



THE TRINITARIAN



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FROM THE PASTOR

And being found in human form, He humbled Himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. Therefore God has highly exalted Him and bestowed on Him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. Philippians 2:8-11

On Sunday we had the baptism of Colby Clark. In that baptism, the parents were asked what her name would be. She was baptized into that name as she was adopted into the family of God. I guess we could expand her name to Colby Alexandria Clark-Christian for now she shall be carrying the Holy Spirit, the one who gives faith, faith to believe in Jesus as her Savior as He is ours.

Jesus was given the name Jesus by the angel to Joseph but on the 1st, New Years day is the day to recognize Jesus and His name given Him at His circumcision on the 8th day from His birth.

It is interesting that the first 8th day was after the first week when life was to be set in motion with creation finished on the 6th day, a day of rest from creating and then the 8th day for creation to go about what it was created to do. Adam and Eve would begin taking care of the garden and enjoying the creation they we placed. Everything perfect as they looked forward to eternal life in this creation.

So it is on the 8th day of the new creation of the birth of Jesus that there is a looking forward too. This child was on the way to doing what He came to do, carrying His name to the world of His day and even to today where His name means so much to believers but also is a name that so many need to know what it means for them.

You have been baptized into His name. You have His name to give out to others. They may know His name but not the significance of it. Others may have a friend with that name but even though they have the name, they don't have what is included with THE NAME that is attached to the babe who was born, who lived the perfect life and died the death that should have been ours and theirs.

We have all the figures in the front yard of the Church to remind people of where the Church came from and the hope of all. I know the sign also proclaims Jesus as we would like to do so that those who see it and take what is displayed to heart may once again take stock of who they are and who they may not be.

You are His, named what was proclaimed the day you were baptized. As you live out that name, never forget and hold fast to the name that has been taken on to your name-Christian.

Pastor

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What are your New Year's resolutions ?

Lose that pesky fifteen pounds that you vow to do every year but it keeps creeping back onto your torso and maybe you weigh more than ever before!!!

Stop doing whatever you do that you know isn't good for you? Get more exercise, by just parking at the end of the Wal-Mart parking lot instead of the closest spot to the entrance. I Thought about it, but was in such a hurry , I didn't do it, besides it was too cold, hot or my aching feet back, or knees wouldn't handle the walk. EXCUSES, EXCUSES and more EXCUSES for not keeping your resolutions.

Yep, New Year's resolutions are made to be broken, especially if they have no real consequences for breaking them.

How about making a resolution to attend church every Sunday?

GOD admonishes us to attend worship regularly and receive HIS Grace through hearing HIS WORD and partaking of HIS Holy Sacraments.

Perhaps living your life according to HIS will would be a resolution that has real consequences if you don't .

If you don't already pray for HIS forgiveness for your sins and for HIS guidance in your daily life, maybe that would be a personal resolution between you and THE LORD.

Of course, praying for all who need the LORD'S intervention , healing and comfort in their lives would be a wonderful resolution for all year, not just on New Years.

Think about your resolutions for 2025 and beyond. Which ones really matter?

James R. Wilkes, Former Elder

LWML

2 Corinthians 5:17 - Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come. One year passes so quickly and there we are at the beginning of another New Year – God's Blessings to all for this New Year!

Thank you to Merry Zumwalt and Sue Kelly for obtaining names for our Christmas Angel Tree. Also, thank you to those who participated, purchased, or delivered the gifts to the families. Your generosity blessed a lot of children. Thank you also to all who helped in the decorating of the Sanctuary, the Narthex, the Great Room and the Nativity outside. Our church is beautiful all the time, but it is especially so during the holidays. A special thank you to Chery and Dick Richey for decorating the altar area.

Saturday, January 4th at 10 am the LWML and anyone who would like to help undecorate the church come join us. Many hands make quick work. After the work is finished, we will go to a local restaurant for lunch. Please let me know if you plan on going so, I can make reservations ahead of time. Let me know if you have a suggestion for location-otherwise we will plan on Lescombes.

For the month of January, we have chosen to support the HUB for the Alamogordo Public Schools. As we are taking down the decorations we will leave a table up for donations for the HUB. I will get a list of items they need and put copies on the bulletin board. Please have all items here by January 31st so they can be distributed the 1st of February.

February is our Meal for Mites on Sunday the 9th. Chris Schlehuser and Diane Kline are the co-chairpersons. We will meet on Saturday, February the 8th at 10am either to decorate or help prepare food. This is our only fund-raising project for Mites other than our monthly mite boxes so try to participate and encourage others to attend.

If you are looking for Women's Bible study please join the Ladies Bible study on Tuesday morning at 930 am. There is an afternoon Bible Study with Nora, please check with her if you are interested. Also we have Quilting on the first and third Thursday of the month at 930am. All of these are great opportunities outside of Sundays to get together with other women to grow in your faith, study the Bible, pray for one another, and fellowship.

Yours in Christ,

Vicki Leonard, LWML President

EVANGELISM

Tract of the Month: A Simple Explanation of The Church Year: "At first glance, the Church Year can seem confusing. Understanding when it starts, what its different seasons are, and how it works with the calendar year can be daunting. The Church Year starts in late November or early December. It cycles through three main sections, or "times," each divided into smaller seasons. This book will help you better understand both the cycle of the Church Year and how the Church celebrates the work of Christ throughout it." Be sure to pick up a copy of this month's tract to learn more about the church year.

The mission for January & February is Ysleta Lutheran Mission Care, El Paso. This very active mission needs the support of other churches to survive. Not only does the mission conduct worship services, Bible Studies, Sunday School and VBS, but it also attends to the needs of the poor through many, many outreach services.

"The Chosen": The next showing of "*The Chosen*" will be on January 12th. Please plan to join us after the church service, in the Bible Study room.

The Next Evangelism Committee meeting will be Monday January 13th at 5:30pm. We welcome anyone that may wish to attend.

Happy New Year Everyone! Thanks for your support these past 4 years.

In Closing: Isaiah 43:18-19 "Remember not the former things, nor consider the things of old. Behold, I am doing a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness, rivers in the desert."

Yours in Christ

Cheryl Sandenaw, Evangelism Chairman



“Life Shines In Darkness” is Lutherans For Life’s theme for Sanctity of Human Life Sunday, which is set for **January 19, 2025**.

Our Life Sunday 2025 theme is based on John 1:4-5: **“In him was life, and the life was the light of men. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.”**

BABY BOTTLE CAMPAIGN

Hopefully you’ve begun saving your change for those baby bottles for the start of the campaign on January 19th. In case you don’t know much about the campaign, it is a fundraiser for Pregnancy Resources Plus. They offer of three main services: pregnancy testing, limited ultrasound and Building blocks. (The campaign raised funds for the new ultrasound machine a couple of years ago.) The Building Bocks Exchange allows expectant parents to take classes on parenting, finance, etc. and earn credits toward baby supplies at the PRP store. They offer Bible studies and classes for post-abortion patients and post-miscarriage patients. All services are provided at no cost. This year funds are being raised to re-pave the parking lot that is estimated to cost \$10,000. Please save your change for this worthy campaign!

HOPES GREAT AND SMALL

“The Christian lives with three hopes, two great and one small,” writes Bryan Wolfmueller. In his “Wednesday What-Not” blog, the pastor explains: “Our first great hope is in Christ our Redeemer, whose death and resurrection are our forgiveness, life, salvation and great hope. Our second great hope is in Christ the King returning soon to judge the living [and] the dead, and establish the new heaven and earth where the righteous dwell. This is our hope for the resurrection and the life of the world to come.”

Amazingly, there’s more! “Sandwiched between these two great hopes is our small hope, our lesser hope, our hope for tomorrow, our hope that we might begin to love and serve our neighbor, and do some little something to bless the people around us,” Wolfmueller continues. “This is the hope that energizes our vocations, that motivates our love, and that is the reason we make New Year’s resolutions. We hope that we might do something a little bit better tomorrow than we did yesterday.”

The pastor concludes, “If this was our only hope, it would be despair. But sandwiched between the love of Christ and the joy of the resurrection, this little hope is wonderful, and certainly not to be despised.”

GOD'S CONSTANT NEW WORK

From the beginning of time, God's pattern has been to continually do new things and make things new. Though we can celebrate this every day, the New Year's season is especially fitting to pause and recognize God's work of renewal. Consider the following scriptures (all NIV) and how God is making them real in your own life right now.

- [God] has granted us new life to rebuild ... and repair (Ezra 9:9)
- If [a tree] is cut down, it will sprout again, and its new shoots will not fail. (Job 14:7)
- He put a new song in my mouth, a hymn of praise to our God. (Psalm 40:3)
- See, I am doing a new thing! ... I am making a way in the wilderness and streams in the wasteland. (Isaiah 43:19)
- You will be called by a new name that the mouth of the Lord will bestow. (Isaiah 62:2)
- [God's] compassions ... are new every morning. (Lamentations 3:22-23)
- I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit in you. (Ezekiel 36:26)
- [Jesus] took the cup, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood, which is poured out for you." (Luke 22:20)
- Just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life. (Romans 6:4)
- Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here! (2 Corinthians 5:17)

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JANUARY 2025 STEWARDS FOR CHRIST

ELDERS

Jan. 5 Dick Dommers
Jan. 12 Matt Anderson
Jan. 19 Robert Rentschler
Jan. 26 Allen Burmeister

READERS

Jan. 5 Ruth & Jim Wilkes
Jan. 12 Bob & Sandy Klose
Jan. 19 Ruth & Jim Wilkes
Jan. 26 Sue Kelly & Matt Clark

TELLERS

Jan. 5 Vicki Leonard & Joyce Macon
Jan. 12 Dick Dommers & Merry Zumwalt
Jan. 19 Cheryl Sandenaw & Linde Van Cleave
Jan. 26 Lola Ableidinger & Nora Sotak

HOSTS

Jan. 5 Wilma Jaecks & Cheryl Sandenaw
Jan. 12 Robert & Stacy Johnson
Jan. 19 Hannah Keeler & Susan Kelly
Jan. 26 Jim & Diane Kline

SOUND TECH

Jan. 5 Vicki Leonard
Jan. 12 Bob Klose
Jan. 19 Matt Anderson
Jan. 26 Jim Kline

MUSIC

Jan. 5 Michael Cortez
Jan. 12 Michael Cortez
Jan. 19 Bobby Anderson
Jan. 26 Michael Cortez

JANUARY ATTENDANCE

Cheryl Sandenaw

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Stacy Johnson
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Jan. 12 Susan Kelly, Norbert Sanchez
Glen & Christine Schlehuser
Jan. 19 Robert Johnson, Trey Johnson
Bob Thede, Tammy Thede
Jan. 26 Gerald Moore, Bob & Sandy Klose
Irvin Torres

CONGRATULATIONS

Louis Mauriot, a member of our church, graduated last spring from NMSU with a bachelor's in Civil Engineering, and is now working on his master's in Civil Engineering. Louis has been selected to serve as Pistol Pete, the mascot for NMSU, and can be seen at all the athletic events and such at NMSU. We now have a celebrity among our midst. Louis is the grandson Dick and Jan Dommers.

Congratulations Pistol Pete!!!

NEW YEAR'S BLESSING

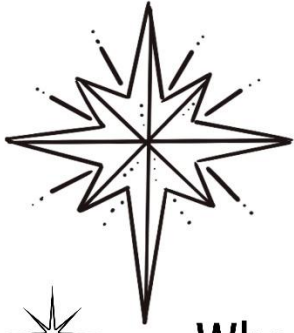
The eighth day of Christmas,
the eighth day of Creation,
the Next New Day,
New Year's Day.

May every day be a new year's day for you:
a chance to forgive and be forgiven,
to start again.
May you take courage to begin anew. ...

As you let go of the year past,
may you ... in your free fall find yourself held
by an eternal love that has come ages to be with you,
and will carry you all the way to the end. ...

Every day may you trust your belovedness,
your freedom from having to prove yourself,
and receive the grace that is given to you.

May this year be a year of grace and hope.



When they saw the

STAR, they

rejoiced

exceedingly with

**GREAT
JOY.**

Matthew 2:10, ESV

