Trinity Tidings

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



SUMMER EDITION 2024



Dive into a week of adventure at Trinity's Vacation Bible School: "Scuba Diving into Friendship with God!" Monday, June 10th – Friday, June 14th 9 am to 12 pm Enroll your child todayeither visit our registration page <u>vbspro.events/p/trinityvbs24</u>

or scan the QR code!

Become a part of this exciting church outreach by supporting our VBS in one or more of the following ways:

- I) Join our dedicated team of volunteers by signing up through our website or by using the QR code.
- 2) Visit our donation request station located in the Narthex to see how you can contribute to the success of this event.



3) Uphold this year's VBS in your prayers.

Thank you to those that have donated and dedicated their time so far! We are excited and grateful to have you as a partner with us! If you have any questions or wish to learn more about how to be involved, please reach out to Tori Foster at tori.foster003@gmail.com or call 757-660-2471

Watch for information on Staff preparation meetings, coming soon.

June

~ Thursday, June 6^{th} ~ @ 11:30 am



Mite Devotions

LADIES LUNCH OUT!

Cazadores Mexican Grill & Cantina 2140 35th Avenue in Greeley

Program: Installation of Officers & Fellowship

Celebration of April, May, & June Birthdays

Mission Project: LWML Mites

MITE SUNDAY - June 2: The first Sunday of each month the Mite box will be available for you to bring your Mites. (suggestion put your coin in a zip lock bag - keep your mite box).

A BIG THANK YOU, Trinity for your gifts to the Easter Love Offering.

Let's Do Lunch!

Join the Women of Trinity

Thursday, June 6, 2024 at 12:00 noon Dutch Treat

Cazadores Mexican Grill and Cantina 2140 35th Avenue Greeley, Colorado

RSVP to Carolyn Cowherd (970-330-8427) by Monday June 3 so we have a big enough table!



Hosted by LWML



Happy Summer!

Trees throughout the campus here at Trinity have put out leaves once again, perhaps for the fiftieth or one-hundredth time. Through cold and heat and wind and hail they have stood, sometimes waiting patiently for spring to come, other times offering shade under their glorious canopies. Judging by appearances, such massive creatures ought to fall. But we know that just below the surface of the ground, invisible to us, roots extend outward in all directions anchoring the trees firmly in place. We likewise cannot see from where they receive moisture and nutrients. Below the surface, many thousands of tiny roots branch off of the system to collect from a wide swath of earth all that is needed to sustain the life of the tree.

We are like trees. Our stability and health are drawn invisibly from the Word of God by the root system of faith. Gradually, over time, this system develops. When we pass through the spiritual desert, our roots multiply as we strain to retain every drop of God's Word. When the winds threaten to overthrow us, our roots expand and strengthen their grip on Christ, in whom we are rooted and grounded by faith. God strengthens and preserves us as we live in his presence, participating in the life of the Church, clinging to his Word, active in prayer.

We recently completed the 2023–24 school year, the culmination of much devoted service and generous sacrifice on behalf of many people, especially our teachers, administrators and staff, volunteers, parents, donors, and the members of our congregation. It is a colossal effort with colossal impact. At Trinity, we are not merely preparing students for success in future endeavors. We are nurturing young trees, and by faith we know what kind of root system is needed and from what source they can derive stability, strength and endurance. We are cultivating trees to withstand cold and heat, wind and hail—everything this life will throw at them. We are cultivating trees to stand for eternity, rooted and grounded in Christ. The significance of this task cannot be underestimated.

Our school ministry is a microcosm of the entire ministry of Trinity Lutheran Church. We are in the tree business, nurturing, watering, pruning, harvesting. Christ gives life and stability to each of us individually and to all of us as his orchard. May God continue to sustain us and keep us by faith in Jesus Christ as we live together in his presence, participating in the life of his Church, clinging to his Word, and active in prayer.

Blessings in Christ, Pastor Joshua Vanderhyde

¹ Blessed is the man who walks not in the counsel of the wicked,

nor stands in the way of sinners, nor sits in the seat of scoffers;

² but his delight is in the law of the Lord, and on his law he meditates day and night.

³ He is like a tree planted by streams of water

that yields its fruit in its season, and its leaf does not wither.

In all that he does, he prospers.

⁴ The wicked are not so, but are like chaff that the wind drives away.

⁵ Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment,

nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous;

⁶ for the Lord knows the way of the righteous,

but the way of the wicked will perish.

Psalm 1

Trinity Lutheran Church / Congregational Assembly Meeting Minutes / April 21, 2024

This is a draft copy of the Voters Meeting minutes that do not become official until approved by the voters.

The quarterly Congregational Assembly Meeting was called to order by President Angela Riemer at 11:47 am. Pastor Vanderhyde opened the meeting with prayer. A total of fifty-four (54) members signed the attendance record. Minutes of the Voter's meeting from December 10, 2023, were distributed. Bob Thorgesen moved that the minutes be approved as written. Motion seconded by Mike Thuener. Motion passed with voice vote.

Pastor / Elder Report: Pastor Vanderhyde

- Focusing time working with spiritual needs of our congregation (youth, visiting shut in's, Sunday morning worship).
- New opportunity for someone to serve as our Sunday School Superintendent.
- Assign families to Elders.
- Goal set to visit our shut-in members monthly.
- Coordinating a Wednesday night youth program. Consider helping with this program.
- Confirmation moving back to 7th and 8th grade students. Will resume in the fall. No eligible confirmands this year.
- Pastor presented the Mega Outcomes and Outcomes he wrote that guide the policy manuals for the Board of Elders, School Board and Church Council. These were approved by the Elders and Church Council and will serve to define our priorities.
- Reminder: Pastor can be reached directly by email <u>ivanderhyde@tlgreeley.com</u> or calling his church cell phone number: 970-235-0973.

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

- Junior High students left for their school trip to Utah today.
- May 2, 2024: Students will present a Living History event, preschool singing and bake sale.
- School children will sing at the Ascension Service at 6:00 pm.
- May 21, 2024: Closing worship service and continuation of three (3) 8th grade students.
- Preschool enrolling new students.
- Held ribbon cutting for membership into Greeley Chamber of Commerce.
- The marketing team orchestrated getting an article in the Greeley Lifestyle Magazine.

Teaching vacancies: Lead teacher and two classroom teachers for '24-'25 school year.

Treasurer: Londa Polzin

- Reminded attendees that Trinity is a 501C3 non-profit organization with a legal requirement to have officers including a Treasurer.
- Read the duties of the Treasurer according to our Bylaws.
- Reorganizing our financial presentations to match our constitution and bylaws.
- Reminder that Profit / Loss financial reports are reviewed by Council at their monthly meeting.

Business Manager: Cheri Carsten, Volunteer

- Recognized Kristen Merrit, Debi Roethemeyer, Londa Polzin, the Counting Team, Human Resource consultant Pam Clavir, and those who work on the Scrip Program.
- Acknowledged Property team.
- Cheri collaborates closely with these teams.
- Has a contact in place for landscape work around our facilities.

Draft Budget:

- Consolidated proposed budget emailed to congregation on Tuesday April 16, 2024, for review prior to meeting.
- Cheri and Kristen were available in the narthex before this meeting to address specific and clarifying questions.
- Dan Swanson moved to approve the 2024-2025 budget as presented. Motion seconded by Pam Clavir. Discussion and questions answered. Called for ballot vote. Motion to approve this budget as presented passed 51 votes for, 6 votes against.

There being no other business, the meeting adjourned at 12:42 p.m. The meeting closed with the singing of the doxology. Respectfully submitted.

Brener Schmidt

Brenda Schmidt, Secretary of Congregation



Calling All Heroes

Between July and December 2023, Weld Food Bank served over 380,000 duplicated individuals through their direct service programs and nonprofit agency partners. Within that staggering number is 33,000 Backpack bags for kids, 1.5 million pounds distributed at our mobile programs, and 45,900 Emergency Food Packages given to families. Compared to the same timeframe in 2022, we served 107,000 more people, 4,000 more Backpack bags, 400,000 more pounds at our mobile programs, and 20,000 more Emergency Food Packages. Needless to say, the need has never been higher. And, standing in the middle of it all are real life heroes, our volunteers.

No volunteer ever looks the same because, everyone can give their time to lend a hand. We have community members from all walks of life helping us. There are teachers, nurses, bankers, oil and gas technicians, students, and the list goes on. Each volunteer plays a key role at the food bank, regardless of what they are doing. Whether they are sorting 2,400 pounds of potatoes, filling carts on the distribution line, unloading a Mobile Food Pantry truck, prepping food in our commercial kitchen, or delivering food to a homebound senior. Every minute makes miles of difference in the life of someone seeking our help.

However, as the need continues to grow, our volunteers could use more community-minded individuals to come alongside them to shoulder the burden of fighting hunger. Martin Luther King Jr. once said, "Anybody can serve. You don't have to have a college degree to serve. You don't have to make your subject and your verb agree to serve. You don't have to know the second theory of thermodynamics in physics to serve."

SUMMER HUNGER

Summer is an exciting time for many children. Pool days, family vacations, and sleepovers are a few activities they look forward to. However, for one in four



children in Weld County, summer is one of the most difficult times of the year. When school is in session, these children depend on school meals to get the nutrition they need to thrive. Once mid-May arrives, those meals are gone and being able to eat every day is a question. Weld Food Bank works to alleviate the pressures of hunger on the entire family. Through their Summer Feeding Program, they tackle hunger both during the week and on the weekend. Last summer, the Feeding Program served 97,826 combined meals and snacks.

*SpaghettiOs *Ravioli in a Can * *Peanut Butter *Crackers * *Tuna *Almond Butter * *Gift Cards or Cash (Please give directly to Barb Perusek)

*Mac 'n Cheese *Granola Bars *Trail Mix *Fruit snacks *Jelly *Oatmeal

Drop off your donations at the school Mon-Friday 8 am -4 pm or the church on Sunday mornings.



Preschool & K-8

Dear Members of Trinity Lutheran Church,

It is hard to believe an entire school year has come and gone. So much has changed, and yet so much has remained the same. Some changes we have experienced in the last month include:

We said goodbye to Alysa Balfour, Shannon Conner, Rachel Margheim, Esther Morgan, and Mary Schultz at the end of their contracts this year. Alysa will be working through the month of June as she works to ensure a smooth transition for new & returning teachers as they implement new curriculum and sequencing to ensure a strong education for Trinity students. We wish them all well and thank them for their service to Trinity Lutheran School. We especially appreciate the love and faithfulness shown in sharing their Savior with the children & families, as well as their dedication to their crafts of educating young minds.

Students will be beginning new math & reading curriculums next year, as well as having a revamped and consistent curriculum sequence for science and social studies. These changes are sure to bring about deeper learning and mastery of content—if you're interested in learning more about these initiatives, be sure to reach out to Alysa, Gwen, or the school board members! Next year, we will not offer a traditional middle school classroom in 6-8th grade as we did not have enough students to sustain a class, but we are in the process of exploring alternatives for our middle school families. We are surveying families and working towards building from the lower grades up and doing what we can to ensure that the 6-8th grade classroom comes back stronger than ever.

With all these changes, what then has stayed the same?

Our Lord & Savior reigns supreme and guards and keeps Trinity Lutheran Church & School, as well as all believers in the one true faith. What a blessing to know that despite earthly circumstances and changes to staff, curriculum, or anything else, that all things have been directed by God for the good of His people.

Trinity Lutheran School will be open for a 78th school year! What a blessing that we can continue to serve the families of our community in a partnership with parents to raise Christian young men and women who are ready to be lights to the world.

In His Service,

Alysa Balfour K-8 Administrator

Gwen Marshall Early Childhood Director





2024 The Resource Center Baby Bottle Campaign

Spring is upon us. Green grass, flowers, and sprouting trees are the things I truly look forward to at this time of year. Not to mention long sunny days. With spring comes many outdoor activities that are sometimes laborious and other times down right enjoyable. How blessed we are to live the life we've been given.

With spring, comes this year's Baby Bottle Campaign that helps The Resource Center (TRC) to provide services to those who find themselves at a crossroad. The services include: pre-abortion testing, pregnancy testing, private options evaluations, support after an abortion, limited ultrasound, STD testing, and labor and delivery classes. That's quite a list considering that these services are given with no charge to the client who comes through TRC doors.

TRC is able to do this because of the generous donations from congregations and corporate sponsors. Last year our members contributed \$10,754.36. WOW! Thank you for supporting this organization that helps to provide hope and new life to those who come to them for help. Additionally,TRC shares the Gospel of Jesus to all who are willing to hear the Good News.

The campaign will begin on Mother's Day, May 12th and end of Father's Day, June 16th. Please look for the display in the narthex. Your filled bottles should be returned to the church on Sunday mornings. You may hand them to Cheri or Barb in the church office. Thank you in advance for your support.

Londa Polzin TRC Church Ambassador



PRIMARY ELECTIONS ARE COMING!

Weld County Elections will begin utilizing our Fellowship Hall for elections on Friday, June 14th and continue through Wednesday, June 26th. During this period, the downstairs kitchen and Fellowship Hall will be inaccessible.

Please make sure anything that you may need to use during this time is removed from the restricted area. Thank you.

PLAN AHEAD! Summer is here and that means vacation time. Debi will be taking some time off in June and July. Dates have not been confirmed yet. Bulletins will be made in advance, please send items that you want in the bulletin asap as they may miss this week and need to go into next week. There will not be a July Newsletter, so take that into consideration. More information will be in the bulletin as dates are confirmed. There will be volunteers is the office to answer the phones and the door. Thank you in advance for your assistance.



Reservations: 303-589-3253



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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 – Home *Mary Henneck-Home *Caryle Kassahn –Home

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

SUMMER BREAK

A few of the monthly Bible studies are taking a break for the summer:

- Friendship Circle will not meet again until September.
- LWML will not meet again until September after their annual Ladies Lunch Out on Thursday, June 6th.
- O.W.L.S. will continue to meet throughout the summer on the 4th Thursday of each month at 12 noon in the Narthex.



Beginning Friday, May 24th:

Monday thru Thursday 8 am to 4 pm

Fridays: 8 am to Noon



JUNE

I-June Martin 2-Jennifer Lenderink 3-Tori Foster 3-Rebecca Kelly-Watson 3 –Gwen Marshall 3 –Lark Pelletier 4-Ashley Roohr 5-Reilly Russel 6-Dixie Wacker 7-Alex Sackschewsky 8 – Henry Thuener II 9 – Brenda Chartier 9 – Sabrina Pittam 9 – Jason Reiter 9 – Larry Seegrist 12 – Tim Turner **13-Scott Zielske** 14 – Janel Marolf 14 – Susan Pelis

15 – Thea Hammers 17 Janice Wiedeman **18-Julie Bischoff** 19 – Amanda Zielske 20 – John Kruger 21 – Daniel DeLange 22-Lois Rothe 24 – Cheri Carsten 24 –Logan Soto 24 – Micah Wacker 25 – Stephen Cooper 26 – Amanda Thuener 28 – Ron Gemaehlich 28-Todd Whitmore 28 – Fran Zielske 30 – Wanda Anderson 30 – Richard Beitz 30 – Richard Geisert **30-Rachel Margheim**

Birthdays



John & Cathy Kruger –6 yrs. Richard & Emily Russel –9 yrs. Joshua & Virginia Vanderhyde –11 yrs. Jason & Laura Reiter – 12 yrs. Michael & Amanda Thuener –13 yrs. Tim & Tiffani Martin –23 yrs. Robert & Karen Moline –34 yrs. Todd & Karla Whitmore –35 yrs. Larry & Rexene Whitney – 51 yrs. Toni & Carl Harvey –52 yrs. Robert & Carolyn Cowherd –62 yrs.

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



June ALTAR FLOWER ~Schedule~

Please sign up to bring flowers. The chart is on the wall by door to the old church office or call the church office, 330-2485.

> June 2 Available

June 9 Jason Reiter Birthday

June 16 Jason & Laura Reiter Anniversary

> June 23 Available

June 30 Virginia Reiter Birthday

~ATTENDANCE~

April 14	Early-100	Late-46
April 21	Early-108	Late-54
April 28	Early-98	Late-49
May 5	Early-101	Late-41
May 12	Early-96	Late-62
May 19	Early-97	Late-40

In Loving Memory

Ríchard Joseph Ewald Born 2-27-1927 Díed 5-1-2024



Sunday Mornings

8:00 am - Worship Service

10:30 am -Worship Service

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

Go to: tlsgreeley.org to Live-stream

Gíve to the Lord as He has given to you!

Ministry Assistants—June Schedule

<u>June 2</u>

Elders – 8:00 am Brian Anderson; 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 Bret Schmidt

<u>June 9*</u>

Elders –8:00 am Mike Thuener; 10:30 am Steve Cooper 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 –Ken Streeb Security – 8:00 am Lance Polzin; 10:30 am Bret Schmidt

June 16

Elders – 8:00 am Ken Clavir; 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 Josh Anderson; 10:30 am Jeff Junker Organist– Debra Schwartz Security –8:00 am Lance Polzin; 10:30 am Bret Schmidt

<u>June 23*</u>

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

<u>June 30*</u>

Elders –8:00 am Gary Klipp; 10:30 am Steve Cooper 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– Ken Streeb Security –8:00 am Lance Polzin 10:30 am Bret Schmidt

*Communion



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Worship Services

Sunday 8:00 & 10:30 am Adult Bible Classes Sunday School - 9:20 am U.S. POSTAGE PAID Greeley, CO Permit No. 33

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