## **Trinity Tidings**

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

March 2025



## 40 Days of Prayer Praying with Jesus: The Lord's Prayer Midweek Services for Lent Wednesdays beginning with Ash Wednesday on March 5th Matins@10 am Evening Prayer@6pm



## March

~ Thursday, March 6th ~ @ 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 2, 2025

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 2025, the Pregnancy Resource Center was chosen to be the recipient of this year's collection of \$328.00. 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. Please 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 **renewing the flooring in he narthex area of the church.** 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 in the offering plate on Sunday morning, anytime between now and Easter Sunday.

## From the Pastor's Desk

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

In March we enter Lent, a forty-day journey through the wilderness with Jesus. The pattern of forty days in the wilderness reflects the forty years the Israelites spent wandering and being tested in the wilderness before entering the promised land. It also reflects Jesus' own fasting, prayer, and temptation in the wilderness. He endured for us and won the victory. Now, during the season of Lent, we share in his discipline and victory.

Since we are entering the wilderness to fast and pray with Jesus, our Lenten theme will be structured by the prayer he taught us. Each midweek service will focus on a petition of the Lord's prayer. Not only are we joining Jesus in the wilderness—we're also learning from him how to pray.

Praying with Jesus isn't for the season of Lent only. It's for every day. But our attention easily gets swept up in the current of concerns, occupied with daily worries, ambitions, responsibilities, and a full schedule. If we give priority to Lenten discipline, it can help to break the usual flow and free our hearts to pray with Jesus. This can form habits that last beyond Lent—not just in our outward life but habits of thought and mindset as we look to Christ and receive his mind.

May God bless "us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places" as we look to him (Ephesians 1:3–6).

Peace in Christ.

Pastor Joshua Vanderhyde

Note from the Editor: It looks like February is ending on a warm note. Time just keeps marching on, whether I want it to or not. There are always deadlines to get things done by and often I am not as productive as I would like. I took a day off last week with intentions of getting a few things done at home, but after an impromptu lunch with my grandson and a couple of other unexpected things, the day ended with none of the "to do" items done. It was a lovely day. It couldn't have been better if I had planned it. God's plans are always the best. Sometimes I need to remind myself that these earthly "to do's" are not important. God guides me daily and places me where He wants me to be, where I need to be. What is important is God, the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. May you go where God leads you and find fulfilment in His plans for you. "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind." Matthew 22:37

## **School Happenings**



#### March School News

We decided to try an alternative celebration of National Lutheran Schools Week this year and observe the occasion the week before Spring Break (March 10-14). That way, staff and students have the following week to recover! We will be closed completely the week of March 17-21. We always struggle to have enough children sign up for holiday childcare, so this year we have tried not offering care during breaks and it is going well.

National Lutheran Schools week will kick off with the elementary students singing at the early service on March 9. Miss Marshall and friends will provide cinnamon rolls for the fellowship time after the service so you can grab a treat before heading to Bible class.

As I am writing this article, we have not finalized all of the special activities for the week. We do know that Monday is Western Day. An elementary field trip is in the works and a couple more dress up days will be included. There will be morning devotions in the gym at 8:05 each morning (except Wednesday) based on the school theme of Endure.

Lutheran Schools Week ends with grandparents' day on Friday, March 14. Because not all of our students have family in the area that can attend, we welcome congregation members who want to join us from 10:00 until noon and serve as companions for some of those students. You will attend chapel, visit the classrooms and get to play Bingo. If you plan to join us, let me or one of the elementary teachers know; then we can plan for kids who need a buddy that morning. All classes dismiss at noon that day to start spring break.

When we return from spring break, there will be applications for summer preschool/childcare available in the office. The ages served by this program are children who are at least  $2 \frac{1}{2}$  years old up to children who are 5 but haven't gone to kindergarten yet.

You will also be able to pick up an application for the Trinity Talent Show scheduled for Friday, May 2. I will also try to get the application included in your April newsletter and have copies at the church.

...and April sounds heavenly. It's been a long, cold winter with too many recess sessions in the gym and not enough fresh air and sunshine for our students AND staff.

On a personal note – thanks to the 15 adults and handful of children who came to help me move on a cold and snowy January day. I moved to another unit in my apartment complex so that I no longer have to navigate 18 stairs to get to my home. I love living on the ground level – but my cat now is more determined that ever to escape out the front door (a phase I'm hoping he soon outgrows). My new address is 3801 29<sup>th</sup> Street #1, Greeley, CO 80634.

Gwen Marshall
Early Childhood Director

## Trinity!

Here is the latest update from your Trinity Lutheran Business Manager keeping you informed about what is happening with our property and finances.

- 1. The sprinkler systems and landscaping (this is on hold until warm weather is here in the spring.) The project is approximately 60% finished, with the bulk of what is left being the plantings.
- 2. Repair and renovate church doors (This refers to exterior doors other than the wood front doors and this project has been completed. Plans to refinish the wood front door of the church are still underway, the challenge has been to find a cost-effective vendor to do the work.
- 3. Replace church windows (except for Sanctuary). The windows have been ordered and as soon as they are delivered, work will begin.

Dan Swanson is working on upgrades to our sound, video and electrical systems in the sanctuary with support from the LWML Easter Love offerings. Please tell them THANK YOU!

At the recent Property Team meeting, the project list was reviewed and prioritized for the next phase of updates:

- I. Church flooring
- 2. Church bathrooms
- 3. Signage

The Finance Team continues to handle the payroll, benefits, bookkeeping, counting, deposits, scrip and other finance issues. All the bank accounts have been consolidated at one bank and our Quickbooks accounts into ONE entity, ONE ministry.

As always, I ask you to prayerfully consider increasing your giving of time, treasure and talent.

#### Cheri Carsten

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



- Updated Member Photo Directory
- Ushers/Security
- Property and Maintenance projects
- \* Sound and Video



## 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

\*Verne Einspahr –Grace Point

\*Mary Henneck-Home

\*Ruth McGhghy - Life Care

\*Mark McKinley -Home

\*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.

An article in the February 7th edition of the Greeley Tribune, presented several ideas about how one might reach out and lift the spirits of our homebound population. The quarantined months of COVID are 5 years in the past and we have returned to the hustle and bustle of activities outside of our homes. The isolation that we felt is a distant memory, but those members of our Trinity family that are homebound and shut-ins continue to feel that isolation which can lead to feelings of loneliness, sadness, and disconnection from the world. Consider visiting shut-ins and brighten their day, and perhaps even your day. Become a companion. Here are some activities you could use:

- Play a board game
- Play cards
- Read a book to them
- Watch a favorite movie with them
- Work on a jigsaw puzzle
- Read the newspaper or magazine to them
- Explore your ancestry together
- Do a craft together

Spending time with our homebound and shut-ins is a gift that everyone can give, no matter your age. Prayerfully consider reaching out and brighten the day of our brothers and sisters in Christ.



## **Quarterly Voters Meeting**

For budget approval

April 6th at 11:45 am.

**PLAN AHEAD!** Debi will be out of the office beginning Monday, March 17th, returning on Monday, March 24th.

Please note that the deadline for the Sunday bulletins for March 16th and March 23rd is Tuesday, March 11th.

The Newsletter Deadline for April's Newsletter will be **Friday**, **March 14th** 

The school will be closed for Spring Break March 17th thru 21st. 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.



## Trinity Lutheran School

will be closed

Kitchens, Inc.

March 17 thru March 21 for Spring Break! Church and School offices will also be closed.

## **March Cooks Night Out**

Cooks night out for March is at Schwartz's Krautburger (2146 35th Avenue in the Westlake Shopping Center) on Thursday, March 13th from 4 pm to 7 pm. Pick up your flyer on Sunday, March 9th or at the school Monday, the 10th through

Thursday, the 13th.

# MARCH Birthdays

I-Andrew Schwartz 5 –Linda Harms 6-Verne Einspahr 7-Tiffani Martin 8 –Beverly Severns 9 –Londa Polzin 12-Keith Schroeder 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 –8 yrs.

Oren & Judy Nero –32 yrs.

Jon & Gail Wicke –40 yrs.

Dan & Terri Swanson –43 yrs.

Douglas & Jeanne Bliss –44 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.

2025 Calendar is waiting for you to pick a date!



## ~ATTENDANCE~

January 5	Early-76	Late-52
January 12	Early-101	Late-34
January 19	Early- 62	Late-48
January 26	Early-93	Late-44
February 2	Early-85	Late-31
February 9	Early-83	Late-39
February 16	Early-48	Late-46
February 23	Early-75	Late-45



## **Sunday Mornings**

8:00 am -Worship Service

10:30 am - Worship Service

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

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Go to: tlgreeley.org to Live-stream the 8 am service.

## Ministry Assistants—March Schedule

#### March 2

**Elders** – 8:00 am Ken Clavir; 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 James Roohr; 10:30 am Lance Polzin

#### March 9\*

**Elders** –8:00 am Larry Whitney; 10:30 am Mark Eggers **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 Doug Sterner; 10:30 am Bret Schmidt

#### March 16

Elders - 8:00 am Bob Thorgesen; 10:30 am Steve Cooper

**Sound** –8:00 am Jeff Junker; 10:30 am Jeff Junker **Video** –8:00 am Mary Beitz; 10:30 am Jeff Junker

**Organist**- Debra Schwartz

Security -8:00 am Doug Sterner; 10:30 am Lance Polzin

#### March 23\*

Elders -8:00 am Gary Klipp; 10:30 am Les Durdy

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

#### March 30\*

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

Sound -8:00 am Aaron Riemer; 10:30 am Aaron Riemer

Video –8:00 am Angela Riemer; 10:30 am Angela Riemer

Organist- 8:00 am Ken Streeb

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### \*Communion



March 2025  SUNDAY MON Feb 23 24  Feb 23 24  Mite Sunday 8:00am &: 10:30 am Worship 9:20am SS & Bible Study 9:10  Lutheran Schools Week Luthe	MONDAY  24  3  9:00am Quilters Meet 6:00pm BOE Meeting 10  Lutheran Schools Week	TUESDAY  25  Lutheran Schools Week	WEDNESDAY  26  5  10:00am Women's Bible Study  10:00am & 6pm Ash Wednesday Svc.  12  Lutheran Schools Week	March 2025 Su Mo Tu We Th  2	221 7 0	April 2025 Tu We Th Fr Sa  1
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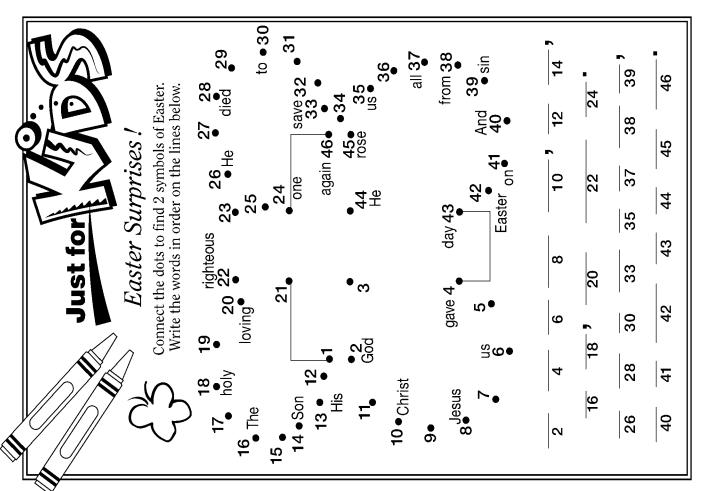
Church/School Office: 970-330-2485 Church/School Fax: 970-330-2844

Church/School Email: office@tlgreeley.com

Website: tlsgreeley.org

#### **Worship Services**

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



Answer: God gave us Jesus Christ, His Son, the holy, loving righteous one He died to save us all from sin, and on Easter day He rose again!