

Trinity Tidings

Trinity Lutheran Church and School

3000 35th Avenue

Greeley, Colorado 80634

May 2017



Sunday, May 7th

10:30 am Service



Gage Balderas

(Son of Daniel & Amanda Barron)

"Teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age." Matthew 28:20

John Cochran

(Son of John & Paula Cochran)

"Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil, and having done all, to stand firm. Stand therefore, having fastened on the belt of truth, and having put on the breastplate of righteousness." Ephesians 6:13-14

Kaylee Deshazer

(Daughter of Matt Torrez & Teresa Romero)

"Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be frightened, and do not be dismayed, for the LORD your God is with you wherever you go." Joshua 1:19

Ryleigh Flesner

(Daughter of Jeff & Heather Flesner)

"Fear not, for I am with you; be not dismayed, for I am your God; I will strengthen you, I will help you, I will uphold you with my righteous right hand." Isaiah 41:10

Kayleigh Meritt

(Daughter of Ken & Kristen Meritt)

"Pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you." 1 Thessalonians 5:17-18

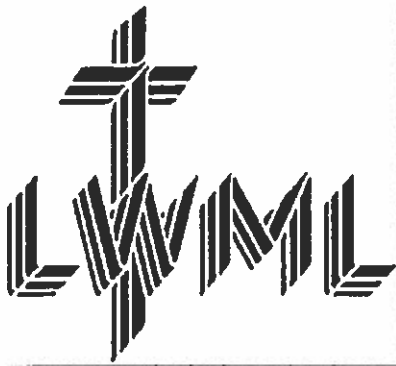
Ethan Tong

(Son of Ernest Tong & Linda Keener)

"If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask God, who gives generously to all without reproach, and it will be given him." James 1:5

**Please plan to participate in the Confirmation Service
and support our new communicate members with your
presence and prayers.**





May

~ Thursday, May 4th ~

@ 1:30 pm

Mite Devotions

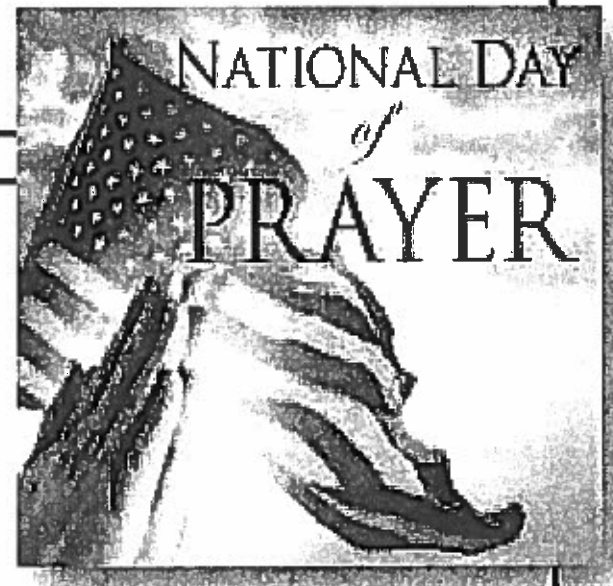
Program: Prayer Service

Election of Officers

Hostess: Joyce Einspahr, Carolyn Cowherd, & Judy Nero

Mission Project: LWML Mites

**National Day
of
Prayer Service**



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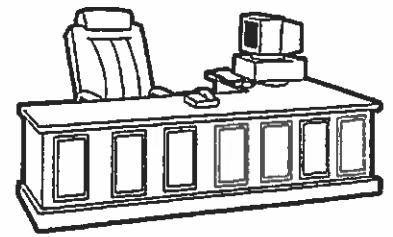
Trinity's LWML/Guild Ladies

Everyone is welcome. Organize a group of your friends, neighbors, family and/or co-workers and be a part of the LWML/Guild ladies observance of this National Day of Prayer. The Service will be held in the Church Sanctuary on Thursday, May 4th at 1:30 pm.

Want a private time for prayer?

The church will be open from 11:30 am until 1:00 pm for those who cannot attend the service and want to use this time for reflection and prayer.

From the Desk of our **President**



One of the real joys of this job is watching the many people who work so hard to make the church and school successful. I want to take this opportunity to focus on the Boards. They have been very busy lately. Here is a summary of what they have been doing. Please take a moment to thank these folks for volunteering their time and talents to growing and maintaining our church and school.

The Elders have completed and updated their five year plan and you can find a copy of it in one of the drawers in the church office. (The same drawer has copies of our constitution and by laws and our Statement of Belief.) They are also working on plans for confirmation (May 7), and the celebration of the 500th anniversary of the Reformation this year. Our Elders are: Gary Klipp, Dan Jecminek, Ken Clavir, Dale Schlichenmeyer, Mike Thuener, Steve Cooper, Brian Anderson, and John Kruger.

The Property Board and the Board of Christian Education had a joint meeting this month to begin planning for the growth of the school. There are a lot of projects for us to work on this spring and summer to get ready for the growing population of kids in both the Early Childhood Center and the K-8 school coming this fall. Many hands and heads are needed, if you would like to join us, please let me know.

The Board of Christian Education is also very busy with the rest of their agenda. They are currently working on and supporting the end of school year activities, early childhood summer programs, Vacation Bible School, Sunday School staffing (we still need a Sunday School Superintendent!), youth group activities, fund raising, and social media support of all our Christian Education efforts. Whew! The members of the BOCE are; JoLynn Baral, Linda Klipp, Pam Clavir, Laura Reiter, Kathy Durdy, Candy Reed, and Margaret Langley.

The Property Board has a growing list of projects that need planning and fund raising. They, and the Trustees, are also busy working on the spring maintenance activities, landscaping work, and cleaning and refurbishing rooms in the church. These folks work hard to keep our buildings and property in good shape; please thank them for all their work! The Property Board is Les Durdy, Kristi Sanderson and Kevin Knief. The Trustees are Steve Boxum, Virtus Einspahr, Roger Munsterman, Oren Nero, Peggy Peters, Doug Reed, Jason Reiter, Bob Reynolds, and Dean Roedel.

The Finance Board is completing the budget for the next fiscal year. We will present this budget to the congregation for approval at the next Voters Meeting. They are also researching on-line and kiosk donation options. Our Finance Board is Connie Mapes, Vicki Akin (Treasurer), and Kristen Merritt.

Speaking of the Voters Meeting.....Please put Sunday, May 21, on your calendar for this very important congregational function. As usual, we will serve a light lunch and begin the meeting at 1:00.

I thank God for all these people, and for their dedication to our church and school missions.

*Blessings,
Cheri*



THANK YOU!

**Trinity Lutheran Church
Council Notes
April 17, 2017**

**Minutes of the March 13, 2017 Meeting - Approved and posted to the website.
Treasurer's Report through March 31, 2017 – Reviewed and approved.**

Board Reports

- The Board of Elders and Spiritual Ministries
 - Budget is completed
 - Elder's five-year plan is available in the office at the church
 - Confirmation of six students scheduled for May 7th

- The Board of Financial and Stewardship Ministries
 - Budget review pending
 - Ending cash flow in March is good

- The Board of Property Ministries
 - Project list updated to include school growth projects
 - Still need additional support for Virtus with lawn mowing
 - Need volunteers for the community garden

- The Board of Education Ministries
 - Need volunteers to help prepare new classroom before July 1st certification deadline as follows: April 29th – move computers, May 26th & 27th – clean out art room, and June 9th & 10th – general work day.
 - Document shredding and electronics recycle day scheduled for June 3rd from 9:00 am until noon in the church parking lot. Open to the public, cost is \$10.00.
 - Still need a Sunday School Superintendent
 - Next meeting May 1st at 6:00 pm

Old Business

- Voters Meeting May 21st will include a discussion of financial goals
- A light lunch will be provided by the Council before the meeting

New Business

- May Council Meeting rescheduled for May 15th at 7:00 pm

An Important Little Prayer

*Submitted by Larry Whitney
Pastoral Assistant*

One day Jesus was praying in a certain place. When He finished, one of His disciples said to Him, "Lord, teach us to pray, just as John taught his disciples." Luke 11:1

It is said, "Sometimes a little flower goes unnoticed in the shadow of a giant oak." Such is the case with a little prayer in Luke's gospel: "Lord, teach us to pray." It is overshadowed by the great prayer immediately following. In fact, it was in response to this little prayer that Jesus taught His disciples the Lord's Prayer.

Let there be no mistake: the Lord's Prayer is a perfect prayer, covering all our spiritual and physical needs. But this excellence should not cause us to overlook the little prayer tucked away before it: "Lord, teach us to pray."

Jesus still answers this request. He teaches us to pray confidently. He teaches us to pray in His name, for He is the Reconciler who made peace with God on our behalf. He tells us: "Come confidently before your heavenly Father and simply state your needs, or the needs of another person, in your own words. Tell the Father that Jesus sent you."

Jesus gave instruction in prayer on other occasions. After cursing the barren fig tree, He told His disciples that they could pray with power, saying, "I tell you, whatever you ask for in prayer, believe that you have received it, and it will be yours. And when you stand praying, if you hold anything against anyone, forgive him, so that your Father in heaven may forgive you your sins" (Mark 11:24-25). Again, Jesus said, "I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Son may bring glory to the Father. You may ask Me for anything in My name, and I will do it" (John 14:13-14).

Jesus will also be our prayer instructor if we but ask Him.

Ask the Lord Jesus, now seated at God's right hand, to teach you to pray.

*Larry A. Whitney
Pastoral Assistant*

The Lord's
Prayer 

MARK YOUR CALENDAR



Let's Be Healthy Together!

Life Line Screening, a leading provider of community-based preventive health screenings will be in our community on Monday, May 15, 2017 at Trinity Lutheran Church. Ultrasound screenings to Identify risk factors for Cardiovascular disease include; **Carotid Artery** (plaque buildup-a leading cause of stroke), **Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm** (an enlargement or weak area in the main blood vessel that carries blood from the heart to the rest of the body), **Peripheral Arterial Disease** (hardening of the arteries in the legs), a **Heart Rhythm Screening** (an EKG to detect Atrial Fibrillation-irregular heartbeat) and an **Osteoporosis Risk Assessment** for men and women. Being proactive about your health by knowing your risks helps you and your doctor address problems early.

Register online **TODAY** at www.lifelinescreening.com/communitycircle and receive your "Community Circle" discount and your Preferred Appointment!

Congregational Meeting



VOTER'S MEETING - is scheduled for Sunday, May 21st at 1:00 pm. A light lunch will be provided by your Executive Council in the Church Narthex immediately following second service. All voting members are welcome. This meeting is to present and, God willing, approve the church budget for the 2017-2018 fiscal year. Please plan to attend. God continues to bless us and calls us to do his work.

VBS PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETINGS —are scheduled for Sunday, April 23rd during the Sunday School hour and again on Sunday, May 21st during the Sunday School hour. VBS is scheduled to begin on Monday, June 12th from 9:00 am until 12:00 noon and run thru Friday, June 16th. There will be an additional meeting for both teachers and staff on Saturday, June 3rd at 9:00 am. Please prayerfully consider helping with this awesome week of working with children not only from our church, but from our community.

O.W.L.S. our **O**lder **W**iser **L**utheran **S**eniors will conclude their Spring meetings on **May 25th** before taking a summer break. We hope that you will all plan to join us at 12:00 noon for food, fun and fellowship! The meat will be provided and you are asked to sign up on the west bulletin board in the Narthex Lounge (just so we have enough meat!). Bring a side dish and plan to join us. Questions or ideas, contact Joyce Einspahr at 970-353-0854.



HELP WANTED: *Sunday School Superintendent*

We are looking for an enthusiastic leader for our Sunday School program. This person would manage the weekly Sunday School program and special events, report monthly to the BOCE, recruit, schedule and train when necessary teachers and substitutes, and assist in budget planning for the Sunday School program.

For more information and a complete job description, contact: Angela Erickson @ 830-832-3568 or aerickson@tlgreeley.com





From the Pastor

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Well, the news is out, Christ has indeed risen from the dead! We have been blessed to be born into this historical fact and to be born again through the power and intervention of the Holy Spirit, working through His means of grace, to change our lives forever. Jesus ascended before the eyes of His disciples forty days after His resurrection from the dead.

His last recorded words are ones of mission;
"Go and make disciples of all nations."

We have grown up in a culture that emphasizes planning for the future which includes planning our career choices; planning our financial goals; and, of course, planning for retirement along with many other things. We are planners! However, let me ask you this in light of our Lord's Great Commission recorded above, how seriously do you plan and strategize your approach for reaching those who are separated from Christ? Ouch! I say this first and foremost for myself. It is so easy to get so busy with the things of this world that we lose appreciation for the incredible work of salvation that God has accomplished and, hence, the passion to let others know. The Lord has given you and me the gift of salvation. He offers this gift to the entire world with the hope and desire that all people would simply receive what He has freely given. Imagine receiving a gift of \$100 with a note; *"Go and share this with everyone you know or meet. It will multiply each time you share it; meaning that you will not lose your \$100 but as you give it to another it will duplicate itself!"* Wouldn't that be an absolute joy to participate in sharing? Well, think about it, how long will a gift of \$100 last? God has given us a gift (His Love) WITH a note (His Word) to do with it this very thing; Go and share this with everyone you know or meet understanding that it will multiply each time you share it; meaning that you will not lose your gift of love from God but as you give it to another it will duplicate itself! We can never give too much of God's love away. We can never out give God's love. What an incredible honor to be put in this position by God so that we can experience the joy of sharing His gift with others!

Yes, we do all kinds of planning in our lives; most of these things are temporal. When we intensely make plans for sharing God's love it has eternal consequences. Do you realize that the reason God allows the world to continue is for the sake of those who have not yet received the invitation? Consider these words from God as He inspired Peter to write them. These words are a response from God to the scoffers of that day who were saying, *"Where is this 'coming' He promised?"* God's response, *"The Lord is not slow in keeping His promise, as some understand slowness. He is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance."* We do live in this world and have to function in it so it is wise to be good planners in all matters; however, may this plan, seeking out the lost, be at the top of this list in our planning strategies.

We are so incredibly blessed to live in the aftermath of the resurrection with the certainty of our own resurrection and eternal life! We are also incredibly blessed to have received this personal note from God with His gift with the honor of simply giving it away knowing that it will continue to duplicate itself!

Have a blessed Easter season which is your entire life; now and forever!

Pastor Greg

In Our Thoughts & Prayers



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. Please remember them with prayers and perhaps by sending them a card. You may call the church office to obtain their addresses.

*Melanie Davis - Home
*Bertha Dill - Grace Pointe
*Rachel Einspahr - Home
*Luella Foss - Bonell
*Jack & Caryle Kassahn - Home
*Herman Kiel - Home
*Carolyn Martin Summit - Bonell
*Ruth McGhgy - Bonell Towers
*Judith Nashlund-Sugar Valley Estates
*Redonda Patton - Bonell Towers
*James Rewerts - Home

*Karen & Ron Rutt - Home
*Dave Schoneck - Home
*Rich Schrader - Fairacres Manor
*Vera Schum - The Bridge
*Elfrieda Schlager - Garden Square
*Joye Shafer - Centennial Healthcare
*Virgil & Iris Troester - Bonell Towers
*Rosalie Wacker - Life Care
*Alvina Whittman - Home



Remember Our Missionaries

ASKINS IN ASIA

www.lcms.org/askins
or www.facebook.com/askinsinasia
or www.twitter.com/royaskins
E-mail: roy.askins@lcmsintl.org

JOHN WOLF

(retired AF Lt Colonel)
John will oversee all the mission fields in Africa as a logistics person.
E-mail: john.wolf@lcmsintl.org

THE GARMS FAMILY

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or www.twitter.com/thegarmsfamily
E-mail: info@thegarmsfamily.com

XZAVIER JAMES with

Colorado WAR Basketball Players
Working with youth in our community to provide opportunities for a better life thru structure, discipline & leadership.

ANN SIMMONS with

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School Happenings

Submitted by
K-8 Director Kyle Erickson

Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

I share with you TLS updates and happenings for the month of May:

THE END!!!

Short, sweet, and to the point. Even though we associate May as the end, there is a bit more going on worth mentioning. As we wrap up the 2016-2017 school year, I would like to finish with where we began, our school year theme: "Growing in Christ." Our Bible text for this theme comes from 2 Peter 3:18, "But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To him be glory both now and forever! Amen."

Reflecting upon this school year, growth has been evident: we have added a part time science teacher, we introduced the makings of a sports program, we added a Friday hot lunch program thanks to our middle school staff and students, our enrollment is increasing, and God's hand is right in the middle of it all.

Moving forward, our enrollment appears to be increasing. At this point, our Kindergarten class is on the verge of having a WAITING LIST. God is good, all the time. Prayers and support are greatly appreciated as we continue to grow and build His Kingdom.

Other happenings in May:

On May 12, our 1st- 8th grade students will be attending the Lutheran High Field Day. What a great opportunity to interact and compete with other Lutheran schools.



Speaking of field days, TLS will host our own field day on May 17 for all TLS Pre K-8th grade students. Students will be in groups consisting of all different ages, allowing fellowship throughout the student body.

May 19, everyone is invited to join us for our Art and Variety Show. This will be an evening of viewing art projects and watching the hidden talents of TLS. More details are to come.

May 24, our 8th grade students (Vince and Gage) will be graduating from TLS. I encourage everyone to come be a part of this ceremony as we see our two 8th graders off to the next chapters in their lives.



Thursday, May 25 is the last day of school. THE END!!!



In His Peace,

Kyle Erickson

Trinity Lutheran School

K-8 Director



One-night Movie Event

Don't miss this special event: a one-time showing of the new Martin Luther film at:

Cinemark Fort Collins on Tuesday, May 9th 7:30 pm

This special screening is the perfect outreach opportunity... a chance to invite friends and neighbors to an event in a community setting. This entertaining new film follows the great adventure story of Luther's life, packed with political intrigue, kidnappings, and life-or-death showdowns. At the same time, it's a story about the most important questions of life, including "Who am I?" "What is my purpose" and "How do I get right with God?"

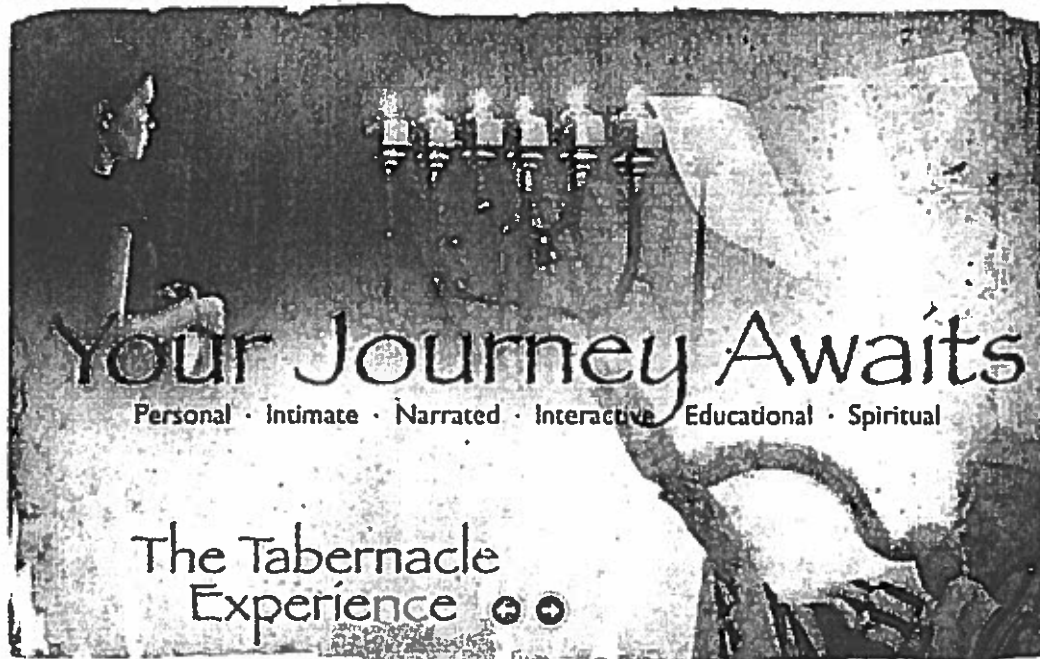
It's a must-see for any lifelong Lutheran, and a chance to share the message of your Lutheran heritage with others. And the only time you can see the film in the theater is on the night of our church's special event.

This is the first time in more than 60 years that Lutherans have made a feature-length film about Martin Luther and the Reformation. Filmed in historic locations across Europe, this movie brings Luther's story to life with exquisite attention to detail. It's a chance to strengthen your faith by revisiting the birth of Protestant Reformation, and to share that experience with others.

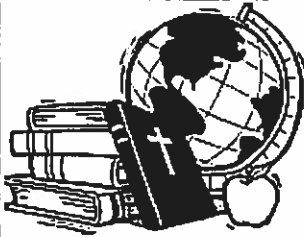
IMPORTANT: All tickets must be purchased in advance. Tickets can be purchased at a special web site set up for the screening:

[http:// fortcollins.NewLutherMovie.com](http://fortcollins.NewLutherMovie.com)

*If you would rather not purchase tickets online, you can purchase tickets through our church contact:
Jim Parker, 970-660-8501 or parker2847@gmail.com*



THE TABERNACLE EXPERIENCE –Take a life transforming journey through a full scale replica of the Tabernacle of the Wilderness. A ministry of Capo Beach Calvary in California, the Tabernacle will be set up at Trinity Lutheran School 1215 W. 7th Avenue in Fort Morgan, CO beginning Friday, May 5th and running thru Sunday, May 14th. The 50 minute tours run from 11 am to 8 pm Sunday thru Friday and 9 am to 8 pm on Saturdays. The cost is \$5 per person. For more information, check out the website at www.tabernacleexperience.com or call Trinity Lutheran in Ft. Morgan at 970-867-5721.



FROM THE
**DIRECTOR OF
CHRISTIAN
EDUCATION**

Whew! April sure was a busy month here at Trinity! I'd like to thank Pastor, Mr. Whitney, and Debi Roethemeyer (and many others as well, of course!) for their extra effort during the season of Lent, culminating in a wonderful Easter weekend. I just loved singing the Easter hymns and joyfully exclaiming "He is Risen, Indeed!" just as centuries of Christians have celebrated together. I had a delightful time at the Easter breakfast, where we served around 130 people, and at the Sunday School Easter Egg Hunt, where the children collected over 1300 eggs! What a wonderful day, focused on our Savior's resurrection and surrounded in fellowship by the Body of Christ!

Also, thank you to the youth who helped with Youth Sunday on April 30th. I look forward to this being a regular happening when we have those 5th Sundays!

Here are a few things on the calendar for this month:

Saturday, May 13th: Mother's Day Bouquet Production @ 3:00 pm
(Senior High)

Getting the bouquets ready! Please meet in the church basement fellowship hall!



Sunday, May 14th: Mother's Day Bouquet Handout

We will be handing out the bouquets in the narthex! This is a youth group fundraiser to help us attend servant events.

Saturday, May 20th: Scavenger Hunt @ 4:00 pm (Junior High)

I would love some parents to help drive and chaperone!



AND... please put this on your calendar! Vacation Bible School ("A Mighty Fortress" themed!) will be Monday, June 12th – Friday, June 16th, from 9am – 12 noon. Tell your friends and bring the neighborhood! We will be looking for volunteers of every kind! (VBS Volunteer Meeting happening on Saturday, June 3rd, at 9:00 am!) Please speak with Kristen Meritt or myself if you have any questions!

Angela Erickson, Director of Christian Education
Trinity Lutheran Church, Greeley, CO

"In Him we live, and move, and have our being." Acts 17:28



Mark Your Calendar—Sign up to Help!



At Mighty Fortress, kids learn that God is their refuge and strength. Friends may fail them. They may not ace their test or make the team, but God promises to be their rock and their salvation—their fortress and sure defense. So raise your banner! In Jesus, the victory is won!

VACATION

BIBLE

SCHOOL

June 12th thru June 16th

9:00 am - 12:00 noon

Contact Kristen Meritt @ 970-339-9432
or Angela Erickson @ 830-832-3568

Summer is just around the corner and that means it's time for the



13th ANNUAL FATHER/SON

“CHUCKWAGON BARBEQUE”!

Sunday, June 11th

4:00 pm - GAMES

6:00 pm - DINNER

Games for the young and the young at heart! This BBQ is not just for the fathers who have sons, but for ANY MALE, married or single, as we are all sons in the eyes of our Father God. A free will offering will be taken to help offset expenses. If you plan to attend, please sign the registration sheet on the bulletin board in the fellowship area so we can assure enough food for everyone.



Submitted by Katie Groves ECE Director

It's hard to believe we only have 4 more weeks before our school year is over. The year has been busy and full of many blessings. Many of our preschool children will be continuing on to Kindergarten at Trinity Lutheran, and many are returning to preschool next year. God has definitely blessed Trinity, but we can always use your prayers asking for God's will be done in our preschool program.

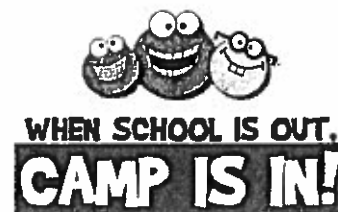
We just finished our Holy Week, in which we filled the week learning about the sacrifices Jesus made for all of us. We started out practicing our cutting skills by making palm branches and learning that Jesus rode a baby donkey called a "foal" into a crowd of people. The children praised Jesus by waving their palm branches and singing "Hosanna". The next day, the kids made their own unleavened bread and "reclined" on the floor to eat, just as Jesus had done with his disciples. The following day, the children listened to the words from Luke about how Jesus was treated and how he died on the cross for each of us. Each child made a beautiful picture of 3 silhouette crosses and the last day of the week the kids listened to the amazing truth of how Jesus rose from the dead and is Alive today.

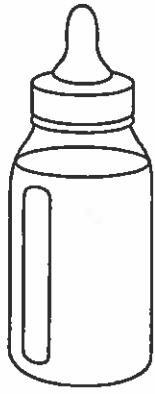


Preschool teachers are gearing up for parent teacher conferences and our end of the year program. Preschool staff are hoping to make this program a fun way to bring parents together and express how hard the children have worked this year in preparing for the next year. If you would like to help put this program together please contact me.

After a short break over Memorial Day weekend, we will dive into Preschool Summer Camp. Our Susie Klein, is preparing to plant a garden for the children to watch grow. There are plans for water days, bike riding days, and gymnastic days. It's going to be a fun summer at Trinity!

Katie Groves, ECE Director
Trinity Lutheran Preschool





PREGNANCY RESOURCE CENTER
ANNUAL BABY BOTTLE CAMPAIGN
IS POISED TO KICKOFF ON
MOTHER'S DAY, SUNDAY, MAY 14TH!

Last Year the campaign raised **\$901,700.00!** You and your gift make a **BIG** difference! Plan to pick up a baby bottle on Mother's Day, fill it with loose change and bring it back on Father's Day. It's that simple. Below are a few of the things that your donation will help provide:

In 2016 the Pregnancy Resource Center had:

- **25 passover babies** (parents who came in abortion minded, and ended up choosing life!)
- **38 clients dedicated their lives to Christ**

So far in 2017 they've had:

- **9 passover babies**
- **4 decisions for Christ**



As you can see, this is more than just providing diapers and baby supplies to mothers in need. This program actively counsels expectant mothers in our community to save their unborn children, not just by allowing them to live, but by sharing the "Good News" of Jesus Christ who gave His life that we all might live!



ELECTRONICS RECYCLING & SHRED DAY

A FUNDRAISER FOR TRINITY SCHOOL

Do you have an old computer, monitor, printer that you want to get rid of? What about old documents, receipts, or other paperwork that needs to be shredded? Can't leave it on the curb, and risk identity thieves getting your personal information. Bring them to Trinity Lutheran School on June 3rd, 2017 from 9:00 am until 12:00 noon and help Trinity raise funds for their Scholarship Program.

**WATCH FOR MORE INFORMATION REGARDING
ITEMS THAT ARE RECYCLABLE AND COST!**



Financial Report

Cash Position

Fiscal Third Quarter End March 31, 2017

Offerings & Other Income	\$440,671
School Income	<u>\$174,953</u>
Total Income (Cash In)	615,624

Ordinary Expenses	\$477,977
Mortgage Interest	\$ 55,098
Mortgage Principal	<u>\$ 67,330</u>
Total Expenses (Cash Out)	\$600,404

Additional Principal Paid \$ 34,914

Ending cash position (Overage/Shortfall) \$ 15,220

What does this mean?- We covered all of our expenses and had \$15,220 left over. If you have any questions regarding these numbers, please feel free to contact a Finance Board member, Connie Mapes, Vicki Akin or Kristen Meritt.

A Note from the Editor: Growing up in the farmlands of Nebraska, I loved this time of the year. First, I could count the days until school was out . I loved school, but for some reason, about this time of the year, teachers seemed to get a little cranky. Hmmm... Secondly, I love to watch things grow and change. The field on the west side of our driveway was planted in winter wheat and I couldn't wait to see it start to poke through the rich brown soil. Each day as I walked home, I would walk at the edge of the field, careful to walk on the crowns and not the furrows, so as to not disturb the tender seedlings. Before long, I could no longer see the furrows or even the crowns as the field was a vast sea of green waving in the breeze. I can still hear my dad say, "I can plant the seeds, but only God can make them grow." When I think about it, it's that way in every part of our lives. We are the farmers. We work the land, we sow the seeds, we pull the weeds, and we pray to God that He will make the seeds grow. We work the land by cultivating our relationship with God. We sow the seeds by sharing the good news of God's love for us, shown by the gift of His One and Only Son Jesus Christ who came down from heaven and laid down His life on the cross to pay for our sins. We pull the weeds by rooting out sin from our lives and firmly telling Satan to get lost. Our tools are prayer, with God's grace and mercy. Today, I no longer walk down the driveway of our farm looking at the winter wheat. Instead, everyday I see seedlings poking through the rich brown soil in the form of growth, whether it is the new faces in our Sunday services or new students and families in the hallways of our school. Everyday these seedlings seem to grow more sturdy. I also know it's not just the school children who are counting the days until school is out, but the teachers are counting too. Once a school girl who was in awe of God's ability to make wheat grow, today I am in awe as God gives new growth to Trinity. We have much to be thankful for. May we each be dedicated farmers for God, continuing to use our tools of prayer to plant seeds and pull weeds, while cultivating our relationship with God. God will make the seeds grow as only He can do. "Be still and know that I am God..." Psalm 46:10

May

Happy Birthday

1 Linda Korf
5 Rose Allmann
5 Jennifer Ferguson
5 Gail Pinkston
5 Roxanne Schlichenmayer
6 Herman Kiel
7 Matthew Dietrich
7 Kyra McKinney
8 Harold Dietrich
8 Rachel Dietrich
8 Greg Hiller
9 Jaylee Boxum
10 Christina Fay
16 Geoffrey Dietrich
16 Ronald McNutt
17 Joshua Anderson
17 Sean Tyrrell

19 Tami Bruntz
20 Brendon Butterworth
20 Barb Perusek
23 Hayley Anderson
23 Shirley Gaden
23 Dale Schlichenmayer
24 Everett Darco
26 Jeff Junker
26 Jacquelyn Stuht
27 Paul Henneck
27 Esther Specht
28 Dean Roedel
29 James Dill
29 Chad Kaspar
29 Courtney Pfeif
31 Kimberly Musterman



Happy Anniversary

Kyle & Angela Erickson (13)
Jeff & Diana Leschinsky (15)
Ron & Tammi Gemaehlich (19)
Jerry & Theresa Goergen (21)
Scott & Mary Tyrrell (26)
Doug & Candy Reed (27)

Robert & Tami Bruntz (36)
Mike & Gail Pinkston (37)
Ronald & Arlene Otto (56)
Verne & Rachel Einspahr (57)
Eugene & Betty Windsheimer (68)

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

Ministry Assistants—May Schedule

May 7 Confirmation at 10:30 Service

Elders –8:00 am Mike Thuener; 10:30 am Dale Schlichenmayer

Ushers –Virtus Einspahr

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

Video –8:00 am Mary Beitz; 10:30 am Marlo Kaspar

Scripture –8:00 am –Luke Kunze ; 10:30 am –Gary Klipp

Organist –Ken Streeb

Called to *Serve*

May 14*

Elders –8:00 am Ken Clavir & Gary Klipp; 10:30 am Dale Schlichenmayer & Steve Cooper

Ushers –Ken Einspahr

Sound –8:00 am Dan Swanson (both services)

Video –8:00 am Jeff Junker; 10:30 am Ron McNutt

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

Organist –Sharon Lessman

May 21

Elders – 8:00 am Brian Anderson; 10:30 am Steve Cooper

Ushers –Ron Gemaehlich

Sound – 8:00 am Dan Swanson (both services)

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

Scripture –8:00 am-Brian Anderson; 10:30 am –Kyle Erickson

Organist– Ken Streeb

May 28*

Elders –8:00 am Dan Jecminek & John Kruger; 10:30 am Dale Schlichenmayer & Steve Cooper

Ushers –Bob Cowherd

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

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

Scripture – 8:00 am-Gary Klipp; 10:30 am –Larry Whitney

Organist– Ken Streeb

Ministry assistants are always needed in each of the above areas.

If you are interested in serving, please call the following people.

Elders - Gary Klipp, 351-8172

Ushers - Ken Einspahr, 454-1626

Sound/Video - Dan Swanson, 351-8815

May Altar Flowers

~Schedule~

You may sign up to bring flowers for future months. The chart is on the wall by door to the old church office or call the church office, 330-2485.

May 7

Doug & Candy Reed
(27th Wedding Anniversary)

May 14

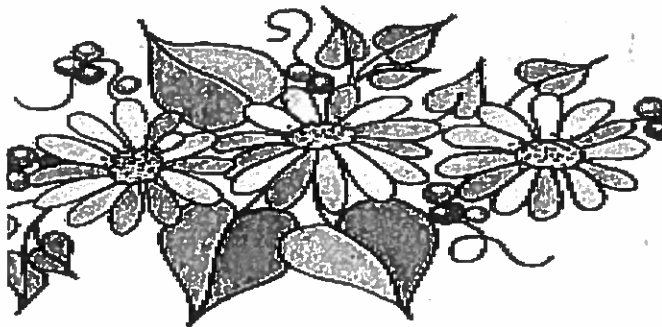
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May 21

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May 28

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~Attendance~

March 19	Early -126	Late- 58
March 26	Early -151	Late - 74
April 2	Early -136	Late -64
April 9	Early -161	Late -85
April 16 6 am -98	Early -213	Late -73



Ronald Rutt

Born 9-19-1943

Died 3-29-2017

*We ship
with us*

Sunday Services

8:00 am -Traditional Service

9:20 am -Sunday School
& Adult Bible Studies

10:30 am-Contemporary Service

Communion 2nd, 4th, & 5th Sundays

May 2017

May 2017							June 2017						
Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa	Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
7	1	2	3	4	5	6	4	5	6	7	1	2	3
14	8	9	10	11	12	13	11	12	13	14	8	9	10
21	15	16	17	18	19	20	18	19	20	21	15	16	17
28	22	23	24	25	26	27	25	26	27	28	22	23	24

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Apr 30 Tabernacle Experience 8:00am Traditional Worship 9:20am SS/Bible Study 10:30am Contemporary	May 1 9:00am Trinity Quilters 6:00pm BOCE Meeting	2 Tabernacle Experience 1:00pm Naomi/Ruth Circle 1:30pm May/Martha 7:30pm New Luther	3 8:30am T.L.S Chapel 3:00pm Bulletin 4:00pm Confirmation 6:30pm Sr. Youth Group	4 6:00am Men's Ministry 1:30pm LWML Meeting	5 Tabernacle Experience 5:45pm Young Marines	6 Tabernacle Experience 7:00am ELDERS Meeting
7 Tabernacle Experience 8:00am Traditional Worship 9:20am SS/Bible Study 10:30am Contemporary	8 Tabernacle Experience 9:00am Trinity Quilters 7:00pm Executive Council	9 Tabernacle Experience 1:00pm Naomi/Ruth Circle 1:30pm May/Martha 7:30pm New Luther	10 Tabernacle Experience 8:30am T.L.S Chapel 1:00pm Friendship Circle 3:00pm Bulletin 5:00pm Men/Women	11 Tabernacle Experience 6:00am Men's Ministry 5:30pm Girl Scouts	12 Tabernacle Experience 5:45pm Young Marines	13 Tabernacle Experience 8:00am Church Clean-Up
14 Tabernacle Experience 8:00am Traditional w/Communion 9:20am SS/Bible Study 10:30am Contemporary	15 LIFE LINE SCREENING 9:00am Trinity Quilters 2:30pm FINANCE MITG 3:00pm Newsletter Deadline	16 6:00pm Preschool Closing Ceremony	17 T.L.S Field Day 8:30am T.L.S Chapel 3:00pm Bulletin 6:30pm Sr. Youth Group	18 6:00am Men's Ministry	19 5:45pm Young Marines 6:00pm Art & Variety Show	20 4:00pm Scavenger Hunt/Youth
21 8:00am Traditional Worship 9:20am SS/Bible Study 10:30am Contemporary Worship	22 9:00am Trinity Quilters 1:30pm Mission Circle 6:00pm Young Marines Staff	23 6:00pm Preschool Closing Ceremony	24 8th Grade Graduation 3:00pm Bulletin 5:00pm Men/Women 5:30pm Jr. Youth Group	25 6:00am Men's Ministry 12:00pm O.W.L.S. Potluck 5:30pm Girl Scouts	26 5:45pm Young Marines	27
28 8:00am Traditional w/Communion 9:20am SS/Bible Study 10:30am Contemporary w/Communion	29 9:00am Trinity Quilters	30	31 8:30am T.L.S Chapel 3:00pm Bulletin Deadline	Jun 1	2	3

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Worship Services

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



"A Special Fitness Plan"

Read the words in 1 Corinthians 9:24-27. It talks about being in shape to "run the race" - to be a Christian. Below is a fitness plan to help.

Match the words from the list below into the shaped boxes to complete the sentences.

- ① your .
- ② about God's .
- ③ every .
- ④ Pray .
- ⑤ at
 for day.
- ⑥ to God in
 you do.



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| Do | someone | each | Try | Bible | words |
| for | everything | one | Read | Think | others |
| day | please | thing | Pray | least | loving |

Answer: 1. Read your Bible. 2. Think about God's words. 3. Pray every day. 4. Pray for others. 5. Do at least one loving thing for someone each day. 6. Try to please God in everything you do.