



Trinity Tidings

Trinity Lutheran Church and School

3000 35th Avenue

Greeley, Colorado 80634

January 2024

National Lutheran Schools Week provides more than 1,800 preschools, elementary schools and high schools with the public opportunity to proclaim and celebrate God's work among us in schools of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod.

We thank God for the opportunity to provide excellent academic preparation for the children we serve. We are most grateful for the opportunity to share Jesus' amazing love with children and their families.

National Lutheran Schools Week gives us an opportunity to proclaim these great blessings within the communities we serve.

Our schools are amazing incubators for faithful witness of God's love for us through Christ by teachers and students alike.

NATIONAL LUTHERAN SCHOOLS WEEK 2024



JANUARY 21 THRU 27, 2024

CONNECTED

JOHN 15:1-5



January

~ Thursday, January 4th ~
@ 1:00 pm

Mite Devotions

Program: Weld County Area Agency on Aging Presentation
presented by Desiree Rodriguez

Hostess: Joyce Anderson

Mission Project: LWML Mites and Kleenex boxes for TLS

Don't forget to bring your Red Stocking!!

LWML Praises the Lord for Mission Offerings

The Lutheran Women's Missionary League (LWML) is truly blessed as supporters continue to give generously. As of this writing, offerings of **\$96,123** of the **\$132,000** for the RMD have been received. As of November 30, 2023 the National Mission Goal for 2023–2025 Biennium of \$2,350,000.00 has received: \$807,431.83. Total Mite Offerings Still Needed: \$1,542,568.17. LWML thanks our generous donors and gives glory to God!


MITE SUNDAY, JANUARY 7, 2024

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



FUNERAL LUNCHEON DIRECTOR -

Trinity has been blessed for many years to be able to serve luncheons at the funerals of Trinity members and their families, thanks to our LWML ladies. Many churches have had to let this tradition go as the age of these ladies goes up and the number of ladies available goes down. Karen Langhorn has led the group here at Trinity for 20+ years and is stepping down. If you are interested in preserving this time honored tradition here at Trinity and would be willing to be a leader, please contact Karen Langhorn at 970-392-1226.



From the Pastor's Desk

Merry Christmas and a happy New Year to you!

The winter solstice has passed; the darkest part of the year is behind us. Day by day, imperceptibly, the light grows and days lengthen. Before long, the earth and its creatures will wake from their slumber, warmed by the sun, and the world will again be filled with light and life.

The seasons of the Church follow the pattern of the seasons we see and experience in the visible world. As the world was plunged further and further into darkness throughout the month of December, we examined the darkness of our hearts to prepare for the *advent* (coming) of Christ, the Light of the world. Then, when it was darkest, near the solstice, we celebrated His birth. “The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness, on them has light shone” (Isaiah 9:2).

But just as the winter solstice doesn’t immediately bring summer, so the Light of the world becomes visible to the eyes of faith only gradually. He comes veiled in human flesh, hidden in the humility and weakness of a baby, nestled among animals and straw and a few shepherds. Gradually, the Light grows as faith is awakened to see it. This is what Epiphany—the Season of Light—is all about. Wise men arrive from the east with kingly gifts to worship Him. The religious leaders in the temple are amazed at His understanding. The heavens are opened and the Spirit descends at His baptism. Then he begins to proclaim the gospel of God and to gather disciples to himself, to cast out demons and to heal the sick. The glory of Jesus gradually becomes more apparent to the eyes of faith. Finally, the Season of Light crescendos with the transfiguration, when the glory of Jesus is unveiled in a vision too bright for human eyes.

As we enter the season of Epiphany, I pray God gives you an epiphany—that he opens the eyes of your heart to see the light of Christ, and that he strengthens your vision day by day, helping you by his Spirit to “cast off the works of darkness” and “put on the armor of light” (Romans 13:12). He who brings light and life to all has promised to be present where his people gather. May Christ enlighten and enliven us as we gather throughout the season of Epiphany, that together we may be filled with Christ and share with one another his joy and peace.

God’s blessings in Christ,
Pastor Joshua Vanderhyde

COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
Trinity Lutheran Church and School
Greeley, Colorado

DATE: 12/9/2023
Location: Narthex Lounge
Facilitator: Angela Riemer, Chairperson

Present: Angela Riemer, Bob Thorgesen, Brenda Schmidt, Debbie Thuener, Jason Reiter, Pam Clavir, Linda Klipp, Cheri Carsten, Pastor Vanderhyde. A quorum was established. Notice of this meeting was given in advance to all members of the council. Meeting opened at 8:35 am with prayer by Pastor and devotion by Brenda.

Minutes: November minutes were approved via email by the Council members prior to this meeting.

Management Reports

Board of Elders: Pastor Vanderhyde reporting in absence of Ken Clavir, Chair

- Reviewing options for the one-hour spot we sponsor on KFKA including a possible podcast.

School Board: Linda Klipp

Report sent via email to council members prior to this meeting. Discussion.

- School Christmas Program December 17 at 10:30 am service.
- Next meeting December 11. Will discuss scholarship campaign and begin school marketing analysis.

Treasurer: Cheri Carsten

- Monthly financial report emailed prior to meeting for review. Motion by Brenda, seconded by Bob, to approve report as presented. Discussion followed. Motion passed by voice vote.
- November 30, 2023, Balance Sheet will be made available at Congregational Assembly Meeting December 10.

Old Business:

- The quarterly Congregational Assembly meeting will be held Sunday, December 10, 2023, at 11:45 am.
- Full agenda finalized.

New Business:

- Council members will serve the Advent meal on December 20. Details discussed.

There being no further business to bring before the board, the meeting was adjourned at 10:00 am. Pastor closed with prayer. Next Council meeting January 13, 2024, at 8:30 a.m.

School Happenings

Preschool & K-8

Trinity Family,

Thanks to all of you who attended the Christmas program on December 17. What a joy to see our sanctuary packed! **We are planning to have our students and their families back on Sunday, January 21, when we kick off National Lutheran Schools Week.** The children will sing at both services and we are planning activities for all ages during the Bible study hour in between.

The theme for that week builds on our “Connected” theme for the school year. Daily chapel services will focus on these connections: to Christ, to the Father and His creation, to the Spirit and His fruitful gifts, to the church and to His commission for our lives. **Plan to join us one or all of the days during the week of January 22-26. Chapel is at 8:30 in sanctuary.**

Another goal of National Lutheran Schools Week will be for fellowship. Each morning, there will be a breakfast served from 7:50-8:20 so that parents can come hang out with other parents, teachers and students. There will also be opportunities for classes to interact with games and projects. Each day has a dress theme: Monday – Pajamas, Tuesday – sports (support your favorite team), Wednesday – Wacky Day, Thursday – sweater day (elementary is going skating that afternoon) and Friday – Trinity Spirit Wear.

Thursday evening is a school open house focusing on recruitment for preschool and kindergarten. If you know of people with children in that age group, encourage them to stop by **Trinity on January 25 between 3:30 and 6:00.** Enrollment and re-enrollment for the 2024-25 school year kicks off at the end of January. We can take new students throughout the school year. Miss Marshall added 8 new students to her class in January!

Friday is our Grandparents Day celebration. Some of our students do not have grandparents that live close to Greeley, so we would welcome some surrogate grandparents to join us that day. Grandparents will join us for refreshments at 7:50 when the doors open, and will join us for chapel at 8:30. Following chapel, you will get time in the classrooms to see what their daily routines look like. Finally, we will join together for refreshments and bingo to close out the day. Grandparents and students will depart at 12:00 for our noon dismissal. If you would like to volunteer, speak with Gwen or Alysa.

On behalf of the Trinity staff, we wish you a Happy New Year! \

Preschool Director, Gwen Marshall
K-8 Administrator, Alysa Balfour



HIGHLIGHTS OF DECEMBER'S VOTER'S MEETING

New Congregation Officers:

Vice-President--Renee Ortada

Treasurer—Londa Polzin

At Large Council Members—Matthew Foster, Randy Brech, & Scott Chartier.

All boards gave their annual reports.

Please remember both the church and the school in your daily prayers. Pray for our Synodical, District, and Trinity leaders. Pray for our country.

January's Cook's Night Out!

Join us Tuesday, January 16th for January Cook's Night Out at Red Robin 4514 Centerplace Drive in Greeley! You can choose lunch or dinner or both as they are open from 11 am to 10 pm. Red Robin will donate a percentage of your ticket back to Trinity. Enjoy good food, good friends, and good fellowship, all while supporting Trinity Lutheran Church and School. See you there!

Want to do more? Purchase a Red Robin scrip card and double up on fundraising for Trinity!



Calling all 3rd, 4th and 5th graders, it's time for Club 345! Mark your calendar for Friday, January 12th from 3:45 pm to 8:00 pm and join in as we play games and have a devotion. Bring \$5 for pizza that we will have for our evening meal. See you there!

**Early Student
Registration**

Coming Soon!

Help us get the word out!

Tell your friends
and neighbors about Trinity Lutheran School!



JOIN US AT

HERRING BARREL 2024

WHAT: A RETREAT FOR YOUNG ADULT LUTHERANS
(AGE 18-30). THIS YEAR'S TOPIC WILL BE MALE AND
FEMALE ROLES, AND MARRIAGE AND FAMILY

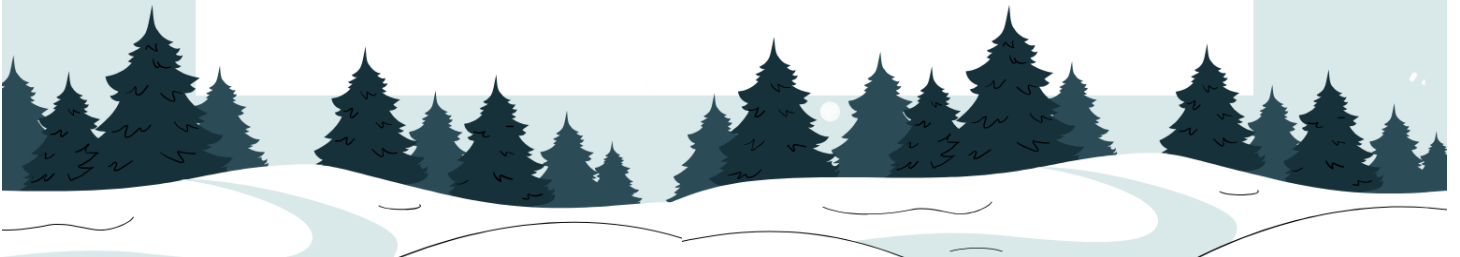
WHEN: JANUARY 5-7, 2024

WHERE: PEACE WITH CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH
1412 W SWALLOW RD.
FORT COLLINS, CO 80526

Register Below!



Questions? Contact christlifefoco@gmail.com



2024 OFFERING ENVELOPES –are here! Numbers have changed, **so please do not use** the 2024 envelopes until Sunday, January 7th or your contributions may not be credited correctly to **YOUR** account.



Did you know: if you **do not** mark your giving envelope, all monies go into the “General Fund”. If you write an amount in on the line for either Missions or Building Fund, those monies are accumulated and at the end of each calendar month, distributed accordingly.

Did you know: those who mark their envelopes with amounts for Missions allow Trinity to send nearly \$10K per year to the Rocky Mountain District for their designated missions.

Did you know: that when you write an amount in the Building Fund space on your giving envelope, that those monies are deposited in our LCEF Building Fund each month. An average month can total more than \$1000.00. This money will be used to pay the mortgage if unexpected emergencies leave our cash flow in a pinch (summertime), but mostly it will go to pay down the principal on our loan.

To recap:

- *Current Expenses: goes to paying our bills, water, electric , insurance, gas, salaries, etc.
- *Missions: goes directly to Rocky Mountain District for District named missions
- *Building Fund: is deposited in the LCEF Building Fund for emergencies.

We give because God first gave to us! Everything we have, everything we are, are gifts from God.

If you miss picking your envelopes up on Sunday at church and want to pickup your envelopes during the week, give Debi in the office a call with at least 24 hours notice and she will have your envelopes for you to pick up at the in the school office.

O.W.L.S.

Thursday, January 25th at 12 noon.

The **O**lder **W**iser **L**utheran **S**eniors meet every 4th Thursday at 12:00 noon in the Church Narthex thru May.



Please call or e-mail Joyce Einspahr prior to the upcoming 4th Thursday, so they have a count. (Joyce Einspahr 970-353-0854 or veinspahr@aol.com).
See you on the 25th!



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
*Ellen Colegrove –Grace Point
*Melanie Davis - Home
*Rachel Einspahr – Home
*Richard Ewald –Monument, CO
*Caryle Kassahn –Home

*Wilbert Lutz –Home
*Fran Martin –Home
*Ruth McGhghy - Life Care
*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.

NEW YEAR, NEW GOAL! WELD FOOD BANK

Let's do it again in 2024!

CANNED VEGETABLES

BOXED POTATOES

CEREAL

PEANUT BUTTER

ANY FOOD ITEM THAT IS NON-PERISHABLE

GIFT CARDS (Please give directly to Barb Perusek)

CANNED FRUIT

CANNED HAMS

SPAGHETTIOS

JAM OR JELLY

SOUPS

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Drop off your donations at the school
Monday thru Fridays from 8 am to 4 pm
or at the church on Sunday mornings.

Hooray, Trinity!
We met our goal of
1000# of food
for 2023!



JANUARY



Birthdays

2-Ken Clavir
2-Trisha McKinney
2-Brian Smock
3-Robert Cowherd
3-Christopher Dietrich
4-Brian Anderson
4 –Bob Reynolds
5-Monty Anderson
9-Valerie Hiller
9-Karen Rutt
11-Jon Wicke
11-Terry Wiedeman
12-Rachel Einspahr
13-Tammi Gemaehlich
14-Scott Chartier

15-Gilbert Kaiser
15-Aric Kline
15-Kathy Weber
16-Lois Bliss
16-Kristi Sanderson
18-Stephen Boxum
20-George Hesse
21-Amber Kline
22 –Linda Klipp
23-Skipper Lindenmayer
25-Kathy Durdy
28-Keegan Boxum
30-Samantha Brown
30-Katelyn Junker
30-Bill Powell
30 –Elam Thuener



Randy & Amy Brech - 7 yrs.
Scott & Fran Zielske - 34 yrs.
Scott & Brenda Chartier - 48 yrs.

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

January

ALTAR FLOWER

~Schedule~

Please sign up to bring flowers.
The chart is on the wall by door to the
old church office. Please also call the
church office to notify Debi.
970-330-2485.

January 7

Available

January 14

Available

January 21

Available

January 28

Available

**2024 Calendar is waiting for
you to pick a date !**



~Attendance~

November 12	Early-119	Late-51
November 19	Early-110	Late-43
November 26	Early-82	Late-55
December 3	Early-105	Late-41
December 10	Early-76	Late-61
December 17	Early-81	Late-297

Note from the Editor: 2024 is almost here and as I reflect on beginning a new year, I wonder what this one will have in store for me. Every year is different. Years of challenges to overcome; years of grief for lost loved ones; years of excitement for new adventures in life; years of feeling the adventures are over; years when the holidays have been full of joy and years when I can't find my joy. Although I don't know what lies ahead for 2024, I do know that God will be with me all through the year. I know that He sent His One & Only Son into this world to be the ultimate and final sacrifice as payment for my sins and the sins of the world. I know that baby in the manger brought this dark and sinful world one other important gift and that is HOPE. May your heart be filled with hope for a new year of walking with God. *"Rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer."* Romans 12:12

Sunday Mornings

8:00 am -Worship Service

10:30 am -Worship Service

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

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

Ministry Assistants—January Schedule

January 7*

Elders –8:00 am Ken Clavir; 10:30 am Steve Cooper

Ushers –8:00 am Doug Reed 10:30 am Bret Schmidt

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 John Kruger; 10:30 am Scott Chartier

January 14*

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

Ushers –8:00 am Doug Reed 10:30 am Ken Einspahr

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 Douglas Sterner; 10:30 am Bret Schmidt

January 21

Elders – 8:00 am Gary Klipp; 10:30 am Steve Cooper

Ushers –8:00 am Cheri Carsten 10:30 am Bret Schmidt

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 Brian Anderson; 10:30 am Bret Schmidt

January 28*

Elders –8:00 am Brian Anderson; 10:30 am Steve Cooper

Ushers –8:00 am Cheri Carsten 10:30 am Ken Einspahr

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 James Roohr;

10:30 am Bret Schmidt

*Ministry assistants are always needed in each
of the above areas.*

*If you are interested in serving, please call the
following people.*

Elders - Ken Clavir, 970-352-4608

Ushers - Doug Reed, 970-682-7825 or

douglas.reed30@yahoo.com

Sound/Video - Dan Swanson, 970-351-8815

***Communion**

January 2024

January 2024							February 2024						
Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa	Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
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	29	30	31										

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Dec 31	Jan 1, 24	2	3	4	5	6
	9:00am Quilters Meet		9:30am Sewing Group 5:00pm Small Group	6:30am Men's Group 1:00pm LWML	6:00pm Young Marines	
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
Mite Sunday 8:00am & 10:30 am Worship 9:20am SS & Bible Study	9:00am Quilters Meet 6:00pm BOCE Meeting			6:30am Men's Group 1:00pm FRIENDSHIP CIRCLE	3:45pm CLUB 345 6:00pm Young Marines	7:00am ELDERS Meeting 8:00am Finance Board 8:30am Executive Council
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
8:00am & 10:30 am Worship 9:20am SS & Bible Study	9:00am Quilters Meet 3:00pm Newsletter Deadline	11:00am Cooks Night Out 1:30pm Mission Circle	9:30am Sewing Group 5:30pm Small Group	6:30am Men's Group	6:00pm Young Marines	
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
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28	29	30	31	Feb 1	2	3
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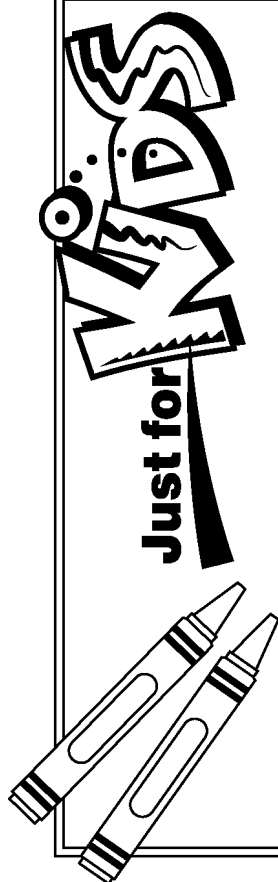
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Church/School Email: office@tlgreeley.com
Website: tlgreeley.org

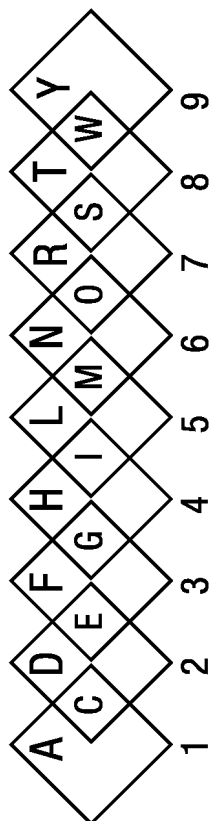
Worship Services

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



"A New Year – A New You"

Find the words from 2 Corinthians 5:17.



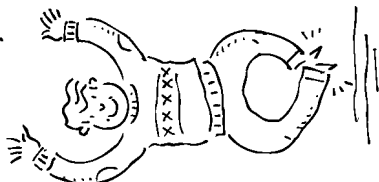
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Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come!