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Trinity Tidings

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

February 2024

40 Days in the Wilderness

with

Jesus

Midweek Services for Lent

Wednesdays beginning with Ash Wednesday on February 14th 10 am and 6 pm

Palm Sunday, March 24th 8 am and 10:30 am Maundy Thursday, March 28 10 am and 6 pm Good Friday, March 29 10 am and 6 pm



February

~ Thursday, February 1st ~ @ 1:00 pm

Mite Devotions

Program: "Just As I Am" Hymn

Video Presentation by Joyce Anderson

Hostesses: Barb Perusek

Mission Project: LWML Mites

Did you know? That cup of coffee you enjoy between services, the coffee, cups, napkins, sugar & creamer are all provided by the LWML!

LWML Praises the Lord for Mission Offerings

MISSION GRANT UPDATE

We have fully paid 10 of our 15 grants that were approved at the 2022 convention. The remaining 5 have been partially paid. We need you help to fund the remaining amount. We are asking Trinity (women, men, children) to help the LWML reach these goals. The next Mite Sunday will be February 4th. Won't you consider emptying your coin or \$'s into the Mite box? If you write a check make it to Trinity Lutheran Guild. Thank you!

MITE SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 2024

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 money will go to up-grading the signage for the church and school. We are working with the Church Council and more information (or details) will be available soon.



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

From the Pastor's Desk

Happy February—month #4 in Greeley for the Vanderhydes! Thank you again for your warm welcome and continued love and support. We are glad to be here, and I am glad to be your pastor. Much remains for me to learn about our church and school, and I welcome your help. If you are interested in meeting with me, please call the office or send an email so we can set up an appointment (jvanderhyde@tlgreeley.com).

This month, we transition from Epiphany to Lent, from the Season of Light to a season of repentance. And the contrast is stark. Epiphany will crescendo with Transfiguration Sunday on February 11th as we ascend the mountain with Peter, James, and John to see Jesus shining, too bright for human eyes. A few days later, purest light gives way to charcoal ashes as we are marked with a cross to remember our mortality: "Dust you are; to dust you shall return." The contrast might be explained like this: now that the eyes of our hearts have been strengthened to see Christ, we turn to examine ourselves, and His Light exposes our sin and weakness. Now, we begin a Lenten journey of repentance, discipline, and faith with Christ as our guide.

The word "Lent" comes from the Old English "lencten": to lengthen. As the days lengthen and the dead of winter gives way to spring, we prepare our hearts for the Easter celebration of Christ's resurrection from the dead. The resurrection of Christ is everything for Christians. It means our own resurrection and purification from sin in Christ. So why not just hang out until the Last Day? Why do we need repentance and discipline? Why not skip to Easter? Why Lent? Because the battle for faith is not over yet. The devil, the world, and our sinful flesh conspire to make "shipwreck of our faith" (I Timothy 1:19)—to lure our attention away from Christ. Lent is an opportunity to recover our attention and direct it Godward in Christ. Lenten discipline aims to strengthen faith.

Lent is patterned after the discipline of Jesus, who fasted and prayed in the wilderness for forty days. During Lent, we spend forty days (not including Sundays) with him in the wilderness. The wilderness is a place of simplicity, separated from the routines and cares of daily life. It is a space in which, through fasting and prayer, to reshape habits and routines and reorient our attention toward God in Christ. May God strengthen and fortify us during this Lenten season as we fix "our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfector of our faith" (Hebrews 12:3).

God's blessings in Christ, *Pastor Joshua Vanderhyde*

COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Trinity Lutheran Church and School Greeley, Colorado

DATE: 1/13/2024 Location: Narthex Lounge, 8:30 a.m. Facilitator: Angela Riemer, Chairperson

Attendance: Quorum established.

Present: Angela Reimer-Chair, Renee Ortado-Vice Chair, Londa Polzin-Treasurer, Brenda Schmidt-Secretary, Randy Brech-At Large, Matthew Foster-At Large, Pastor Vanderhyde, Pam Clavir-School Co-Chair, Linda Klipp-School Co-Chair, Ken Clavir-Elder Chair, Cheri Carsten-Business Manager. Angela, Londa, Brenda, and Linda attended via zoom due to inclement weather.

- Meeting opened with prayer by Pastor and devotion by Angela.
- Minutes: December minutes were approved via email by Council members prior to this meeting
- Welcomed and formally introduced new Council members: Londa, Renee, Randy, Scott, and Matthew.
- Established devotion schedule for monthly meeting.
- Set annual joint meeting with Board of Elders and Council for March 9, 2024, at 8:00 am in the Narthex Lounge.
- Pastor, Angela, and Ken will put together the agenda for this meeting.

Pastor Vanderhyde:

- Pastor and his family are enjoying integrating into our church, school, and the community.
- In addition to preaching and teaching, Pastor has been visiting our shut-in members, teaching middle school religion, and collaborating with school administration to look at ways to integrate the church and school.
- Working with three confirmands and families to start confirmation classes (Wednesday's 4-5 pm).
- Discussing with Elders the idea of a Wednesday night church fellowship that would include all ages.

Board of Elders: Ken Clavir, Chair

- In discussions with Pastor on Youth Program ideas.
- Confirmation will move back to 7th and 8th grade.
- Hank Thuener is stepping down as security lead. Looking for someone to lead this team.
- Christmas Staff gifts surpassed \$8,000.00. Money will be distributed soon.

School Board: Pam Clavir, Co-Chair

- The tentative date for VBS will be the week of June 10 or 17. Tori Foster has volunteered to lead VBS.
- Childcare, preschool rates, K-8 tuition, and academic fees will be increased for the next academic year.
- Reviewing and updating parent and staff handbooks.
- Spending time in classrooms to be more visible to staff and parents.
- Hired Bob Thorgesen to teach math and science at the middle school level.
- Working with PTL on community-based outreach and fundraising.
- Have requested a "cost analysis" to determine what we spend per student to educate them.
- Exploring different curriculum to raise academic rigor through all grade levels.

Treasurer: Londa Polzin, Treasurer and Cheri Carsten, Business Manager

- Monthly financial report emailed prior to meeting for review. Motion by Pam, seconded by Ken, to approve report as presented. Discussion regarding continued goal of transparency. Motion passed by voice vote.
- The council agrees with the School Board that a "cost analysis" will be beneficial and supports this request.

Business Manager: Cheri Carsten, Volunteer

- Brenda moved that we appoint Cheri Carsten as our volunteer Business Manager as outlined in our bylaws Article 3.3. Motion seconded by Ken. Discussion. Appointment approved by Pastor. Motion passed by voice vote.
- Binders with working documents of Constitution, Bylaws, and Policy manuals of Board of Elders, School Board and Church council distributed to all council members.
- Leading projects related to property. Working with McCreery and Son on heating units and maintenance.
- Had a productive meeting with Website stakeholders to maintain an updated and active website.
- Seeking a volunteer to manage the project of a new Member Directory.

Next meeting is February 10, 2024. 8:30 am.

Assignment for members: Review Church Council Policy Manual section 2 "Church Council Self-Governance Policies". Meeting adjourned at 10:40 am with prayer by Pastor.

Brence Schmidt.

Brenda D Schmidt Congregational Secretary

Trinity Lutheran Church / Congregational Assembly Meeting Minutes / December 10, 2023

This is a draft copy of the Voters Meeting minutes that do not become official until approved by the voters.

The quarterly Congregational Assembly Meeting was called to order by President Angela Riemer at 11:47 am. Pastor Vanderhyde opened the meeting with prayer. A total of fifty-three members and one guest signed the attendance record. Minutes of the Voter's meeting from July 16, 2023, were distributed. Steve Cooper moved that the minutes be approved as written. Seconded by Wayne Hoover. Motion passed with voice vote.

Pastor Vanderhyde's Report:

- Thanked the congregation for the call and welcoming him and his family into our congregation.
- Teaching Theology classes to middle school students.
- Will begin teaching confirmation in January 2024.
- Office hours Monday Thursday (in School).
- Communication: Email: jvanderhyde@tlgreeley.com Office: 970-330-2485 Church Cell: 970-235-0973
- Pastor's days "off" are Friday and Saturday though he affirms that as our Pastor, he is available for spiritual care. For emergencies, please call Pastor's church cell number.
- Acknowledged our new constitution/bylaws and reminded the assembly that a constitution is designed to hold us all together. To be a voting member per our constitution, individuals must be at least 18 years of age, be a communicant member of Trinity, and have signed (have ownership of) our constitution.
- Described further what it means to be a communicant member (Article 5.1.2) some of which are being Baptized, confirmed in the Lutheran Church, faithful attendance and partaking in the Lord's Supper often.

Elder Board: Ken Clavir, Chair

- Acknowledged the Elders who served as our call committee for their dedication and efforts.
- Holiday Service dates and times reviewed.
- Discussing how to best use the radio broadcast on KFKA.
- We need more men to serve as an Elder. Goal is one man for every twenty households.
- If God puts this on your heart, or you have questions, please contact Pastor or Ken.
- Communion will continue to be offered on the 2nd, 4th, and 5th Sunday as well as Festival Days.
- Took questions regarding number of Elders and how it is decided when to offer communion.

Treasurer: Cheri Carsten

- Presentation in paper form of Balance Sheet as of November 30, 2023. Took questions.
- Presented and discussed slides of attendance and offering analysis.
- Reminder that Profit / Loss financial reports are reviewed by Council at their monthly meeting.

School Board: Pam Clavir, Co-chair

- School has started since last meeting with many activities.
- Staff able to attend Rocky Mountain District Convention in Breckenridge.
- Our EC Director, Gwen Marshall, was honored as the EC Administrator of the Year.
- Fall Festival was attended by 400 people. Will continue this type of outreach.
- Scholarship Campaign thank-you to those who contributed.
- Thank you to the school staff for stepping up to help through changes and issues that arise.
- School Children's Program Sunday December 17th at 10:30 am service. Encouraged members to attend and reach out to parents.

Review of Church Organizational Chart: Angela Riemer

- Reintroduced the organizational chart that comes out of our new constitution/bylaws.
- Thanked those who have served on the Property Board and Finance Board. The property board will now be a Property Team that comes together for specific projects. Encouraged those who are willing to serve on projects to let Angela or the church office know.

Election:

SLATE OF CANDIDATES FOR ELECTION December 10, 2023

Vice-Chairperson: Renee Ortado Treasurer: Londa Polzin Three "At Large" Council Members: Randy Brech; Scott Chartier; Matthew Foster

- Wayne Hoover moved that this slate of candidates brought by the nomination committee of Pam Clavir, Larry Whitney, and Pastor Vanderhyde be approved by acclimation. Motion seconded by Bob Thorgesen. Discussion. A unanimous voice vote approved all candidates.
- Angela thanked the outgoing/term limited officers Bob Thorgesen as Vice Chair and Cheri Carsten as Treasurer for their service to Trinity.

There being no other business, the meeting adjourned at 1:05 p.m. The meeting closed with the prayer by elder Ken Clavir.

School Happenings

Preschool & K-8

Dear Members of Trinity Lutheran Church,

We have been busy, busy, busy at Trinity Lutheran School. Here is a recap of the excitement we have had in January:

We have begun marketing our church & school in Greeley Lifestyle Magazine. Stop in the office if you are interested in getting a copy to share with neighbors, family members, or a business that may want more information about what we have to offer! Please be sure to like and follow our school Facebook page and share posts. This is a free way to promote our school and increase community awareness of TLS!

We had a wonderful celebration of our Lutheran school from January 21-26. This included students singing in church, daily special activities & breakfasts for fun and fellowship, a bowling field trip, Grandparents' Day, and much more! Thank you for all you do to support your school!

We had student baptisms this month. Please pray for our students who are continuing to grow in their faith each and every day. Sharing of the Gospel has a huge impact on our students and their families!

We had a Preschool & Kindergarten open house on January 25 to kick off our 2024-2025 school year enrollment. Teachers and school board members were available to give tours, answer questions, and allow parents to see what their child would experience at Trinity Lutheran School.

Early enrollment runs from January 25 until February 23.

In addition to the busyness, we are hard at work with learning. Stop by school to look around the halls and classrooms to see work on display and learn more about what our fabulous teachers and students are doing each day.

We do have some volunteer opportunities that may be a wonderful way to interact with our teachers and students. These include **serving hot lunch, reading and listening to students read, and making copies and preparing materials for teachers**. If any of these are ways you have time and talents to serve, please call or email Mrs. Balfour at (920)-539-4743 or abalfour@tlgreeley.com.

In His Service,

Alysa Balfour K-8 Administrator

Gwen Marshall Early Childhood Director

February Cooks Night Out

Join us at Texas Roadhouse on Thursday, February 22nd for a great COOKS NIGHT OUT! Let's have some good food, good fun, and good fellowship!



Available from 3 pm to 9 pm.

Texas Roadhouse will donate a percentage back to

Trinity Lutheran School. Pick up a flyer from the church narthex on Sunday, February 18th or in the school office during that week.

Help us get the word out!



Tell your friends and neighbors about Trinity Lutheran School! Set up a tour for the school

and receive 50% off registration, when you register.

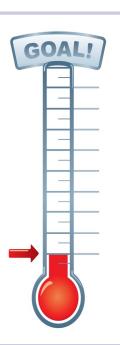
Early Registration ends February 23!

SOUP CANS FOR SOUPER BOWL SUNDAY!

Let's make February 4th a "Souper Bowl Sunday" and see how many cans of soup Trinity can donate in one day!

WELD FOOD BANK

Please continue to bring your canned foods throughout the month of February. Bring them to the school Mon-Fri 8 am-4 pm or the church on Sunday mornings.



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 *Melanie Davis - Home *Rachel Einspahr – Home *Richard Ewald –Atria *Caryle Kassahn –Home

*Wilbert Lutz –Home *Fran Martin –Home *Ruth McGhghy - Home with family *Dave Schonek –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.

Alleluia Instructions (for following page)

On Sunday, February 11, we will put away "Alleluia" for the Lenten season. As a visual representation, we are asking all members of the Trinity Lutheran Church and School family to color an Alleluia strip to place in the black box where we usually hid "Alleluia". The Alleluias will then become part of the church decorations on Easter Sunday.

How to get an Alleluia: 1. There is a page in your church newsletter. Color one or all three and return to church. 2. There will be single strips with an Alleluia on the tables where you sign in for church attendance until Ash Wednesday. 3. There were coloring sheets at the National Lutheran Schools Week breakfast January 28, so many of you had a chance to color one then. 4. Ask Gwen Marshall.

Instructions: please use bright colors – not brown, gray or black * you can use markers, crayons or pencils * include everyone in the family, even the little ones who might mostly scribble * if you did your Alleluia on the sheet of 3, DO NOT cut them out (we will use the paper cutter at school to cut them in strips) * don't put a name on them – we won't be returning them after Easter If you have questions or would like to help set up the display for Easter, speak with Gwen Marshall or call/text her at 303-565-0234.



	Financial Report Cash Position Second Quarter Ending December 31, 2023					
	Offerings & Other Income		\$295,934			
School Income			\$191,232			
	Gifts		<u>\$ 1500</u>			
	Total Income (Cash In)		\$488,666			
Ordinary Expen	ses \$	\$468,794				
Mortgage Interest		3 22,250				
Mortgage Principal		<u> 28,593</u>				
Total Expenses (Cash Out)		529,638				
Expenses in Excess of Income		\$40,972)				

If you have any questions regarding these numbers, please feel free to contact the Business Manager, Cheri Carsten or the Accountant, Kristen Meritt. **Mortgage balance: \$1,744,237.79**

PLAN AHEAD! The Weld County Elections Office will take possession of the Fellowship Hall beginning February 22nd thru Wednesday, March 6th. The Fellowship Hall and the attached kitchen will be unavailable during that time. Please make sure that you have removed any items that you may need prior to February 22nd as the doors will be locked.



Note from the Editor: I was looking for a picture for the newsletter cover page to depict pastor's theme of "40 Days in the Wilderness with Jesus" for Lent. I found one that spoke to me and shared it with Pastor. He commented that he liked it because the person in the picture could be anyone. How true! Who hasn't sometimes felt alone in the wilderness, far from God, far from family and tempted by Satan? At the bottom of the same page, there was a picture of Jesus with his hand reaching out. It appeared his hand was coming straight out of the canvas and reaching for me. It was titled "Give Me Your Hand". It touched my heart and reminded me that when I feel separated and alone I need to give my hand to Jesus. He spent 40 days in the wilderness himself and knows what I am going through. I just need to take the hand He has extended to me. May you always take the hand of our Lord and Savior when you find yourself in the wilderness. "Now may the Lord of peace himself give you peace at all times in every way. The Lord be with you all." 2 Thessalonians 3:16

FEBRUARY

Bírthdays

I-Les Durdy 2-Jeremy Dietrich 2-Brinley Whitney **3-Mary Reichel** 4 – Karen Moline **5-Douglas Sterner** 7-Larry Schroeder **10-Harold Moore** II – Gary Klipp 14 – Nicholas Best 14-Joyce Einspahr 14-Adrian Kline **15-Lance Polzin I5-Gordon Rupple I5-Stephen Schaps I5-Liam Stanton I6-Presley Haberman**

16-Alivea Leschinsky
18-Danica Flesner
21-Mark Eggers
21-Wayne Hoover
22-Kathy Windsheimer
23-Jairus Ewald
24 –Dustin Brown
24-Sarah Haberman
24-Vincent Wojurfin
25-Doug Bliss
25-Judy Dietrich
25-Keith Reichert
27-Richard Ewald
27-Harlan Simonson
28-Emily Russel



Dale & Roxanne Schlichenmayer –20 yrs. Virtus & Joyce Einspahr –23 yrs. Greg & Valerie Hiller -30 yr

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

February

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, 970-330-2485.

> February 4 Available

February II Available

February 18 Lent begins-the altar remains bare.

February 25 Lent begins-the altar remains bare.

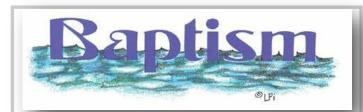
2024 Calendar is waiting for you to pick a date !



~Attendance~

- December 17 Early-81 Late-297
- December 24 Morn-130 Eve-144
- December 31 One Service -- 116
- January 7 Early-94 Late-59
- January 14 Early-50 Late-39
- January 21 One Service—95





Zoella Ortíz Born 10-4-2016 Parents -Domínick & Faith Ortíz and

Zerakaí Ortíz

Parents -Brían & Jessíca Anderson Born 3-5-2018 Both Baptízed 1-24-2024

Sunday Mornings

8:00 am - Worship Service

10:30 am - Worship Service

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

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

Ministry Assistants—February Schedule

February 4

Elders – 8:00 am Mike Thuener; 10:30 am Steve Cooper Ushers –8:00 am Doug Reed; 10:30 am Bret Schmidt Sound –8:00 am Dan Swanson; 10:30 am Dan Swanson Video –8:00 am Mary Beitz; 10:30 am Terri Swanson Organist –Debra Schwartz Security –8:00 am John Kruger; 10:30 am Bret Schmidt

February 11*

Elders –8:00 am Gary Klipp; 10:30 am Ken Clavir Ushers –8:00 am Doug Reed; 10:30 am Bret Schmidt Sound –8:00 am Aaron Riemer; 10:30 am Aaron Riemer Video –8:00 am Angela Riemer; 10:30 am Angela Riemer Organist –Debra Schwartz Security – 8:00 am Doug Sterner ; 10:30 am Bret Schmidt

February 18

Elders – 8:00 am Larry Whitney; 10:30 am Steve Cooper Ushers –8:00 am Cheri Carsten; 10:30 am Ken Einspahr Sound –8:00 am Jeff Junker; 10:30 am Jeff Junker Video –8:00 am Josh Anderson; 10:30 am Jeff Junker Organist– Ke Streeb Security –8:00 am Brian Anderson; 10:30 am Bret Schmidt

February 25*

Elders –8:00 am Bob Thorgesen; 10:30 am Steve Cooper Ushers —8:00 am Cheri Carsten; 10:30 am Ken Einspahr Sound –8:00 am Dan Swanson; 10:30 am Dan Swanson Video –8:00 am Terri Swanson; 10:30 am Terri Swanson Organist– Ken Streeb Security –8:00 am James Roohr; 10:30 am Lance Polzin

*Communion



Trinity office	25 Weld Co Voters 8:00am & 10:30 am Worship 9:20am SS & Bible Study	18 8:00am & 10:30 am Worship 9:20am SS & Bible Study	11 8:00am & 10:30 am Worship 9:20am SS & Bible Study	4 Mite Sunday 8:00am & 10:30 am Worship 9:20am SS & Bible Study	Jan 28	SUNDAY	February 2024
	26 Weld Co Voters 9:00am Quilters Meet	19 9:00am Quilters Meet	12 9:00am Quilters Meet	5 9:00am Quilters Meet 6:00pm BOCE Meeting	29	MONDAY	2024
	27 Weld Co Voters	20 1:30pm Mission Circle	13	6	30	TUESDAY	
1	28 Weld Co Voters 10:00am & 6pm Midweek Svc 11:00am Lenten 5:00pm Lenten Supper	21 9:30am Sewing Group 10:00am & 6pm 11:00am Lenten 5:00pm Lenten Supper 5:30pm Small Group	14 10:00am & 6pm Ash Wednesday 11:00am Lenten Luncheon 5:00pm Lenten Supper	7 9:30am Sewing Group 5:00pm Small Group	31	WEDNESDAY	
	29 Weld Co Voters 6:30am Men's Group	22 6:30am Men's Group 12:00pm O.W.L.S. 3:00pm Cooks Night Out	15 6:30am Men's Group 3:00pm Newsletter Deadline	8 6:30am Men's Group 1:00pm FRIENDSHIP CIRCLE	Feb 1 6:30am Men's Group 1:00pm LWML	THURSDAY	Su Mo Tu We Th 4 5 6 7 8 11 12 13 14 15 18 2 3 14 15 18 2 2 2 2 2
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Return Service Requested

Church/School Office: 970-330-2485 Church/School Fax: 970-330-2844 Church/School Email: <u>office@tlgreeley.com</u> Website: tlsgreeley.org

Worship Services

Sunday 8:00 & 10:30 am Adult Bible Classes Sunday School - 9:20 am Non Profit Org. U.S. POSTAGE PAID Greeley, CO Permit No. 33

E eelings and people. We see hearts everywhere and send ards and greetings to friends and family. We need to During the month of February we focus on special — any month! Use the code to find a special message n God. It's good for any day — any mor Message lo this every month from God. 3

"I have loved you with an everlasting love."