

# Trinity Tidings

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

February 2026



**Immanuel Lutheran Church**  
4650 Sunview Drive in Loveland, CO  
February 1, 2026 6:30 pm to 8:00 pm

Life  
before  
Birth

**Life Before Birth** is a presentation of Biblical, physical, and scientific evidence; and, perspectives on human life before birth. Participants will be encouraged to integrate faith in Jesus Christ with their views on this critical cultural issue. You're invited to hear information from Lindsay Guard of Life Choices and panelists who can respond to questions.

Go to [publicsquarechristians.org/events](http://publicsquarechristians.org/events) for more information or to register. All ages welcomed; may be particularly helpful to GenZers and Millennials. This event is free.

Presented by *Christians Engaging the Public Square*.



**February**  
~ Thursday, February 5th ~  
@ 1:00 pm

## Mite Devotions

**Program: Bible Study with Larry Whitney**

**Hostesses:** Lyla Kaczor

**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 2024-2026 Biennium is \$80,000.00. So far, 8 of the 14 grants have been paid in full with the \$63,000.00 raised. We need to raise \$17,000.00 more to fulfill the remaining grants. This needs to be completed by the District Convention, scheduled for June 5-7 in Colorado Springs, CO. when they will vote on new Grant Missions. This coming June at the Convention, LWML attendees will vote on the Mission Grants for 2026-2028. 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 1st. 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 1, 2026

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).



### MISSION GRANTS ARE FUNDED BY MITES AND SERVE TO SUPPORT LOCAL DISTRICT MINISTRIES!

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

# From the Pastor's Desk

## Epiphany, Freedom, and the Work Before Us

The season of Epiphany is about *seeing clearly*. In Epiphany, Christ is revealed—not only who He is, but what His presence does. Light breaks into the world, perception is reshaped, and ordinary places become sites of divine purpose. Epiphany trains us to lift our eyes.

This season coincides with a remarkable moment in the life of our congregation. Through an extraordinary and generous gift of **\$1.7 million**, our mortgage has now been paid in full. The intent of this gift was not simply financial relief, but freedom—freedom for Christ's ministry among us to move forward unencumbered by debt. With the mortgage gone, many long-standing stresses and concerns have been healed. That healing will bear fruit as we *unite and move forward together*.

Freedom from debt gives us something precious: **headspace**. It allows us to lift our eyes from the need to survive—from the constant pressure of “woulda, shoulda, coulda”—and attend instead to the needs before us now. Ministry is not about preserving structures for their own sake; it is about serving real needs as Christ reveals them. Epiphany calls us to fix our eyes on Jesus and to learn to see with the *mind of Christ*, allowing Him to shape how we perceive one another, our work, and our shared life.

At the heart of Christ's concern is formation—the shaping of minds and hearts in the truth. Education, in this broad and biblical sense, is not peripheral to the Church's mission; it is central. Our school plays a significant role in this work, but it is not the only place it happens. Our whole life together as a congregation is part of the same project. Worship, prayer, fellowship, service, learning, hospitality—these are not disconnected activities. They are the shared rhythms through which Christ forms His people.

This means we should increasingly attend to *how* our common life works: our rituals and routines, our physical surroundings, our worship and gathering spaces, our programs and events—everything about our life together. Freed from the weight of a mortgage, we are invited to consider carefully what needs we are called to address now, and how best to do so for one another's sake. That is both a responsibility and an adventure, and it is one we undertake together.

Many have asked for a clearer picture of **The Foundry**, our Friday enrichment program. In simple terms, students attend four classes during the day, alongside shared rhythms like recess and lunch. The program is intentionally hands-on and varied, offering opportunities to work with tools, materials, ideas, movement, and creativity. Over the past year, course offerings have included areas such as the following :

### Craft & Trades

Woodworking • Blacksmithing • Sewing • Fiber Arts • Paper Arts • Pottery • Bicycle Maintenance

### STEM & Design

Robotics • Experimental Science Lab • Computer Anatomy • Space Exploration • Seed to Sale • LEGO World-Building

### Art & Humanities

Art • Sculpture • Creative Writing • Playwriting & Monologues • Drama • Treasure Island Reading Club

### Food & Practical Arts

Cooking • Foods of the World

### Movement & Discipline

P.E. • Team Sports • Archery • Pickleball • Martial Arts • Orienteering

This work is sustained by the faithful efforts of teachers, staff, volunteers, and supporters—many of whom serve quietly and generously. We give thanks for all who contribute their time, skill, and care to our shared life.

Freed from debt, grounded in Christ, and called to see clearly, we step forward together—trusting that the Light who has been revealed will continue to guide our way.

In Christ,

*Pastor Joshua Vanderhyde*

**COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**  
Trinity Lutheran Church and School  
Greeley, Colorado

DATE: 1/10/2026  
Location: Basement Classroom 8:30 a.m.

Attendance: Matthew Foster, Chair; Renee Ortado, Vice-Chair; Cathy Turley, Treasurer; Brenda Schmidt, Secretary; Brendon Butterworth, At Large; Jason Reiter, At-Large; Cristian Wacker, At-Large; Pam Clavir, SB Co-Chair; Ken Clavir, Elder Chair; Pastor Joshua Vanderhyde; Pastor Pete Woodward; Trevor Kunze, guest and Tori Foster, guest for their presentations only. Quorum established.

8:30am – 9:10am Joint meeting held with Elders present to discuss recent anonymous and generous monetary gift and how we should celebrate what it means to Trinity. Council affirmed Linda Klipp to chair this celebration with the help of Laura Reiter and a committee of their choosing. More information and plans will be announced.

**I. OPENING** The Council meeting opened with prayer.

**II. OLD BUSINESS**

- Minutes: November meeting minutes previously approved via email.
- Financials: Profit and Loss Budget vs. Actual financial reports emailed prior to meeting for review.
- Cathy Turley gave notice of her resignation as treasurer.
- Meeting went into executive session from 9:16 am – 9:36 am. Ken moved that we accept Cathy's resignation with our thanks for the work she has done. Motion seconded by Jason. Motion carried.
- Ken moved that we appoint Cathy Turley as interim (temporary) treasurer with the sole responsibility to sign checks until the position of Treasurer has been filled. Motion seconded by Jason. Motion carried.
- Request to enter into executive session for a second matter began at 9:40 am – 9:46 am.

**III. REPORTS**

- a. **Business Manager:** No report / position vacant
- b. **School Board:** Pam Clavir, Co-Chair
  - School Board meetings moved to 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday – will meet on January 15.
  - School Christmas program went well.
  - Ongoing shortage of substitute teachers.
  - Cooks night out at Red Robin on January 13.
- c. **Pastor/Elders:** Pastor Vanderhyde / Ken Clavir, Chair
  - Orientation and training to new Elders – Harlan Simonson and Randy Brech.
  - Pastor Woodward will offer a training session for Elders focusing on responsibilities and how to make home visits/calls.
  - Ken Clavir was re-elected as Chair of Elders. Larry Whitney will serve as the recording secretary.
  - Call Committee: Received only one candidate that would meet our list of needs. Requested additional candidate names from the Rocky Mountain District LCMS.

**IV. NEW BUSINESS**

- a. Three Trees Ministry facility use request: Per request from November meeting, Three Trees Ministry presented a more detailed use request of our facilities for summer 2026. Email discussions among Council members recommended a set amount of cost to cover expenses. Trevor Kunze / Three Trees Ministry attended the meeting to thank Council for our consideration but chose to decline our offer.
- b. VBS volunteer director Tori Foster present to address potential conflicts with space usage. Council affirmed VBS director can determine best space for the program. VBS is June 8-12, 2026.
- c. Annual Council and Congregational Assembly meeting dates set for 2026.
- d. FY2025 Budget rework: Reaffirmed that unless spending is over the ceiling threshold for the approved 2025 budget, it should not be reworked mid cycle.
- e. FY2026 Budget: Discussion beginning for Boards to develop the new budget.
- f. National/Regional LCMS elections: Elders appointed Zach Ewald as our lay representative. Additional National and regional nominations are now posted on the Narthex bulletin board. Special brief assembly meeting will be held on January 25 to vote on nominees.
- g. Council Policy Review: Members should review section 2.8 ahead of next meeting.

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:50 am. Closed with the Lord's Prayer.  
Next meeting: February 14, 2026. 8:30 am in Narthex Lounge.

*Brenda Schmidt*

Brenda D. Schmidt / Congregational Secretary

# LENTEN SOUP LUNCHEONS AND SUPPERS

Wednesdays  
in Lent

Luncheons 11 am  
in Narthex

Suppers 5 pm  
in Fellowship Hall

February 25 to  
March 25



Sign up sheets in Narthex

## NEW YEAR, NEW GOAL!

### WELD FOOD BANK

**LET THE COMPETITION BEGIN!  
TLS STUDENTS VS. CONGREGATION.**

*Who will bring the most cans of soup!*

*Competition ends February 8th, so bring cans of soup to the church and place them on the church table in the narthex.*

*Students will bring theirs on Wednesdays.*

*Only cans of soup will count in the competition, however all non-perishable items are welcome.*

*(Soup cans for the Souper Bowl!)*



Weld Food Bank

# School Happenings

## Preschool & K-5

Trinity family,

A new year is underway. Parents are starting to look for preschools for their little ones and others are evaluating plans for their elementary child next year. Some are looking for ways to enhance the homeschooling they have chosen for their family. As conversations come up in your social circle, point families to Trinity. Trinity offers preschool and childcare for children ages 2 ½ through 5 (and we accept UPK), K-8 elementary classes and homeschool enrichment through The Foundry program. Pastor and I love showing off the great things that are happening in our building and want to increase our influence in the community.

Nurturing the Faith is a gathering designed for pastors, school staff, church leaders, Sunday School teachers, youth workers and others involved in the ministry of a congregation. This year, the northern Colorado session is being hosted by Trinity! Read more about this exciting event on the following two pages.

**IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO ATTEND** – Registration is \$35 per person, which includes a light breakfast and lunch. The event hours were not posted on the website yet, but it is typically 8:30-2. You should be able to register on the [rm.lcms.org](http://rm.lcms.org) website OR get in touch with Gwen, who is handling local arrangements for this event. We will be joined by people from other Lutheran schools/congregations from the area north of Denver. The event will be held in the school cafeteria.

Gwen Marshall

Early Childhood Director

## 2026-2027

Help us get the word out!

It's never too early to start thinking about the  
2026-27 school year!

Registration coming soon!

## SAVE THE DATE

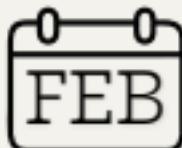
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ULTIMATE  
QUESTIONS

Real Answers. Real Hope.

## NURTURING THE FAITH

— FEBRUARY 2026 —

nurturing  
**the faith**

"Nurturing the Faith" Gatherings are designed for pastors, preschool, elementary and high school staffs, DCEs, church leaders, Sunday school teachers, youth workers, and others who are involved in the ministry of children, youth, and adults. Bring your Bible with you!

**SCRIPTURE BASIS:** "...to equip the saints for work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, until all of us come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to maturity, to the measure of the full stature of Christ." Ephesians 4: 12-13.

**MISSION STATEMENT:** Nurturing the Faith Workshops provide opportunities to be refreshed and renewed in the Word for all saints ministering to children, youth, and adults.

**OBJECTIVE:** To promote personal spiritual growth and develop faith-filled relationships through encountering God's Word.

**GUEST SPEAKER: REV. SCOTT ABEL,**

Lead Pastor, Our Father Lutheran Church, Centennial, CO.

Rev. Scott Abel has served as a Lutheran pastor for over 20 years and currently serves as the lead pastor of Our Father Lutheran Church in Centennial, Colorado. He is deeply passionate about helping Christians step back from the noise and assumptions of contemporary culture and see life clearly through the lens of God's Word.

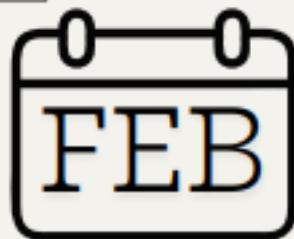
Much of Scott's teaching centers on the ultimate questions of life – identity, purpose, truth, freedom, and hope – and how people today often answer these questions by mixing cultural ideas with biblical truth. With a heart for both theological clarity and pastoral care, he seeks to equip church workers, educators, and families to recognize these influences and engage thoughtful, Christ-centered conversations with confidence and compassion.



FAITH TO MOVE MOUNTAINS... ONE STONE AT A TIME

## SAVE THE DATE

December 2025

nurturing  
**the faith**

Continued:

Many Christians today are forming their understanding of life by blending cultural messages, personal experience, and biblical truth. When these influences go unexamined, faith can become jumbled and uncertain. At the same time, many who do not identify as Christian still live by ideas about love, dignity, justice, and hope that ultimately come from the biblical story – often without recognizing their source.

In both cases, the same deep questions remain, shaping how people live.

Who am I?

Why am I here?

Where did I come from?

Where am I going?

Who decides what is true?

For this year's Nurturing the Faith, Pastor Scott Abel will help those who attend step back from the confusion of competing voices and see that only the Bible – centered on Jesus Christ – offers real, beautiful, and hope-filled answers to life's ultimate questions.

Nurturing the Faith 2026

**Registration cost - \$35/per person**

Feb. 23 New Mexico - Christ Lutheran School, Albuquerque, NM

Feb. 24 North Denver - Trinity Lutheran School, Greeley, CO

Feb. 26 South Denver - Peace With Christ Christian School, Aurora, CO

Feb. 27 Utah - Concordia Elem. and Learning Center/Holy Trinity, Riverton, UT

Registration opens January 16th.

Any questions, please contact the [Education office](#).



## 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.

\*Ellen Colegrove- Grace Point  
\*Elaine Daubert-Home  
\*Melanie Davis - Home  
\*Teresa Detterer-Home  
\*Rachel Einspahr- Grace Point  
\*Verne Einspahr –Grace Point  
\*Mary Henneck-Home

\*Ruth McGhghy - Life Care  
\*Ron Otto- Grace Point  
\*Karen Rutt-Home  
\*Dave Schonek –Unknown  
\*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.

## February Cooks Night Out

Join us at Texas Roadhouse on Tuesday, February 17 and Wednesday, February 18 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!



Watch for Upcoming Information  
regarding a  
Mortgage Burning Celebration  
after Easter!



# FEBRUARY



# Birthdays

1-Les Durdy  
2-Jeremy Dietrich  
2-Brinley Whitney  
3-Mary Reichel  
3-Malachi Vanderhyde  
4 –Karen Moline  
5-Douglas Sterner  
6-Candy Keigher  
7-Larry Schroeder  
10-Harold Moore  
11-Derald Huber  
11 –Gary Klipp  
12-Robert Keigher  
14-Joyce Einspahr  
14-Adrian Kline  
15-Lance Polzin  
15-Gordon Rupple  
15-Stephen Schaps

15-Liam Stanton  
16-Presley Haberman  
16-Charles Hall  
16-Alivea Leschinsky  
16-Joseph Reiter  
18-Danica Flesner  
21-Mark Eggers  
21-Wayne Hoover  
23-Jairus Ewald  
23-Diane Hall  
24 –Dustin Brown  
24-Sarah Haberman  
24-Vincent Wojurfin  
25-Doug Bliss  
25-Judy Dietrich  
25-Keith Reichert  
27-Harlan Simonson  
28-Emily Russel



Virtus & Joyce Einspahr -25 yrs.  
Greg & Valerie Hiller -32 yr  
John & Cathy Turley -54 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 1**

Available

**February 8**

Available

**February 15**

**February 22**

Available

**2026 Calendar is waiting for  
you to pick a date !**



## ~Attendance~

December 21	Early-86	Late-59
December 24	One Service-215	
December 25	One Service-67	
December 28	Early-83	Late-49
January 4	Early-108	Late-67
January 11	Early-110	Late-60
January 18	Early-113	Late-53

*February is Heart  
Health Month*



## Sunday Mornings

8:00 am -Worship Service

10:30 am -Worship Service

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

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*Go to: [tlgreeley.org](http://tlgreeley.org) and Live-stream the 8 am  
Traditional Service on Sunday mornings.*

## **Ministry Assistants—February Schedule**

### **February 1**

**Elders** – 8:00 am Zach 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 Les Durdy

**Organist** – Debra Schwartz

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

### **February 8\***

**Elders** – 8:00 am Bob Thorgesen & Harlan Simonsen; 10:30 am Randy Brech

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

**Video** – 8:00 am Terri Swanson; 10:30 am Jeff Junker

**Organist** – Debra Schwartz

**Security** – 8:00 am Dustin Brown; 10:30 am Bret Schmidt

### **February 15**

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

**Sound** – 8:00 am Canyon Brown; 10:30 am Jeff Junker

**Video** – 8:00 am Jeff Junker; 10:30 am Les Durdy

**Organist** – Ke Streeb

**Security** – 8:00 am Lance Polzin; 10:30 am Matt Foster

### **February 22\***

**Elders** – 8:00 am Ken Clavir & Zach Ewald; 10:30 am Steve Cooper

**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 Lance Polzin; 10:30 am Bret Schmidt

**\*Communion**

# February 2026

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Feb 1	2 9:00am Quilters Meet 8:00am & 10:30 am Worship 9:20am SS & Bible Study	3 10:00am Women's Chosen Bible Study 5:30pm Small Group	4 10:00am Women's Chosen Bible Study 5:30pm Small Group	5 6:30am Men's Group 1:00pm LWML	6 6:00pm Young Marines	7
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15	16 9:00am Quilters Meet 8:00am & 10:30 am Worship 9:20am SS & Bible Study 3:00pm Newsletter Deadline	17 12:00pm Cooks Night Out	18 10:00am Women's Chosen Bible Study 10:00am & 6pm Ash Wednesday 12:00pm Cooks Night Out	19 6:30am Men's Group	20 6:00pm Young Marines	21
22	23 8:00am & 10:30 am Worship 9:20am SS & Bible Study	24 School Closed 9:00am Quilters Meet	25 10:00am Women's Chosen Bible Study 8:30am Nurturing the Faith	26 10:00am Men's Group 12:00pm O.W.L.S. Midweek Lent Svc.	27 6:00pm Young Marines	28 8:00am Property Team Meeting

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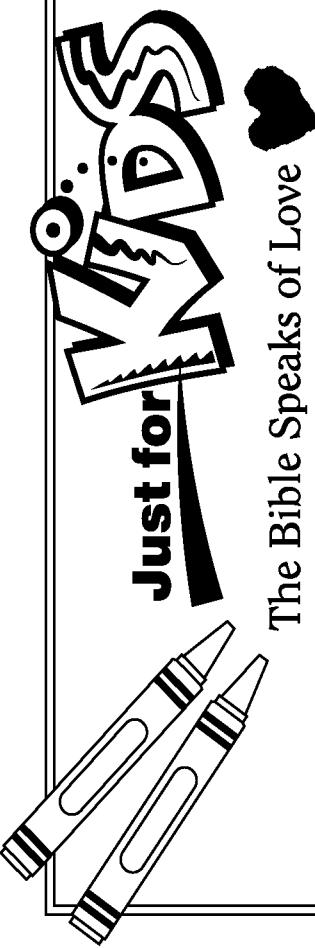
## Worship Services

Sunday 8:00 & 10:30 am

Adult Bible Classes

Sunday School - 9:20 am

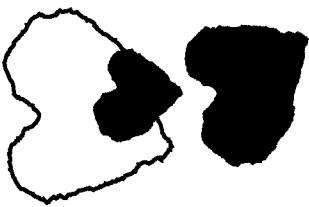
Answers: house; light; friend; wave; man;  
"God is love. Whoever lives in love lives in God, and God in him."



## The Bible Speaks of Love

The words found in 1 John 4:16 are important for everyone every day.

To find out what the verse says, find a word that fits each description and write the letters in the boxes. Next, write the letters on the lines below (use the numbers to match the letters to the correct lines). Read the verse.



A place to live

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Opposite of dark

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Companion

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Hand greeting

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Male adult

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