

Trinity Tidings

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

NOVEMBER 2024

November 3rd, 2024

Veterans Day

In memory of many, In honor of all, We Thank you for your service.

Join the TLS students for chapel on Wednesday, November 13th at 8:30 am when they will observe Veterans Day.



November

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

Mite Devotions

Program: Hymn Presentation

By Joyce Anderson

Mission Project: LWML Mites

Hostess: Joyce Anderson and Judy Nero

MITE SUNDAY - November 3rd : 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).



Christmas Cards for Sale

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Be sure to checkout the selection of Christmas cards that LWML has for sale this season. Monies help fund LWML projects at Trinity

Women's Advent Brunch Saturday, December 14, 2024 10:00 am—12:00 noon More information coming soon!

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!



Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

As we approach the end of the church year, the readings and themes in the lectionary (schedule of readings) take a more serious tone. Jesus Christ is coming, and we are to await him in faith. Don't fall asleep! Don't wander off the path! Stay awake!

On late-night drives, conversation with my wife Virginia helps me keep alert. As we travel together on this Christian journey at this late hour, we need to stick together and speak with one another about those things that are most important. These can be boiled down to "the one thing needful," Jesus Christ for us. But that one thing needful can also be expanded to include all things. He is the way, the truth, and the life. He is all-encompassing. So, we need to speak the truth with one another about everything: about the structure of reality—that there are men and women; that marriage is a blessing instituted by God; that children are a gift from the Lord; that authorities have been instituted by God for our benefit. We need to remind one another the proper aim of our love and attention—that security, wealth, comfort, pleasure, honor, reputation, accomplishments, etc. are not the highest good. "Seek first the kingdom of God; then all these will be added to you." Stay alert as the darkness deepens, and look to the Lord. Lord Jesus Christ, abide with us.

Thanksgiving also comes at the end of the church year—thank you George Washington! It is fitting to thank God for his gifts as we look to the end. Every good thing we have is a gift from the Lord. We can even count suffering as something to be thankful for, since God works all things for our good (Romans 8:28) and disciplines us as a father disciplines his children (Hebrews 12). As we await the coming of Jesus, we look to his suffering in which we participate for a time. There is comfort in knowing he suffered for us and with us as our brother. But we find hope in the outcome that has been revealed to us: that suffering will give way to joy, and the weakness of God's people will give way to power when Jesus returns as King to restore all things.

Thank you for your fellowship in Christ and partnership in the gospel. Stay awake, brothers and sisters.

Peace in Christ our Lord,

Tastor Joshua Vanderhyde



COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Trinity Lutheran Church and School Greeley, Colorado

DATE: 10/12/2024

Location: Narthex Lounge, 8:48 a.m.

Attendance: Quorum not established. Angela Reimer, Chair, Renee Ortado, Vice-Chair; Treasurer; Brenda Schmidt, Secretary; Linda Klipp, BOE Co-Chair; Matthew Foster, At-Large.

- I. **OPENING** The meeting opened with devotion and prayer by Angela.
- **II. OLD BUSINESS** Minutes: September 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.

Treasurer:

- Profit and Loss Budget vs. Actual financial report emailed prior to meeting for review.
- Discussion. Not able to formally approve without quorum.

School Board: Linda Klipp, Co-chairs

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

Pastor and Elders:

No report.

IV. POLICY REVIEW Church Council Policy Manual

• Sections 2.9 – 2.11. Discussion over each point. Angela will add to original copy.

V. NEW BUSINESS

I. September Congregational Assembly meeting waived due to no new reports or actions needed.

2. Nominating committee established per bylaws for December election of Council officers (Chairperson, Secretary, one at large member). Will move one at-large council member to be re-elected this year to split up the election terms. Nomination committee will be chaired by Renee Ortado, Vice-chairman and include Pastor Vanderhyde, one Elder and a church member at large.

3. Without quorum, did not set December Congregational Assembly meeting date. Will establish via email and report when set.

With no further business to discuss, the meeting closed at 9:50 a.m. The meeting closed with Prayer.

Next meeting is November 9, 2024, at 8:30 am. **POLICY REVIEW** Church Council Policy Manual: 3.1 - 3.4

Members of our Congregation -- Please feel free to talk with any Council member if you have questions.Angela Reimer, Chaira.riemer2@gmail.comLonda Polzin, Treasurer Londa.1958@gmail.comRenee Ortado, Vice Chair NODAK1962@msn.comBrenda Schmidt, Secretary Bbschmidt45@gmail.comMatthew Foster, Member At Large matt.foster.tlg@proton.me

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Brenda D. Schmidt / Congregational Secretary

School Happenings

Preschool & K-8

November has always been one of my favorite months. Thanksgiving is a favorite holiday, especially since I love to cook. Between All Saints Day and the end of the church year, there is wonderful music in our worship. I'm a sports fan and can channel surf football, hockey and basketball without worrying about stumbling across the lowly Rockies. I also look forward to the week without classes before hitting the Christmas holidays.

November concludes our annual Scholarship Campaign. We were excited to have several staff people step up to speak this year. In November, you will hear from Pastor, Board members and me again. We are hoping to get a slide show of the first trimester of the school year as part of a presentation. Thanks to all who have contributed to the fund drive. If you haven't yet made a donation, please consider making a contribution towards our goal of \$50,000 for the 2024-25 school year.

For our September chapel offering, our students collected 137 boxes of cereal for the Weld County Food Bank. We did manage to get them all in Barb Perusek's car! Our student body this year is proving eager to help. For October through December, we are collecting cash offerings for hurricane relief. AND students are encouraged to make cards to share with those struggling with health issues (October), our veterans (November) and shut-ins (December). A soup drive is in the works for January – and I think we will challenge the congregation to participate with us (watch for details in December).

We have changed the Butter Braid arrival date. They will arrive a week earlier, so church members can get theirs on Sunday, November 14. This fundraising event supports extra activities for our staff and students beyond our regular budget (such as National Lutheran Schools week supplies and a teacher appreciation event).

We are NOT doing a Veteran's Day celebration on the 11th this year, but we are incorporating veteran appreciation into our chapel service on Wednesday, November 13. Please join the students and staff at 8:30 a.m. that day. We are inviting church members and school family members, especially those who have served in the armed forces to that service.

The following week, congregation members are invited to join the school for an early Thanksgiving celebration. On Friday, November 22, join us in the gym at 10:30 a.m. The students are preparing a short program. There will be lots of yummy desserts afterwards. School dismisses at noon that day for the Thanksgiving holiday break. The school and offices will be closed until December 2nd.

In the spirit of the season, there is so much to be thankful for. Know that Trinity Lutheran Church and School is up at the top of my list. Having a school where I can put my passion for Lutheran education to work means more than you will ever know. I love my church family and appreciate that I have a congregation that holds to solid theology and Lutheran traditions. May all of you have a blessed Thanksgiving season.

Connected in Christ,

Director Gwen Marshall



Congregational Assembly Meeting Sunday December 15, 2024 11:45 am

To comply with our new constitution and bylaws, all seven positions on the school board and all nine positions on the board of elders are up for reelection, as they were not previously filled through the nomination and election process.



To avoid having all members up for reelection

every two years, half of the positions will be elected to two-year terms and half to oneyear terms this first time, with future elections staggered accordingly.

Congregational Chairperson Secretary Elders—9 School Board Members—7

The nominating committee will be accepting nominations for these positions through Sunday, November 10th

Agenda: Board Reports Elections

Scholarship Fundraising Campaign!

The Scholarship Fundraising Campaign is coming to a close for this year. What a blessing God has given us that we are able to serve Him through the mission of our school for more than seventy-five years. The purpose of our church and school is to share the good news of salvation with our community. Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, laid down His life on the cross to pay our debt of sin. Now we are to follow His example and share His word with others. Jesus told us to bring the little children to Him. He sends us families He knows needs us, even if some of those families can't pay the tuition cost for their children. He calls us to dig a little deeper and provide funds to enable those little children to come to Him through our school. He has called



us to provide a Christ-centered education to all those who seek it regardless of their ability to pay. Please say yes to God's call and give to the Scholarship Fund. Even though the campaign draws to an end, the fundraising continues and we invite you to prayerfully consider giving to the Scholarship Fund whenever you can throughout the year. Scholarship donations are used to pay tuition fees on behalf of students and therefore return to the church. We give thanks and praise to God for your generous and serving hearts. Continue to support our mission in prayer.

TOGETHER WE CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE!



CHRISTIAN INSTRUCTION

Interested in Becoming a Member or Learning More About Being a Member?

We invite you to join us for a four-week class designed for anyone interested in becoming a member, learning more about the Lutheran faith, or considering baptism. Whether you're new to the church, seeking to deepen

your understanding, or simply curious, this class is open to all!

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of life!

Led by Pastor Vanderhyde, this class will meet after the 2nd service at 11:45 am in the church narthex lounge, beginning Sunday, November 3rd. To sign up or for more information, please contact Debi so we can prepare materials for everyone. We hope to see you there!

That's 75 x 2 You are invited to join the celebratory

Open House

For Pastor Kent & Chris Schnegelberger (they both turned 75 this year) at Trinity Lutheran Church on Sunday, November 24th from 2 to 4 pm in the Church Fellowship Hall. No gifts please.



NOVEMBER COOKS NIGHT OUT

Come enjoy your own customized pizza at Mod Pizza (4365 Centerplace Drive Suite 300 in Greeley) on Tuesday, November 19th. You can enjoy your pizza at the restaurant or get it to go. They are open 10:30 am until 9:00 pm. Mark your calendar and plan to come enjoy the

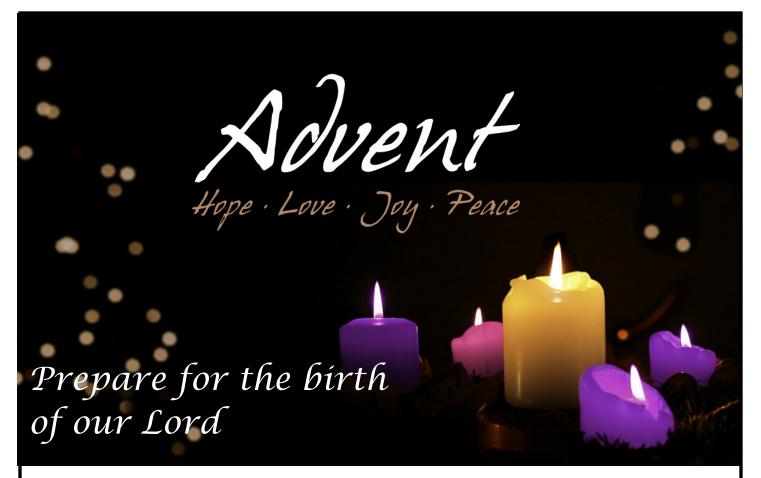


good food, good fun, and good fellowship. Flyers will be available the Sunday before. See you there!



Help Needed For Decorating the Church Saturday, November 30, 2024 @ 9 am Contact Larry Whitney for More Info

Note from the Editor: "Grace and mercy" is a frequent point for contemplation in my life these days. My parents raised five strong, independent women. Following the death of my mother when we all needed to work together, I realized we are also very different women. I have received phone calls from each sister at one time or another, venting their frustrations with another sister and asking for my advice. My advice is simply to give each other "Grace and Mercy". I try to remind them that we are family. Being members of a family doesn't mean that we have to agree with each others life choices, just love each other and show each other the same grace and mercy we would hope for. Funny how that works, though. I make enough missteps in my life that I am always asking God for grace and mercy, but I can find it challenging at times to give that same grace and mercy to others when they make a mistake that affects me. I do get there, but it can take longer than I like to reach that place in my heart of giving grace and mercy for others. God is full of grace, giving me blessings that I do not deserve and merciful by not giving me what I do deserve. As a sinner, I deserve His temporal and eternal punishment. I have found that when I give grace and mercy, I also find peace. May you find peace through the gifts of grace and mercy given to you from our Lord and Savior. May you also receive peace by giving that same grace and mercy to others. "*Be merciful, even as your Father is merciful.*" *Luke 6:36*



Planning is in the early stages, but here is what we know today.

Advent begins Sunday, December 1st

Midweek Advent Services begin Wednesday, December 4th with 10 am Morning Service 5 pm Meal in the Church Fellowship Hall 6 pm Service in the Sanctuary

TLS Students will present their Program on Wednesday, December 18th at both 10 am and 6 pm.

Christmas Eve is on Tuesday, with an Evening Candlelight Service at 6 pm.

Christmas Day there will be a morning service at 9 am.



Financial	Report
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Cash Position 1st Quarter Report September 30, 2024

\$ 74,641.14
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\$ 205,511.82

Ordinary Expenses	\$ 239,269.29
Mortgage Interest	22,194.40
Mortgage Principal	<u>\$ 5,270.87</u>
Total Expenses (Cash Out)	\$ 266,734.56
Expenses in Excess of Income	(\$ 61,222.74)

If you have any questions regarding these numbers, please feel free to contact a Finance Team member, Cheri Carsten or Kristen Meritt Mortgage balance: \$1,728,624.98

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 *Caryle Kassahn –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.

PLAN AHEAD! Debi will be out of the office beginning Friday, November 22nd, returning on Monday, December 2nd.

Please note that the deadline for the Sunday bulletins for November 24th and December 1st is **Monday, November 18th**.

The Newsletter Deadline for December's Newsletter has also been moved up and is **Thursday, November 7th.**



The school will be closed for Thanksgiving Break November 25th thru 29th. Childcare may be open on Monday thru Wednesday if enough students sign up. However, the office will be closed that whole week. If you need Pastoral assistance during this time, upcoming bulletins will have details on who to contact.

O.W.L.S. have not yet met at this time to decide what their November and December schedule will be. Look in upcoming bulletins for their revised dates since Thanksgiving and Christmas conflict with their regular meeting dates.



They will go back to their regular schedule on January 23rd as we begin 2025! We look forward to seeing you then.

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3 Carolyn Cowherd 4 Dalton Serl
5 Amanda Turner
6 Sharon Andrews
7 Mary Tyrrell
8 Hannah Deshazer
8 Eli Vanderhyde
9 Randy Brech
10 Paul Jackson
10 Clint Serl 13 Joyce Anderson
13 Jessica Osterhoudt
15 Janice Harms
22 Allen Sackschewsky
24 Joyce Grauberger
24 Arlene Otto
28 Richard Mapes
29 Dennis Beitz
30 Melanie Davis
30 Deborah Thuener

Bírthdays



Matthew & Akane Stanton (14) Bret & Brenda Schmidt (35) Mark & Paula Eggers (42) Richard & Frances Geisert (72)

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



November

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.

> November 3 Candy Reed

November 10 Beth Jackson (Celebrating Husband Paul's Birthday)

> **November 17** Barb Perusek & family (In Memory of Bill Perusek)

> > November 24 Available





<u>Sunday Mornings</u>

8:00 am - Worship Service

10:30 am -Worship Service

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



~ATTENDANCE~

September 15	Early-106	Late-41
September 22	Early-107	Late-57
September 29	Early-97	Late-52
October 6	Early-88	Late-30
October 13	Early-83	Late-55
October 20	Early-97	Late-35

Ministry Assistants-November Schedule

November 3*

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

November 10*

Elders – 8:00 am Ken Clavir; 10:30 am Steve Cooper Ushers –8:00 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

November 17*

Elders – 8:00 am Gary Klipp; 10:30 am Steve Cooper Ushers –8:00 Cheri Carsten; 10:30 am Ken Einspahr Sound –8:00 am Jeff Junker; 10:30 am Jeff Junker Video –8:00 am Dan Swanson; 10:30 am Dan Swanson Organist– Ken Streeb Security –8:00 am Lance Polzin; 10:30 am Bret Schmidt

November 24*

Elders –8:00 am Bob Thorgesen; 10:30 am Ken Clavir Ushers –8:00 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

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Oct 27	28	29	30	31	Nov 1 Weld Cty Elections 6:00pm Young Marines	2 Weld Cty Elections
3 All Saints Sunday Mite Sunday 8:00am & 10:30 am 9:20am SS & Bible Study 11:45am Christian	4 Weld Cty Elections 9:00am Quilters Meet 6:00pm BOE Meeting	5 Weld Cty Elections	6 Weld Cty Elections 10:00am Women's Bible Study	7 6:30am Men's Group 1:00pm LWML 3:00pm Newsletter Deadline	8 6:00pm Young Marines	9 7:00am ELDERS Meeting 8:30am Church Council
10 8:00am & 10:30 am Worship 9:20am SS & Bible Study 11:45am Christian Instruction	11 9:00am Quilters Meet	12	13 8:30am Veterans Day Chapel 10:00am Women's Bible Study	14 6:30am Men's Group 1:00pm FRIENDSHIP CIRCLE	15 6:00pm Young Marines	16
17 8:00am & 10:30 am Worship 9:20am SS & Bible Study 11:45am Christian Instruction	18 9:00am Quilters Meet	19 10:30am Cooks Night Out	20 10:00am Women's Bible Study	21 6:30am Men's Group	22 6:00pm Young Marines	23 8:00am Property Team Meeting
24 8:00am & 10:30 am Worship 9:20am SS & Bible Study 11:45am Christian Instruction	25 Thanksgiving Break 9:00am Quilters Meet	26 Thanksgiving Break	27 Thanksgiving Break 10:00am Women's Bible Study 6:00pm Thanksgiving Eve Svc.	28 Thanksgiving Break 6:30am Men's Group	29 Thanksgiving Break 6:00pm Young Marines	30 9:00am Holiday Decorating
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Return Service Requested

Church/School Office: 970-330-2485 Church/School Fax: 970-330-2844 Church/School Email: <u>office@tlgreeley.com</u> Website: tlsgreeley.org

Worship Services

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

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Dog, House, Clothes, Rainbow, Lamp, Fork, Jet, Dove, Kite, Yo-Yo