



Trinity Tidings

Trinity Lutheran Church and School
3000 35th Avenue

Greeley, Colorado 80634

February 2025

Trinity Lutheran
School & Preschool



3000 35TH AVE, GREELEY, CO

KINDERGARTEN OPEN HOUSE

**FEBRUARY 6, 2025
6:30 PM**

Please join us to meet with our kindergarten teacher, receive general information, building tour and refreshments. Participants who attend receive a \$50 discount on early registration.



SCHEDULE:

MEET THE TEACHER ✓

TOUR THE SCHOOL ✓

REFRESHMENTS ✓

ENROLL NOW



Contact us
(970) 330-2485 
www.tlgreeley.org



February

~ Thursday, February 6th ~
@ 1:00 pm

Mite Devotions

Program: Bible Study *with Pastor Hesse*

Hostesses: Sharon Andrews

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!
Give thanks for their serving hearts!

LWML Praises the Lord for Mission Offerings

MISSION GRANT UPDATE

The Mission Goal for the 2023-2025 Biennium is \$2,350,000.00. So far, 21 of the 31 grants have been paid in full with the \$2,155,699.71 raised. We need to raise \$194,300.29 more to fulfill the remaining grants. This needs to be completed by the National Convention, scheduled for June 26-29 in Omaha, Ne. when they will vote on new Grant Missions. This coming June at the Convention, LWML attendees will vote on the Mission Grants for 2025-2027. 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 2nd. 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 2, 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).

*Think Inside
the Box*



MISSION GRANTS ARE FUNDED BY MITES AND SERVE TO SPREAD GOD'S WORD AROUND THE WORLD!

For more information about what the grant money is used for, check out:
<https://www.lwml.org/mission-grants>



From the Pastor's Desk

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

As we move into February, the light continues to grow. In the Church, the light grows as we travel through Epiphany. Jesus Christ, who came to bring light in the darkness, reveals himself gradually through words and actions so that we might come to know that he is no ordinary man but the Word and Son of the Father, become a human being for us and for our salvation.

If you and I were alive in first-century Judea, while Jesus was conducting his ministry, would we have “seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father?” (John 1:14). Maybe so, but not because it was plain to see. The truth about Jesus is hidden from our eyes. “‘What no eye has seen, nor ear heard, nor the heart of man imagined, what God has prepared for those who love him’—these things God has revealed to us through the Spirit” (1 Corinthians 2:9–10).

In fact, to see Jesus truly means to look beyond appearances and trust God’s Word and promises. The suffering of Jesus on the cross appeared weak, but by it he defeated our enemies and forgave our sins. The death of Stephen, the first martyr, appeared to be weakness, but by faith in Jesus he received a crown (Stephanos means crown in Greek). In the world, the wicked often prosper and the righteous (those who believe in Jesus) receive no earthly compensation. Luther points to Psalm 2, where David paints a picture of kings and tyrants who set themselves against God and against his Messiah as though they can free themselves from God’s rule—but in vain. “He who sits in the heavens laughs.” “As for me, I have set my king on Zion, my holy hill” (Psalm 2:1–6; for Luther’s commentary, see Luther’s Works Volume 12 in the American Edition). Jesus Christ reigns supreme, despite appearances. “These things God has revealed to us through the Spirit.”

During Epiphany, we learn to “unsee” what we thought we saw, to move beyond appearance through faith and cling to Jesus, trusting his word and promises, and following him wherever he leads. In the daily struggle for Christian faith, when things go well or ill, pray that God would open the eyes of your heart to see with his perspective, to be enlightened by Christ. Continue to gather with God’s people, converse with them, and receive through their mouths the words of eternal life. Finally, remember that I would be happy to talk through any situation with you, praying for insight and guidance for the Lord.

Peace to you, through Christ our Lord,

Pastor Joshua Vanderhyde

COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Trinity Lutheran Church and School

DATE: 1/11/2025

Location: Narthex Lounge, 8:30 a.m.

Attendance: Quorum established. Matthew Foster, Chair; Renee Ortado, Vice-Chair; Londa Polzin, Treasurer; Brenda Schmidt, Secretary; Randy Brech, At-Large; Scott Chartier, At-Large; Ken Clavir, Elders Chair; Linda Klipp, BOE Co-Chair; Pam Clavir, BOE Co-Chair; Cheri Carsten, Volunteer Business Manager; Pastor Joshua Vanderhyde.

I. **OPENING** The meeting opened with devotion on Romans 5:5 and prayer by Renee.

MINUTES December minutes previously approved through email.

II. OLD BUSINESS

Profit and Loss Budget vs. Actual financial report emailed prior to meeting for review.

Pam moved we approve this report as presented. Seconded by Scott. Discussion. Motion passed by voice vote.

III. REPORTS

a. **Business Manager:** Cheri Carsten

- Business Manager report was sent to Council members by email in advance. Discussion.
- Presented job descriptions for Business Manager, Accountant, and Campus Administrator.
- Need additional counters for the weekly offering counting team.
- Memorial fund committee has moved to Treasurer / Accounting team. Londa is writing a policy for how memorial funds are managed.
- ACTION: Scott moved that Council authorize Cheri K. Carsten, Business Manager, to sign for funds on behalf of Trinity Lutheran Church, Greeley, Colorado. Motion seconded by Londa. Discussion. Motion passed by voice vote.
- ACTION: Cheri moved that we transition sending the "Trinity Tidings" newsletter back to monthly mailings (paper copies) away from only digital email copy with individuals being able to opt out of the mailing and receive online copy only. Motion seconded by Londa. Discussion. Verbal vote to approve this motion. Passed.
- ACTION: Ken moved that we move the responsibility of managing security functions of our church and school to the Business Manager. Motion seconded by Pam. Discussion. Motion passed with voice vote.

b. **School Board:** Pam Clavir and Linda Klipp, Co-Chairs

- Report sent to Council members by email in advance of this meeting. Discussion.
- Parent forum (January 23) and Kindergarten round-up (February 6) dates are set.

a. **Pastor and Elders:** Pastor Vanderhyde and Ken Clavir, Chair

- Per Pastor's request, the Pastor and Elder report was given at beginning of meeting.
- Ken Clavir was voted in by Elders to serve as Chairperson.
- Discussed Family Connection Teams to be assigned to each Elder. Will include helpers as "Sheep Dogs" to assist and serve. Goal is to increase connection and unity within our church family.
- Introduced a Sustainable Template of Pastor's proposal to add Principal to his role and call a second pastor to better serve the opportunities of our church and school. The template included numbers and financials over 5 years.
- Discussion regarding next steps. Council assigned a "Vision Subcommittee" to collaborate with Pastor in further defining and exploring this proposal.
- Subcommittee members: Pastor as Spiritual Lead; Ken Clavir, Elders Chair; Gary Klipp, Elders Vice Chair; Matthew Foster, Council Chair; Renee Ortado, Council Vice-Chair; Pam Clavir, BOE Co-Chair; Linda Klipp, BOE Co-Chair; Cheri Carsten, Business Manager / Logistics.

IV. POLICY REVIEW Church Council Policy Manual -- Reviewed Section 4.

- Tabled discussion of Business Managers accountability to the School Board.
- Matthew will send out continued discussion points via email in the interest of time and table any action needed to February meeting.

V. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Council Member contacts list updated. Matthew will send out copy via email.
- b. Path to Quarterly meeting schedule: Quarterly Council meetings will be in person on the second Saturday of January, April, July, and October in the Narthex Lounge at 8:30 am. All other months will meet via prescheduled ZOOM meetings at same week/time. Monthly reports should be sent via email 10 days ahead of monthly meeting. This will leave open option to not hold zoom meeting and table actions until following month.
- c. Devotions: April: Londa; July: Ken; October: Pam.
- d. New "At-Large" council member discussion. Will hold anonymous nominations (by nominating committee Pastor, Lance Polzin, and Renee Ortado). Member will be voted in at next Congregational Assembly meeting.
- e. Congregational Assembly Meeting date set: Sunday, April 13, 2025, at 11:45 am. AGENDA: Approval of proposed 2025-2026 Budget; Board Reports; Election of new "At Large" council member.

With no further business to discuss, the meeting closed at 10:25 a.m. The meeting closed with prayer by Matthew. Next meeting is scheduled as a zoom meeting (if needed) on February 8.



Brenda D. Schmidt / Congregational Secretary

School Happenings

Preschool & K-5

Dear Members of Trinity Lutheran Church,

Enrollment began for the upcoming 2025-26 school year on January 23. We had a forum for our existing elementary families that evening. Our next big push is a kindergarten open house on Thursday, February 6, at 6:30 p.m. We have invitations available on the table by the school bulletin board or in the school office if you know someone who should come take a look at Trinity. We are also taking invitations to other preschools that are not attached to an elementary school.

Preschool continues to just add students no matter the time of the year. I added 3 new ones to my class in January and it looks like 3 more will be ready in February. The preschool challenge this semester is staffing. Mrs. Ewald will go on maternity leave in February. The current plan is for Debbie Schwartz to cover her class (and put that brand new master's degree in early childhood education to work). Our afternoon assistant will also be leaving us soon. Kenzie Horton got married over Christmas break. Her husband is in the navy and she will be following him to wherever he is stationed in the coming weeks. We are still looking for high school or college-age individuals who could help with afternoon childcare through May. If you find such an individual, send them my way!

Add these dates to your calendar:

- Sunday, March 9 – Trinity kicks off their celebration of National Lutheran Schools Week with the elementary students singing at the 8:00 service. The school will provide the refreshments after the service (I feel well enough to tackle a big batch of cinnamon rolls).
- Friday, March 14 – Grandparents Day – not all of our students will have grandparents available to attend that morning, so we would welcome some surrogate grandparents to join our festivities from 10:00 a.m. until noon – we will have chapel, classroom visits and a few rounds of Bingo in the school cafeteria – speak to one of the teachers if you would like to join us.
- Friday, May 2 – School Talent Show – 6:30 p.m. in the school gym – we will be seeking acts (applications available in late March) – there will be a silent auction of projects created by our students – we definitely want you to be part of the audience.

The school got a late start, but the soup war is on! We have started collecting cans of soup for the Weld County Food Bank; Barb laid down a challenge for the congregation to meet or exceed what our student body collects. There will be a report on what is collected on the tables on Sunday mornings until Super Bowl Sunday. The following week, the winner will be announced. No matter who wins the Trinity contest, the big winner is the food bank as they fight hunger in our county.

In Christ's Service,

Gwen Marshall
Early Childhood Director

February Cooks Night Out

Join us at Texas Roadhouse on Tuesday, February 18 and Wednesday, February 19 for a favorite 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 16th or in the school office during that week. (You must have a physical paper flyer or your order will not count.) Don't forget to purchase Texas Roadhouse scrip cards!

Early Student Registration

Help us get the word out!

Tell your friends and neighbors about

Trinity Lutheran School! Set up a tour of the school and receive \$50 off registration, when you register.

Early Registration ends February 28!

SOUP CANS FOR SOUPER BOWL SUNDAY!

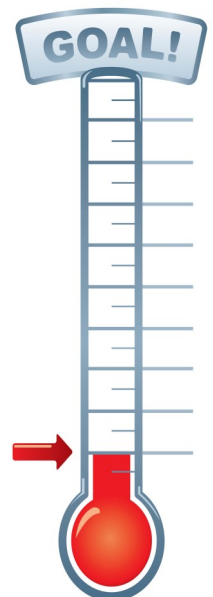
Let's make February 9th a "Souper Bowl Sunday" and see how many cans of soup Trinity can donate in one day!

Who will win the **CHALLENGE?**

The Congregation of the TLS students?

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.

- *Richard Beitz-Home
- *Ellen Colegrove- Grace Point
- *Elaine Daubert-Home
- *Melanie Davis - Home
- *Teresa Detterer-Home
- *William Heldt-Meadowview
- *Rachel Einspahr- Grace Point
- *Verne Einspahr –Grace Point
- *Mary Henneck-Home
- *Ruth McGhghy - Life Care
- *Ron Otto- Grace Point
- *Karen Rutt-Home
- *Dave Schonek –Home
- *Esther Specht-Daughter’s Home
- *Lorene Steele –Home
- *Don & Dixie Wacker –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.



Financial Report

Cash Position

Second Quarter Ending December 31, 2024

Offerings & Other Income	\$293,005
School Income	\$160,219
Gifts	<u>\$ 24,661</u>
Total Income (Cash In)	\$477,885

Ordinary Expenses	\$530,266
Mortgage Interest	\$ 44,320
Mortgage Principal	<u>\$ 10,611</u>
Total Expenses (Cash Out)	\$585,197
Expenses in Excess of Income	(\$107,311)

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: \$1,723,284.97



FEBRUARY



Birthdays

1-Les Durdy
 2-Jeremy Dietrich
 2-Brinley Whitney
 3-Mary Reichel
 3-Malachi Vanderhyde
 4 –Karen Moline
 5-Douglas Sterner
 7-Larry Schroeder
 10-Harold Moore
 11 –Gary Klipp
 14 –Nicholas Best
 14-Joyce Einspahr
 14-Adrian Kline
 15-Lance Polzin
 15-Gordon Ruppel
 15-Stephen Schaps
 15-Liam Stanton

16-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 -21 yrs.
 Virtus & Joyce Einspahr -24 yrs.
 Greg & Valerie Hiller -31 yr
 John & Cathy Turley -53 yrs.

(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 bulletin board
by the kitchen sink in the
narthex lounge
or call the church office,
970-330-2485.

February 2
Available

February 9
Available

February 16
Joyce & Virtus Einspahr
Anniversary

February 23
Available

**2025 Calendar is waiting for
you to pick a date !**



~Attendance~

December 22	Early-81	Late-63
December 24	One Service-197	
December 25	One Service-61	
December 29	Early-75	Late-42
January 5	Early-76	Late-52
January 12	Early-101	Late-34
January 19	Early-62	Late-48

February is Heart Health Month



*Give your whole heart
to God!*

Sunday Mornings

8:00 am -Worship Service

10:30 am -Worship Service

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

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

Ministry Assistants—February Schedule

February 2

Elders – 8:00 am Gary Klipp; 10:30 am Bret Schmidt
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 Lance Polzin; 10:30 am Bret Schmidt

February 9*

Elders –8:00 am Larry Whitney; 10:30 am Mark Eggers
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 James Roohr ; 10:30 am Bret Schmidt

February 16

Elders – 8:00 am Zack Ewald; 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 Dan Swanson; 10:30 am Dan Swanson
Organist– Ke Streeb
Security –8:00 am Lance Polzin; 10:30 am Bret Schmidt

February 23*

Elders –8:00 am Bob Thorgesen; 10:30 am Les Durdy
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 Doug Sterner; 10:30 am Lance Polzin

*Communion



February 2025

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Jan 26	27	28	29	30	31	Feb 1
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Return Service Requested

Church/School Office: 970-330-2485
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 Website: tlgreeley.org

Worship Services

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



A Message of Love

Luke 10:27 has a wonderful message to live by.

Find the message by writing the opposite words next to the ones given.
 Then transfer the letters to the numbered lines they match below.

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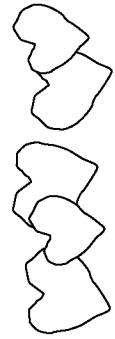
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Answer:
 warm; over; in; small; loud; hard; young; before; true; "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind," and, "Love your neighbor as yourself."