes, Head Elder

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**FROM THE CONGREGATION PRESIDENT:**

Our board met on August 19, and below is a summary of the items discussed.

**Vice President:** I was informed last Sunday that Ben and Ericka Clark will be moving to Roswell in September. Matt Clark has volunteered to learn how to run the sound/media system. I'm also being trained. I will once again ask for volunteers to train on the system in order to relieve Matt and Cindi Anderson. Ideally I would like to have enough people trained to rotate the duty on a monthly basis.

**Trustee:** With departure of Ben and Ericka, we will have to find a new custodian. Discussion on how to set up the contract for the new custodian based on the number of hours to complete the job in order to keep the payment in line with other paid employees.

**Education:** The summer youth activities and VBS were very successful this year. The weekly youth activities proved to be a good outreach as there were several kids at both the younger and older youth activities from outside the church. All the kids had fun. We also had a great turn out for VBS. We had planned for 30 kids and ended up having 39 kids by the end of the week. We had to stretch the supplies some but it all worked out and the kids all had fun learning stories about Jesus throughout the week. We would like to thank the congregation for their support with all of these summer activities. We continued to have Sunday School through the summer. I plan to advertise in the bulletin in an effort to get more kids back into Sunday School.

**Stewardship:** Acts 20:35 "It is more blessed to give than to receive." Thanks to the generosity of Irma Tenopir's and Lorraine Jorgensen's loved ones we will have a "life size" Nativity set gracing our front lawn this Christmas season. Pastor was able to order the set and it has been paid for out of the memorial funds. Pastor shared that there may be more funds to come and he suggested that we order more sheep to add to the set. I think that is a wonderful plan. As far as I know, the lawn mower purchased with memorial funds for Ila Shelter is now in operating condition. Question: How many sheep came with the set? Answer: one. We will look at ordering more.

**Unfinished Business:** (1) Electronic Funds Transfer Status: Treasurer reported: The application has been submitted to Vanco and accepted. We need to fill out the Pre-project survey. I am working with the financial secretary regarding entry of data into Servant Keeper. There also needs to be a minimum of two of us that know how to use the program so to start it will be Vicki and myself. Additional testing and setup required to get confidence in the system. Targeting for operation by first of the year. Funds will go to LCEF and be transferred into our FNB account.

**New Business:** A driver pool has been suggested for members who will need transportation to medical appointments. An announcement in bulletin and Trinitarian will state that volunteers may sign up on a list. Persons needing the transportation may call those on the list to schedule transportation. (1) Budget worksheet has been distributed to all board members. President requested that worksheets with preliminary 2022 budget requests be completed by the next (Sept) meeting. He asked that board members review the budgeted items to determine where savings may be found. One item may be the offering envelopes to determine savings by going to monthly envelopes and/or participation in the Electronic Funds Transfer program. (2) A special fund will be established for Garrett Anderson's education in church organ at Concordia University. (3) Based on the new state mandates, we will go back to masks with the policy being "The wearing of masks is strongly encouraged for the protection of yourself and others." New signs will be made up.

**Please note items 1. And 4. under New Business.**

(1) You will find a list in the narthex for members who will be available to drive other members who are without transportation to medical appointments. Please consider placing your name on the list. When a member needs transportation they will call those on the list for availability to do the driving. (2) As you already know, the state has mandated wearing of masks at public places indoors. Our policy remains as before, and all are encouraged to wear the masks in order to contain this virus as much as possible.

As always our board members welcome your questions and comments.  
In Christ's service,

Dick Dommers

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**HELP WANTED**

I have been informed that Ben and Ericka Clark will be moving to Roswell in September. This, of course, means they will no longer be able to man our sound/media system. I am once again asking for volunteers to train on the system to relieve Matt and Cindi Anderson from having to run the system every Sunday. Ideally, I would like to have enough people trained to rotate the duty monthly. Please prayerfully consider serving in the vital portion of our worship services. Let me or Matt Anderson know of your willingness to serve.

Bob Klose, Vice-President

## STEWARDSHIP

At the end of the first of his chapters on the virtue of faith in *Mere Christianity*, C.S. Lewis provides a helpful reminder, by way of analogy, for the foundation of stewardship. He wrote:

“Every faculty you have, your power of thinking or of moving your limbs from moment to moment, is given you by God. If you devoted every moment of your whole life exclusively to His service you could not give Him anything that was not in a sense His own already. So then, when we talk of a man doing anything for God or giving anything to God, I will tell you what it is really like. It is like a small child going to its father and saying, ‘Daddy, give me sixpence to buy you a birthday present.’ Of course, the father does, and he is pleased with the child’s present. It is all very nice and proper, but only an idiot would think that the father is sixpence to the good on the transaction. When a man has made these two discoveries God can really get to work. It is after this that real life begins. (128–129).”

This is the first thing we are given to confess about stewardship, and it has to do with ownership. God owns everything, and we are simply managers – stewards – acting on His behalf. This is true not only of all that we have in this life (Deut. 8:17–18) but also all that we are in this life (1 Cor. 6:20).

The rest flows from here. Since we are stewards, or managers, of what belongs to God, entrusted to make use of it according to His will, there is an expectation of responsibility and accountability. For the Lord said, “Everyone to whom much was given, of him much will be required, and from him to whom they entrusted much, they will demand the more” (Luke 12:48b). And from this comes blessing and reward: “Well done, good and faithful servant. You have been faithful over a little; I will set you over much. Enter into the joy of your master” (Matt. 25:21).

We have everything we need to support this body and life from our God’s fatherly divine goodness and mercy, without any merit or worthiness in us. We have everything we need for our spiritual life also from His merciful hands. On account of the sacrifice of His Son, our Lord Jesus, through the preaching of the gospel and the administration of the sacraments, we have the forgiveness of sins, eternal life, and everlasting salvation delivered to us with absolute certainty that it is ours – not as stewards but as sons (Gal. 4:1–7). Let us then, as His own sons, press all that He gives to us into the service of His church and to His glory.

Sandy Klose, Stewardship Chair

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## EVANGELISM

“The sting of death and sense of God’s judgment are horrible punishments on those who have no faith in Christ as their Savior. They face, at the end of their life, only the prospect of an unknown future, or a terrifying vision of eternal damnation. However, the death of a Christian is not death in as full a sense as it is for the non-Christian. For the Christian, eternal life and joy follows death, for our Lord Jesus Christ is the One who walks with them through the ‘valley of the shadow of death’ (Ps.23).” Do you fully understand what the Bible and the church teach us about death and dying? Are you confused about how things happen with your spirit and your body after you die? Do your friends and loved ones know the truth about death and dying? Perhaps you need a refresher course? If any of the preceding questions leave you wondering, then you need to read **Septembers Tract of The Month, What About Death and Dying?** This tract answers

questions such as What is death? Is Death Natural? What will happen after we die? And much more! It's very interesting. Check it out!

I don't have a lot to report this month. We have some projects that have been started but not completed. Hopefully there will be more to report in October.

Meanwhile, if anyone has any ideas or suggestions about projects you'd like to see done or groups you would like to see the church and Evangelism support, please let me know. You can talk to me at church, leave a message in my box, or call me at 575-430-1383. (If I don't answer, be sure to leave a message and callback #!)

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! Please consider the following and insert your name where it says me.

**1 Corinthians 1:17** - For Christ did not send me to baptize, but to preach the gospel—not with wisdom and eloquence, lest the cross of Christ be emptied of its power. (Let preach not mean preach but rather tell. Tell of the gospel. We can all tell of the gospel and if not, we have Bible study classes so you can learn and grow as a Christian.)

In Christ's service,  
Cheryl Sandenaw, Evangelism Chairman

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### **LWML**

#### **PRAISES to our God giving him the Honor and the Glory for a successful Rummage Sale!!**

A Huge THANK YOU to All that contributed their treasures, and TIME to help clear out the storage areas, sort, price, clean, Pickup/deliver items, work at the sale, and the packing and cleanup afterwards. We raised \$3,100 for this years' operating funds for LWML Missions and Mites.

#### **EVENTS**

**SECRETARY:** Sue Kelly has agreed to take the Secretary position on the LWML Board. Thank you Sue & Welcome!!

**SATURDAY MEETING DATES:** Pastor has asked if our meetings can be the 3rd Saturday of the month because he is President of his water board, and they meet the 2nd Saturday. Then he would have the option of attending. Our first LWML gathering will be Saturday, September 18th at 10a.m. NOTE: I will be gone Sept. 11th to attend the LWML RMD Ladies Retreat in CO.

**FALL RALLY:** Our Zone Fall Rally will be Oct. 9 (date chosen by Zone President). Trinity LWML will be hosting and provide a meal. So be thinking of ideas for what meal to serve.

**LWML SUNDAY:** October 10th was picked for LWML Sunday. Go on line and see if anyone wants to do the banner. Let me know. There will be a sign-up for serving at the September meeting.

**ANNUAL CALENDAR:** I will be working on pulling our annual events calendar together. Any ideas for new projects or events? Please let me know. Let me know if you are willing to be a hostess for a meeting. All this will also be discussed at September meeting

**THE DISTRICT CONVENTION – June 2022:** It is not too early to be thinking of attending our district convention in Albuquerque June 3rd. They will be also looking for and asking for volunteers to help with this event.

**DISTRICT MISSION GRANTS 2020-2022: Bringing Christ’s Light to Those Living in Darkness — Lutheran Braille Workers - \$8,000** Lutheran Braille Workers is prayerfully requesting a grant to offset the costs within the Ministry Production Centers across the United States, to explore the opening of new Ministry Production Centers primarily within the Rocky Mountain District, and to assist with production costs nationally. These funds would help with the production of over 1,000 volumes of materials in Braille, Specialized Large Print and Audio formats, and will help thousands of people world-wide know about Jesus in a manner which serves their needs.

**NATIONAL MISSION GRANTS 2021-2023: #1 - Deaconess Ministry Dakota Boys and Girls Ranch — \$81,680** - Matthew 25:40 assures us that whenever we serve the “least of these brothers and sisters” of Christ, we are serving the Lord. The healing ministry of the Dakota Boys and Girls Ranch creates an eternal, life-giving impact in the lives of children age 10–18 who face unimaginable abuse, neglect, and trauma — truly “the least of these.” This is especially true for female children who have been victimized by male figures, resulting in trust-related issues that are hopelessly difficult for a child to bridge. The specialized ministry of a deaconess bridges this gap with the transformational care of Christ, helping both young girls and boys.

**#2 - Healing the Invisible Wounds of War through Horses Spirit Warrior, Central Maine — \$95,000** Maine is among the list of “least churched” states in the nation. It has only three LCMS churches in the entire state and has only five Veteran Administration Chaplains. Deaconess Kim Slininger was called to Hope Lutheran Church to reach out to the extensive veteran and military community in the Bangor area. Deaconess Kim is herself a disabled veteran, and the Spirit Warrior program is an extension of her ministry. Spirit Warrior is a program that addresses the need to provide pastoral/diaconal care using horses, to those who have stood in the face of evil and have returned. Current traditional therapy does not address the care of the spirit. Many veterans/service members want to connect with God and theological discussions take place while caring for the horses. This grant will provide funding for 58 veterans to go through the program.

You can get all kinds of information, resources, bible studies, devotions, support by going to the LWML website: [LWMLRMD.org](http://LWMLRMD.org).

by Yvonne Steeby, Trinity LWML President

**Any questions? Contact Yvonne, Bev, Hannah, Christine, Sue, or Cyndi H.**

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

## **ADULT CHOIR**

Anyone interested in singing? We would like to get the choir up and running again. We need your voice! We need sopranos, altos, tenors, and basses. We need all voices! If you can carry a tune we want you!! You don't have to know how to read music. We will teach you your part. If you are interested in singing in the choir, please let me know! Cheryl Sandenaw, Choir Director (1-575-430-1383.)

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## **WATCH YOURSELF GO BY**

From The Book by Edward Kuhlmann, *This Day Magazine*, 1952

### **GOD MAKE ME BIG**

*Each night my bonny, sturdy little lad  
Persists in adding to his "Now I lay me  
Down to sleep' this earnest, wistful*

*Plea:*

*"God, make me big!"  
And I, his mother, with a greater need,  
Do echo in a humbled, contrite heart:  
"God, make ME big!"*

As we look out of the window each morning, and the long shadows of a newly dawning day lie softly upon terrace and street, I cannot think of more fitting prayer to breathe that this bit of Lee Spencer's verse, "God, make me big!" What thought-freighted lines they are – talismans of great good if we will make each day's tasks conform to the fine ideal they express!

"God, make me big!" In our littleness of soul we so often are ready to content ourselves with little things, and in our relations with others how often petty motives and narrow horizons dwarf our deeds to Tom Thumb size! "God, make me big!" In almost every direction the Christian's eye may look – to faith, to service, to uncounted other things – this cry from the heart of a child should well up from the inmost chamber of our soul, "God, make me big!" However, the narrow compass allotted to this "musing" makes it imperative to limit the scope of this prayer to just one thing. Here it is: God, make be big – in magnanimity!"

Magnanimity – my dictionary defines it as "The quality of being generous in treating or judging others." How far we fall short of this! Rather, in its stead, we oftentimes cultivate a capacity for carrying grudges; we collect resentments; we cherish insults and magnify them by long brooding over them. We remember every discourtesy and every bit of gratitude of which we have been the victims and allow them to grow into bitterness of heart. And by this process of letting the sun go down upon our wrath we debase ourselves into a condition of soul of which Booker T. Washington speaks in these words: "I resolved that I would permit no man to narrow and degrade my soul by making me hate him."

"Watch Yourself Go By" to be *continued in October's newsletter*



## **LONG-TERM PRAYERS**

Eric Bell, **Kay Burger**, Michael Burger, Red Chesbro, Carol Collins, Mike Debaar, Paul Douglas  
Christopher Douglas, Ashton Flaco, Emma Heithold, Ruth Fogelman, **Kristi & John Humphrey**, Pastor Krohn,  
Ty Landt, Eva Luevano, Betsy Miller, Pastor Shelby Moon, Emiclio Mutis, Cindy Oberling, Mary Palmos, Margaret  
Romero, Carol Schultz, Jessie Sharrett, Justin Tice, Marlea Turnbull, Rhiann Williams

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## **LABORING FOR THE LORD**

For many people, the pandemic redefined work, with more employees logging hours from a home office — or kitchen table. Boundaries between job and personal life blurred, as did any sense of being “off duty.” Most of us prefer clear divisions between our tasks and time. While such separations may help with scheduling, they are artificial human constructs. “*Whatever your task,*” says Colossians 3:23 (NRSV, emphasis added) — whether in public or private, family or job, spiritual or worldly activities — “put yourselves into it as done for the Lord.” Verse 17 tells us to “do everything” in Jesus’ name, “giving thanks to God the Father through him.”

That means even work and worship interlock. As Rick Warren writes, “Work becomes worship when you dedicate it to God and perform it with an awareness of his presence.”

## SEPTEMBER 2021 STEWARDS FOR CHRIST

### ELDERS

Sept. 5 Jessie Elkjer  
Sept. 12 Jim Wilkes  
Sept. 19 Jim Wilkes  
Sept. 26 Matt Clark

### ACOLYTES

Sept. 5 Ryan Sebring  
Sept. 12 Zac Sanchez  
Sept. 19 Macy Sebring  
Sept. 26 Reilly O'Quinn

### HOSTS

Sept. 5 Cheryl Richey & Cheryl Sandenaw  
Sept. 12 Tom & Darlene Gilmore  
Sept. 19 Morgan & Jennifer Sebring  
Sept. 26 Jim & Verna Fladhammer

### READERS

Sept. 5 Yvonne Steeby & Matt Anderson  
Sept. 12 Louis Mauriot & Cheryl Richey  
Sept. 19 Ruth Wilkes & Dick Dommers  
Sept. 26 Lola Ableidinger & Shirley Enyeart

### TELLERS

Sept. 5 Megan Bowman & Dick Dommers  
Sept. 12 Cheryl Sandenaw/Linde Van leave  
Sept. 19 Lola Ableidinger & Nora Sotak  
Sept. 26 Susan Kelly & Sandy Klose

### SEPTEMBER ALTAR COMMITTEE

Sheila Anderson  
Wilma Jaecks

### USHERS

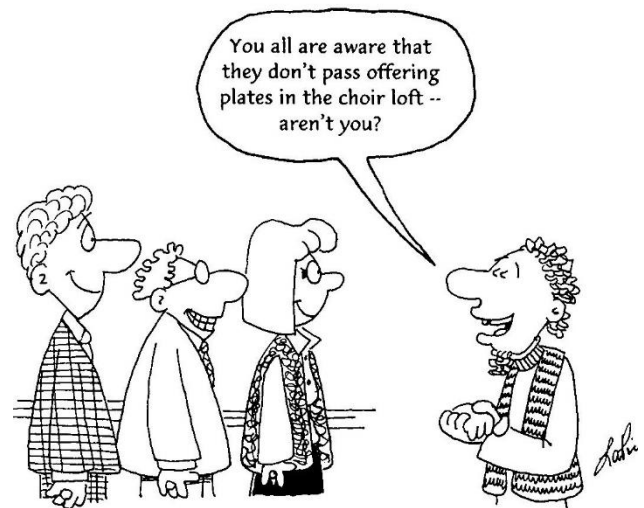
Sept. 5 Tom Blackmon, Jim Fladhammer,  
Larry & Beverly Van Duyn  
Sept. 12 Matt Anderson, Marvin Bunker  
Jesse Elkjer, Susan Kelly  
Sept. 19 Robert Johnson, Trey Johnson  
Ray Krueger, Bob Thede  
Sept. 26 Bob & Sandy Klose  
Gerald Moore, David Teller

### SEPTEMBER FLOWERS

Sept. 5 Larry & Beverly Van Duyn  
Sept. 12 Susan Kelly  
Sept. 19 Ray & Juli Bailey  
Sept. 26 Larry & Beverly Van Duyn

### SEPTEMBER ATTENDANCE

Bob Klose



Church Choir Director Denzel Brainard  
knew how to recruit choir participants.