



# Trinity Tidings

Trinity Lutheran Church and School

3000 35th Avenue

Greeley, Colorado 80634

January 2026



## Game Night!



**F R I D A Y**  
**JANUARY 16**  
**4:30 PM- 8:00PM**

Location: Fellowship Hall of the church

- Bring your favorite board games!
- Childcare available for little ones too young to play
- Pizza provided (free will donation to help cover costs)
- Great time for families to connect and have fun!

**RSVP by**  
**Jan 12**





## January

~ Thursday, January 8th ~  
@ 1:00 pm

### Mite Devotions

**Program:** State of the School  
*presented by Pastor/Principal Vanderhyde``*

**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 **\$59,000** of the **\$80,000** for the RMD have been received. As of July 31, 2025 the National Mission Goal for 2025–2027 Biennium of \$2,622,270.00 has received: \$84,080. Total Mite Offerings Still Needed: \$2,760,033. LWML thanks our generous donors and gives glory to God!

## MITE SUNDAY, JANUARY 4, 2026

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

*Think Inside  
the Box*



# School Happenings

## Preschool & K-8

Trinity Family,

A new calendar year has arrived and the school calendar year has reached the half-way point. It's that odd time of the year that we are both carrying out this year's plans and laying out next year's plans.

As part of planning for the new year, we start the enrollment process again. Enrollment forms will be available towards the end of January. If your child is eligible for Universal PreK, you can go to their website and enroll for the 2026-27 school year (the child must be at least 4 years old before October 1, 2026). We are looking to move all enrollment online to simplify the process. We are looking for ways to recruit students for preschool, elementary and the Foundry. Keep this process in your prayers. We have good things happening and want to expand our outreach and influence in our community.

Many Lutheran schools will celebrate National Lutheran Schools Week in January, but we found it works better for us to move this celebration to the week before spring break. Watch for details on our observance in the March newsletter.

*Preschool Director,  
Gwen Marshall*



# HIGHLIGHTS OF DECEMBER'S VOTER'S MEETING

## New Congregation Officers:

**Vice Chair**--Renee Ortado

### **Council at Large:**

Brendon Butterworth

Jason Reiter

Christian Wacker



### **Elders** (Elected for 2 year term)

Randy Brech, Ken Clavir, Gary Klipp, Harlan Simonson, and Larry Whitney.

Elders still on the Board and up for election next year--Steve Cooper, Zach Ewald, Bret Schmidt, and Bob Thorgesen.

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 13th 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!

Flyers will be available Sunday, January 11th, 2026



## *Angels Among Us* (aka the Trinity Quilters)

Our Trinity Quilters have been very busy this last year. As 2026 comes rolling in, let's take a look at their 2025 accomplishments. They are 50 quilters strong and continually reach out to our community and beyond. Here are some of the many community outreaches they have contributed to in 2025.

**59** quilts went to Victims Advocacy Program and one special quilt for their office.

**77** Critter Blankets to the Greeley Fire Department to be handed out.

**20** Quilts Comfort Dogs to pass out to Veterans.

**57** Quilts for Restoration Ranch

**212** dog beds to the Alpine Veterinary and Beaut-ifur Dog Grooming

**20** Aprons for LWML ladies

**20** Aprons to the Foundry program at Trinity

**260** Pot Holders to Meals On Wheels

**89** quilts for their Bi-Annual Auction. Sales allowed them to give

\$18,000 to pay down the principal on our mortgage and \$2000 for the Scholarship Fund.

Give thanks to God for these Angels among us!



## *Behind the Scene Support Group* (aka Altar Guild)

*"So whether you eat or drink or whatever you do, do it all for the glory of God."*

*1 Corinthians 10:31 NIV*

This verse is posted in the sacristy (the room where altar linens are stored, communion is prepared, and flowers are arranged). It guides the willing hands of our Altar Care Team here at Trinity. Please join me in acknowledging these individuals who faithfully serve "behind the scenes" to enhance worship on Sunday mornings.

**Paraments** (Altar linens): Janice Harms, Linda Harms **Flowers:** Pam Clavir, Cheri Carsten

**Banners and Narthex display:** Kathy Weber

**Communion preparation and clean-up:** Kim Munsterman, Julie Bischoff, Janice Harms, Linda Harms, Tammi Gemaehlich, Candy Reed, Peggy Peters, Jackie Stuht, Brenda Schmidt

**Baptism Banners / Cloths:** Bev Darco (now retired), Trinity Quilters.

If you are interested in serving on the Altar care team please talk to Pastor or to me...training and back-up provided!

A special thank-you to the ladies of our LWML (Lutheran Women Missionary League) who have generously purchased a second matching "over stole" (the colored scarf our Pastor's wear to match the altar paraments) for each season of the church year. Now, both Pastor Vanderhyde and Pastor Woodward will match!

*To God be the Glory!*

*Brenda Schmidt, Altar care team chairman*





## 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  
\*Rachel Einspahr- Grace Point  
\*Mary Henneck-Home

\*Ruth McGhghy - Life Care  
\*Ron Otto- Grace Point  
\*Karen Rutt-Greeley Village  
\*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.

## NEW YEAR, NEW GOAL! WELD FOOD BANK

*Let the competition begin! TLS students vs. Congregation. Who will bring the most cans of soup! Beginning January 7th 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!)*

**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**

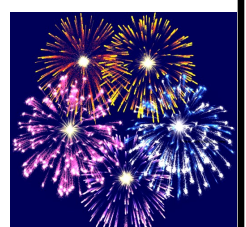
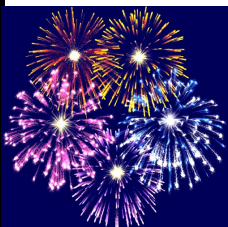
**SOUPS**

**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.



2026 OFFERING ENVELOPES –are here! Numbers have changed, **so please do not use** the 2026 envelopes until Sunday, January 4th 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 on the line of your giving envelope for either Missions or Building Fund, those monies are accumulated and at the end of each calendar month, distributed accordingly.

- Envelopes marked with amounts for Missions allow Trinity to send nearly \$10K per year to the Rocky Mountain District for their designated missions.
- Envelopes marked Building Fund 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: mortgage, water, electric, insurance, gas, salaries, benefits, etc.
- \*Missions: goes directly to Rocky Mountain District for District named missions
- \*Building Fund: is deposited in the LCEF Building Fund for building 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 22nd 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](mailto:veinspahr@aol.com)).

See you on the 22nd!





1-Debra Schwartz  
2-Ken Clavir  
2-Trisha McKinney  
2-Aaron Schroeder  
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-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  
25-Brenda Jaynes  
26-Corey Schwartz  
28-Keegan Boxum  
30-Samantha Brown  
30-Katelyn Junker  
30-Bill Powell  
30 –Elam Thuener



Brendon & Erin Butterworth—6 yrs.  
Randy & Amy Brech - 9 yrs.  
Keith & Sadie Schroeder –26 yrs.  
Scott & Fran Zielske - 36 yrs.  
Scott & Brenda Chartier - 50 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 4  
Available

January 11  
Available

January 18  
Available

January 25  
Available

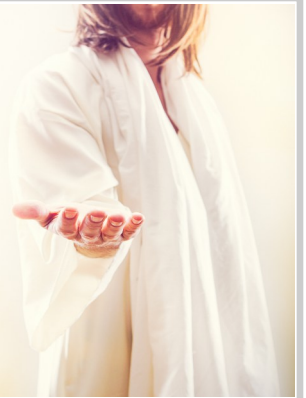
**2026 Calendar is waiting for  
you to pick a date !**



## ~Attendance~

November 9	Early-91	Late-53
November 16	Early-145	Late-56
November 23	Early-113	Late-77
November 30	Early-90	Late-62
December 7	Early-102	Late-80
December 14	Early-118	Late-57

*In  
Loving  
Memory*



*Francis Marie  
Geisert*

*Born 9-10-1932*

*Died 12-11-2025*

## Sunday Mornings

8:00 am -Worship Service

9:20 am –Adult Bible Study  
9:20 am –Sunday School

10:30 am -Worship Service

*Holy Communion  
2nd, 4th, & 5th 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—January Schedule**

## **January 4**

**Elders** –8:00 am Ken Clavir; 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 Doug Sterner; 10:30 am Lance Polzin



## **January 11\***

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

**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 Matt Foster; 10:30 am Bret Schmidt

## **January 18**

**Elders** – 8:00 am Bob Thorgesen; 10:30 am Bret Schmidt

**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 Dustin Brown; 10:30 am Bret Schmidt

## **January 25\***

**Elders** –8:00 am Gary Klipp; 10:30 am Ken Clavir

**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 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

# January 2026

January 2026							February 2026						
Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa	Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
					1	2	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
4	5	6	7	8	9	10	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
11	12	13	14	15	16	17	15	16	17	18	19	20	21
18	19	20	21	22	23	24	22	23	24	25	26	27	28
25	26	27	28	29	30	31							

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Dec 28	29	30	31	Jan 1, 26 New Year's Day-Offices Closed	2 6:00pm Young Marines	3
4 Mite Sunday 8:00am & 10:30 am Worship 9:20am SS & Bible Study	5 9:00am Quilters Meet	6	7 10:00am Women's Chosen Bible Study 5:30pm Small Group	8 6:30am Men's Group 1:00pm LWML	9 6:00pm Young Marines	10 7:00am ELDERS Meeting 8:30am Church Council
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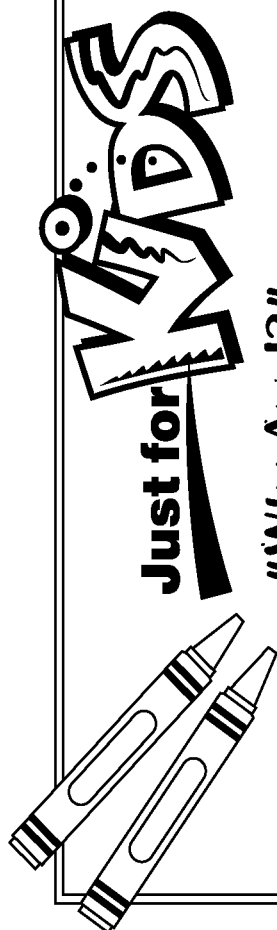
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## Return Service Requested

Church/School Office: 970-330-2485  
Church/School Email: [office@tlgreeley.com](mailto:office@tlgreeley.com)  
Website: [tlgreeley.org](http://tlgreeley.org)

## Worship Services

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



## "Who Am I?"

It's a new year and you may be thinking about time, birthdays and how old you'll be this year. Below are some people from the Bible and the ages they reached.

First, fill in the name of each person. If you need help, look up the verses in the Bible. Next, find the age of each person by matching the number under the blanks to the sum of the digits in the ages listed. For example, if the number under the line is 11, it could be 290 (2+9+0=11) or 47 (4+7=11).

Names:	Abraham	Joseph	Adam	Moses	Isaac	Noah	Jesus	Sarah
Ages:	33	110	120	127	175	180	930	950

1. I was God's first man. I lived to be \_\_\_\_\_ years old.  
Who am I? \_\_\_\_\_ (Genesis 5:5) (12)
2. I built an ark when God flooded the earth. I lived to be \_\_\_\_\_ years old.  
Who am I? \_\_\_\_\_ (Genesis 9:29) (14)
3. God said that my offspring would be as many as the stars in the heavens.  
I lived to be \_\_\_\_\_ years old. Who am I? \_\_\_\_\_ (Genesis 25:7) (13)
4. I was close to 90-years-old when God said that I would have a son. I lived to be \_\_\_\_\_ years old. Who am I? \_\_\_\_\_ (Genesis 23:1) (10)
5. My parents were Abraham and Sarah. I lived to be \_\_\_\_\_ years old.  
Who am I? \_\_\_\_\_ (Genesis 35:28) (9)
6. My brothers left me in a pit in the wilderness. I lived to be \_\_\_\_\_ years old. Who am I? \_\_\_\_\_ (Genesis 50:26) (2)
7. When I was 3-months-old, I was placed in a basket in the reeds along the bank of the Nile River. I lived to be \_\_\_\_\_ years old. Who am I? \_\_\_\_\_ (Deuteronomy 34:7) (3)
8. I began my life in a barn with animals. I lived to be \_\_\_\_\_ years old.  
Who am I? \_\_\_\_\_ (Luke 2:7) (6)

Answers: 1. 930, Adam; 2. 950, Noah; 3. 175, Abraham; 4. 127, Sarah; 5. 180, Isaac; 6. 110, Joseph; 7. 120, Moses; 8. 33, Jesus