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Trinity Lutheran Church and
3000 35th Avenue
Greeley, Colorado 80633

January 2025



Telling the Christmas Story

These words are all part of the Christmas story. First, find them in the puzzle below. Circle them. You may find them → ← ↗ ↘. There will be 12 letters that remain uncircled. Write them in the order found on the lines below. You will find a special Christmas message! Then use the words from the list to tell the story to someone!

joy	Lord	sheep	donkey	shepherds	star	gold	myrrh	Caesar	frankincense	men	baby	angel	three	Joseph	Bethlehem	inn	king	taxes	manger	birthday	Augustus	wise	east	Jesus	Savior	Messiah
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Answer: Peace on Earth

K-5 SCHOOL PARENT FORUM

JANUARY 23RD
6:30 PM

January 2025	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Dec 29		30	31	Jan 1, 25	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11	
12	13	14	15	16	17	18	
19	20	21	22	23	24	25	
26	27	28	29	30	31	Feb 1	

For all parents of preschoolers going into Kindergarten and parents of students K-5.

The meeting will cover general information for the 2025-2026 school year including our vision, fees, and curriculum.



January

~ Thursday, January 2nd ~
@ 1:00 pm

Mite Devotions

Program: Church Property Happenings and Ideas
presented by Cheri Carsten

Hostess: Karen Langhorn

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 **\$16,998** of the **\$118,000** for the RMD have been received. As of November 30, 2024 the National Mission Goal for 2023–2025 Biennium of \$2,350,000.00 has received: \$1,834,250. Total Mite Offerings Still Needed: \$515,750. LWML thanks our generous donors and gives glory to God!

MITE SUNDAY, JANUARY 5, 2025

The first Sunday of each month the Mite box will be available for your Mites. (Here is a suggestion, put your contribution in a box to keep your mite box).



Note from the Editor: Another year has come to an end. All the preparation and anticipation for Christmas and the New Year are over. Families and friends have come together to celebrate. Christmas dinner has been prepared and eaten. Presents have been given and unwrapped. Now what? January can seem anticlimatic in comparison. No bright lights or Christmas festivities to look forward to for eleven more months. But wait a minute, Christmas isn't about all those things. It's about the one ultimate gift that God gave to each of us. The gift of His One and Only Son Jesus Christ, who laid down His life on the cross to pay the price of our sins. He conquered death and was resurrected so that we may be saved. Jesus is the Light of the World. Look to Him during these dark days of winter. Invite Him to fill your heart with His light leaving no room for the darkness of this world. May your New Year find your heart full of the Light that Jesus brings.

"Again Jesus spoke to them, saying, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life." John 8:12



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.

Peace in Christ our Savior,

Pastor Joshua Vanderhyde

COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

DATE: 12/14/2024

Trinity Lutheran Church and School Greeley, Colorado

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

Attendance: Quorum established. Renee Ortado, Vice-Chair; Londa Polzin, Treasurer; Linda Klipp, BOE Co-Chair; Pam Clavir, BOE Co-Chair; Matthew Foster, At-Large; Randy Brech, At-Large; Cheri Carsten, Volunteer Business Manager.

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

II. **MINUTES:** November minutes previously approved through email by those in attendance.

III. REPORTS

Business Manager:

Business Manager report was sent to Council members by email in advance. Discussion.

Property Board is close to finishing the top 3 projects and will present a complete list of further projects to the Executive Council in January for review.

Offering chart reviewed and similar attendance information is being prepared.

Received rebate from City of Greeley for landscape and sprinkler upgrades.

Treasurer:

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

Approved both October and November financials as presented.

School Board: Pam Clavir and Linda Klipp, Co-chairs

Report sent via email ahead of this meeting for review. Discussion and questions answered.

Discussing long term plans with Pastor.

Important dates- Christmas program December 18th 10:00am and 6:00pm.

Parent Forum January 23rd 6:30 pm.

Kindergarten Open House February 6th 6:30 pm.

Pastor and Elders:

No report.

IV. POLICY REVIEW Church Council Policy Manual -- Reviewed Policy Manual 3.5-3.6

V. OLD BUSINESS

1. Agenda and ballots for Congregational Meeting December 15 were reviewed and discussed.

2. Access Policy completed. Motion to approve was made and seconded. Unanimously approved.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

Tidings – Online/Email vs Mailed: Discussion tabled until January Meeting.

With no further business to discuss, the meeting closed at 9:50 a.m. The meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer. Next meeting is January 11, 2025, at 8:30 am.

POLICY REVIEW Church Council Policy Manual: 4.0-4.11

Brenda D. Schmidt / Congregational Secretary

Members of our Congregation -- Please feel free to talk with any Council member if you have questions.

Renee Ortado, Vice Chair NODAK1962@msn.com

Londa Polzin, Treasurer

Londa.1958@gmail.com

Brenda Schmidt, Secretary Bbschmidt45@gmail.com

Matthew Foster, Member At Large matt.foster.tlg@proton.me

School Happenings

Preschool & K-8

Trinity Family,

As a new year begins, we start the process of preparing for a new school year (even though we are just halfway through this school year). By the end of January, we will start the re-enrollment process to prepare for the 2025-26 school year. There will be an open house for grades 1 and above on January 23. While the main focus will be having our current families re-enroll, we would welcome others interested in looking at the option of a Lutheran education for their children. In early February, we will have another open house specifically for kindergarten. Our target audience will be our current PreK families and other Christian preschools in town that aren't affiliated with an elementary school.

Preschool/childcare seems to enroll year-round! We have added a couple new students for January and will still get students for this school year even in April or May. We do an enrollment push after spring break in March to know who will be here in the summer.

As we get the kids enrolled, we will also look at staffing for next year – what will our grade grouping be, will we need to add a class, are current teachers planning to return, how will we address the need for an elementary administrator – lots to think about.

Another big project this spring will be making decisions about reading curriculum for the next school year. This school year, we changed math curriculum, added phonological awareness curriculum (PS-grade 2) and got all classes switched to the newest Concordia Publishing House religion curriculum (Enduring Word). It's been a lot for our teachers to take on, but it is making our academic program much stronger. Reading is the last big piece to put in place.

That's a lot on our plates! Please continue to pray for our school in general and our teachers and students specifically. Pray for the enrollment process and for the curriculum and staffing plans. While many Lutheran schools will celebrate National Lutheran Schools Week the last full week of January, this year Trinity is planning our celebration for March (the week before spring break). Watch for details in the February or March newsletter. Last year, the school sponsored a breakfast between services. I'm hoping that I'm feeling well enough by then to whip up a big batch of cinnamon rolls for such an event! I go to the doctor on January 2 to get clearance to return to work after Christmas break. Pray that I heal quickly and that comes to pass.

On behalf of the Trinity staff, we wish

Preschool Director,

Gwen Marshall

Kindergarten

Open House



HIGHLIGHTS OF DECEMBER'S VOTER'S MEETING

New Congregation Officers:

President--Matthew Foster

Secretary - Brenda Schmidt

Elders: Ken Clavir, Steve Cooper, Les Durdy, Mark Eggers, Zach Ewald, Gary Klipp, Bret Schmidt, Bob Thorgesen, and Larry Whitney.

Board of Education: Pam Clavir, Kathy Durdy, Linda Klipp, Kim Munsterman, Laura Reiter,
Terri Swanson, James Roohr.

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.

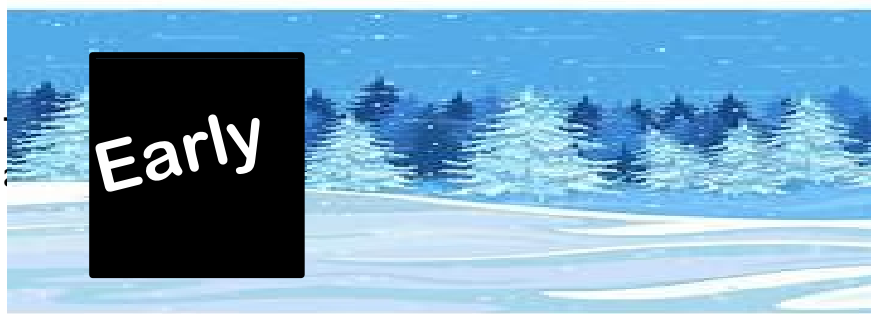
Nomination forms are available to nominate people for the open position of At-Large Council Member to fill the spot vacated by Matthew Foster.

January's Cook's Night Out!

Join us Tuesday, January 21st 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!



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Help us get the word out!
Calling all parents of
Kindergarten students for the
2025-2026 school year.

We invite you to come see what we have
to offer at Trinity on
Thursday, February 6th at 6:30 pm.

2025 OFFERING ENVELOPES –are here! Numbers have changed the 2025 envelopes until Sunday, January 5th or your contributions may not be credited correctly to **YOUR** account.

*Think Inside
the Box*



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 pick up 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 23rd 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.

- *Richard Beitz-Home
- *Ellen Colegrove- Grace Point
- *Elaine Daubert-Home
- *Melanie Davis - Home
- *Teresa Detterer-Home
- *William Heldt-Meadowview
- *Rachel 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.

NEW YEAR, NEW GOAL!

WELD FOOD BANK

Let the competition begin! TLS students will bring cans of soup to chapel every week in January and are challenging the congregation as to who can have the biggest stack of soup cans. (Soup cans for the Souper Bowl!)

CANNED VEGETABLES

BOXED POTATOES

SPAGHETTIOS

PEANUT BUTTER

ANY FOOD ITEM THAT IS NON-PERISHABLE

GIFT CARDS (Please give directly to Barb Perusek)

CANNED FRUIT

CANNED HAMS

RAVIOLI

JAM OR JELLY

SOUPS

PASTA

CEREAL

TUNA

Drop off your donations at the school

Monday thru Fridays from 8 am to 4 pm

or at the church on Sunday mornings



JANUARY



Birthdays

1-Debra Schwartz
 2-Ken Clavir
 2-Trisha McKinney
 2-Brian Smock
 3-Robert Cowherd
 3-Christopher Dietrich
 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-Kristi Sanderson
 17-Ezmerelda Wacker
 18-Greg Best
 18-Stephen Boxum
 19-Melissa Kemp
 20-George Hesse
 21-Amber Kline
 22 –Linda Klipp
 23-Noah Kangor
 23-Skipper Lindenmayer
 25-Kathy Durdy
 28-Keegan Boxum
 30-Samantha Brown
 30-Katelyn Junker
 30-Bill Powell
 30 –Elam Thuener



Brendon and Brenda Butterworth—5 yrs.
 Randy & Amy Brech - 8 yrs.
 Scott & Fran Zielske - 38 yrs.
 Scott & Brenda Chartier - 49 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 5

Available

January 12

Available

January 19

Available

January 26

Available

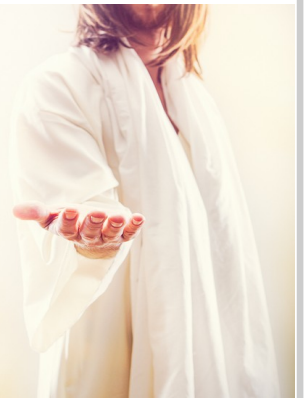
**2024 Calendar is waiting
for you to pick a date !**



~Attendance~

November 10	Early-109	Late-32
November 17	Early-104	Late-40
November 24	Early-88	Late-74
December 1	Early-90	Late-48
December 8	Early-88	Late-48
December 15	Early-86	Late-66

In
Loving
Memory



Edris Heldt

Born 8-236-1935

Died 11-14-2024

**Caryle Jeannette
Kassahn**

Born 4-21-1936

Died 11-17-2024

Sunday Mornings

8:00 am -Worship Service

10:30 am -Worship Service

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

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

Ministry Assistants—January Schedule

January 5*

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 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 Doug Sterner; 10:30 am Lance Polzin

January 12*

Elders –8:00 am Larry Whitney; 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 Lance Polzin; 10:30 am Bret Schmidt

January 19

Elders – 8:00 am Gary Klipp; 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 Mary Beitz; 10:30 am Jeff Junker

Organist–Ken Streeb

Security –8:00 am James Roohr; 10:30 am Bret Schmidt

January 26*

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

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 Lance Polzin;

10:30 am Bret Schmidt

*Communion

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

Trinity Tidings

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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



