

Trinity Tidings

Trinity Lutheran Church and School

3000 35th Avenue

Greeley, Colorado 80634

DECEMBER 2025



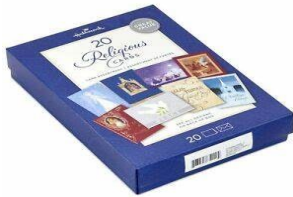
BUILDING CHRISTMAS

**Trinity Lutheran Preschool
and Elementary Students**
Wednesday, December 17th
10:00 am & 6:00 pm

LWML Mite Sunday is December 1st



MITE SUNDAY - December 1st The first Sunday of each month the Mite box will be available for you to bring your Mites. (A suggestion would be to put your coins in a zip lock bag and keep your mite box).



Christmas Cards on Sale In the Church Narthex

Be sure to checkout the selection of Christmas cards that LWML will be offering for sale this season. Monies help fund LWML projects at Trinity.

Women's Advent Luncheon

Saturday, December 6
11:00 am – 1:00 pm

Trinity Lutheran Church
Fellowship Hall

Sign up on the
clip board in the
church narthex,
so the team knows
how many to expect.



FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK



The Word Made Flesh Among Us

Advent is a season of waiting. We wait for the mystery that changes everything: the eternal Word of God taking on our flesh. The One through whom all things were made enters into the world He made. The Light of heaven steps into our darkness. The Creator becomes a child, not just to visit us, but to raise us up and restore what was lost.

In Jesus, heaven and earth meet. The infinite becomes small. The Almighty becomes vulnerable. He takes on our weakness so that we might share in His strength. He becomes what we are so that we might again bear the image of God.

And that same miracle continues here among us. Christ still comes to His people—through His Word, through His forgiveness, through His body and blood, through His people gathered together. In the life of our congregation and school, He keeps sharing His own life with us. Through His Word, He drives out ignorance and fills our minds with light. Through His Spirit, He lifts us out of sin and division and draws us into peace.

As we approach Christmas and set our hearts on Christ's coming, He draws us to be caught up in that same movement of God—downward in humility, upward in love. The Son of God came not to win arguments or take sides, but to bring peace, to make enemies brothers and sisters. So let us set aside grudges and complaints, gossip and suspicion. Let us look on one another as people Christ came to restore—people in whom His own Spirit lives.

When we do, the light of Christmas shines again—not only in our sanctuary or on our campus, but in our hearts and in our life together. For the Word has become flesh, and He delights to dwell among us still.

Peace in Christ our Savior,
Pastor Joshua Vanderhyde

COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
Trinity Lutheran Church and School
Greeley, Colorado

DATE: 11/8/2025
Location: Narthex Lounge, 8:40 a.m.

Attendance: Quorum established. Matthew Foster, Chair; Renee Ortado, Vice-Chair; Cathy Turley, Treasurer; Brenda Schmidt, Secretary; Londa Polzin, At Large; Pam Clavir, BOE Co-Chair; Linda Klipp, BOE Co-Chair; Pastor Joshua Vanderhyde; Rev. Hesse, guest; Pastor Woodward, guest; Bob Thorgesen, guest.

I. **OPENING** The meeting opened with devotion and prayer given by Renee.

II. OLD BUSINESS

- Minutes: October meeting minutes previously approved. One amendment made (corrected who made motion to re-amortize).
- Profit and Loss Budget vs. Actual financial reports emailed prior to meeting for review. Pam moved we approve these reports as presented. Seconded by Londa. Discussion. Motion carried by voice vote.

III. REPORTS

Property: No update.

Security: Matthew

- Changing key system for security team. Matthew is leading process.

Call Committee: Matthew

- Still waiting for Pastoral candidate names from the Rocky Mountain District.

School Board: Pam Clavir Co-Chair; Linda Klipp Co-Chair (full report available if requested).

- Report sent to Council members by email in advance of this meeting. Discussion.
- 2nd Session of Foundry started.
- Sunshade construction to begin (money already allocated).
- November activities: Veteran's Day, Butter Braid distribution, Science Fair, Cooks Night out.

Pastor/Elders: Pastor Vanderhyde

- Thanksgiving and Christmas worship schedule in place.
- Confirmation updates.
- Working on ways to build unity within our congregation.

V. NEW BUSINESS

- School Board Elections: All members were elected to a two-year term in 2024. Will develop plan to elect members to alternate terms in December 2026.
- Bylaws specify that board members are elected to a two-year term when elected. Therefore, the treasurer position is not up for election in 2025 as previously reported.
- National LCMS President election will happen in spring 2026. Congregations are asked to submit a Pastor and member name for circuit representation. Will add this to the agenda of the December 7, 2025, meeting.
- Other updates: Member Directory information/plan coming out in December.
- Three Trees Space Usage Proposal: Pastor has received an inquiry about using our facilities by this organization. Discussion. Council asked Pastor to move forward with gathering a more detailed proposal.
- Budget/Transparency Discussion: Identified financial information to be presented at the December Congregational meeting.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:50 am. Closed with the Lord's Prayer.
Next meeting: January 10, 2026. 8:30 am in Narthex Lounge. Matthew will lead devotion.

Brenda Schmidt

Brenda D. Schmidt / Congregational Secretary



*Prepare for the birth
of our Lord*

Advent

Light a candle in the darkness

Advent begins Sunday,
November 30

Midweek Advent Services
Wednesday,
December 3rd & 10th
with
10 am Morning Service
& 6 pm Service
in the Sanctuary
(5 pm Soup Supper in
Fellowship Hall)

TLS Students Program
on Wednesday,
December 17th at both
10 am and 6 pm.
(No food)

Christmas Eve is
an Evening Candlelight
Service at 6 pm

Christmas Day at 9 am
with Communion



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.

*Richard Beitz-Home
*Ellen Colegrove- Grace Point
*Elaine Daubert-Home
*Melanie Davis - Home
*Teresa Detterer-Home
*Rachel Einspahr- Grace Point
*Mary Henneck-Home

*Ruth McGhghy - Life Care
*Ron Otto- Grace Point
*Karen Rutt-Greeley Village
*Dave Schonek –Home
*Esther Specht-Home
*Lorene Steele –Home
*Don & Dixie Wacker –Home

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.

December's Cook's Night Out

Grab some food and help support Trinity Lutheran Church and School at the same time! Our December Cooks Night Out Fundraiser will be on Tuesday, December 16, from 10:30 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. at Panda Express located at 4542 Centerplace Drive in Greeley!

Pick up a flyer on Sunday, December 14th in the church narthex. Thank you for your support!



VOTER'S MEETING

Sunday, December 7th

11:45 a.m. (Immediately following 2nd Service in Sanctuary)

Agenda: Board reports & Elections

Open positions: Congregational Vice President

Elders—4

At-Large Council Members—3



School Happenings

Preschool & K-8

Trinity Family,

Before writing the month's school news, I usually review previous years' articles. Last year I wrote about how I was getting a new right hip for Christmas! I spent Christmas Day in the rehab center, but I will never forget Pastor Hesse coming to visit dressed as a shepherd singing Christmas carols in the hallways. He was the talk of the table at Christmas Day lunch in the cafeteria. I feel like I'm still breaking in the new hip, but I'm in a much better place than 12 months ago.

I looked further back in the files and found that Kyle had written the December articles in 2021 and 2022. I miss my former office mate. If he was still here, I would never have let my office get this messy. If I don't get it cleaned during Thanksgiving break, it will be addressed during Christmas break. The school is closed from December 20-January 5.

Please join our students and their families as we share the Good News of the birth of a Savior at our Christmas program on December 17. You can attend the 10:00 am or 6:00 pm service. This is a wonderful time to meet school families that are not part of our congregation and show your support of our school.

The staff and students of Trinity Lutheran School pray that you will have a very blessed Merry Christmas!



Blessings,

Gwen Marshall



CHRISTMAS GIFTS FOR TRINITY STAFF

Christmas is coming! Envelopes are available for you to give a gift to our dedicated staff. The Elders and BOE are working on a list, I would expect the number to be around 18. Please consider an extra Christmas thank for all the serving hearts in our mission here at Trinity. Please prayerfully consider a gift to show your appreciation for their tireless work.



Trinity Member Pictorial Directory:
2026 will be the year for a new Pictorial Directory! We are printing our own using technology available to us. No sales pitch! We want your picture!

Two ways to get yours in the directory:
Email a copy of a picture (jpeg preferred) you already have (think Christmas

pictures). **OR** Have your picture taken between services any Sunday in January. There will be a table set up in the Narthex with information.

This will be a Member only directory. You have time to transfer membership (email office@tlgreeley.com) or talk to Pastor about becoming a member so you can be included.

Email for photos or questions: TrinityPictureDirectory2026@gmail.com
Talk with Virginia Vanderhyde or Brenda Schmidt if you have questions.

RESPITE TEAM FORMING

Some caregivers in our church find it difficult to get away, even briefly, because the person they care for can't be left alone. Arnie Burron is exploring the formation of a *Respite Team*—women willing to spend an hour visiting in a home, offering companionship, or giving a young mother a short break. Visits would be woman-to-woman, either alone or in pairs.

If you're interested in learning more, please call/text Arnie Burron at 970-371-2261 about an exploratory meeting.



The Women's "Chosen" Bible Study that meets on Wednesday's is taking a break.

They will resume their weekly study beginning Wednesday, January 7 at 10 am.



The Trinity O.W.L.S. (Older Wiser Lutheran Seniors) are combining their November and December get togethers and will meet on Thursday, December 4th at 12 noon in the church narthex. Please let Joyce Einspahr know if you plan to attend. (970-353-0854)



Make December a Holiday to remember at Weld Food Bank!

We are also looking to collect shelf-stable food items. Along with some holiday staples, we are in need of some of the most requested items:

Stuffing
Canned Green Beans
Canned Corn
Soup
Rice/Pasta
Cereal
Peanut Butter
Tuna/Canned Meat

Boxed Potatoes
Canned Fruit
Canned Cranberry Sauce
Applesauce
Sugar/Flour for Baking
Applesauce
Fruit Cups
Jelly

GIFT CARDS (Please give directly to Barb Perusek)

Drop off your donations at the school M-F 8 am –4 pm or at the Church on Sunday mornings.

If you would prefer to give money (cash or gift cards) give that to Barb Perusek or go to: weldfoodbank.org/donate.

\$1 will feed 4 people and \$25 will feed 100 people.

Prayerfully consider giving. Thank you, Trinity.



PLAN AHEAD! Due to time off for Christmas, please note the following deadline changes:

Deadline for the Sunday News & Notes items for December 21st, 28th and January 4th is **Monday, December 15th.**

The Newsletter Deadline for January's Newsletter has also been moved up and is **Monday, December 8th.**

The school will be closed for Christmas Break December 22nd thru January 2nd with school resuming on January 5th. The office and Childcare will be closed during that time. If you need assistance during this time, please call the office and leave a message. I will direct your need to the person on call.

Note from the Editor: As Christmas nears, we prepare our hearts for the coming of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. We honor the birth of God's One and Only Son, born of a virgin in a lowly manger. We give thanks and praise to God the Father for the most precious gift of all time, the good news of salvation, paid for by the blood of Jesus, who died for our sins. We look forward to His second coming. Rejoice!



2 –Donna Hanselmann
4 –Daniel Roohr
5 –Ruth Ann Hesse
5 –Heidi Klepper
7 –William Weber
8 –Nathan McKinney
8 –Candy Reed
11 –Patricia Ulrich
12 –Ryleigh Flesner
13 –Marcella DeLange
14 –Scott Butterworth
14 –Virginia Vanderhyde
15 –Connie Mapes
15 –Wendy Wieting
16 –Michaelene Powell

17 –Gretchen Thuener
21-Rider Russel
22 –Doug Reed
23 –Christian Duffield
24 -Kris Bruning
25-Juniper Brown
25 –Bruce Kemp
25—Pat Seegrist
26 –Trisha Wojurfin
27 –Zayden Pittam
27 –Jennefer Tenorio
30 –Jeffrey Dietrich
30 –Lillian Leschinsky
31 -Natalie Best
31 –Dave Schoneck



Andrew & Debra Schwartz (12)
Richard & Connie Mapes (39)
Susan & Paul Weichel (39)
Henry & Deborah Thuener II (51)
Monty & Joyce Anderson (53)
Steven & Phyllis Klug (55)
Dennis & Mary Beitz (55)
Paul & Mary Henneck (64)

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



ALTAR FLOWER ~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.

December 7
Poinsettias

December 14
Poinsettias

December 21
Poinsettias

December 28
Poinsettias

Your help is needed.
Help fill the sanctuary with
poinsettias this year.
Give your donations to Pam Clavir
or Cheri Carsten.

~ATTENDANCE~

October 5	Early-99	Late-53
October 12	Early-96	Late-51
October 19	Early-90	Late-45
October 26	Early-160	Late-62
November 2	Early-91	Late-53
November 9	Early-105	Late-47
November 16	Early-145	Late-56

In Loving Memory



Carole Paula Hoover

Born 4-21-1943

Died 10-4-2025

William (Bill) Heldt

Born 8-13-1932

Died 10-31-2025

BAPTISMS



Ashley Schroeder

(Daughter of Keith & Sadie Schroeder)

Born 10-6-2008

Baptized 11-16-25

Sunday Mornings

8:00 am -Worship Service

10:30 am -Worship Service

Holy Communion
2nd, 4th, & 5th Sundays

Go to: tlgreeley.org and Live-stream the 8 am
Traditional Service on Sunday mornings.

Ministry Assistants—December Schedule

December 7

Elders – 8:00 am Ken Clavir; 10:30 am Bret Schmidt

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

Video –8:00 am Mary Beitz; 10:30 am Jeff Junker

Organist– Debra Schwartz

Security –8:00 am Doug Sterner; 10:30 am Bret Schmidt

December 14*

Elders – 8:00 am Bob Thorgesen; 10:30 am Ken Clavir

Sound –8:00 am Dan Swanson; 10:30 am Dan Swanson

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

Organist– Debra Schwartz

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

December 21

Elders – 8:00 am Zack Ewald; 10:30 am Bret Schmidt

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

Video –8:00 am Mary Beitz; 10:30 am Jeff Junker

Organist– Ken Streeb

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

December 28*

Elders – 8:00 am Larry Whitney; 10:30 am Ken Clavir

Sound –8:00 am Dan Swanson; 10:30 am Dan Swanson

Video –Terri Swanson; 10:30 am Terri Swanson

Organist– Ken Streeb

Security –8:00 am Zach Ewald; 10:30 am Bret Schmidt

MORE MINISTRY ASSISTANTS ARE NEEDED.

If you would be interested in becoming a Ministry Assistant, see below.

Sound & Video: Contact Dan Swanson

Security: Contact Matt Foster

Ushering: Contact the Elder on Duty

December 2025

December 2025							January 2026						
Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa	Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
1	8	15	22	29	30	31	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
7	14	21	28				11	12	13	14	15	16	17
							18	19	20	21	22	23	24
							25	26	27	28	29	30	31

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Nov 30	Dec 1 9:00am Quilters Meet 6:00pm BOE Meeting	2	3 10:00am & 6pm Midweek Advent Svc 5:00pm Advent Soup Supper	4 6:30am Men's Group 12:00pm O.W.L.S.	5	6 11:00am Advent Luncheon
7 Mite Sunday 8:00am & 10:30 am Worship 9:20am SS & Bible Study 11:45am Voters Meeting	8 9:00am Quilters Meet 3:00pm Newsletter Deadline	9	10 10:00am & 6pm Midweek Advent Svc 5:00pm Advent Soup Supper	11 6:30am Men's Group 1:00pm Friendship Circle	12 6:00pm Young Marines	13 7:00am ELDERS Meeting 8:30am Church Council
14 8:00am & 10:30 am Worship 9:20am SS & Bible Study	15 9:00am Quilters Meet	16 10:30am Cooks Night Out	17 10:00am & 6pm TLS Christmas Program	18 6:30am Men's Group	19 6:00pm Young Marines	20
21 8:00am & 10:30 am Worship 9:20am SS & Bible Study	22 9:00am Quilters Meet	23	24 6:00pm Christmas Eve Service	25 9:00am Christmas Day Service	26 6:00pm Young Marines	27 8:00am Property Team Meeting
28 8:00am & 10:30 am Worship 9:20am SS & Bible Study	29 9:00am Quilters Meet	30	31	Jan 1, 26	2	3

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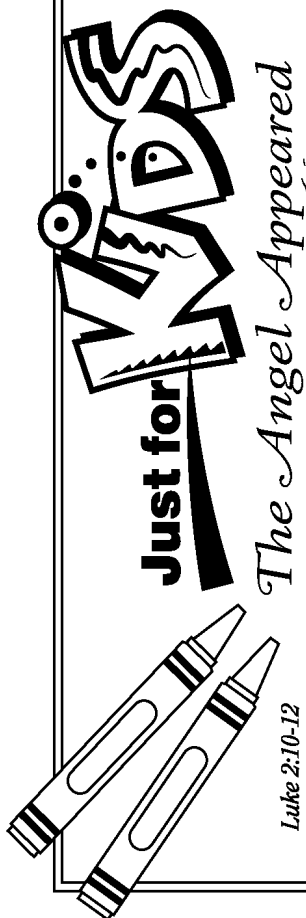
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Worship Services

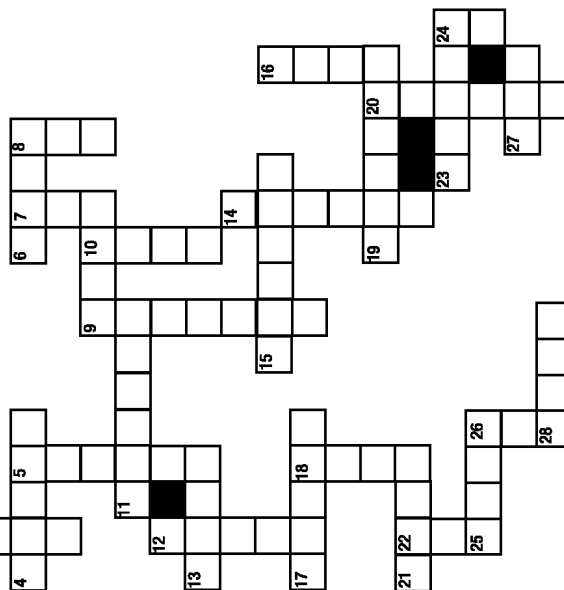
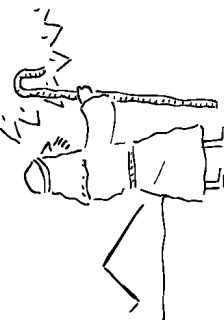
Sunday 8:00 & 10:30 am
Adult Bible Classes and
Sunday School - 9:20 am



The Angel Appeared

Luke 2:10-12

There were shepherds in the fields watching their flocks. Suddenly an angel of the Lord appeared to them. Find the words that the angel spoke. First fit the words from the list into the squares. Next, write the words on the correct lines.



Do This
be sign
has find
all baby
for lying
not bring
you great
joy Today
town David
that afraid
good people
news Savior
will Christ
been cloths
born manger
Lord wrapped

“ 24 26 1A 5 3A 8 13 18 of
4 27 16 9A 1A 2D 7 the 15 12
in the 28 of 23 a 20 22 1D 3D
to 8 ; he is the 10 ”

Answer: “Do not be afraid. I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is Christ the Lord.”