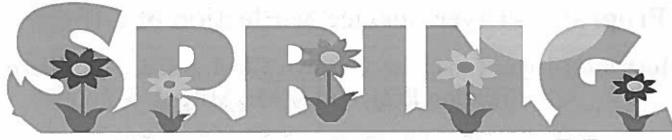


### **Trinity Tidings**

Trinity Lutheran Church and School 3000 35th Avenue Greeley, Colorado 80634 May 2018



# Pickers Paradise

Saturday,
May 5th, 2018
7 am-12 pm



### Trinity Lutheran Church

Indoor at the Fellowship Hall 3000 35th Ave. Greeley, CO

> Accepting Reservations: Laura at 303-589-3253





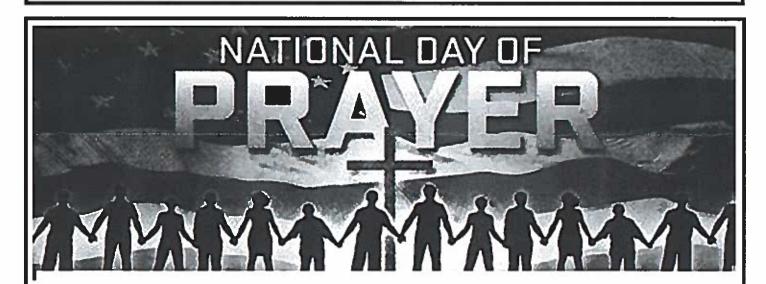
### May

~ Thursday, May 3rd ~ @ 1:30 pm

Mite Devotions

Program: Prayer Service & Election of Officers

Hostesses: Joyce Einspahr, Carolyn Cowherd, & Judy Nero Mission Project: LWML Mites



### \*\*\*\*\*\*NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER \*\*\*\*\*

"AND WHATEVER YOU ASK IN PRAYER, YOU WILL RECEIVE, IF YOU HAVE FAITH"

-MATTHEW 21:22

Pray without ceasing

for our Nation, our Church and our School.

### From the Desk of our **President**



Dear Trinity Family,

Hopefully, by the time you are reading this it will actually be spring. We keep getting our hopes up and then comes the wind and freezing temperatures. Oh well, springtime in Colorado is never boring! At least we can see the grass and fields are getting greener and the trees are budding.

Spring in the church brings us a chance to celebrate the confirmation of a young person who will then become a member of our congregation. We have one confirmand this year, Nathan Serl. Please join us for his confirmation and fellowship after on Sunday, May 20th at the 10:30 am service.

Another sign of Spring is the appearance of garage sale signs. We are going to try an indoor version of our own Pickers Paradise garage sale in the Fellowship Hall on May 5. Come on by and see the treasures for sale. This is a fund raiser for our School, we really appreciate your support.

Speaking of the school....May is a busy month for them. Look for all the wonderful activities listed in other sections of this newsletter. We love seeing members of the congregation at our school events.

May is also the busy month for the Executive Council members. It is budget time, trying to figure out what we can and can't do for the next fiscal year (July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2019). As part of this process, we are looking at how we will end this year. It looks like we are going to be comfortably in the black.....always a good thing! God has been good to us this year, we are truly blessed. Our wonderful Treasurer, Vicki Akin, will have specifics for you at the Voters Meeting.

Please plan to come to the Voters Meeting on June 3 to see and hear about all the hard work that has been done around here and approve the budget for next year. The meeting will start at 12:30 and the Executive Council will again be serving a light lunch between the end of second service and the start of the meeting.

Once again, I am closing with a prayer of thanks for all of your support and encouragement...and thanks to God for the Staff, Boards and volunteers at Trinity who work so hard in the vineyards of our Lord.

Blessings, Cheri

### Trinity Lutheran Church Executive Council Notes April 14, 2018

Minutes of the March 10, 2018 Meeting - Approved and posted to the website.

Treasurer's Report through March 31, 2018 - Reviewed and approved.

#### **Board Reports**

- The Board of Elders and Spiritual Ministries
  - DCE, Angela Erickson updated Elders as follows:
    - Confirmation of one confirmand, Nathan Serl is Sunday, May 20<sup>th</sup>
    - Sunday School will continue throughout the summer
    - Vacation Bible School June 18<sup>th</sup> 22<sup>nd</sup> from 9:00 am noon
    - Started the "Embrace Grace" Bible Study group for pregnant mothers in conjunction with and support of the Pregnancy Resource Center
    - Upcoming Faith Day at a Rockies baseball game; more information and sign-up to follow
- The Board of Property Ministries
  - Preparing equipment for summer, will begin spring cleanup and gardening soon
  - Asphalt and concrete to be replaced at the light pole in church parking lot
  - Flashing around the cross at the back of the church being repaired
  - Replacing garbage disposal in Fellowship kitchen
- The Board of Education Ministries
  - Twenty-two students are preregistered for fall preschool; at least thirty K-8 students are anticipated in the fall
  - Board is in the process of hiring lead teachers and aides
  - Kyle Erickson will host a BBQ at the Leadership Meeting of Lutheran Principals on April 20th
  - Bleachers will soon be installed in the school gym
  - Open gym basketball on Mondays begins April 30<sup>th</sup> from 6 7:30 pm and is open to men and women. Dayspring Christian School will use the gym this summer as well.
  - Spring Pickers Paradise will be held indoors in the Fellowship Hall on Saturday, May 5<sup>th</sup> from 7:00 am - noon if eight to ten vendors participate
- The Board of Financial and Stewardship Ministries
  - Boards reviewed their proposed budgets. Vicki Akin will compile and create a draft budget for review at the next council meeting and finalize before the Voters meeting in June.

#### **Old Business**

The Boards will send their five year plan goals to Paul Jackson after all of the budget work is completed.

#### **New Business**

Motion made, seconded, and approved to hold the Voters Meeting on Sunday, June 3<sup>rd</sup> at 12:30 pm. A light lunch will be provided by the Executive Council.

Pam Clavir will coordinate the recruitment of members for the nominating committee. Open positions on the Executive Council at the December Voters Meeting are President, Vice President, and Secretary.

### Mark your calenders! UPCOMING EVENTS

### TRINITY LUTHERAN SCHOOL SPRING PLAY

Mark your calendar for Tuesday, May 8th at 6:30 pm to be in the school gym. You won't want to miss this presentation of a timeless classic "Jack and the Beanstalk" with a twist or two.

There will drama.
There will be singing.
There will be some goofiness.

Come see our budding thespians use their God-given talents on the stage!



#### **CALLING ALL MEN -**

We need help planning the yearly Men's Barbeque. If you or someone you know is interested in being involved, please contact Hank Thuener at: hatii@msn.com or call Hank at 303-947-7665. Looking forward to hearing from you.

VOTER'S MEETING - is scheduled for Sunday, June 3rd at 12:30 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 2018-2019 fiscal year. Please plan to attend.

God continues to bless us and calls us to do his work.





## VBS June 18th thru 22nd

If you are interested in helping with VBS, please contact Angela Erickson.

### Sunday, May 20th 10:30 am Service

### Nathan Serl

(Son of Clint & Angela Serl)

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



A Note from the Editor: Last week I was blessed as I walked around the school, to run into a group of pioneers on the Oregon Trail. Mrs. Erickson's classroom had just finished reading "Little House on the Prairie" and although Laura Ingalls, the author, was never on the Oregon Trail, they thought this would be a fun way to conclude their "Pioneer" studies. Each student had made a covered wagon out of a regular wagon with blankets or sheets draped over ribs made out of PVC or pool noodles. In this life-size game of "Life", at the toss of the dice a student may be bitten by a snake, break a leg, run out of water or various other pitfalls in the American West. They constructed a raft out of scooters and loaded their wagons, one at a time to be ferried across the river. All along the way, Mrs. Erickson was their guide, always before them, showing them the way. It reminds me of the Israelites as they made their way through the wilderness on their way to the Promised Land. God was there guiding them as a pillar of cloud during the day and a pillar of fire at night. Looking closer at these journeys, they are not just about the physical travel to new or different homes, but a spiritual journey fraught with challenges, snake bites and much more. Sometimes we may find ourselves lost or wandering in the wilderness and may be tempted to just quit. God was always with His people the Israelites, and He is always with us as we seek His guidance on our life's journey. May we be Christian pioneers, always seeking His guidance and always moving towards our Lord and Savior. "Show me your ways, O LORD, teach me your paths; guide me in your truth and teach me, for you are God my Savior, and my hope is in you all day long." Psalm 25:4-5



### A Guest Bearing Gifts

Submitted by Larry Whitney
Pastoral Assistant

All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them. Acts 2:4

On Pentecost, the Holy Spirit was poured out on the apostles, settling upon them with power and many gifts. These gifts included the ability to speak in other languages, as well as the knowledge of the Word of Christ, which the Spirit restored to their memories.

The Spirit still comes to the church and to individuals. And when he does, He brings many gifts - more than we can count. The prophet Isaiah mentions seven of them: The Spirit Himself, wisdom, understanding, counsel, power, knowledge, and the fear (or reverence) of the Lord.

These are gifts the Holy Spirit pours out on Christians today. In the confirmation rite, this is said to the catechumens: "God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, gives you His Holy Spirit, the Spirit of wisdom and knowledge, of grace and prayer, of power and strength, of sanctification and the fear of God."

The Spirit Himself is the greatest of these gifts for He converts us, bringing us to faith in Christ, our Lord and Savior. A "little Pentecost" occurs with every individual conversion.

Besides giving us Himself, the Spirit gives wisdom, making us wise unto salvation. He gives us understanding, the ability to distinguish properly concerning things. He gives us counsel, or good advice from the Counselor, for ourselves and to share with others; He gives us might, the power to prevail in and through faith; He gives us knowledge, knowing and believing in the true God and in Jesus Christ, whom He has sent; and finally, He gives us fear, which is not terror but proper respect for God and His Word.

Whatever day it is today - Sunday or any other day - let us give thanks for the Holy Spirit, the heavenly Guest who comes, bringing choice gifts.

Larry A. Whitney Pastoral Assistant







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.

- \*Lois Bliss -Home
- \*Melanie Davis Home
- \*Bertha Dill Grace Pointe
- \*Rachel Einspahr Home
- \*Richard & Mildred Ewald -Home
- \*lack & Caryle Kassahn -Home
- \*Herman Kiel Life Care
- \*Oliver Knaub -Summit -Bonell
- \*Wilbert & Bonnie Lutz -Home
- \*Carolyn Martin Summit -Bonell

- \*Ruth McGhghy Bonell Towers
- \*Redonda Patton Bonell Towers
- \*Dave Schonek -Home
- \*Rich Schrader -Fairacres Manor
- \*Vera Schum Someren Glen
- \*Elfrieda Schlager Garden Square
- \*Joye Shafer Centennial Healthcare
- \*Virgil & Iris Troester Bonell Towers
- \*Rosalie Wacker Life Care

#### **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

#### **IOHN WOLF**

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

#### MICHAEL ERSLAND

Lutheran Bible Translators www.LBT.org or www.facebook.com/Erslandupdates E-mail: Michael.Ersland@lbt.org

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#### XZAIVIER JAMES with

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

#### KFKA RADIO MINISTRY

Including the Lutheran Hour

#### **ANN SIMMONS** with

Faith Comes By Hearing E-mail: <a href="mailto:anns@fcbhmail.org">anns@fcbhmail.org</a>

#### THE VOICE OF MARTYRS

www.icommittopray.com



# School and Preschool Happenings

Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

A comedian by the name of Jeff Foxforthy is known for his infamous line of, "You might be a Redneck if..." To highlight some of the memories of this past school year, we will take Mr. Foxworthy's punch line and switch it around a bit, "You might have gone to Trinity Lutheran School if..."

Your preschool teacher gives you directions by singing them to the tune of "Row, Row, Your Boat"

You have ever been tricked into trying new vegetables by mixing them in with your DESSERT.

You have ever built a lean to fort out of sticks, decorated with funeral flowers (only the ones that have blown onto our property from the cemetery)

You have ever filled Mr. E's ears with whipped cream.

You have spent a school year growing in your faith, and living for the Lord

As we enter the month of May, here are some of the events taking place:

Tuesday, May 8, our K-8th grade students will be performing our spring play, Jack and the Beanstalk. The play will begin at 6:30 pm in the school gym. Everyone is invited to come watch.

Friday, May 11, students of Trinity will be getting their exercise. Our preschool through 2<sup>nd</sup> grade students will be participating in field day events here at Trinity. Our 3<sup>rd</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> grade students will be traveling to Lutheran High in Parker to participate in their field day events. What a great opportunity for our students to compete, have fun, and fellowship with students from other Lutheran Schools.



Tuesday, May 15 and Wednesday, May 16, our preschool will be hosting a Mother's Day Tea Party. Mothers are truly blessings from God, with a few extra super powers.

It is finished...our last days of school are Friday, May 18 for Pre K & Thursday, May 24 for K-8<sup>th</sup> grade students. Praise God for another school year and for all of the opportunities presented to grow in His name.

Upon this Rock, Katie Groves, Preschool Director Kyle Erickson, Principal

Snow flurries. Warm and sunny. Windy and partly cloudy. Amidst the unexpectedly changing weather of spring in Colorado, we are reminded of the one thing that never changes: the eternal love of our Father in heaven.

Trinity's first "Embrace Grace" Group (support for pregnant single mothers) began meeting this month and so far we have a lovely young woman attending. On our first meeting, we CHRISTIAN talked about God's plans for her precious baby, then we wrote down prayers to attach to EDUCATION balloons. When we let the balloons fly, we were reminded how the Bible says, "Let my prayers rise before you as incense." (Psalm 141:2) God hears and answers prayers! We

look forward to being able to serve her and other young ladies from the community. A BIG thank you to Jessica Weseloh and Linda Klipp for being my co-leaders and walking this journey with me!

Also, thank you to the youth who helped with Youth Sunday on April 29th. 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 12th: Mother's Day Bouquet Production @ 3:00 pm Getting the bouquets ready! Please meet in the church basement fellowship hall!

Sunday, May 13th: 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.

Friday, May 18th: Youth Dinner at the Ericksons' Home

Let's get together... because it's spring, the end of the school year, the end of Confirmation classes before summer – because lots of things are happening in May! Come hang out with your Trinity family. Address is on the postcard mailed to your home.

Sunday, May 20th: Confirmation Sunday

We celebrate Nathan Serl on his confirmation day! We pray for a lifetime of God's spirit filling you as you continue to be His hands and feet, Nathan! Cake provided in honor of the day between services.

Sunday, May 27th: No Sunday School (Memorial Day Weekend, end of spring quarter)

We are looking for Summer Sunday school teachers who are willing to give our regular teachers a much-deserved break during the summer months! If you are available and interested, please come speak with me!

Angela Erickson, Director of Christian Education

### **Cooks Night Out**

Our May Cooks Night Out will be Thursday, May 24th, (the last day of school) at Chick-fil-a. A percentage of your ticket will be donated back to the school!

They are open from 10:00 am to 9 pm (lunch and supper, so plan to take your cook out to eat for lunch, supper or both!) Coupons will be available in the Church Narthex on Sunday, May 20th.





Additional Principal Paid

### Financial Report

Cash Position
Fiscal Third Quarter End March 30, 2018

Offerings & Other Income	\$554,764
School Income	<u>\$220.562</u>
Total Income (Cash In)	\$775,326

Ordinary Expenses	\$628,667
Mortgage Interest	\$ 51,332
Mortgage Principal	\$48,339
Total Expenses (Cash Out)	\$728,338
Income in Excess of Expenses	\$ 46,988
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What does this mean?- We covered all of our expenses and had \$46,998 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.

\$ 44,919



#### MOTHER'S DAY, SUNDAY, MAY 13TH!

Last Year the campaign raised \$98,750.30! 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 2017 the Pregnancy Resource Center had:

- 20 passover babies (parents who came in abortion minded, and ended up choosing life!)
- 17 clients dedicated their lives to Christ
- 7 1750 Clients seen

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!







I-Linda Korf
5-Rose Allmann
5-Gail Pinkston
5-Roxanne Schlichenmayer
6 —Herman Kiel
7-Kyra McKinney
8-Greg Hiller
9 -Jaylee Boxum
10 —Christina Fay
16 —Ronald McNutt
17 —Joshua Anderson
17 - Sean Tyrell
20 —Brendon Butterworth
20 —Barb Perusek
21 —Gage Balderas

23-Hayley Anderson
23-Shirley Gadeken
23-Dale Schlichenmayer
24-Everett Darco
25-Keziah Kunze
26 -Suzanne Fricke
26 -Jeff Junker
26 -Jacquelyn Stuht
27 -Paul Henneck
27 -Scott Sommerfield
27 -Esther Specht
28 -Dean Roedel
29-James Dill
29 - Chad Kaspar
31 -Kimberly Munsterman

James & Ashley Roohr –10 yrs.

Kyle & Angela Erickson –14 yrs.

Jeff & Diana Leschinsky –16 yrs.

Ron & Tammi Gemaehlich –20 yrs.

Scott & Mary Tyrell –27 yrs.

Doug & Candy Reed –28 yrs.

Mike & Gail Pinkston –38 yrs.

Ron & Arlene Otto –57 yrs.

Verne & Rachel Einspahr –58 yrs.

Eugene & Betty Windsheimer –69 yrs.



### 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 6** Available

May 13 Available

May 20
Confirmation
Ron & Tammi Gemaehlich
40th Wedding Anniversary

May 27
Kyle & Angela Erickson
14th Wedding Anniversary



2018 Calendar is waiting for you to pick a date!

#### ~Attendance~

March 18	Early -106	Late -97
March 25	Early -168	Late -84
April I Easter	Sunrise -84	
	Early –237	Late -73
April 8	Early -125	Late -74
April 15	Early -120	Late -57



### Gracie Mae Adema-Pliego

(Daughter of Vincente Pliego & Autumn Adema) Born 2 -2-2018 Baptized 3-25-2018

#### **Sunday Mornings**

8:00 am—Traditional service

9:20 am —Sunday School & Adult Bible Studies

10:30 am -Contemporary Service

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



Michelle Lea Gonzalez

Born 2-3-1974 Died 3-17-2018

### Ministry Assistants—May Schedule

#### May 6

Elders – 8:00 am – John Kruger; 10:30 am Dale Schlichenmayer

Ushers –JoLynn Baral

Sound -6:00 am—8:00 am Dan Swanson; 10:30 am LJ Cheramie

**Video** –8:00 am Dan Swanson (both services)

Scripture -8:00 am Luke Kunze; 10:30 am Larry Whitney

Organist -Ken Streeb

Security -8:00 am Oren Nero; 10:30 am Bret Schmidt

#### May 13\*

Elders -8:00 am Ken Clavir & Brian Anderson; 10:30 am Dale Schlichenmayer & Paul Jackson

Ushers -Bret Schmidt

Sound -8:00 am Sam Einspahr; 10:30 am Dan Swanson

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

Scripture -8:00 am Gary Klipp; 10:30 am Brenda Schmidt

Organist -Ken Streeb

Security -8:00 am John Kruger; 10:30 am Bret Schmidt

#### <u>May 20</u>

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 Brian Anderson; 10:30 am Kyle Erickson

Organist- Ken Streeb

Security -8:00 am Jason Reiter; 10:30 am Bret Schmidt

#### May 27\*

Elders -8:00 am Gary Klipp & John Kruger; 10:30 am Dale Schlichenmayer & Paul Jackson

Ushers -Ken Einspahr

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 Ken Clavir; 10:30 am Ken Clavir

Organist- Ken Streeb

Security -8:00 am Hank Thuener; 10:30 am Bret Schmidt

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

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Church/School Email: office@tlgreeley.com

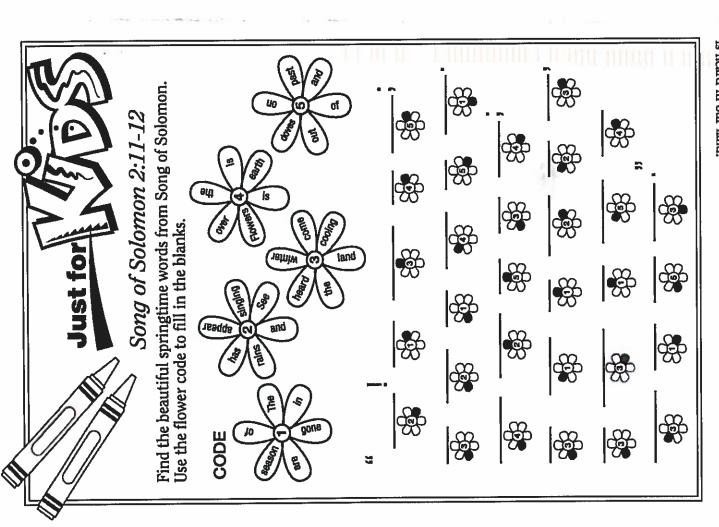
Website: tlcgreeley.org

**Worship Services** 

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

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Answer: "See! The winter is past; the rains are over and gone. Flowers appear on the earth; the season of singing has come, the cooing of doves is heard in our land."