Trinity Tidings

Trinity Lutheran Church and School 3000 35th Avenue Greeley, Colorado 80634

April 2023



Join us for Survise Service Easter Sunday. April 9 at 6 am with communion

FBRA

Immediately following Sunrise Service (approx. 7:00 am) until 9:00 am Youth Group will serve Easter Breakfast in the Fellowship Hall. You may also pickup your breakfast to go!



TRADITIONAL EASTER

8:30 am and 10:30 am

with Communion



April ~ Thursday, April 6th ~ @ 1:30 pm

Mite Devotions

Program: Skit

Hostesses: Donna Hanselmann

Mission Project: LWML Mites

Greeting Cards Restocked! -Check out the new selection of "Spring" cards! Easter, Mother's Day and Graduation cards are available.



MITE SUNDAY, April 2nd

The first Sunday of each month the Mite box will be available for you to bring your Mites. (Suggestion put your coins in a zip lock bag - keep your mite box).

EASTER LOVE OFFERING

It's Easter Love time. Time to prayerfully consider a gift of "Love." It is at this time that we are reminded just how much we are loved by our Heavenly Father. Loved so much, that He sent His One and Only Son, Jesus Christ to pay the price for our sins by laying down His life on the cross. He became the ultimate sacrifice, His blood the atonement for our sins.

Each year, these envelopes are collected by the LWML ladies who choose a project within Trinity to direct these offerings towards. This year the ladies would like the monies collected to better enhance the quality of our live stream services by updating equipment in the sound and video booth.

Please prayerfully consider placing a donation in your Easter Love Offering envelope and place your "Easter Love Offering" envelope and drop it in the offering plate on Sunday morning, anytime between now and Easter Sunday.



Easter is only a few short weeks away. Make your donation today!



By the time this writing comes to you, Lent will be in the past and we will be celebrating the Easter season. Lent is a special journey for the Christian, as you are challenged to look at what God, through Jesus Christ has done for you. Faith is a personal journey. Joining with fellow believers in worship helps the individual to grow,

and reminds us that we are a part of the body of Christ. This year our focus has been on the cross, not just any cross, but the cross of Jesus Christ. Good Friday focus is on the old rugged wooden cross, where Christ placed Himself, to take our sins, to suffer in our place, to accomplish in a very personal way what you could not do.

I see lots of people wearing crosses. In fact for several weeks, small wooden crosses were available in the narthex, thanks to one of our members. Some of the crosses worn have Christ on them, while others are simple or ornate crosses. Some believe that one needs to see Jesus on the cross as a reminder of what he has done for that individual. Others need the reminder of the cross hanging around their neck. Good Friday has been named that because it was good for all of God's creation that Jesus was placed on the cross. I once heard someone say, the most important thing is to see that Jesus is on the cross because of your sin, that is the most important thing he did. In one sense that is a true statement, but without the empty tomb, Jesus on the cross means nothing. That is why we celebrate Holy Week, with special services, reminding us of the events of that week. The exclamation point to the week is Easter, when the tomb could not contain Jesus Christ. The empty tomb is the reality of God completing the sacrifice once, for all time. In Christ's suffering, death, and resurrection you have life. This is a gift, it is not our doing, it is what God has done for us.

At this time, Trinity is at a crossroad in ministry. In the next couple of months you will be calling a shepherd to lead you. Now, God is directing you to consider not only the ministry of the church but the ministry of the school, as you will be calling a new principal. During this time of vacancy, it is easy to focus on what you do not have. I have heard there are some waiting to see who the new pastor is, or now the new principal. Consider for a moment who did not leave. The ministry of this church is about lesus Christ, the message of the Gospel, God reconciling the world to Himself. The focus has been in the interim on ministry. The witness and mission of Trinity Lutheran Church and School has been the same through these changes, together we have seen the importance of the mission of the body in this place. Pastors will come and go, principals will come and go. The center of all of this is Jesus Christ who is the same yesterday, today, and forever. You are Trinity because your focus is on the Trinity of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit at work among the people of God in this place. Read Acts 17: 22-34, Paul lays out the mission to focus on Christ crucified, He has made himself known, it is through faith and faith alone that we can come to Him. Pray for your church, pray for your leaders, pray for one another, that God would direct you as you issue calls. Come together around Word and Sacrament ministry, being the body of Christ in Greeley. God knows what you need, rely on Him to lead you through this time. It can be an exciting time.

Pastor Kent Schnegelberger Vacancy Pastor

Trinity Lutheran Church Greeley, Colorado March 11, 2023

Executive Council Meeting Minutes Narthex Lounge

Present: Angela Riemer, Bob Thorgeson, Brenda Schmidt, Cheri Carsten, Ken Clavir, Pam Clavir, Linda Klipp, Jason Reiter, Debbie Thuener, and Pastor Schnegelberger. A quorum was established. Notice of this meeting was given in advance to all members of the council. The meeting was called to order at 8:40 am by Angela Riemer with opening prayer and devotion led by Bob.

Minutes: February minutes were approved with corrections via email by those in attendance prior to this meeting for inclusion in the Tidings Newsletter.

Treasurer's Report: Cheri Carsten

Financial report emailed prior to meeting for review. Motion by Brenda, seconded by Bob to approve report as presented. Discussion followed. Passed by voice vote.

The Board of Elders and Spiritual Ministries: Ken Clavir

- Call process update
- Easter services 6:00 am, 8:30 am, and 10:30 am.
- DCE report
- Offering plates will be placed back on the altar and received from the front.

The Board of Property Ministries: Jason Reiter

- Ongoing inventory of church contents for insurance purposes.
- The carpet has been replaced and students are back in the classroom damaged by the fire sprinkler.

Board of Christian Education Ministries: Pam Clavir

- Pre-registration has started: Early Childhood projecting 35-40 and K-8 projecting 55 students.
- Holding off on enrolling in Universal PreK until details are worked out for churches.
- Continued work on search for principal or lead teacher and distribution of duties.
- Draft budget was finalized and voted on.

The Board of Financial and Stewardship Ministries: Cheri Carsten

- Presented attendance and offering report. Will present to the congregation at March voter's meeting.
- Presented draft Budget with careful input from each board. Cheri moved that we send the presentation budget in its current state to the voters at March meeting. Motion seconded by Ken. Discussion. Verbal vote to pass motion was unanimous.
- Cheri is working with the IRS in filing for the Employee Retention Credit (ERC).
- Reviewing investments and opportunities for improved growth.
- Continued organizing accountant duties in the office.

Old Business

- Wheelchair lift: No report or action taken.
- Newly approved constitution/bylaws: Angela has reached out to the Rocky Mountain District for status update. Waiting for response.
- March voter's meeting: March 26, 2023, at 11:45 am. Agenda: Board reports; Budget presentation and approval. The presentation budget will be sent out by email ahead of the Sunday meeting.

New Business:

- A farewell celebration for Kyle and Angela Erickson is planned for June 25, 2023. Angela Riemer will organize this with the help of the Elders, BOCE, and council.
- Bob moved that the April council meeting be moved from Holy Saturday to April 15, 2023. Motion seconded by Brenda. Discussion. Motion passed by voice vote.

There being no further business to bring before the board, the meeting was adjourned at 10:50 am. The meeting closed with prayer by Pastor.



Spring! Warmer temperatures! New animal life! Trees, grass, and plants growing again! Most importantly, Easter – the resurrection of our Lord! **He is Risen! He is Risen, Indeed!**

He is Risen! He is Risen, Indeed! Alleluia!

What a joy to triumphantly and loudly

say these words! May we never tire of it! *Technically*, this newsletter went to print before the Holy Week festivities had happened, but I would still like to extend a big THANK YOU to those who helped with the Easter Breakfast, in its preparation and serving. You are much appreciated! May we live in daily celebration of our risen Savior!

Ist and 3rd Sundays:Youth Group, 7:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m.

Trinity youth will meet regularly for some time in God's Word, along with fun and fellowship! See you in the youth room (church basement) on Sunday nights!



Thursday, April 6: Seder Meal (All Ages Are Welcome!)

Before our Maundy Thursday service, come experience the supper as Jesus and His disciples would have as we come back again to the night on which He was betrayed. Please sign up if you plan to attend by Monday, April 3.

Saturday, April 8: Easter Breakfast Preparation

Meet in the church basement kitchen at 4:00 p.m. to put together Easter Breakfast.

Sunday, April 9: Easter Breakfast, 7:00 a.m.

Signup will be available in March to help serve Easter Breakfast on Easter morning!

Friday, April 21: Mother/Son Bowling Outing (time TBA)

An evening of fun at Chipper's Lanes for mothers and sons of all ages! RSVP to Angela Erickson by Wednesday, April 19.

Keep an eye out for these events coming later in the year:

May 21: Confirmation Sunday June 12-16: Vacation Bible School *Please note this is an update of dates!* Be on the lookout for online registration links for participants and volunteers!

Angela Erickson, Director of Christian Education

"My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness." 2 Corinthians 12:9

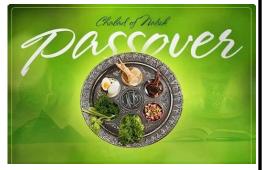


DID YOU KNOW?

The Seder is the traditional Passover meal celebrated on this day by Jews — particularly Orthodox Jews, or even those who remain observant of the traditional holidays and feasts. The Hebrew word "seder" translates to "order." The Passover Seder is a home or synagogue tradition blending religious rituals, four cups of wine, particular foods, songs, and storytelling. The intent of the Seder is that every person would feel as if they were escaping from Egypt themselves. It begins with the story of the patriarchs — Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob — and recounts the Hebrew descent into Egypt, recalling their suffering and persecution. But clearly, the Passover meal, the Seder, points to Jesus Christ throughout. It is certainly no coincidence that Jesus — the perfect, unblemished Lamb of God — was sacrificed for us at Passover. The Hebrews' Exodus from the slavery of Egypt is a direct picture of our escape from our slavery to sin. Our baptism is akin to the Hebrews' escape through the parted waters of the Red Sea.

"Why is this night different from all other nights?" It would be Jesus' last night on earth. While the disciples celebrated their Passover, Jesus knew what was coming. This was the

first Holy Communion, the commemoration of Jesus's last supper with his disciples and His sacrifice for us. As Christians, we are not commanded to celebrate the Passover anymore, because we know that Jesus was and is our ultimate sacrifice that paid for our sins. Experiencing this powerful tradition helps us see God's plan that was fulfilled in Him, and connects us to the generations of God's people through the centuries who have come before us.



Sign up by the deadline of April 3rd to join us a 5 pm on Maundy Thursday.

GUEST TEACHERS NEEDED:



During the summer, Sunday School students age 3 through 5th grade will be doing a study called "13 Very Surprising Sayings and Why Jesus Said Them". We are looking for adults who can commit to teaching just one lesson. Logistics are covered, and an assistant will be supplied. You need only to prepare and lead the provided lesson. If you are interested in helping in this way, please contact Amanda Thuener at 720-240-8429 or <u>sundayschool@tlgreeley.com</u>.

Amanda Thuener Sunday School Superintendent

School Happenings

Preschool & K-8

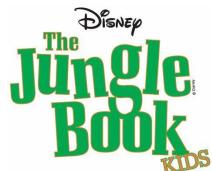
Trinity Families,

Transition is a word that has been regularly talked about and planned for these past months at Trinity. We continue to pray for the calling of a new pastor, and we pray for the change in school leadership. We continue to work through all the details and scenarios, trusting that the Lord will provide in His due time.

Transition is also a word we can think about as we reflect upon the events of Holy Week. The change of scenery and attitudes as we go from a parade, to a Garden, to an upper room, to a trial, to a cross, to a grave, to VICTORY! Change is inevitable, except for that which has been the focal point since creation, JESUS! "He is risen, he is risen indeed, ALLELUIA!"

Our early registration for the 2023-2024 school year is complete. We currently have 55 students enrolled in K-8 with several prospective families we are waiting to hear back from. Roughly 85% of our 57 current students are returning, while adding 10 new kindergarteners; the majority of those coming from our preschool program. Praise the Lord for these families and students, and for the opportunities that we have to share Jesus, and to help them grow in faith.

Mark your calendars for Thursday, May 4th. Trinity Lutheran Preschool and School will be presenting to you, "The Jungle Book." Show times are at 10:00 am and 6:30 pm. There will also be a live and silent auction at the evening performance; featuring class themed baskets and school wide projects. Join us for some quality entertainment, while supporting our school ministry.



Other May events to consider for your calendar and prayers:

Friday, May 5: Trinity Lutheran School Field Day

May 10-12: Middle School trip to LVR (Lutheran Valley Retreat)

Wednesday, May 24: Last day of school

Making Disciples for Life,

Principal Kyle Erickson Director Gwen Marshall

Remembering Our Homebound Members

The following members of our church are currently either living at home or in a care facility and have limited capability of joining their church family at worship.

*Lois Bliss –Centennial Healthcare	*Wilbert Lutz –Home
*Melanie Davis - Home	*Fran Martin –Home
*Rachel Einspahr – Home	*Ruth McGhghy - Home with family
*Richard Ewald–Bethesda Gardens	*Dave Schonek –Home
*Caryle Kassahn –Home	*Earl Weiss –Grace Point

Please keep them in your prayers and consider calling or sending cards or letters to let them know you are thinking of them. If you need an address or phone number, call the church office or pick up a directory at the church.

We are pleased to have a team to reach out and visit our shut-ins. Current members of the Visitation Team are Pastor Kent Schnegelberger, Pastor George Hesse, Donna Hanselmann, Joyce Anderson, Karen Rutt, and Teresa Detterer. Please keep this team in your prayers. Ask God to give them guidance and give thanks and praise to God for them.



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL "DANIEL IN BABYLON"

JUNE 12-16

Info and registration links will be going out soon!

April's Cook's Night Out



Join us on Tuesday, April 25th from 11 am to 9 pm for our Cook's Night Out at Dickey's BBQ Pit, 2331 23rd Avenue in Greeley, CO 80634. (This location only.)



from the Editor: Spring has officially arrived, at least according to the A Note astrological dates of the spring equinox, the solstice, the farmers almanac, or whatever source you prefer. Today, however, it appears that nature hit the snooze button on the alarm and rolled back over under a blanket of newly fallen snow. (I've been guilty of hitting that snooze button and crawling back under the covers, so I understand.) Spring is a time of new beginnings. Crocus, daffodils, tulips, will all start their journey to reach the warm sunlight as they make their way through the earth that has protected them through the cold winter. Barren trees will begin to bud with new foliage that will provide shade. The grass will gradually turn from brown to green with new life. What a perfect gift God gives us, new life. When the dark days of winter give way to a new season of spring, we are reminded that the darkness of sin in our lives is overcome by the Light of the World. We are given new life through the resurrection of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. God's One and Only begotten Son, became the sacrificial lamb, carrying my sins, your sins, and the sins of the world. He paid the price, which is death, for those sins by dying on the cross. He rose again, conquering death for us all, that we may have eternal life with Him. May you look upon every new bud, this spring, as a reminder that in Jesus you have the gift of new life. May you use your new life in celebration of God's blessings while sharing the Good News of His gift with others. "Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come." 2 Corinthians 5:17



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Greg & Janet Best –43 yrs. Dustin & Samantha Brown –15 yrs. Doug & Kathy Windsheimer –20 yrs. Nathan & Trisha McKinney –22 yrs. Arlene & Jerold Weizenegger –48 yrs.

(If we missed your special day, please let the office know.)



~Schedule~ Please sign up to bring flowers. The chart is on the wall by door to the old church office or call the church office, 330-2485.

> **April 2** Palm Sunday-No Flowers.

April 9

Contact Pam Clavir about giving a donation for the explosion of colorful flowers for Easter Sunday's celebration!

April 16 Available

April 23 Kim Munsterman Parents' Anniversary







2023 Calendar is waiting for you to pick a date !

~ATTENDANCE~

February 12	Early-117	Late-40	
February 19	Early-107	Late-57	
February 26	Early-91	Late-57	
March 5	Early-105	Late-44	
March 12	Early-89	Late-53	
March 19	Early-103	Late-54	



Rylee Kae Schumann (Daughter of Robert & Ashley Schumann) Born 1-2-2023 Baptízed 3-19-2023



Memory Troudt Born 3-16-1947 Díed 2-11-23

Venetta June Jones Born 6-15-1938 Born 3-9-2023

Ministry Assistants—April Schedule

<u>April 2</u>

Elders – 8:00 am Larry Whitney; 10:30 am Steve Cooper

Ushers – Ron Gemaehlich

Sound –8:00 am Jeff Junker; 10:30 am Jeff Junker

Video –8:00 am Mary Beitz; 10:30 am Terri Swanson

Organist – Angela Erickson

Security –8:00 am John Kruger; 10:30 am Bret Schmidt

<u> April 9*</u>

Elders – 6:00 am Michael Thuener & Gary Klipp; 8:30 am Ken Clavir & Brian Anderson; 10:30 am Ken Clavir & Steve Cooper

Ushers –Bret Schmidt

Sound –6:00 am TBD; 8:30 am TBD; 10:30 am TBD

Video –6:00 am TBD; 8:30 am TBD; 10:30 am TBD

Organist- 6:00 am Debra Schwartz; 8:30 a & 10:30 am Ken Streeb

Security –6:00 am James Roohr; 8:30 am TBD; 10:30 am Bret Schmidt

<u>April 16</u>

Elders – 8:00 am Larry Whitney; 10:30 am Steve Cooper

Ushers –Ken Einspahr

Sound –8:00 am TBD; 10:30 am TBD

Video –8:00 am TBD; 10:30 am TBD

Organist – Angela Erickson

Security –8:00 am Michael Thuener; 10:30 am Bret Schmidt

<u> April 23*</u>

Elders –8:00 am Gary Klipp & Brian Anderson; 10:30 am Steve Cooper Ushers –TBD

Sound –8:00 am TBD; 10:30 am TBD

Video –8:00 am TBD; 10:30 am TBD

Organist- Ken Streeb

Security –8:00 am Jason Reiter; 10:30 am James Roohr

<u> April 30*</u>

Elders -8:00 am Ken Clavir & Mike Thuener; 10:30 am Steve Cooper

Ushers –Ron Gemaehlich

Sound –8:00 am TBD; 10:30 am TBD

Video –8:00 am TBD; 10:30 am TBD

Organist– Debra Schwartz

Security -8:00 am Lance Polzin; 10:30 am Bret Schmidt

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Return Service Requested

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Worship Services

Sunday 8:00 & 10:30 am Adult Bible Classes Sunday School - 9:20 am

Jesus rose from the dead **6** 4 ß 2 are dark and sad, but on that special day – we celebrate! Write the word to fit each definition. Transfer the numbered Easter is a special day for Christians. The days before ų |₽ 16 **m** F 18 --18 letters to the corresponding boxes. Read the answer. 20 , (<u>o</u> 1= 14 4 9 0 <u>စ</u> I Why do we celebrate? 0 12 ດ |໑ **1**0 <u>ျပာ</u> 0 15 P it blocked the door of Jesus' tomb Easter ő 0 a place where plants grow a shape that means love ĥ it rises every morning Jesus was nailed to it Ŵ opposite of evening 4 a close companion 4 great happiness e N

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