

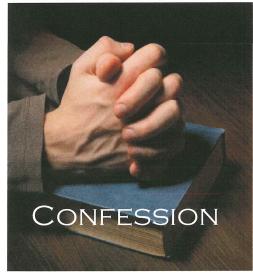
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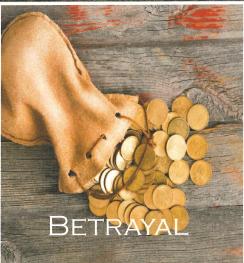
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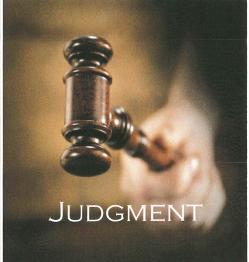
February 2020

CROSSROADS

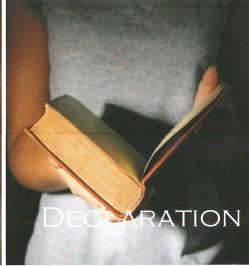
CELEBRATE THE SEASON OF LENT

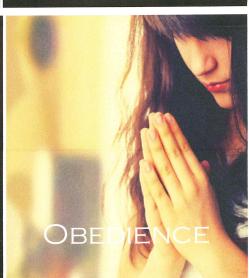














February

~ Thursday, February 6th~ @ 1:30 pm

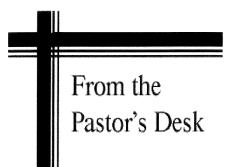
Mite Devotions

Program: Weld County Food Bank

Hostesses: Sharon Andrews & Karen Langhorn

Mission Project: LWML Mites





Dear Brothers & Sisters in Christ,

Here we are already in the month of February, 2020. It is so very comforting to live in the security of God's love that is unchanging and everlasting in a constantly changing world. We are always in need of His nurturing through His Word and Sacrament so that we may grow stronger in our faith, trusting all the more in His incredible love. We are so very blessed to have these offered to us ongoing through worship, Bible studies and personal devotions.

Speaking of worship, the Season of Lent is nearly upon us. Lent is a solemn penitential season of the Church Year when we focus on the

passion of our Lord and His sacrificial death and resurrection for the salvation of the world. The Lenten season starts with Ash Wednesday, a reminder of our beginning as dust from the earth. This Church season helps prepare our bodies and spirit through prayer, repentance and a contrite spirit as we look to the ultimate sacrifice of our Lord on the cross of Calvary. Join us for, **At the Crossroads**, a special series of mid-week services for the season of Lent. Each service in the series reveals in some way how Christ and his cross lead us to decide the path of God's will in our many crossroads in life. Services will be held on Wednesdays, 10:00 am & 7:00 pm, with a luncheon following the morning services and a meal (5:30 pm) before the evening services. Here are the themes and dates of this worship series:

Ash Wednesday – Confession

(February 26th)

The psalmist David reaches the crossroads of confession and confesses his sins to the Lord. We are called to confess our sins to the Son of David and find forgiveness in him. God enables us to see the direction we must take at the crossroads of confession. This service includes the imposition of ashes.

Week One - Betrayal

(March 4th)

Judas Iscariot comes to the point where he must either listen to Jesus or listen to the devil and he chooses to betray Jesus. When we are tempted by Satan to betray our Lord, we gain strength from our Savior to say, "No" to the devil. In this service the Lord empowers us to avoid the crossroads of betrayal.

Week Two - Judgment

(March 11th)

Pontius Pilate is called upon by the crowds to make a judgment call about Jesus, and his decision not to decide, results in the death of Christ. We look to the cross of Christ as we make definitive judgment calls in our lives. In this service the Lord enables us at the crossroads of judgment to be ready to be guided by divine wisdom.

Week Three - Compassion

(March 18th)

Jesus chooses to show compassion to a wounded participant in his own arrest; Malchus. We are called to show compassion, not anger, even to those in our midst whom we might consider our enemies. In this service, God directs us, when we happen to come to the crossroads of compassion, to be ready to love others as Christ loved us.

Week Four – Declaration (March 25th)

Peter is asked to declare whether or not he knows Jesus and he decides to deny his Savior. When questioned about our Lord, we are called to boldly declare our faith in Christ. In this service God empowers us to come to the crossroads of declaration ready to announce our allegiance to the Lord.

Week Five – Obedience (April 1st)

Jesus nears the time when he must die for our sins and he asks his Father if the cup might pass from him. But when the time comes, he obeys his Father's will. When we are called upon to follow God's will, we must obey. In this service God helps us come to the crossroads of declaration ready to follow His plan for us wholeheartedly.

On another topic, Lindy and I have been asked by several of you if we are planning to give a presentation on our experiences from having traveled to the Holy Land. This has been in our plans and we are making preparations. Look for upcoming announcements in the bulletin and on our church website for the exact time and date. We are planning to make our presentation some time in February.

God bless, Pastor Greg



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.

Please remember them with prayers and perhaps by sending them a card.

*Patsy Aldridge -Meadowview

*Lois Bliss -Garden Square

*Melanie Davis - Home

*Rachel Einspahr – Home

*Richard & Mildred Ewald –Home

*Margaret Anne Hilst -Bonell

*Jack & Caryle Kassahn –Home

*Herman Kiel - Home

*Charlene Kontz -Bonell

*Wilbert Lutz -Home

*Carolyn Martin Summit –Bonell

*Fran Martin -Home

*Ruth McGhghy - Bonell Towers

*Zona Oft -Someren Glen

*Redonda Patton - Bonell

*Elfrieda Schlager - Garden Square

*Lanny Schlange - Home

*Bernice Schooler -Home

*Dave Schonek –Home

*Vera Schum - Someren Glen

*Joye Shafer - Centennial Healthcare

*Virgil Troester - Bonell Towers

*Rosalie Wacker - Life Care

*Letha Witt -with Family







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School Happenings



"Rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus."

I Thess. 5:16-18

We ended January with a flourish! National Lutheran Schools Week is a big celebration. We had several events that allowed the children in grades Preschool through Sixth to enjoy each other's company. Hopefully you were able to see the "Thank You" pictures on the big screen the last Sunday of January (and hopefully you got a cinnamon roll). We'll have photos of some of the NLSW activities on the screen in February.

During a normal school week, there are times for classes to interact at lunch and recesses, but the highlight is the chance to worship together each Wednesday in chapel. The oldest classes serve as "chapel buddies" and assist Mrs. Mary and I in getting the preschoolers to the sanctuary. We continue to focus on our school year theme and the fruits of the Spirit. Mrs. Erickson taught us to spread **kindness** like confetti and to be kind to others even when no one is watching us. Miss Marshall talked about ways we can show kindness in a variety of situations – to friends, to family, to animals, when people are sad or hurt or disappointed. The kindergarten students seemed to have lots of ideas to share! February will bring our focus to **goodness**.

As we move into Lent, the preschool students will attend chapel on Ash Wednesday, then they will have their own chapel service on Thursdays for the rest of Lent. We do this for a couple reasons. First – their attention span doesn't allow them to participate well in a more formal worship service. Second – we have several students who don't attend school on Wednesdays so they miss the weekly chapel experience. This year, we decided to do the separate chapels in Advent and Lent to get those students into God's house for worship with their teachers and classmates.

February also the ramp-up of recruitment season. We had a special incentive for current school families to invite friends and family in for a school tour during the last week of January at the "Round Up." Mr. Erickson and Miss Marshall are always happy to show off our school to any prospective families. We're hoping that we have enough preschoolers to open another classroom for the 2020-21 year. "Word of Mouth" is the best form of advertising, so continue to talk us up in the community.

While we strive to increase the number of students served, we also seek to increase the quality of the services offered. Rev. Paul Albers from the Rocky Mountain District LC-MS office will meet with the BOCE in February to talk about using National Lutheran School Accreditation as a tool for intentional school improvement. The preschool rooms at Trinity will be going through a Colorado Shines rating in March. Classrooms will be observed for the quality of interaction, variety of materials available and implementing health and safety protocols.

There is never a lull in the action at Trinity Lutheran School – and we rejoice each day that we get to be part of it!

Gwen Marshall
Director of Early Childhood Education

Kyle Erickson Principal of K through 8th Grade



Financial Report

Cash Position
Year Ending December 30, 2019

Offerings & Other Income	\$287,387
School Income	\$142,431
Gifts	\$ 40,000
Total Income (Cash In)	\$469,818

Ordinary Expenses	\$392,464
Mortgage Interest	\$ 34,714
Mortgage Principal	\$ 24,213
Total Expenses (Cash Out)	\$451,392

Income in Excess of Income \$ 18,426

If you have any questions regarding these numbers, please feel free to contact a Finance Board member, Connie Mapes, Vicki Akin, Kristen Meritt or Cheri Carsten.

Mortgage balance: \$1,565,195.48

School Upstairs Building Project:

Update

Please keep this project in your prayers. It may not seem like things are moving along, but there is a lot going on behind the

scene. Give thanks and praise to God our Father for the experienced hands of the Roche Constructors team who are gathering the bids for the various projects, putting together the overall budget and working with the city to get the needed permits while making sure everything is accounted for and nothing gets left undone. There are regular meetings with the Building Committee, Finance Board, and Roche Constructors as this project proceeds.

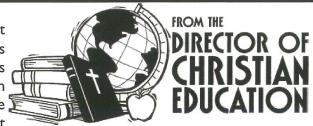
The goal is: no wasted money!

As the planning proceeds, it is likely there will be some finish work that the Congregation can assist with to keep the cost down as well. The projected start to the actual labor is February.

Please continue to keep everyone involved in this project in your prayers: Executive Council, Board members, the building committee, Roche Constructors, sub-contractors and inspectors. Pray that this project will be completed in a timely manner.



"We love because HE first loved us," John tells us in his first epistle, and oh how meaningful these words are. Our love is poor and self-serving on its own, disconnected from God's agape love. We are forgiven and loved by our Savior! With the power of the Holy Spirit, our love can yield fruit for the kingdom. Our earthly relationships may still be imperfect, but



they give us a glimpse of God's perfect love that we'll enjoy forever through eternity!

Thank you to everyone who ordered Super Bowl Subs from the youth! Our fundraisers help us do our bigger summer events. We are looking forward to a middle school service project this July in Alamosa, Colorado, through the Youth Works organization. From their website: "In Alamosa, you'll experience the beauty of the mountains but also learn about the struggle of rural life in Southern Colorado. With one of the worst unemployment rates in Colorado, rural poverty is felt throughout the valley. Your group will come alongside existing organizations to meet on-going needs, including working in gardens to meet food needs, doing home repair projects, and running a kids club in a rural community in the San Luis Valley." Thank you for your continued support of the Trinity Youth!

Upcoming Events:

Saturday, February 1: Super Bowl Subs Prep

Youth of all ages! We need your help! Many hands make light work! Please come to the church basement kitchen at 4:00 pm to put together the sandwiches!



Between worship services in the narthex, you can pick up the sub sandwiches that you ordered in January! Thank you for supporting this fundraiser to help the middle school youth go on a servant event to Alamosa this summer!

Saturday, February 22 - Youth Service Project

Come help us make fleece hats for pediatric cancer patients! More details coming soon!

Also for Your Calendar:

Friday, March 13 - Youth Progressive Fast Food Dinner

Angela Erickson DCE

"My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness." 2 Corinthians 12:9



February's Cook's Night Out

Come join us for another Cooks Night Out at the Texas Roadhouse in Greeley, on Tuesday, February 25th.

Don't forget to pick up your flyer (available February 23rd) and join us for an evening of good food, good fun, and good fellowship. See you there!

UPDATE: The December Cook's Night Out produced a check to the school for \$670.20 from Panda Express!! Thank you, Trinity, for your generous support!!



Note from the Editor: This week my rule about not getting pulled into the drama of the world around me fractured a little bit. I was entited by a sensational magazine cover at the grocery store check out regarding Prince Harry of England and his wife Meghan Markle. Having lived in England for several years when my husband was in the Air Force and we were stationed there, the Royal Family has maintained a special place in my heart. I bought the magazine and read the article. Suddenly I was sucked into the drama, looking up other articles online and having conversations with co-workers about the seemingly disrespectfulness of the parties involved. The wrong-doers (in my opinion) knew the rules of the Monarchy and their duties within that establishment, why were they doing this, causing such a ruckus? After a day or two of ridiculous obsession, the light dawned. Isn't that what we humans do with God and His Word? It started with Adam and Eve in the Garden of Eden. They had everything they needed provided for them and only one rule, "DON'T EAT THE FRUIT OF THE TREE!!!" Time after time, God's chosen people have disrespected the established covenant and broken with God. Israelite, Jew, or Gentile we are all guilty. We argue that the Bible was written, not just centuries ago, but millenniums ago and since the world has changed, the "rules" no longer apply. It has become not only acceptable, but encouraged to bend the rules, push the boundaries, even when it comes to creation, death, gender, marriage, families and morality. No matter how we try to disguise it, it is REBELLION, plain and simple. I threw the magazine in the trash, bowed my head, and asked God to cleanse my heart. In doing so, He forgave my anger, the acidic criticism I spewed, the gossip I participated in. He gave me peace. May the Holy Spirit surround you giving you His strength to resist the dark pit of temptation that lures us to go our own way, to make our own rules and to break the covenant He has made with us. May you embrace His Presence, receive His forgiveness and find peace no matter what outside source entices you. "Be on your guard; stand firm in the faith; be courageous; be strong. Do everything in love." 1 Corinthians 16:13-14



I-Les Durdy
2 –Gracie Adema
2-Jeremy Dietrich
2 –Lance Polzin
2-Brinley Whitney
3-Mary Reichel
5 –Douglas Sterner
6-Alexander Tyrell
7-Larry Schroeder
9-Ryan Hall
10 –Roger Munsterman
12 –Ken Moddelmog
13 -Mark Sitzman
14 - Deserea Einspahr

14 -Joyce Einspahr
14 -Adrian Kline
15-Gordon Rupple
15-Tyler Whitmore
16-Alivea Leschinsky
21 -Mark Eggers
21 -Wayne Hoover
22 -Kathy Windsheimer
24 -Vincent Wojurfin
25 -Doug Bliss
25 -Judy Dietrich
27-Harlan Simonson
28 - Christine Dick

& Anniversaries

Anniversaries

Dale & Roxanne Schlichenmayer -16 yrs.

Virtus & Joyce Einspahr -19 yrs.

Greg & Valerie Hiller -26 yrs.

Dan & Elaine Jecminek -39 yrs.

Terry & Janice Wiedeman -45 yrs.

Richard & Geraldine Beitz -67 yrs.

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



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Ministry Assistants—February Schedule

February 2

Elders - 8:00 am - Gary Klipp; 10:30 am Dale Schlichenmayer

Ushers -Ken Einspahr

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

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

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

Organist -Ken Streeb

Security -8:00 am Luke Kunze; 10:30 am Bret Schmidt

February 9*

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

Ushers -Virtus Einspahr

Sound –8:00 am Jeff Junker; 10:30 am Rochelle Wacker

Video –8:00 am Jeff Junker; 10:30 am Marlo Kaspar

Scripture -8:00 am Brian Anderson; 10:30 am Brenda Schmidt

Organist -Ken Streeb

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

February 16

Elders – 8:00 am Dan Jecminek; 10:30 am Dale Schlichenmayer

Ushers -Ron Gemaehlich

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

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

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

Organist – Sharon Lessman

Security -8:00 am Brian Anderson; 10:30 am Bret Schmidt

February 23*

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

Ushers -Bret Schmidt

Sound -8:00 am Rochelle Wacker; 10:30 am Dan Swanson

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

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

Organist- Ken Streeb

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

*Communion

Ministry assistants are always needed in each of the above areas. If you are interested in serving, please call the following people.

Elders - Gary Klipp, 351-8172 Ushers - Ken Einspahr, 454-1626

Sound/Video - Dan Swanson, 351-8815





February

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.

February 2

Available

February 9

Available

February 16

Joyce & Virtus Einspahr Anniversary

February 23

Dale & Roxanne Schlichenmayer
Anniversary

2020 Calendar is waiting for you to pick a date!



~Attendance~

December 22 Early-117 Late-53

Christmas Eve Service -212

Christmas Day Service -56

December 29 Early-87 Late-44

New Year's Eve Service -49

January 5 Early-128 Late-55

January 12 Early-130 Late-72

January 19 Early-131 Late-50



Ashley Dee Heiden

Born 1988 Díed 12-2-2019

James Edward Sievers

Born 6-25-1918 Died 12-11-2019

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

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24 9:00am Quilters Meet 4:30pm Bible On Tap	17 9:00am Quilters Meet	10 9:00am Quilters Meet 4:30pm Bible On Tap	3 9:00am Quilters Meet 6:00pm BOCE Meeting	27	MONDAY	2020
4:00pm COOK'S NIGHT	18 1:30pm Mission Circle	11 1:30pm Mary/Martha-Naomi Ruth Circle	4	28	TUESDAY	
26 4:00pm Confirmation Class 5:00pm Small Group 5:00pm Prayer Service 6:30pm Adult Info Class	4:00pm Confirmation Class 5:00pm Prayer Service 6:30pm Adult Info Class	12 4:00pm Confirmation Class 5:00pm Prayer Service 5:00pm Small Group 6:30pm Adult Info Class	5 4:00pm Confirmation Class 5:00pm Prayer Service 6:30pm Adult Info Class	29	WEDNESDAY	
27 6:00am Men's Group 12:00pm O.W.L.S. Potluck	6:00am Men's Group	13 6:00am Men's Group 1:00pm Friendship Circle 5:30pm Girl Scouts	6 6:00am Men's Group 1:30pm LWML/Ladies Guild	30	JAY :	February 2020 Su Mo Tu We Th 2 3 4 5 6 9 10 11 12 13 16 17 18 19 20 23 24 25 26 27
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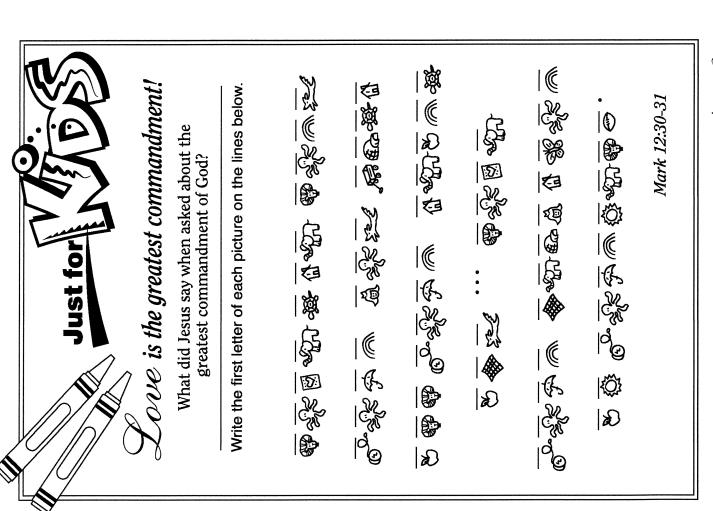
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Worship Services

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



Answer: Love the Lord your God with all your heart and ... Love your neighbor as yourself.