



# Trinity Tidings

Trinity Lutheran Church and School

3000 35th Avenue

Greeley, Colorado 80634

March 2024

## *Easter Sunday Sunrise Service*

6:00 am

## *Traditional Easter Sunday Service*

8:30 am

## *Traditional Easter Sunday Service*

10:30 am

## *Easter Breakfast*

*Begins immediately following  
Sunrise Service (approx. 7 am) until the  
beginning of the 10:30 am Service.*



## March

~ Thursday, March 7th ~  
@ 1:00 pm

### Mite Devotions

**Program:** Bible Study and/or Bible Trivia  
*presented by Larry Whitney*

**Hostess:** Donna Hanselmann

**Mission Project:** LWML Mites

*Recognition of January, February and March Birthdays*

**Greeting Cards Stocked!** Check out the selection of “Spring” cards! Easter, Mother’s Day and Graduation cards are available.



### **MITE SUNDAY, MARCH 3, 2024**

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).

**DID YOU KNOW?** Every year throughout the Christmas season, the LWML ladies collect additional monies for the “Red Stocking” project. In January of 2024, the Pregnancy Resource Center was chosen to be the recipient of this year’s collection. The LWML ladies will continue to collect monies until the baby bottle campaign in May.

Please keep these generous and industrious ladies in your prayers as they continue to raise money for community outreach.


## **EASTER LOVE OFFERING**

It’s Easter Love time. Time to prayerfully consider a gift of “Love” It is at this time that we are reminded just how much we are loved by our Heavenly Father. Loved so much, that He sent His One and Only Son, Jesus Christ to pay the price for our sins by laying down His life on the cross. He became the ultimate sacrifice, His blood the atonement for our sins.

Each year, these envelopes are collected by the LWML ladies who choose a project within Trinity to direct these offerings towards. This year the money will go to **up-grading the signage for the church and school**. The LWML is working with the Church Council and more information (or details) will be available soon.



Please prayerfully consider placing a donation in your Easter Love Offering envelope and place your envelope and drop it in the offering plate on Sunday morning, anytime between now and Easter Sunday.



## From the Pastor's Desk

Spring comes this month (March 19, officially). Plants and trees will begin to wake from their winter slumber and join our Easter celebration (March 31) of Christ's victory over death. Easter is the most important feast in the church year because the death and resurrection of Christ mean everything to us. By his death he swallowed up death, and by his resurrection he initiated the new creation. We are new creatures—the old is gone, the new has come—as we participate in his death and resurrection in baptism and by faith. So, when you see the daffodils and snowdrops poking up this spring, remember Christ and your life in him.

For now, we are still in Lent. The word comes from the old English “lencten,” which means “to lengthen.” The days are lengthening as we leave behind the winter solstice, and that is an encouraging thought. Light is growing and bringing with it warmth and life. Lent, which can seem dreary (think “Go to Dark Gethsemane”), anticipates spring. It is a time of eager preparation for light, life, and joy.

Eagerness is dynamic, powerful. It drives us forward—mind, soul and body united toward a purpose. Eagerness is important on Thanksgiving Day, if you want to enjoy the feast. Most of us probably don't eat a large lunch that day, because we would rather enter the feast of Thanksgiving hungry than full. If we are full, we will not be able to eat the feast, and our hearts will not be in it. But if we are hungry, we will be eager to eat and to celebrate.

Fasting through Lent harnesses bodily eagerness (hunger) and uses it for spiritual aims. By holding on to hunger, we keep our bodies in a state of eagerness. With the wrong mindset, this can lead us to be irritable (I want food, and I want it now!). Don't be surprised if it happens. Repent and look to Christ. The key to fasting as a spiritual discipline is to aim your hunger in a spiritual direction through prayer and meditation on God's Word. Approach fasting not as painful deprivation but rather as spiritual momentum for faith in Jesus. “Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied.” Bodily fasting trains the heart to be eager for Christ, just as bowing to the altar teaches the heart to be reverent, and just as saying thank you as a matter of habit teaches the heart to be thankful. If you are new to fasting, consider giving it a try this Lenten season and beyond. You can start simply by skipping a meal. But don't forget to pair it with prayer. The goal is not to accomplish something physical but rather to fuel desire for spiritual goods in Christ.

May God bless our Lenten preparation. May he blunt our desire for earthly treasures and pour into our hearts his Holy Spirit, cleansing our hearts and driving us by His Spirit to pursue the righteousness and life that we receive through Jesus Christ, our Lord and God, who rose from the dead, lives, and reigns to all eternity. To Him be glory forever. Amen.

Peace in Christ,

*Pastor Joshua Vanderhyde*

## **COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

### **Trinity Lutheran Church and School Greeley, Colorado**

DATE: 2/10/2024

Location: Narthex Lounge, 8:30 a.m.  
Facilitator: Angela Riemer, Chairperson

Present: Angela Reimer, Chair; Renee Ortado, Vice Chair; Londa Polzin, Treasurer; Brenda Schmidt, Secretary; Matthew Foster, At Large member; Pam Clavir, School Co-Chair; Linda Klipp, School Co-Chair; Ken Clavir, Elder Chair; Cheri Carsten, Business Manager. Absent: Randy Brech, At Large; Scott Chartier, At Large. Quorum established. Pam, Ken, Linda, and Cheri attended via zoom due to inclement weather.

The meeting opened with prayer and devotion by Ken.

Minutes: January minutes were approved via email by Council members prior to this meeting

#### **Old Business**

- Upcoming joint meeting with Elders: March 9, 2024. Pastor, Angela, and Ken working on agenda.
- Seeking volunteers for people to coordinate the following projects and services:
  - \* Updated Member Photo Directory
  - \* Ushers/Security
  - \* Property and Maintenance projects

#### **New Business**

- Worker Wellness Survey – sent by Synod. Council Members please turn in your response to Angela.
- Review of Council Policy Manual – Policies of Self Governance / Due at April Council Meeting.

**Treasurer:** Londa Polzin, Treasurer

- Monthly financial report emailed prior to meeting for review. Discussion followed.
- Reviewed budget process for each board.

**Business Manager:** Cheri Carsten, Volunteer Business Manager

- Cheri is working in the office on Tuesdays and Thursdays.
- Requesting that Council members review the Facility Use Policy to provide clarity and direction.
- Full report of Finance team, Property team, and general and administrative information provided to Council by email ahead of the meeting.

**Board of Elders:** Ken Clavir, Chair

- Have not met since January Council meeting. Next meeting is February 17, 2024.
- Will work with Pastor to set worship times for Easter.
- Collaborating with Pastor on youth ministry plan for all ages.

**School Board:** Pam Clavir / Linda Klipp, Co-Chairs

- Report sent to Council by email ahead of this meeting. Discussion.
- Doing staff observations and establishing connections for staff to reach out to the School Board.
- Exploring different curriculums to raise academic rigor through all grade levels.
- Working on budget and staffing plan.

Next meeting is March 9, 2024. 8:30 am.

Assignment for members:

- Review Church Council Policy Manual section 2 "Church Council Self-Governance Policies".
- Read Facility Use Policy

The meeting adjourned at 9:50 am with prayer by Ken.



# School Happenings

## Preschool & K-8

School News – March 2024

We've completed the second trimester and Spring Break is days away (starting March 11) . . . we are starting to see the light at the end of the tunnel for another school year. But there is still a lot to happen in the next 3 months. We are looking forward to being featured in Greeley Lifestyle Magazine; there will be a photographer coming in the next few days and interviews are being arranged. We'll let you know when you can watch for the profile of Trinity Lutheran School in that publication.

Another community connection is a ribbon cutting with the Greeley Chamber of Commerce on March 9. We will welcome community leaders into our building to find out a bit more about our school. If you would like to know more about this event, speak with Alysia.

On the early childhood front, we completed our Colorado Shines rating in January. While our documentation scores were excellent, there were problems with our ECERS (environmental rating) scores and we remain a 3-star school in their system. Ratings are done every 3 years; this was my 7<sup>th</sup> time leading a program through a rating and in many ways the most frustrating rating experience. I'll share my experience with anyone who wants to hear, but I'm devoting my energy to two fronts: advocating for other Lutheran schools in the Shines system so they have a better experience than Trinity did and pursuing National Lutheran Schools Accreditation as an alternative method of receiving a Shines score. That will be my special project for this summer.

Universal Pre-K is in the news again as they prepare to launch year two. While in practice UPK is not enforcing all the rules regarding the separation of religious and secular education, the law on the books says that whatever UPK funds must be totally secular. There are also some rules regarding hiring practices that they are currently not strictly enforcing, but they are still on the books. Until all the law suits are settled and religious freedom recognized by UPK, Trinity will not participate. Most parents do not even ask about UPK.

Trinity offers a summer preschool/childcare program for kids that are at least 2 ½ years old but haven't yet attended kindergarten. Enrollment materials for the summer session will be available in the office after spring break.

Speaking of spring break . . . it's not my favorite time of the year. While elementary and preschool classes are closed for the week, we do offer childcare for children in those age groups. In my 5 years at Trinity, there has been a bomb cyclone, 2 other blizzards, a norovirus outbreak and the start of the Covid shutdown. Pray that Spring Break 2024 be totally uneventful.

In His Service,

*Alysia Balfour*  
K-8 Administrator

*Gwen Marshall*  
Early Childhood Director

## EARLY CHILDHOOD NEWS

Mary Schultz, who has served as a preschool teacher for many years at Trinity, will be leaving the staff at the end of this school year. Her husband is retiring and the family is moving to North Carolina. We are beginning the search for a new preschool teacher that will lead the Pre-K class (children who are at least 4 years old by September 1). We are starting by publicizing the position in the Trinity community; if we do not find a suitable candidate, then we will begin posting the job elsewhere. Feel free to share the below information with potential candidates. Have candidates email the director at [gmarshall@tlgreeley.com](mailto:gmarshall@tlgreeley.com).

Job Title: Lead Preschool Teacher

### Application

- Individuals who meet the qualifications should contact the director before March 15, 2024.
- The director will do an initial, informal interview with the candidate.
- If the director feels this individual would be an asset to our school, a formal interview will be scheduled with the director and at least 2 Board of Education members.
- The position begins on August 1, 2024.

### Qualifications

- A level 4 or higher teacher credential in the State of Colorado.
- Bachelors' Degree or higher preferred
- A Lutheran Teaching Certificate preferred
- A member of Trinity Lutheran Church or willing to become one, minimally a member of a LCMS congregation
- At least 2 years' experience in a preschool classroom
- Meet State requirements for background checks and annual training

### Duties

- Lead teacher for the Pre-K class during the school year, maintaining a classroom, completing lesson plans and completing assessments – 2 hours of paid planning time is worked into the employee's schedule each week during the school year
- Assist with before & after school childcare and the summer program
- Attend lead teacher meetings for the school, meet with director for planning once a week
- Assist the director with Colorado Shines or National Lutheran School Accreditation

### Salary and Benefits

- The director can share salary ranges with candidates
- The position is for less than 30 hours per week, so the employee receives just the retirement and disability benefits from Concordia Plans.



## 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.

\*Melanie Davis - Home

\*Rachel Einspahr – Home

\*Richard Ewald –Bethesda Gardens

\*Caryle Kassahn –Home

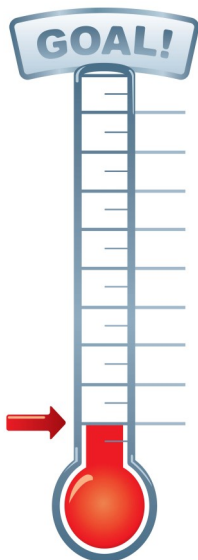
\*Wilbert Lutz –Home

\*Ruth McGhghy - Home with family

\*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.



## DONATE EASTER FIXINGS DURING **MARCH** MADNESS!

for the

### **WELD FOOD BANK**

**CANNED VEGETABLES**

**BOXED POTATOES**

**GIFT CARDS** (Please give directly to Barb Perusek)

**CANNED FRUIT**

**CANNED HAMS**

**SOUPS**

**PASTA**

Drop off your donations at the school

Mon—Friday 8 am –4 pm or the church on Sunday mornings.

## March Cooks Night Out

Cooks night out for March is at Panera Bread on Tuesday, March 19th from 4pm-8pm. They are giving 20% back of receipts. Pick up your flyer on Sunday, March 17th or at the school on Monday or Tuesday. Buy a scrip card, too.



Calling all 3rd, 4th and 5th graders, it's time for Club 345!

Mark your calendar for Friday, March 22nd from 3:45 pm to 6:45 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!



## Trinity Lutheran School

will be closed  
March 11 thru March 15  
for Spring Break!

Church and School offices will be closed.  
Childcare available for those who sign up by  
Wednesday, February 28th.

**Get ready!** You may remember that in the December 2023 newsletter, the Council reported that they had approved Barb Perusek's request to use her family's memorial funds to refresh the narthex lounge area and repurpose the trustee office into a prayer room.

Quotes in hand, Barb and her team are ready to begin this project. The plan is to paint the walls to brighten up the narthex lounge area. They will also be clearing out the office next to the Pastor's office in the church to make room for a special area for prayer. If you have any questions, or if you would like to help, please contact Barb or Cheri. Thank you to this team for caring for us and our church building.



### Seeking volunteers for people to coordinate the following projects and services:



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# Quarterly Voters Meeting

For budget approval

Date and Time still to be determined.



Hello everyone,

Happy lent! In this season of drawing closer to God, I wanted to reach out to all Trinity members in order to recruit additional singers in our choir. If you are interested, please email me at [Zach.ewald@gmail.com](mailto:Zach.ewald@gmail.com). I would love to have something for Easter, and possibly monthly going forward.

Yours in Christ,  
Zach Ewald

**PLAN AHEAD!** Debi will be out of the office beginning Monday, March 11th, returning on Monday, March 18th.

**Please note** that the deadline for the Sunday bulletins for March 10th and March 17th is **Tuesday, March 5th**.

The Newsletter Deadline for April's Newsletter will be **Friday, March 15th**

The school will be closed for Spring Break March 11th thru 15th. Childcare will be open on Monday the 11th thru Thursday the 14th, however the office will be closed that whole week. Pastor Vanderhyde will be reachable at the office number or his work cell number: 970-235-0973.



**Note from the Editor:** These days I find that I have less patience for the drama that life often brings my way. Whether it is among friends, family, or in the workplace, Satan delights in stirring things up and creating drama. It can lead to frustration, hurt and even heartbreak. I just want peace. God in His infinite wisdom sent me a message via an email from a website that I frequent, it said. "Why did Jesus say that He did not come to bring peace?" ("*...I have not come to bring peace, but a sword.*" *Matthew 10:34*) The message continues, "You see, if peace is our goal, we are going to kill love and truth in our lives. How, one might ask? Because we will avoid expressing our honest thoughts, choose to bite our tongue when we witness injustice and tiptoe around sensitive topics, never daring to challenge the uncomfortable truth, all for the sake of keeping the peace. But if we truly love somebody, we should never hide the truth from them in order to keep the peace. You should come with the truth—peace or not. Now, the beautiful thing is that love and truth bear the natural fruit of peace and Jesus knew this." (Taken from *The Right Fight-How to Live a Loving Life* by Kenny Vaughn) God is reminding me that we are in a spiritual war where God's truth trumps peace every time. May you lovingly take up the sword of the Spirit which is God's Word and fight for truth. "*Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his might. Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the schemes of the devil.*" *Ephesians 6:10-11*



3-Wilbert Lutz  
5 –Linda Harms  
6-Verne Einspahr  
7-Tiffani Martin  
8 –Beverly Severns  
9–Jessica Anderson  
9 –Londa Polzin  
13-Ember Pittam  
14 –Donna Thorgesen  
15-John Haberman  
15 –Davanee McKinney  
15 –Jacob Roohr  
15– Donald Wacker  
16-Simeon Vanderhyde  
17 –Laura Reiter

18-Sandra Cooper  
19 –Matthew Stanton  
20 –Canyon Brown  
20-Michael Reiter  
21 –Mary Beitz  
21–Kayleigh Meritt  
22 –Mark McKinley  
22 –Hannah Roohr  
24 –Dale Rains  
24 –Terri Swanson  
26 –Randy Peters  
27-Fred Meyer  
28 – Kenneth Brockett  
29-Esther Baker  
30 –Linda Rains  
30 –Dan Swanson



Zachary & Tonaira Ewald –7 yrs.  
Oren & Judy Nero –31 yrs.  
Jon & Gail Wicke -39 yrs.  
Dan & Terri Swanson –42 yrs.  
Douglas & Jeanne Bliss –43 yrs.

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

# March

## 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, 970-330-2485.

A reminder that during the Season of Lent, we do not place flowers on the altar. If you have a celebration during this season, consider giving the money you would spend on flowers to Pam Clavir for the purchase of lilies and other flowers for our Easter celebration.

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

## ~ATTENDANCE~

January 7	Early-94	Late-59
January 14	Early-50	Late-39
January 21	One Svc-95	
January 28	Early-162	Late-62
February 4	Early-84	Late-54
February 11	Early-69	Late-36
February 18	Early-69	Late-43
February 25	Early-106	Late-50

## In Loving Memory

*Albert David Reichel*

*Born 3-10-1934*

*Died 1-19-2024*

*Lois Arlene Bliss*

*Born 1-16-1928*

*Died 1-25-2024*

*Francis Martín*

*Born 10-3-1934*

*Died 2-1-2024*

*Come*  
**WORSHIP**  
*With Us*

## Sunday Mornings

8:00 am -Worship Service

10:30 am -Worship Service

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

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Go to: [tsgreeley.org](https://tsgreeley.org) to Live-stream  
the 8 am service.

# Ministry Assistants—March Schedule

## March 3

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

**Ushers** –8:00 am Doug Reed 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 Dan Swanson

**Organist** –Debra Schwartz

**Security** –8:00 am John Kruger; 10:30 am Bret Schmidt

## March 10\*

**Elders** –8:00 am Larry Whitney; 10:30 am Steve Cooper

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

**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 Doug Sterner; 10:30 am Bret Schmidt

## March 17

**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 Jeff Junker; 10:30 am Jeff Junker

**Video** –8:00 am Josh Anderson; 10:30 am Jeff Junker

**Organist**– Ken Streeb

**Security** –8:00 am am Mike Thuener; 10:30 am Bret Schmidt

## March 24\*

**Elders** –8:00 am Mike Thuener; 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 Brian Anderson; 10:30 am Bret Schmidt

## March 31\*

**Elders** –6:00 am Bob Thorgesen; 8:30 am Gary Klipp; 10:30 am Steve Cooper

**Ushers** –6:00 am TBD; 8:30 am Doug Reed 10:30 am Ken Einspahr

**Sound** –6:00 am Dan Swanson; 8:30 am Aaron Riemer; 10:30 am Aaron Riemer

**Video** –6:00 am Terri Swanson; 8:30 am Angela Riemer; 10:30 am Angela Riemer

**Organist**– 6:00 am Debra Schwartz; 8:30 am Ken Streeb; 10:30 am Ken Streeb

**Security** –6:00 am TBD; 8:30 am Lance Polzin; 10:30 am Bret Schmidt

**\*Communion**





March 2024

March 2024							April 2024						
Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa	Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
3	4	5	6	7	1	2	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
10	11	12	13	14	15	16	-	14	15	16	17	18	19
17	18	19	20	21	22	23	21	22	23	24	25	26	27
24	25	26	27	28	29	30	28	29	30				
31													

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Feb 25	26	27	28	29	Mar 1	2
					Weld Co Voters 6:00pm Young Marines	Weld Co Voters
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Mite Sunday Weld Co Voters 8:00am & 10:30 am 9:20am SS & Bible Study	Weld Co Voters 9:00am Quilters Meet 6:00pm BOCE Meeting	Bulletin Deadline Weld Co Voters	Weld Co Voters 9:30am Sewing Group 10:00am & 6pm 11:00am Lenten	6:30am Men's Group 1:00pm LWML	6:00pm Young Marines	7:00am ELDERS Meeting 8:30am Executive Council
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
8:00am & 10:30 am Worship 9:20am SS & Bible Study	Spring Break 9:00am Quilters Meet	Spring Break	Spring Break 10:00am & 6pm 11:00am Lenten 5:00pm Lenten Supper	Spring Break 6:30am Men's Group 1:00pm FRIENDSHIP CIRCLE	Spring Break 3:00pm Newsletter Deadline 6:00pm Young Marines	
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
8:00am & 10:30 am Worship 9:20am SS & Bible Study	9:00am Quilters Meet	1:30pm Mission Circle 4:00pm COOKS NIGHT OUT	9:30am Sewing Group 10:00am & 6pm 11:00am Lenten 5:00pm Lenten Supper	6:30am Men's Group	3:45pm Club 345 6:00pm Young Marines	8:00am Property Board Meeting
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
Palm Sunday 8:00am & 10:30 am Worship 9:20am SS & Bible Study	9:00am Quilters Meet			6:30am Men's Group 10:00am & 6pm Maundy Thursday	10:00am & 6pm Good Friday 6:00pm Young Marines	
31	Apr 1	2	3	4	5	6
6:00am Easter Sunrise Svc 7:00am Easter Breakfast 8:30am & 10:30 Easter						



