



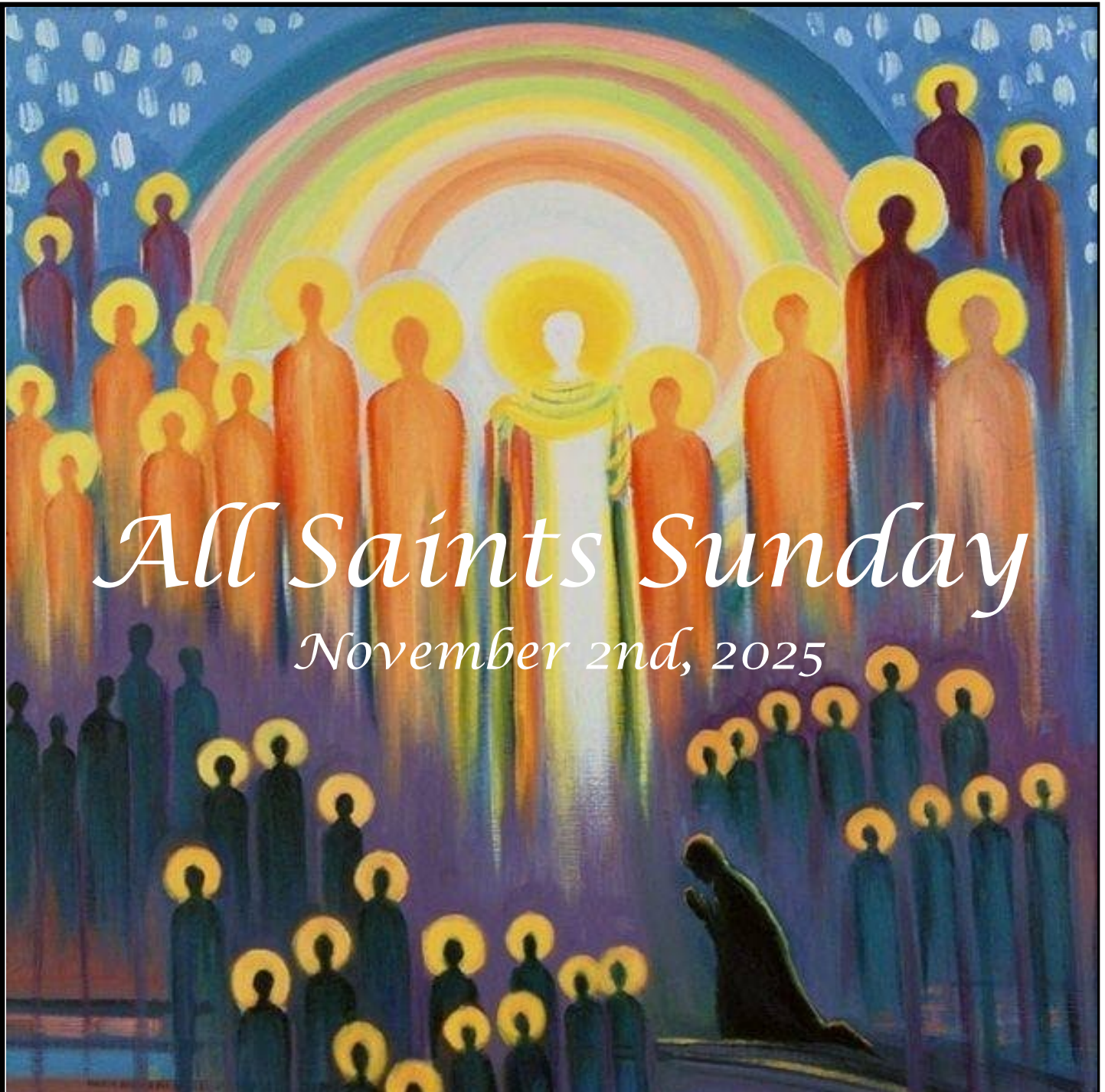
Trinity Tidings

Trinity Lutheran Church and School

3000 35th Avenue

Greeley, Colorado 80634

NOVEMBER 2025



All Saints Sunday

November 2nd, 2025



November

~ Thursday, November 6th ~
@ 1:00 pm

Mite Devotions

Program: Presentation *By Pastor Hesse*

Mission Project: LWML Mites

Hostess: Karen Langhorn

MITE SUNDAY - November 2nd : 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).



Women's Advent Luncheon

Saturday, December 6
11:00 am – 1:00 pm

Trinity Lutheran Church
Fellowship Hall

Please RSVP

Sign-in sheet at Church or
Call/Text Brenda 970-302-9309

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK



In our world, belonging is often something we choose and un-choose. We join groups, cancel subscriptions, and move on when something no longer meets our needs. But the Church is different. Scripture describes it not as a club or a service provider, but as a body—Christ's body—of which each of us is a living member (1 Corinthians 12).

That means we do not merely *attend* church; we *belong* to one another. When one member suffers, all suffer together. When one rejoices, all share the joy. The hand cannot say to the foot, "I have no need of you." Each part matters. Each carries responsibility for the health of the whole.

Saint Paul urges us to "*maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace*" (Ephesians 4:3). Unity is a gift from God, but it also requires care and attentiveness. Like the human body, the body of Christ grows strong when its members stay connected and responsive—when each part listens both to the Head, who is Christ, and to the other members around it.

Listening is one of the deepest forms of love. It is how we honor one another's place in the body, how we learn what another member needs, and how the Spirit brings understanding where there has been strain. When we stop listening, the body loses coordination and trust. But when we listen patiently and speak with grace, the whole body moves again with steadiness and purpose.

In the weeks ahead, I invite us to do this work together—to listen, to pray, and to care intentionally for one another. Let's take the time to hear each other's joys and burdens, to speak words that build up, and to seek Christ's leading as one people. As we do, we will find that He is already at work among us, holding us together and making us whole.

Blessings in Christ our Head,
Pastor Joshua Vanderhyde



COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Trinity Lutheran Church and School

Greeley, Colorado

DATE: 10/18/2025

Location: Narthex Lounge, 8:30 a.m.

Attendance: Quorum established. Matthew Foster, Chair; Renee Ortado, Vice-Chair; Kathy Turley, Treasurer; Brenda Schmidt, Secretary; Randy Brech, At-Large; Pam Clavir, BOE Co-Chair; Pastor Joshua Vanderhyde; Kristen Merritt, guest, Rev. Hesse, guest via zoom for partial meeting.

- I. **OPENING MINUTES** The meeting opened with devotion and prayer given by Pam.
July meeting minutes previously approved through email.

II. OLD BUSINESS

- Profit and Loss Budget vs. Actual financial reports emailed prior to meeting for review. Randy moved we approve this report as presented. Seconded by Renee. Discussion. Motion carried by voice vote.
- Brenda moved that Harlan Simonson serve as a volunteer financial strategist/advisor to Pastor Vanderhyde (at Pastor's request) and be given read only access to any information needed to perform this duty. Seconded by Matthew. Discussion. Motion carried by voice vote.

III. REPORTS

Property: Matthew reported from email

- Work completed: Painting, tree trimming, room repair, sprinkler maintenance.
- Upcoming: Clean garage and storage space, mow, replace light fluorescent bulbs.

Security: Matthew

- Adding volunteers to security team. Need someone to lead the Security Team.
- Team is keeping up on evolving needs.

Call Committee: Matthew

- All information has been sent to the District Office. Waiting for Pastoral candidate names.

School Board: Pam Clavir Co-Chair

- Report sent to Council members by email in advance of this meeting. Discussion.
- Continue work on financial specifics in all areas of school.
- Early Childhood: Universal Preschool in place. Licensing is renewed.
- Timetable for accreditation is now Fall 2026.
- Foundry is going well with 22 homeschoolers.
- Board has asked Harlan Simonson to collaborate with Pastor and Gwen (Early Childhood director) to assist with strategic planning.
- Thank you to Pastor for securing a \$15,000 donation to use in the Kindergarten classroom.
- Have had three successful fundraisers this fall. Fall festival is coming up.

Pastor/Elders: Pastor Vanderhyde

- Meeting regularly.

V. NEW BUSINESS

- 2026 Council Meeting schedule set: In person meetings in January, February, March, May, July, September, and November.
- Revenue/Expenditures "Progress Bar"
 - ◊ Matthew presented an offering progress bar chart for July - September. Discussion regarding progress and how best to communicate financial and offering reports to congregation.
- Quarterly Congregational Assembly Meeting: Sunday December 7, 2025, at 11:45 am
 - ◊ Agenda: Reports and Elections
 - ◊ Open Positions: Vice-President: Treasurer, Three (3) At-Large Council members, Open Elder positions.

Nominating Committee:

- ◊ Council ratified Pastor, Renee Ortado, and Kristen Merritt to serve as the nominating committee.
- Membership Directory: Brenda has offered to begin working on this project.
- Finance: Kristen Merritt moved that Council grant authority to the finance team to re-amortize the LCEF loan (mortgage). Seconded by Renee. Discussion. Motion passed with a voice vote.
- Council directed the finance team to evaluate our financial position and report back to council with recommendations.

With no further business, Randy moved that we adjourn. Second by Brenda. Meeting closed at 11:00 am with devotion on Psalm 133 (Unity) and prayer by Pastor.

Next meeting: November 8, 2025. 8:30 am in Narthex Lounge.

School Happenings

Preschool & K-8

I'm taking an attitude of gratitude as I write the school news for this month. Trinity Lutheran Church and School is richly blessed and it's that time of year to take stock of what has happened in the past months.

THANK YOU to all of you who volunteered for Pickers Paradise, Cooks Night Out and the Quilters' Auction. Between those 3 events, we raised \$4000 for the Scholarship Fund to kick off the 2025-26 drive. The Quilters are also planning on making an additional donation to the program from their auction proceeds. You can continue supporting our scholarship program by participating in Cooks' Night Out each month, or you can make a direct donation to Trinity. There are envelopes designated for scholarships in your offering envelope box. You can also stop by the office and make a donation via check, cash or credit card with Debi.

THANK YOU to our members who are veterans (and to those currently serving in our military). We were hoping for an especially eventful Veterans' Day, but the government shut down has postponed those plans for at least a year. We will still have a Veteran's Day Chapel on Tuesday, November 11, at 8:30 a.m. in the church sanctuary. We invite congregation members to join us and please invite others from the community who have served our country so we can recognize them that day.

THANK YOU to Ms. Miner and Mrs. Butterworth for organizing a Science Fair for grades 3-7. If you would like to come check out what our older students are learning, stop by after school on November 13. The displays will be in the gym from 3:30-4:30 that afternoon.

THANK YOU to all who purchased Butter Braids in October. The items will arrive at Trinity on November 12. Your seller will be getting your order to you in the days to follow.

THANK YOU, GOD, for filling our PreK classroom assistant position so quickly. Mrs. Brenda Orozco joined our staff in late September and is a marvelous addition. We thank God for our team of dedicated educators that care for and nurture the students sent to us. If you want to pray for them by name, it is: Tonaira, Brenda O, Debbie, Tatiana, Gwen, Abby, Moriah, Renee, Brenda J, Lydia, Erin and Josh.

THANK YOU, GOD, for a strong start to our Foundry program. We continue to add home-school students and find additional teachers to enable us to offer more subjects and sessions. And a big THANK YOU to those who donated materials to get the program off the ground.

... AND THANK YOU GOD for the upcoming Thanksgiving Break week of November 24. Both staff and students can enjoy a few days of R&R before the December rush. The office, school and childcare are closed for the week.

Elsewhere in this newsletter, you will find a page from the Rocky Mountain District newsletter. I was chosen as the educator to be profiled in October. The new person doing the District newsletter is planning on profiling teachers each month to celebrate the excellent educators who serve in the RMD LCMS. I was honored to be selected.

THANK YOU to all of you who read my articles and offer me encouragement. I am very thankful that I can serve at Trinity Lutheran Church and School.
Make a Joyful Noise!

ECE Director

Gwen Marshall



EDUCATOR HIGHLIGHT

October 2025

Gwen Marshall

Early Childhood Director at Trinity-Greeley RM District Early Childhood Consultant

My name is Gwen Marshall. I'm originally from western Nebraska, but my family moved to Fort Collins in the late 70's. Colorado became my summer home when I was in college.

I'm a graduate of St. John's College, Winfield, KS and this is my 44th year as an educator (40 of them have been in Lutheran schools). My first call was to First Lutheran in Ponca City, OK, then I became part of the start-up staff at Tulsa Lutheran School.



In 1985, I moved to the Rocky Mountain District. My next call was to Mt. Zion in Boulder. While I was there, I became part of the RMD School Ministry Committee and have served with that group for all but 5 of the past 37 years. I have the privilege of representing our District at synodical events as the Early Childhood Consultant. I have also been very involved as a captain and consultant for National Lutheran School Accreditation.

I was director/teacher at Trinity Lutheran in Denver for 25 years. In my final years there, I had the privilege of having "grand-students" – children of my former students. I also had over a dozen former preschool students come work for me when they were in high school or college.

In 2018, I moved to Greeley to be nearer my family and joined the staff of Trinity Lutheran Church & School. I'm still a teaching director – so there are still lots of challenges to keep me fresh and engaged. My current big project is getting Colorado Shines to recognize National Lutheran School Accreditation as an alternate method of getting a quality rating. As soon as that happens, I will lead my school through the latest version of the NLSA early childhood instrument.

Shortly after I moved to Greeley, all of my family members moved away. I still love Colorado and have a wonderful circle of friends here and want to stay forever. I fill any free time with cooking or following my favorite sports teams. In homage to my childhood home, I still wear red most Saturdays and follow the football and volleyball teams. I was a Rockies season ticket holder for 25 years. I love the Colorado Avalanche and have been to all three Stanley Cup Champion parades (and I need another one in 2026).

FAITH TO MOVE MOUNTAINS... ONE STONE AT A TIME

rm.lcms.org



Make November a month to remember at Weld Food Bank!

We are also looking to collect shelf-stable food items. Along with some holiday staples, we are in need of some of the most requested items:

Stuffing Mix
Soup
Peanut Butter

Canned Green Beans
Rice/Pasta
Tuna/Canned Meat

Canned Corn
Cereal

Drop off your donations at the school M-F 8 am –4 pm or at the Church on Sunday mornings.



Weld Food Bank

If you would prefer to give money (cash or gift cards) give that to Barb Perusek or go to: weldfoodbank.org/donate. (\$1 will feed 4 people; \$25 will feed 100 people.)

The need for donations continues to grow as funding gets cut and more families struggle to have enough food even though they have two incomes. Give as God has given to you.



Veterans Day

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

*Join the TLS students for chapel on Tuesday,
November 11th at 8:30 am when they will
observe Veterans Day.*

THANKSGIVING EVE SERVICE

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 26

6:00 P.M.



NOVEMBER COOKS NIGHT OUT

Join the Trinity family at Applebee's on Thursday, November 13th for good food, good fun, and good fellowship. Applebee's will donate a percentage of all sales to Trinity. Bring your cook and the rest of the family, enjoy a nice meal, skip washing dishes, all while supporting Trinity! Hope to see you there!

**HELP NEEDED
FOR
DECORATING THE CHURCH**
CONTACT LARRY WHITNEY FOR MORE INFO



Congregational Assembly Meeting

Sunday December 7, 2025

11:45 am

AGENDA: REPORTS AND ELECTIONS

Congregational Vice President

Treasurer

Elders—4

School Board Members—3

At-Large Council —3

The nominating committee (Pastor Vanderhyde, Renee Ortado, and Kristen Meritt) will be accepting nominations for these positions. Watch for dates for when they need to be turned in by.

THANKSGIVING



WORD SEARCH

Y C T G S V K L Q A U B H U M R Z X X Z C Y R
E B N S R X P U F X I Y E K R U T I P H R L F
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Blessings
Corn
Cornucopia
Cranberry

Family
Feast
Gather
Gratitude

Harvest
Indians
November
Pilgrims

Pumpkin Pie
Stuffing
Sweet Potatoes
Thanksgiving

Tradition
Turkey

*Prepare for the birth
of our Lord*

Advent

Light a candle in the darkness

Advent begins Sunday,
November 30

Midweek Advent Services
begin Wednesday,
December 3rd
with
10 am Morning Service
6 pm Service in the
Sanctuary

TLS Students will present
their Program
on Wednesday,
December 17th at both
10 am and 6 pm.

Christmas Eve is
an Evening Candlelight
Service at 6 pm

Christmas Day at 9 am





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.

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| *Richard Beitz-Home | *Mary Henneck-Home |
| *Ellen Colegrove- Grace Point | *Ruth McGhghy - Life Care |
| *Elaine Daubert-Home | *Ron Otto- Grace Point |
| *Melanie Davis - Home | *Karen Rutt-Greeley Village |
| *Teresa Detterer-Home | *Dave Schonek –Home |
| *Rachel & Verne Einspahr-Grace Point | *Esther Specht-Home |
| *Bill Heldt –Meadowview | *Lorene Steele –Home |
| *Dick & Francis Geisert-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.

PLAN AHEAD! Debi will be out of the office beginning Friday, November 24th, returning on Monday, December 1st.

Please note that the deadline for the Sunday bulletins for November 23rd and 30th is **Monday, November 17th.**

The Newsletter Deadline for December's Newsletter has also been moved up and is **Monday, November 10th.**

The school will be closed for Thanksgiving Break November 24th thru 28th. The office and Childcare will be closed that whole week. If you need assistance during this time, please call the office and leave a message. I will direct your need to the person on call.

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 24th as we begin 2026! We look forward to seeing you then.



Happy Holidays!



NOVEMBER



Birthdays

3 Carolyn Cowherd
4 Dalton Serl
5 Amanda Turner
6 Sharon Andrews
7 Mary Tyrrell
8 Hannah Deshazer
8 Eli Vanderhyde
9 Randy Brech
9 Terri Morrow
10 Paul Jackson

10 Clint Serl
13 Joyce Anderson
13 Jessica Osterhoudt
15 Janice Harms
24 Joyce Grauberger
24 Arlene Otto
28 Richard Mapes
29 Dennis Beitz
30 Melanie Davis
30 Deborah Thuener



Matthew & Akane Stanton (15)
Bret & Brenda Schmidt (36)
Mark & Paula Eggers (43)
Richard & Frances Geisert (73)

(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 2

Remembering those who have gone before

November 9

Available

November 16

Available

November 23

Available

November 30

Poinsettias



BAPTISMS

Jacob Edens

(Son of Jordan & Jamie Edens)

Born 11-4-2022

Baptized 10-12-2025

James Edens

(Son of Jordan & Jamie Edens)

Born 12-30-2024

Baptized 10-12-2025

In Loving Memory



Gilbert Kaiser

Born 1-15-1932

Died 9-27-2025



~ATTENDANCE~

September 14	Early-100	Late-42
September 21	Early-110	Late-50
September 28	Early-115	Late-42
October 5	Early-99	Late-53
October 12	Early-96	Late-51
October 19	Early-90	Late-45

Ministry Assistants—November Schedule

November 2*

Elders – 8:00 am Bob Thorgesen; 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 Terri Swanson

Organist–Debra Schwartz

Security –8:00 am Doug Sterner; 10:30 am Matt Foster

November 9*

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

Sound –8:00 am Dan Swanson; 10:30 am Dan Swanson

Video –8:00 am Terri Swanson; 10:30 am Terri Swanson

Organist– Debra Schwartz

Security –8:00 am Lance Polzin; 10:30 am Cheri Carsten

November 16

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

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/ Matt Foster; 10:30 am Bret Schmidt

November 23*

Elders –8:00 am Zach Ewald; 10:30 am Ken Clavir

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 Matt Foster; 10:30 am Bret Schmidt

November 30*

Elders – 8:00 am Gary Klipp; 10:30 am Steve Cooper

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 Dustin Brown; 10:30 am Bret Schmidt

***Communion**

November 2025

November 2025							December 2025						
Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa	Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
2	3	4	5	6	7	8	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
9	10	11	12	13	14	15	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
16	17	18	19	20	21	22	15	16	17	18	19	20	21
23	24	25	26	27	28	29	22	23	24	25	26	27	28
30							29	30	31				

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Oct 26	27	28	29	30	31	Nov 1
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
All Saints Sunday Mite Sunday Weld Voters 8:00am & 10:30 am	Weld Voters 9:00am Quilters Meet 6:00pm BOE Meeting	Weld Voters	Weld Voters 10:00am Women's Chosen Bible Study 5:30pm Small Group	6:30am Men's Group 1:00pm LWML	6:00pm Young Marines	7:00am ELDERS Meeting 8:30am Church Council
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
8:00am & 10:30 am Worship 9:20am SS & Bible Study	9:00am Quilters Meet	8:30am Veterans Day Chapel	10:00am Women's Chosen Bible Study	Cooks Night Out 6:30am Men's Group 1:00pm Friendship Circle 3:30pm Science Fair	6:00pm Young Marines	3:00pm Newsletter Deadline
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
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23	24	25	26	27	28	29
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30	Dec 1	2	3	4	5	6
First Sunday of Advent 8:00am & 10:30 am Worship 9:20am SS & Bible Study						

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Website: tlgreeley.org

Worship Services

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



David's Psalm of Thanks

Find what David said. Match the words in the list to the word shapes.

1 Chronicles 16:8

what	call	thanks	known	to
Give	among	the	the	Lord
he	on	nations	his	has
done	name	make		

Give thanks to the Lord,
all nations
of the earth
make a joyful
noise to the Lord,
the nations
that he has made.

Answer: Give thanks to the Lord, call on his name; make known among the nations what he has done.