



2019 CONFIRMATION DAY

THE TRINITARIAN



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FROM THE PASTOR

Job 19:25-27 For I know that my Redeemer lives, and at the last he will stand upon the earth. And after my skin has been thus destroyed, yet in my flesh I shall see God, whom I shall see for myself, and my eyes shall behold, and not another. . . .

Job, even though he had challenges in the flesh, knew that even though his flesh would turn to dust, he would one day stand in the presence of his Savior with eyes that could see and know for himself.

Many go to family reunions to learn about those there and what has gone on since the last reunion. In this day and age though, many keep up on their phones as they can send a text or some other social media tool to keep up with others more easily.

My family on my dad's side are getting together in Nebraska again this year. This year the eldest of the family turned 90 and my dad's one younger brother and one of my baptism sponsors turned 85. With two with milestones like that it was decided to celebrate in Nebraska where they both live.

The thinking is, we don't know how long they have left on this earth even though their mother made it past 100. Time is shorter for them it would seem than for the rest of the family so to get together with them is more urgent.

Yes, we will be with them again if they are called to the Lord but it is good to get with them on this side of heaven.

When we say good by to someone, it may be the last time and yet, maybe we should say, see you later as no matter what happens with believers we will always meet again. We will meet again bodily with glorified bodies. We don't know what that will entail but as Job knew, he would view with eyes, his eyes, his savior. We know we will also view others who have gone on before and those who will come after and we will rejoice. We give thanks that we can enjoy functions like these in preparation for a time in the future when we will be together again.

Pastor

ELDERS ARTICLE

I was driving by The Berean Baptist Church and the question on their sign was “ What would you do if Jesus was coming tomorrow?”

God gave us a checklist to follow, the Ten Commandments.

But keeping God’s laws is very hard for us as sinners. As an example, do we routinely violate the First Commandment by putting worldly things ahead of God, like the admiration of the current media glitterati that comes at us from the television and internet?

Does the attention we pay to those worldly distractions crowd out our daily devotions and study of the scriptures.

How about the worship of money and all the things it can buy? Just fill in the blanks from your own experience.

Keeping all the other commandments is also a daily struggle for us sinners. At times it is so much of a struggle that you almost want to give in to the devil.

But praying to the Lord for guidance will get you through the struggle.

Fortunately for us, Jesus Christ died on the Cross for all of our sins and HIS glorious resurrection assured us of eternal life if we only believe in Him.

So what is the answer to the initial question?

We cannot gain eternal life by our works.

We must study the Holy Word of God and believe his message of love and forgiveness for ourselves and our fellow man.

We must believe in His Grace and have faith in Jesus Christ as our Savior.

JOHN 3:16 is our only guideline.

Jim Wilkes, Head Elder

THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The Board of Directors met on May 16, 2019.

Jim Wilkes, Head Elder, reported that the elders continue reviewing member attendance. They are actively attempting to contact delinquent members to encourage them to return to regular church attendance. A contract for the summer intern, Garrett Anderson will be accomplished, start date 20 May. He will be paid \$6000.00 for his services. If he agrees to play the organ for Lee Wood, they will work out the details. The elders asked that they be notified any time you have a need for care, i. e. hospitalized, need transportation, etc. Pastor briefed the elders on the conference he attended in Durango, CO.

Vicki Leonard, Financial Secretary, reported total income for April was \$17,672.00. Special fund giving totaled \$1,226.00 leaving a general fund balance of \$16,451.00,

Robyn Luevano, Treasurer, reported that expenses exceeded income in April by \$178.43. General Income was \$16,446.00 and Expenses were \$(16,624.43). Year to

date income (YTD) is \$66,241.74 (envelope and loose plate) and YTD expenses are \$59,512.26. YTD we're ahead of budget by \$6,729.48.

Lisa Collins, Evangelism Chair, reported follow up contact for the Bob Lenz program was accomplished. Postcards were sent to all individuals who filled out a ticket, inviting them to Easter services. Trinity is registered once again for a booth at the Otero County Fair.

Cindi Anderson, Education Chair, reported: VBS will be July 8 - 12. We are going to use the Concordia VBS this year. The theme is Miraculous Mission: Jesus Saves the World. Explore God's miraculous mission and learn about His plan of salvation from creation to the cross! We have ordered and received the Starter Kit. Jill Clark, Sunday School Superintendent, would like to try to jump start Sunday School again for this summer. She is planning on sending out post cards and encouraging the younger kids that have been coming to church to come to Sunday School. Concordia sent us samples of a new curriculum that she plans to try. The curriculum has lessons for elementary through high school. The youth group Higher Things conference trip will be July 26 through Aug 3. Garrett will be taking over youth activities for the summer starting Monday. He will have a schedule soon to send out to all youth.

Bob Thede, Trustee Chair, reported that work

on upgrading the church's computers and computer network using funds provided by the Ableidinger memorial is mostly complete, some additional software has yet to be ordered and installed. The organ tuner has gotten back with us and estimates that the required repair work and tuning of our organ will cost between \$7000 and \$8000. If additional problems are found it could be more. At the congregational meeting following the church service on Sunday, May 19th, those present approved a motion to spend up to \$10000 for this work. LWML has requested that we consider installing a reverse osmosis system in the church kitchen. High Desert Water can provide the unit and install it for \$562. LWML will let us know if we should proceed with this.

Juli Bailey, Stewardship Chair, is talking with Eldeen Humphrey about how she wants Gene's donated memorial funds to be used.

The board approved a motion to support a request we received from Our Savior LCMS, Moriarty, NM, for \$100.00 to help with an Ysleta project to repair a church in Mexico.

Bob Klose, President

THE VIEW

"Christian faith is a grand cathedral, with divinely pictured windows. Standing without, you see no glory, nor can imagine any. But standing within, every ray of light reveals a harmony of unspeakable splendors.

—Nathaniel Hawthorne

ROCKY MOUNTAIN DISTRICT (RMD) MEMORANDUM

This announcement was received from the RMD: "After discussion, The Rocky Mountain Board of Directors has decided to establish a new staff position, District Executive – President's Assistant. Having considered the candidates, the Board has selected Rev. B. Keith Haney as the best candidate to fill this position. In accordance with district by-law 2.08 C, we make this candidate known to the congregations, and invite comments concerning Rev. B Keith Haney. Comments should be submitted to the Chairman of the Board, Rev Dwight Helmers at dwichthellmers@yahoo.com by June 10, 2019."

Bob Klose, Congregation President

THE FLAG WE LOVE

Margaret Beck

On this day our flag we raise.
She flies, unfurled, above.
Her streaming colors in the breeze.
Fly o'er the land we love.

We thank God for America
Where people can be free
To honor and worship Him,
True God of liberty.

—My Chum Magazine
July— August, 1956

A FATHER'S LEGACY

For Joseph Dodson, the pressures and responsibilities of parenthood felt compounded when he and his wife adopted a son. Dodson, a Bible professor, wonders if Jesus' earthly father also struggled with doubts and fears.

Scripture doesn't say much about Joseph, but he clearly left Jesus "a significant legacy," Dodson writes in *Bible Study Magazine*. Joseph obeyed God—despite the risk to his reputation—by marrying a pregnant woman. Joseph, a son of David, raised *the* Son of David as his very own. To protect his family he fled to Egypt, foreshadowing the "the exodus" of Jesus' saving ministry. And Joseph heard neighbors mock Jesus as "the carpenter's son,"

Joseph taught Jesus much more than wood-working," Dodson writes. "He modeled for his adopted son how, for God's glory, he must drink the Father's cup no matter the cost."

BELOVED, REST

Busy. We're all so very busy, and we consider that a virtue. We measure our days by how much we accomplish.

Long ago, the psalmist was aware of mankind's workaholic tendencies. "It is in vain," he wrote, "that you rise up early and go late to rest, eating the bread of anxious toil; for He gives sleep to His beloved" (Psalm 127:, NRSV).

Balance, beloved. God isn't a slave driver. Work and rest in good measure, for God is pleased to give you both.

—NewsletterNewsletter, June 2011

HYMN OF THE MONTH

“IMMORTAL, INVISIBLE, GOD ONLY WISE”

Now to the King eternal, immortal, invisible, to God Who alone is wise, be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen. 1 Timothy 1:17 (NKJV)

The city of Edinburgh, Scotland, with its Royal Mile and rugged hilltop castle, has produced some Christianity’s greatest hymnists: George Matheson (O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go”), Horatius Bonar (I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say”), Elizabeth Celphe (“Beneath the Cross of Jesus”), and William MacKay (“Revive Us Again”), to name a few. And who but the sturdy Scotch Presbyterians could produce such a powerful hymn on the sovereign, eternal power of God as “Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise”?

The author, Walter Chalmers Smith, was born in Aberdeen on December 5, 1824. After attending grammar school at the University of Aberdeen, he enrolled in New College, Edinburgh, and was ordained as a minister in the Free Church of Scotland in 1850. He pastored churches in several places, including the lovely Scottish village of Milnathort from 1853 to 1858.

In 1874, he became pastor of the Free High Church (Presbyterian) of Edinburgh, a charge he kept until his retirement in 1894.* Two years into his pastorate, he published a collection of hymns titled *Hymns of Christ and the Christian Life*. It was here that “Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise” was

introduced to the world.

Walter Smith was blessed with two honors. In 1893, he was elected Moderator of the Free Church of Scotland. And in 1902, a collection of his poetry was published. His poems reflect his Scottish nature and remind us of Robert Burns. A number of them had appeared in various publications over the years, published under the pseudonyms “Orwell” and “Herman Knott.” One of his best-known poems, “Glenaradale,” begins:

*There is no fire of the crackling boughs
On the hearth of our fathers,
There is no lowing of brown-eyed cows
On the green meadows,
Nor do the maidens whisper vows
In the gloaming, Glenaradale.*

“Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise” was based on 1 Timothy 1:17. It was originally published in six stanzas. When the hymn was republished in 1884, Smith made few alterations. Today’s version uses Smith’s first three stanzas, and the fourth stanza is pieced together from lines in the now-discarded verses.

The powerful melody is called ST. DENIO based on a Welsh folk song.

—“*Then Sings My Soul, Book 2:*
Robert J. Morgan

*The beautiful building of Edinburgh’s Free High Church was vacated by its members in 1934, and now serves as the Library for the University of Edinburgh. It is obvious to anyone who enters the library was originally a church

JUST FOR KIDS

"Sweet" CARD

Make this Father's Day card using some of your dad's favorite candy.



What you need:

- Wrapped candy or candy bars
- Poster board or large piece of cardboard
- Markers
- Clear tape

What you do:

1. With an adult, purchase a variety of candy.
2. Using poster board and markers, create a poem or letter for your dad. Include the candy name(s) in your message. For a Snickers bar, you can write, "I love to snicker at your jokes!" For an Almond Joy, you can write, "Wishing you lots of joy this Father's Day!"
3. Tape the candy to your giant card and present it to your dad on Father's Day.

EDUCATION

The summer youth program has begun and is off to a great start! We had 8 kids attend the older youth group activities this week and hope to have even more next week. The little kids youth group will begin meeting next week. The summer youth program is a great way to get the kids more involved in the church and also gives them something fun to do during the summer.

We will have 15 people attending the Higher Things Youth Group Conference in Irvine CA at the end of July. We would like to thank the congregation for their outstanding support to help us take our youth to these conferences.

VBS will be July 8 -12 this year. As always we will need your help to make VBS a success. We normally have several kids from outside our church attend VBS so this is an important outreach event. Please watch the bulletin boards and bulletins for details.

Congratulations to our two Confirmands Miriam Collins and Morgan Sebring!

Cindi Anderson,
Education Chair

From a church newsletter:

Thanks to our new suggestion box ...

... you can remain anonymous ...

while commenting about the church

Now the church mouse's identity can remain secret.

2019 SUMMER YOUTH GROUP SCHEDULE

Hello youth of Trinity Lutheran Church! This is Garrett Anderson writing to say that it's time for summer fun at youth group again! This year will be filled with fun activities, service projects, and learning more about God. Below is a schedule of all the youth events that you will be invited to attend over the course of the summer (times are subject to change for your convenience). Please note, we will need lots of help with VBS. Help from the youth group and other members of the church will be much appreciated.

Youth events will be held from 1-3 pm on Tuesdays and Thursdays for the older kids (5th grade to 12th grade) and from 1-3 pm on mostly Fridays for the younger kids (3 years old to 5th grade). Notice that there are some extra days such as the Lock in and the 4th of July party that are at different times on the schedule. There will also be a few service projects that are on Wednesdays at the regular youth group time. **Hope to see you all there!!!**

JR. YOUTH GROUP SCHEDULE

	Day	Event
F	June 7	Cardboard Box Day
TH	June 13	Sports Day
F	June 21	Space Day
F	June 28	Music Day
W	July 3	Water Day (Bring Swimsuit)
M-F	July 8-12	VBS (9:00am to 11:30am)
F	July 19	Animal Day

SR. YOUTH GROUP SCHEDULE

	Day	Date	Event
T		May 28th	Ice Breaker Day
TH		May 30th	Olympics Day
T		June 4th	Cardboard Box Day
W		June 5	Clean Up the Town Competition
TH		June 6	Nerf War Day
T		June 11	All-Business Day
F *		June 14	Lock-In (5:00pm to Midnight)
T		June 18	Jell-O Day
W		June 19	Cleaning the Church
TH		June 20	New Mexico Day
T		June 25	Spooky Day
TH *		June 27	Park Day (in Alameda Park)
T		July 2	Water Day (bring a swimsuit)
TH *		July 4	4th of July Party (6:00pm)
M-F		July 8-12	VBS Help (9:00 -11:30am)
T		July 16	Animal Day
TH		July 18	Cowboy Day
T		July 23	Easter in July
F-S		July 26 - Aug 3	Higher Things Conference
T		August 6	Last Youth Group

Let me know if these times are good for you guys and if not, we'll work something out! I would love to see you all there!

Garrett Anderson-921-2390 garretta@nmsu.edu

LWML

MAY SOCIAL held on Saturday, May 13 -Thank you to all the ladies who participated in this event. We had six unique themes & beautiful tables decorated. The Youth won the vote for the favorite table theme and decorations. Great job girls!! Pictures will be on the LWML Bulletin Board in the Narthex. There was a wonderful variety of salads and desserts that were enjoyed. Games and social time provided much appreciated fellowship. We will be taking a break thru the summer, until our rummage sale in August.

JUNE CONVENTION – Contributions for the In Gathering (For those who wish to contribute):

- **Gift Cards** -Walmart or Target in \$10 or \$25 amounts (give to Yvonne or Belinda to take).

Arch book orders from CPH link (<https://books.cph.org/lwml-gifts-from-the-heart>). Please be sure to use promo code GFTH at checkout to secure the discount. **ORDERS WILL CLOSE MAY 30th.**

All Arch Books ordered through this site will be stored by CPH and shipped directly to the convention in Mobile, Alabama. Once at the convention, the books will be delivered directly to the Gifts from the Heart collection room.

Yvonne will be attending as RMD Rio Grand delegate. Go on line to LWML.org to review the grant proposal descriptions and proposed by-law amendments. Let Yvonne know what you think and vote on.

2017-2019 National Biennial Grant #3: LCMS Ministry of the Armed Forces

For everything there is a season, a time for every matter under heaven: a time to be born, and a time to die; a time to plant, and a time to pluck up what is planted; a time to kill, and a time to heal; a time to break down, and a time to build up (Ecc. 3:1-3); Ministry to the Armed Forces/Operation Barnabas (son of encouragement) seeks to train, equip, and encourage LCMS districts, congregations, and their members, as well as local Operation Barnabas District Chapters and counselors, to share with their congregations techniques for compassionate care and Gospel sharing outreach. There has been an immense drawdown of our military forces sending soldiers to return to civilian communities and their families, thousands of who struggle with physical, mental, financial, and emotional stresses. This time of adjustment to a more normal pace of life within our civilian communities is an important period of critical adjustment and we want to equip churches to reach out to veterans and their families with the love of Christ (Ecc.3:13);

**2018-2020 Rocky Mountain District Grant
#3: University Lutheran Chapel, Boulder**

In the very secular community surrounding CU-Boulder, having the Gospel preached every Sunday in Lutheran worship is a vital part of keeping our youth close to the Lord. Bible studies, fellowship events, and other Gospel oriented activities are offered as well and the chapel is attended by students from around the world. The Rev. Joshua Hayes is the current pastor at ULC and is available to students for counseling, prayer, instruction, and encouragement when needed. The grant would give general support to this ministry, which by way of its population is unable to sustain itself independently.

SAVE THE DATE

Annual LWML Trinity Rummage Sale,
Saturday, August 17th

Ok plenty of time during the summer to clean out your closed, cabinets & sheds to contribute to the annual rummage sale. 60% of the funds go to missions chosen by our local LWML & 40% to our general funds! We will need volunteers to help setup, price and work the sale that Saturday. MEN, Please, we need your yelp too!

Yvonne Steeby,
LWML President

TRUSTEE

Upgrading of the church's computers and computer network using funds provided by the Ableidinger memorial has been completed. New computers have been obtained and installed by, Francisco, our computer consultant. The church's computer networks now have new names and passwords. If you use this network you can obtain this information from the secretary.

Our organ tuner has gotten back with us and estimated that the required repair work and tuning of our organ will cost between \$7,000 and \$8,000. If additional problems are found it could be more. The congregation has approved spending up to \$10,000 to do this work. The tuner has a full schedule for this summer, therefore the work will probably not be done until this fall.

Bob Thede,
Trustee Chair

SAVE THE DATE

Trinity's Vacation Bible School will be from July 8 to July 12, 2019. Look for details in the coming weeks. Sr. Youth, plan on helping with VBS. Adults, please consider volunteering for our VBS. It's a worthwhile experience! Kids, ask your friends along for VBS. It's for ages 3 on up through 4th grade.

CARNEGIE HALL

The Women’s choir from Colorado Christian University in Denver will be singing at Carnegie Hall in New York City on Saturday, June 1st. Megan Heithold, daughter of Pastor and Cindi Heithold, is one of the members of the Women’s Choir.

WHAT AN HONOR MEGAN!!

CONGRATULATIONS

COMMUNITY SNAPSHOT



The Bob Burns Music Scholarship for Spring 2019 was awarded at the NMSU Jazz Ensembles Concert this past Saturday by the society’s vice president, Cindy Brooks. The Award was presented to Jane Kelly, trumpet, and Garrett Anderson, trombone, for their musical excellence in the NMSU Jazz Program. COURTESY OF MESILLA VALLEY JAZZ AND BLUES SOCIETY

Jazz and Blues Society scholarship awarded

From Staff Reports
Las Cruces Sun-News
USA TODAY NETWORK – NEW MEXICO

The Bob Burns Music Scholarship for Spring 2019 was awarded at the New Mexico State University Jazz Ensembles Concert on May 4 by the society’s vice president, Cindy Brooks. The award was presented to Jane Kelly, trumpet, and Garrett Anderson, trom-

bone, for their musical excellence in the NMSU Jazz Program. The award is a cash presentation of \$750 to each musician. Since its inception the Bob Burns Music Scholarship has awarded more than \$10,000. The scholarship fund is supported by donations as well as a yearly Blues Festival. *To submit an item for community snapshot, email photo and information to news@lcsun-news.com.*

GOOD JOB GARRETT!!

JUNE 2019 STEWARDS FOR CHRIST

ELDERS

June 2 Ray Bailey
June 9 Matt Clark
June 16 Robert Rentschler
June 23 Jim Wilkes
June 30 Ray Bailey

ACOLYTES

June 2 Morgan Sebring
June 9 Reilly Quinn
June 16 Zac Sanchez
June 23 Morgan Sebring
June 30 Miriam Collins

READERS

June 2 Bob & Sandy Klose
June 9 George & Marianne Schweers
June 16 Dick Dommers & Mary Leslie Schmitt
June 23 Lola Ableidinger & Zac Collins
June 30 Youth

HOSTS

June 2 Matt & Cindi Anderson
June 9 Ray & Juli Bailey
June 16 James & Megan Bowman
June 23 Marvin & Joyce Bunker
June 30 Youth

TELLERS

June 2 Megan Bowman & Bob Klose
June 9 Cheryl Sandenaw & Linde Van Cleave
June 16 Lola Ableidinger & Joyce Macon
June 23 Shirley Enyeart & Pete Simank
June 30 Kelly Thomas & Nora Sotak

USHERS

June 2 Tom Blackmon, Susan Weitzel
Larry & Beverly Van Duyn,
June 9 Matt Anderson, Marvin Bunker,
John Marquardt
June 16 Ben Clark, Trey Johnson
Robert Johnson, Ray Krueger
June 23 Bob Klose, Sandy Klose,
Gerald Moore
June 30 Youth

JUNE ALTAR COMMITTEE

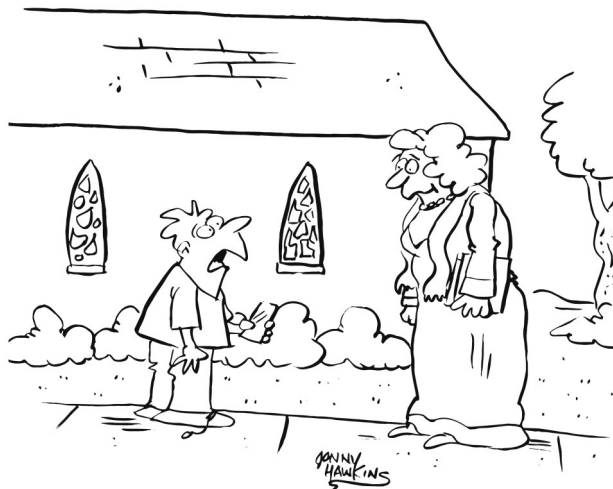
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JUNE FLOWERS

June 2 Vicki Leonard
June 9 Dick & Cheryl Richey
June 16 Terry Marquardt
June 23 Matt & Cindi Anderson
June 30 Matt & Jill Clark

JUNE ATTENDANCE

Jan Thede



"I'll come to VBS, but can you take the word 'school' out of it?"