



# Trinity Tidings

Trinity Lutheran Church and School

3000 35th Avenue

Greeley, Colorado 80634

SEPTEMBER 2025

## Trinity Lutheran Pickers Paradise Sale

**Saturday  
September 6, 2025  
7 am– 2 pm**



**\$40 for 20 x 20 spaces on the grass**  
**\$50 for shaded areas**

**Reservations: 303-589-3253**

**3000 35th Ave.  
Greeley, CO**



# September

~ Thursday, September 4<sup>th</sup> ~

@ 1:00 pm

**Program:** Planning for a Future with You!

**MITE SUNDAY - September 7: Mite Sunday at Trinity** is the first Sunday of the month. We encourage you to bring your mites each month. Put them in a zip lock bag and drop them in the Mite Box. Men of Trinity we need your help too. Would you empty the change in your pocket that first Sunday also. Mites go first to our District and then a portion goes to the national Mite Goals. THANK YOU!




**CALLING ALL WOMEN!  
TRINITY'S LWML  
WANTS YOU!!**

*Come have dessert while we plan!*

The ladies of the LWML ask you to join them in thanking Carolyn Cowherd for her 18+ years of service as the President of Trinity's LWML/Ladies Guild. Thank you, Carolyn.

It is no secret that the world we live in continues to change and the LWML is looking to restructure their program in a way that makes being a LWML member more appealing or workable for your life and schedules. Perhaps monthly meetings don't work for you, but you would love to help with a baby shower or the Advent Brunch. Perhaps helping with funeral lunches is something you would like or you have other ideas you would like to see Trinity's LWML do. Help reshape Trinity's LWML into a group that crosses the generations and brings the women of Trinity together in service to our Lord.

The LWML ladies at Trinity are inviting you to their planning meeting on the 1st Thursday in September (the 4th) at 1 pm. They would like your input for the future of the LWML at Trinity. Come be a part of this wonderful ministry in whichever way works for you!



## From the Pastor's Desk

Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever. Neither he nor his mission changes. He is the image of God in whom we were created, the one we now behold by faith, and as we look to him, the Spirit shapes us “from glory to glory” (2 Cor. 3:18). Christ has not stopped working—he is still forming his people, conforming us to his image.

And yet, we often feel like we live in unusual times. Our culture tells a story of progress—from the so-called dark ages to the age of enlightenment, from oppression to freedom, from sickness to modern medicine. It’s hard to imagine life without air conditioning, smartphones, or even electricity. We have gained remarkable control over our outward circumstances, and we benefit from that in many ways.

But along with this mastery of the material world, we also feel a loss of meaning. The other day, I overheard several adults of different ages lamenting how little respect children show these days. That’s not true of every child, of course, but it does reflect a deeper worry that something essential is slipping away. Despite all our modern comforts, depression and anxiety are increasing. Families grow more fragile. Fewer young people are getting married and raising children. Outwardly, life may look better, but spiritually we are no healthier.

Our age prizes efficiency, productivity, and control. But the Christian life is different—it is receptive. It is slow and patient. It grows not by seizing and mastering but by receiving and treasuring what God gives. Real life is found by turning our attention to Jesus, through his Word and Spirit, through worship and prayer, through the fear and love of God.

On September 7, I’ll begin a new Sunday morning study called *The Catechumenate*. The word “catechesis” comes from the Greek and means “to echo down.” My prayer is that God’s Word would echo down into our hearts, drawing us deeper into Christ. Together we will explore Scripture, the catechism, and the liturgy so that our hearts, minds, and outward lives are more fully conformed to his image, and so that, in turn, we are equipped to bless and teach others—in our families, our friendships, and our communities.

I am deeply grateful for our Trinity family—for your support, your prayers, and your partnership in the ministry of the gospel. It is a joy to walk together as Christ shapes us and makes us his own.

*Pastor Joshua Vanderhyde*

**Trinity Lutheran Church and School Greeley Colorado**  
**COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES      JULY 12, 2025**

Narthex Lounge 8:30 a.m. – 10:30 am

Attendance: Matthew Foster, Chair; Renee Ortado, Vice-Chair; Cathy Turley, Treasurer; Brenda Schmidt, Secretary; Londa Polzin, At-Large member; Ken Clavir, Elders Chair; Pam Clavir, BOE Co-Chair; Cheri Carsten, Volunteer Business Manager; Quorum established.

- I. **OPENING** The meeting opened with devotion and prayer by Ken.  
**MINUTES** March meeting minutes previously approved through email.

**II. OLD BUSINESS**

- Annual financial report emailed prior to meeting for review.
- Matt moved we approve this report as presented. Seconded by Ken. Discussion. Motion passed by voice vote.
- April, May, and June business was managed through email discussions. No action taken.

**III. REPORTS**

a. **Volunteer Business Manager:** Cheri Carsten

- Reports were sent to Council members by email in advance. Discussion with questions answered. Cheri has resigned from this position as of June 30, 2025. She has distributed her duties and provided support. Specifics reviewed by Council. Thank-you expressed to Cheri. Matt will take on scheduling Security and planning for security training at school and church. Carpet tiles will be installed in the Narthex area being paid for by LWML Easter Love Offerings.

b. **School Board:** Pam Clavir Co-Chairs

- Report not sent in advance – School Board meeting this next Monday.
- Debbie Schwartz is eligible for a divine call.
- Tonaria Ewald will continue to serve as a Preschool teacher.
- Editing Employee Handbook (including discounts for Employees with children in the school).
- Foundry (Homeschool program) is growing.
- New reading and language arts curriculum has been purchased; teachers will undergo training.

c. **Pastor and Elders:** Ken Clavir, Chair

- Ken has met with Pastor Vanderhyde to review expectations moving forward.
- Elders have established a time schedule for calling our second Pastor. Elders agreed that the new Pastor's primary focus will be on the church and congregation. The Elders will identify specific roles and duties. Ken will provide more details about the process to the congregation.
- Call committee (established by Elders per our constitution/bylaws) will consist of three Elders, a member of Council, and three at-large members from the congregational assembly.
- After discussion, President Matt Foster was selected to represent Council on the Call committee.

**IV. POLICY REVIEW** Church Council Policy Manual

- Discussed how to manage and document changes to policies.
- Church Administrative assistant (Debi) and Congregational Secretary (Brenda) currently maintain updated copies.

**V. NEW BUSINESS**

- Mortgage Discussion – report by Cathy Turley. After discussing three options provided by Cathy, Council agreed that we continue the current payment structure for paying the mortgage.
- Solar Panel Discussion: Council considered a proposal (brought by the company GRP/Wegman) and decided not to proceed.
- Memorial Wall Painting Update: Lighting and names will be added. A reception for the artist Scott Chartier and woodworker Tim Turner will be hosted when complete.
- Business Manager Discussion – Cheri shared a proposal from Pastor Vanderhyde “Adjusting Compensation and Organizational Roles to Support Growth and Sustainability.” No action taken.
- Property Team representation at Council Meetings. Matt will invite the team leaders to report to our meetings.

**VI. ACTIONS**

**VII. CONCLUSIONS**

- Meeting concluded at 10:35 am with the Lord's Prayer.
- Next Council Meeting is October 10, 2025 / Pam will lead devotions.

Respectfully submitted.

*Brenda Schmidt*

Brenda D. Schmidt / Congregational Secretary

# School Happenings

## Preschool & K-8

### A Word from the Principal

One of our teachers, Mrs. Erin Butterworth, put it well: “*Children are not only our future—they are our present.*” They are here among us now, a vital part of our life together. Their presence calls us to give attention and care today—not only for who they will become, but for who they already are.

Since 1946, Trinity has been devoted to this mission. Our school exists to shape hearts and minds not only through strong academics but also through Christian character and faith. This is a work that takes all of us. Parents, grandparents, and church members each have a part to play. I encourage you to consider how you might join us—through prayer, volunteering during the week, or helping with *The Foundry*, our Friday enrichment program.

This year, our teachers and staff are striving to give students the very best in their core subjects while also expanding opportunities through *The Foundry*. With courses in cooking, woodworking, Spanish, drama, art, robotics, piano, and more, students will be stretched, challenged, and inspired.

I am grateful to God for the privilege of serving as principal of Trinity Lutheran School, and I thank him for the long history of faithfulness at Trinity and for the dedicated team of teachers, staff, and volunteers he has gathered for his mission. Together, by his grace, we share in God’s work of cultivating wisdom, knowledge, and faith in children.

May God bless our school year with his peace, his wisdom, and his grace in Jesus Christ.

In Christ,  
Joshua Vanderhyde  
Principal and Pastor

*“Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth;  
break forth into joyous song and sing praises!”*

Let's  
Make  
a Joyful  
Noise **2025-26**



It's time for  
**Cooks Night Out!**

The BOE invites you to come help kick off  
the *annual scholarship drive*.

**Tuesday, September 16th**

5:00 pm to 6:30 pm  
(or until the food runs out-Takeout available).

Church Fellowship Hall –

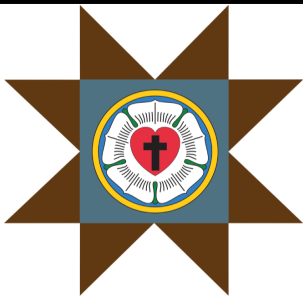
Join us for good food and fellowship!

A Free will offering will be collected that night.



**MENU**

Smoked chicken  
Pulled pork,  
Baked potato  
Green Beans  
Rolls  
A fabulous variety  
of desserts.



**Trinity Quilter's**  
**Biennial Quilt Auction**

**Saturday, October 11, 2025**

Take an early peek,  
Thursday, October 9  
2:00 pm –7:00 pm

Silent Auction 4:00 -5:30 pm  
Live Auction 6:15 pm

**3000 35th Ave, Greeley, CO**  
**Trinity Lutheran School Gym**

View quilts on [facebook.com/trinityquiltersofficial](https://facebook.com/trinityquiltersofficial)  
Website \* [www.trinityquilters.com](http://www.trinityquilters.com)

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# Resource Center

PREGNANCY STD SUPPORT

## The Resource Center Baby Bottle Totals

The results are in! We've had another year of outstanding giving for the annual Baby Bottle Campaign. Thank you to all who prayerfully and willingly gave a donation to The Resource Center. It is a true honor to share with you the results.

2025 Campaign Total - \$150,589

Trinity Lutheran Church Total - \$12,739

A special thank you Bob and Donna Thorgesen for taking the filled bottles to The Resource Center during the campaign. They are a true blessing to our community.

Thank you to all who helped with the campaign and to all who contributed to our donation.



After taking a break for the summer, these favorites are back:

\*\*LWML/Ladies Guild meets 1st Thursday of the month at 1 pm in the Church Narthex.

\*\*Friendship Circle meets on the 2nd Thursday of the month at 1 pm in the Church Narthex

## You are invited to an **OPEN HOUSE**

for

***Doug and Nita Schmidt***

celebrating 50 years of marriage on  
Saturday, September 20 from 2 pm to 5 pm  
in the Fellowship Hall  
No gifts please.



# SOAR 2025 FALL SEMINAR

## ROCKY MOUNTAIN DISTRICT/LCMS

**Sponsored** by the Rocky Mountain District SOAR Adult Ministry Committee/LCMS

**THEME: “Anchored in Faith”**

**WHEN:** Saturday, September 20, 2025

**WHERE:** Peace Lutheran Church, 5675 Field Street,  
Arvada, CO 80002

**Sponsored by** the SOAR Adult Ministry Committee of  
the Rocky Mountain District/LCMS



A one-day seminar sponsored by the SOAR Committee of the Rocky Mountain District/LCMS will be held at **Peace Lutheran Church**, 5675 Field Street, Arvada, CO. 80002, on Saturday, September 20, 2025. Registration and continental breakfast are at 8:45 am, and the first of the presenters will begin at 9:30 am. Please mark the date and register early using the form provided on the last page. Your registration fee of only \$30/person covers continental breakfast, lunch, coffee breaks, and costs for the speakers and facility.

Attendees offer favorable comments about the program, stating that the topics of the presenters are extremely interesting and educational. We encourage you to invite and bring other Christian friends. **Register a friend (or couple) who has not previously attended a SOAR event at one-half cost!**

## SEMINAR PROGRAM INCLUDES:

**REV. DR. R. REED LESSING**

**REV. JOHN LARSON, ASCENSION LUTHERAN CHURCH, LITTLETON, COLORADO**

**ALYSSA PETTY: DIRECTOR FOR DEVELOPMENT AT LUTHERAN BIBLE TRANSLATORS**

**ENTERTAINMENT: A TOUCH OF GRASS**





## 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

\*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.



Weld Food Bank

## REMEMBER Weld Food Bank In SEPTEMBER!

*CANNED TUNA	*MAYONNAISE	*MAC 'N CHEESE	*PEANUT BUTTER
*JELLY	*CANNED FRUIT	*BOXED JUICE	*CANNED SPAGHETTIOS
*APPLESAUCE	*PASTA	*CANNED RAVIOLI	*CANNED VEGETABLES
*TRAIL MIX	*CRACKERS	*FRUIT SNACKS	*GRANOLA BARS
*BOXED CEREAL	*PANCAKE MIX	*DRIED FRUITS	*INSTANT HOT CEREALS

Did you know that right here in Weld County 1 in 5 people are going without food **today**? Or that 1 in 4 children are struggling with the effects of hunger **right now**?

*Drop off your donations at the school M-F 8 am –4 pm or at the Church on Sunday mornings. If you would prefer to give money (cash or gift cards) give it to Barb Perusek. \$1 will feed 4 people \$25 will feed 100 people. Prayerfully consider giving. Thank you, Trinity!*

WE REACHED OUR **GOAL OF 1250#**

CURRENTLY YOU HAVE DONATED **1319#**

**WE CAN DO MORE!**



# SEPTEMBER



# *Birthdays*

1 Kaylee Deshazer  
5 Scott Tyrrell  
8 Kenneth Einspahr  
9 Margaret Langley  
10 Frances Geisert  
10 Ezra Jackson  
10 David Martin  
12 Raina Dietrich  
14 Peggy Peters  
16 Jean Orth  
19 Nathan Serl  
20 Gibson Klepper  
21 Sharon Junker  
21 Larry Whitney

22 Gavin Boxum  
22 Nita Schmidt  
23 Beth Jackson  
23 Sadie Schroeder  
24 Steven Klug  
24 Rexene Whitney  
25 Lyla Kaczor  
25 William Lindenmayer  
25 Debi Roethemeyer  
25 Gail Wicke  
27 Jonathan Butterworth  
29 Lillian Bruntz  
29 Elaine Daubert  
30 JoAnn Conway



David & Tanisha Martin (9)  
Dale & Linda Rains (18)  
Randy & Amber Kline (23)  
William & Skipper Lindenmayer (43)  
William & Kathy Weber (51)  
Robert & Donna Thorgesen (54)  
Randy & Peggy Peters (57)

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



**ALTAR FLOWER**  
~Schedule~

# September

Please sign up to bring flowers.  
The chart is on the wall by narthex  
kitchenette. Be sure to notify Debi  
in the church office, 970-330-2485.

**September 7**  
Available

**September 14**  
Available

**September 21**  
Janel Marolf

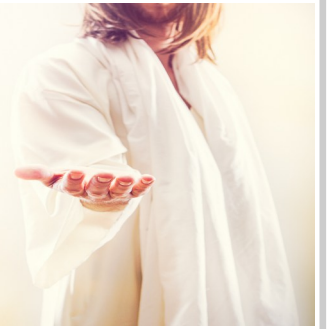
**September 28**  
Available



## ~ATTENDANCE~

July 6	Early-107	Late-60
July 13	Early-105	Late-42
July 20	Early-103	Late-58
July 27	Early-75	Late-67
August 3	Early-140	Late-31
August 13	Early-126	Late-50
August 17	Early-106	Late-48

## In Loving Memory



**Dale Schlichenmayer**

*Born 5-23-1947*

*Died 7-4-2025*

**Catherine Kruger**

*Born 7-28-1946*

*Died 8-2-2025*

**Norman Boxum**

*Born 4-28-1940*

*Died 8-8-2025*



## BAPTISM

**Evelyn Kathleen  
Vanderhyde**

*(daughter of Joshua and Virginia  
Vanderhyde)*

*Born 7-26-2025*

*Baptized 8-3-2025*

# **Ministry Assistants**

## **September Schedule**



### **September 7**

**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 Jeff Junker

**Organist**– Debra Schwartz

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

### **September 14\***

**Elders** –8:00 am Zach Ewald; 10:30 am Steve Cooper

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

**Video** –8:00 am Dan Swanson; 10:30 am Jeff Junker

**Organist** –Ken Streeb

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

### **September 21**

**Elders** – 8:00 am Gary Klipp; 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 Bret Schmidt

### **September 28 \***

**Elders** –8:00 am Larry Whitney; 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 TBD; 10:30 am James Roohr

### **\*Communion**

# September 2025

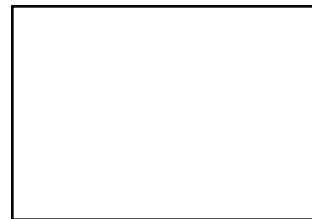
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14	8	9	10	11	12	13	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
21	15	16	17	18	19	20	19	20	21	22	23	24	25
28	22	23	24	25	26	27	26	27	28	29	30	31	

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Aug 31	Sep 1	2	3	4	5	6
9:00am Quilters Meet 6:00pm BOE Meeting	9:00am Quilters Meet	10:00am Women's Chosen Bible Study 5:30pm Small Group	6:30am Men's Group 1:00pm LWML	6:00pm Young Marines	Pickers Paradise	
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
Mite Sunday 8:00am & 10:30 am Worship 9:20am SS & Bible Study	9:00am Quilters Meet	10:00am Women's Chosen Bible Study	6:30am Men's Group 1:00pm FRIENDSHIP CIRCLE	6:00pm Young Marines	7:00am ELDERS Meeting 8:30am Church Council	
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
8:00am & 10:30 am Worship 9:20am SS & Bible Study	9:00am Quilters Meet 3:00pm Newsletter Deadline	5:00pm Cooks Night Out	10:00am Women's Chosen Bible Study 5:30pm Small Group	6:30am Men's Group	6:00pm Young Marines	2:00pm Open House -Schmidts
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
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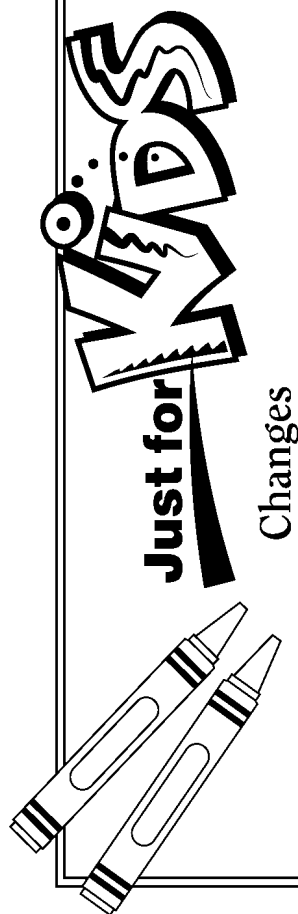


## Return Service Requested

Church/School Office: 970-330-2485  
Church/School Email: [office@tlgreeley.com](mailto:office@tlgreeley.com)  
Website: [tlgreeley.org](http://tlgreeley.org)

## Worship Services

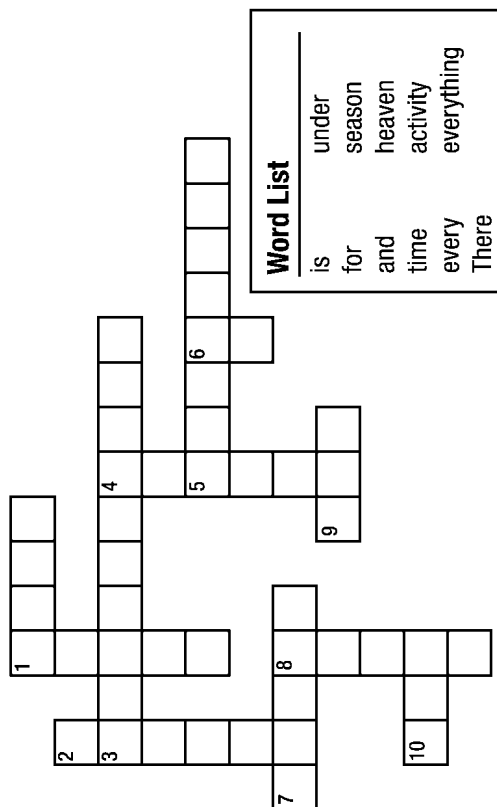
Sunday 8:00 am & 10:30 am  
Adult Bible Classes —9:20 am  
Sunday School—9:20 am



## Changes

*There are many changes in the season of Autumn.  
The leaves may change color, the air may become cooler  
and we may go to a new classroom or school.*

Find the Bible verse below. First fit the words from the list into the crossword puzzle squares. Then transfer the words in the boxes to the matching blank lines below. To learn more, read Ecclesiastes 3:1.



1 down   6 down   a   1 across   10 across   3 across  
9 across   a   2 down   10 across   8 down   5 across  
7 across   4 down

Answer: "There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under heaven."