Trinity Tidings

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

December 2020





If you are unable to attend, but would like to send your best wishes for his retirement, Send to:

Pastor Hafeman 1440 Grand Avenue Windsor, CO 80550

YOU ARE INVITED!

Join us on
Sunday, December 6th
between 2:00 to 4:00 pm
in the Church Narthex for an Open House
in recognition of **Pastor Hafeman's**20+ years of ministry at Trinity.
Presentation to Pastor at about 2:30 pm.

It's Beginning to Look a Lot Like Christmas!

Plans are underway to prepare for (Advent) and celebrate (Christmas Eve) the birth of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ in this most unusual year!

MIDWEEK ADVENT SERVICES

December 2nd, 9th, and 16th at 10 am.

SUNDAY SCHOOL PROGRAM

Sunday, December 20th, (time to be determined) the Sunday School will present a *virtual* program that will use the "Jesse Tree" theme.



CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES

5 pm & 7 pm (Possible that a Sign Up will be necessary to keep numbers at acceptable levels)

No CHRISTMAS DAY SERVICE.

NEW YEAR'S EVE SERVICE AT 5 PM.

Watch for updates in the bulletins, as things may change.



December

~ Thursday, December 3rd ~ (a), 1:30 pm

Mite Devotions

Program: Bible Study

Mission Project: LWML Mites

Celebration of October, November, & December Birthdays

Be sure to check out the selection of cards in the Church Narthex! A lovely selection of Christmas Cards has been added to the inventory! Check out the LWML's selection before purchasing your Christmas cards!

Have you ever wondered who prepares the Church for our worship services? Who hangs the banners that emphasize the lessons or season we are in? Who changes the paraments, sets up and takes down communion? Who decorates the altar for special holidays? All this and more, is done by the LWML/Ladies Guild Altar Committee. THANK YOU, Trinity Lutheran LWML/Ladies Guild - Altar Committee for all you do!



The LWML mission statement (paraphrased) is: "to assist each woman of Trinity in affirming her relationship with the Triune God so that she is enabled to use her gifts in ministry to the people of her church".



We give thanks and praise to God, that He has sent us dedicated workers to fulfill this need in our church. We especially want to thank Kathy Weber for over 11 years of service to Trinity Lutheran Church in her role as the lead for changing the Altar Paraments. Kathy has decided to retire from that position, but will continue to oversee the banners and will prepare special altar and narthex displays to enhance our worship. Her God given talent is undeniable! We give thanks and praise for Janice & Linda Harms who will take over the position of changing the Altar Paraments from Kathy.

We also give thanks and praise to God for the all women and men who use their gifts in ministry at Trinity by serving on the Altar, the Altar Paraments, and the Banner Committees. Please let them know how much you appreciate them!

*Terry and Ellen Colegrove *Janice Harms

*Linda Harms

*Beth Jackson

*Peggy Peters

*Candy Reed

*Jackie Stuht

*Kathy Weber

Take notice of our beautiful altar during the next few months. We are blessed with lovely paraments. To God be the glory!

In Christ's service. Brenda Schmidt LWML - Altar Chairman



One of the Christmas songs my kids most love singing is "The Little Drummer Boy." A young boy finds himself at the manger of the newborn Christ child without a gift to bring – except a simple song played on his drum. I love the sweet reminder that God accepts our humble acts of love as we share our time, talents, and treasures to share the Gospel. We bring our gifts to the

King because He gave us the greatest Gift of all in His Son and in our salvation. Joy to the world!

The response to the Jesse Tree Kits was very exciting. We had to order more! We pray that the Jesse tree devotional and sermon series has been beneficial to you and your family throughout this Advent season. Even though much of this year has changed, our God and His Good News never changes!

December once again brings with it the Sunday School Christmas Program! This year's program will be different, but exciting! We're telling the (true) story of Jesus' birth and God's plan for salvation through a video featuring our Sunday School children! If your child (of any age) would still like to have a part, or if you are available to help with putting together the video, please speak with DCE Angela Erickson as soon as possible!

God's blessings to you and your family as you celebrate His first coming and look forward to the second!

Upcoming on Our Calendar:

Friday, December 11, 4:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m. - Youth Group Cookie Baking and Decorating in the Church Kitchen

It's always fun to make Christmas treats together as we share our joy in celebrating our Savior's birth! Followed by Christmas games and prizes! 6th grade and up.

Sunday, December 20 – Sunday School Christmas Program Mark this joyful event on your calendar: Jesse Tree: Jesus' Family Tree Sunday School Christmas program at Trinity on Sunday, December 20. Let the joy of Jesus' birth fill your heart!

Saturday, January 9, 6:00 p.m. - Youth Night

Youth 6th grade and up – come join us for pizza, devotion, and games! We'll meet in the church basement fellowship hall with plenty of room to spread out! (Bring \$5 for pizza, please!)

Sunday, January 10, 9:20 a.m. – Sunday School Pancakes and Pajamas for Epiphany Epiphany is when we celebrate the wise men visiting Jesus and his parents in Bethlehem – also known as Gentile Christmas. We are still so happy that Jesus was born that we are celebrating even more! Feel free to come in your pajamas to Sunday School (and church!) and we'll have a pancake party for Epiphany during the Sunday School hour!

Friday, January 15 – Club 345 Be on the lookout for details regarding our January event for 3rd-5th grade youth!

Angela Erickson,

Director of Christian Education

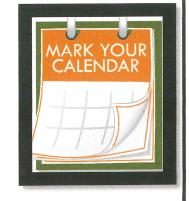
"My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness." 2 Corinthians 12:9



VOTER'S MEETING

Sunday, December 13th, 2020 at 12:30 pm

Light lunch will be provided after 10:30 am Worship Service



Please plan to attend! We want your input!

Election of officers: President & Secretary
For nominations, contact Pam Clavir (949-683-7680)
or Mike Thuener (303-304-0069)

PROTOCOL FOR PROVIDING FLOWERS FOR CHURCH ON SUNDAY

Recently, we have received inquiries about how one would go about providing flowers for our Sunday worship services. Below is an outline of how to go about providing flowers.

- 1.) In the narthex lounge area, on the right side of door to the office (the office is where Connie Mapes has scrip cards and the copy machine is) is a Flower Chart. On the chart there are the 12 months of the year, and lines under each month with a number on the left of the line that denotes the date that the Sundays fall on.
- 2.) Choose a date that you would like to provide flowers for the altar, perhaps that is to celebrate a birthday or anniversary, or remember a loved one. Write (print please) your name on the line beside the date and a quick explanation for your gift, i.e. birthday, anniversary, etc. Mark your personal calendar, so you don't forget!
- *If someone has already put their name on the date you wanted, please consider being flexible and choose the week before or after. Often we have had more than one person on a particular date and no one on the weeks before or after.
- 3.) Purchase your flower bouquet just prior to the Sunday you have chosen. Bring them to the church and place them on the shelves on either side of the cross behind the altar. The church is usually open by 7 am on Sunday mornings and your flowers should be placed no later that 7:30 am. The 2nd service has usually concluded by 11:45 am and you can pick your bouquet up and take it home after that.

IMPORTANT THINGS TO CONSIDER:

*Since the church is locked and not occupied during the week, deliveries are not recommended. If you have your flowers delivered, they will probably come to the school. There is no guarantee they will make it to the church.

*You can bring your flowers to the church on Friday, stop first at the school and ask to borrow a key to the church, place your flowers in the sanctuary, then return the borrowed key to the office in the school. *If you want something special in the bulletin, remember the deadline is Wednesdays at 3pm.

*If you put your name on the Flower Chart after the 1st of that month, please inform Debi in the church office so that she has up-to-date information for others who inquire about availability.

If you have any other questions, please contact Pam Clavir at 949-683-7680.

School Happenings

Preschool & K-8

Trinity Family,

We're in the home stretch of a year like no other. While I will be happy for this year to be done for lots of reasons, there will also be some joyful highlights. One will be witnessing the baptism of Matthew, Leila and Liam at chapel on November 4. It was a very powerful moment and has opened the door for other families to talk to teachers, Kyle and myself about children



being baptized. It has had other families thinking about finding a church home and asking about worshiping at Trinity. I told the baptism story on the Lutheran Education Facebook page and got almost 600 likes. I told the story at the beauty shop and had one of the ladies tell me how much she needed to hear a story like that right now. People are hungry for good news, and we have THE good news. We don't always get a glimpse of how the Holy Spirit is working, but I am grateful that I have these moments in the past few weeks.



Besides the spiritual blessings, we have also experienced material blessings. We wondered how Butter Braid sales would go in the time of social distancing . . . and we had record sales. This PTL project raised over \$5700! The top-selling class was supposed to earn a pizza party, but we decided that ALL CLASSES deserved a pizza

party for increasing sales by 40% over last year. Our top seller was Virginia Reiter who sold 99 Butter Braids! The first project on the list with these funds is to upgrade the access/security at the main school doors.

We also experienced donations to add chrome books to the elementary classrooms so that we have one for each student AND another to purchase IPads for each of the preschool rooms AND an unexpected grant opportunity for preschool curriculum resources AND we met our scholarship goal for this school year by the first week of November. I'm in awe of how God uses His people and their resources to support our ministry at Trinity Lutheran Church and School.

The COVID restrictions have also forced us to simplify events – and it turns out that simple can be fabulous! The outdoor daytime Fall Festival was loads of fun (and a lot less work that the usual event). We weren't able to do the usual Veteran's Day program, but we had a dozen veterans join us for chapel on November IIth. We sang "The Star-Spangled Banner" and "I'm in the Lord's Army" and thanked those who served by putting their country before themselves to defend our freedom. We usually have a big potluck celebration the Friday before Thanksgiving, but it will be simple classroom observances (but Kyle still promised to smoke a turkey for the teachers to enjoy at lunch that Friday).

We will also be simplifying for Advent and Christmas with no large school program on the horizon. During these times of "social distancing," we are blessed to be able to teach of our Savior who refrains from keeping his distance and comes directly to us, "Wrapped in swaddling cloths and lying in a manger."

On behalf Kyle, the staff, the students and the families of



Trinity Lutheran School, I wish all of you a very Merry Christmas and a blessed Happy New Year!

Sent to Serve.

Director Gwen Marshall Principal Kyle Erickson



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
- *Geraldine Beitz -Home
- *Lois Bliss -Garden Square
- *Melanie Davis Home
- *Rachel Einspahr Home
- *Richard & Mildred Ewald -Home
- *Margaret Anne Hilst -Bonell
- *lack & Caryle Kassahn -Home
- *Herman Kiel Home
- *Charlene Kontz -Bonell
- *Wilbert Lutz -Home

- *Fran Martin -Home
- *Ruth McGhghy Bonell Towers
- *Zona Oft -Fort Collins
- *Redonda Patton Fairacres
- *Elfrieda Schlager Garden Square
- *Lanny Schlange Home
- *Bernice Schooler -Home
- *Dave Schonek –Home
- *Joye Shafer Centennial Healthcare
- *Virgil Troester Bonell Towers
- *Earl Weiss -Grace Point







YOUR HELP IS NEEDED WELD FOOD BANK

CANNED VEGETABLES
BOXED POTATOES
GIFT CARDS

CANNED FRUIT CANNED HAMS

Drop off your donations at the school Mon—Friday 8 am –4 pm



December's Cook's Night Out

Grab some food and help support Trinity Lutheran Church and School at the same time! Our December Cooks Night Out Fundraiser will be on Tuesday, December 15, at Panda Express! This event will look a bit different from the others – we will receive 28%

back from orders placed **online only**, to be used for pick-up or delivery orders. The good news is that anyone around the country can use our Trinity Lutheran code and earn us money! So, share this information with all of your friends and family everywhere! Apply code **900662** in the Coupon Code box during online checkout at <u>order.pandaexpress.com</u> or via the Panda Express app! Thank you for your support!

Note from the Editor: Advent season is here. That wonderful time in the church year of anticipation and preparation. One of my fondest memories involves the set up of the Nativity in my home. It gives me so much pleasure. I like it to be in a place that everyone can see. When my children were young, and then later my grand children, I enjoyed sharing with them the story of Jesus' birth as we carefully placed the pieces. Together we would place Mary and Joseph, the angel, the shepherds, the Wise Men and the animals. The last piece was the Baby Jesus. We placed him right in the middle of all the others. One of my grand children was particularly fond of Baby Jesus and I would find him sitting on the floor, holding the piece, talking to Baby Jesus. It reminded of how Jesus told His disciples we need to be like children to receive the kingdom of God and to enter it. Although decorating our churches and homes inside and out brings a brightness to this dark time of the year, we need to be like those small children Jesus spoke about and come to Him. Invite Him into our hearts, make Him the center of our lives all year round. It's less about what is under the tree or the goodies we eat and more about what is in our hearts. As long as Christ is at the center of our celebration, it will be a joy filled day. You and I have already received gifts from Our Father. It began in that little town of Bethlehem, when His son was born, wrapped in swaddling clothes and laid in a manger. His gift continues everyday with the promise that we are saved from the eternal punishment that our sins deserve. Jesus paid our debt with His blood, shed on the cross. Jesus conquered death and rose again, giving us the gift of eternal life with Him. What an extravagant gift, one whose cost is more than we can cover. What a joyful Christmas to look forward to. May your heart and mind be prepared for His coming. May your celebrations be joyful. May you find Jesus right in the middle of everyone and everything. God's blessings to you this Christmas!

"If you prepare your heart, you will stretch out your hands toward him." Job 11:13



- 2 –Donna Hanselmann
 - 4 -Daniel Roohr
 - 5 -Ruth Ann Hesse
 - 5 -Heidi Klepper
- 5 Carson Sommerfield
 - 6 -Mary Ann Young
 - 7 -Robert Steele
 - 7 –William Weber
 - 8 –Nathan McKinney
 - 8 Candy Reed
- 9 –Eugene Windsheimer
 - 12 -Ryleigh Flesner
 - 13 -Marcella DeLange
 - 14 -Scott Butterworth
 - 14 -Joanne Roedel

- 15 Connie Mapes
- 16 –Michaelene Powell
- 17 Gretchen Thuener
 - 20 -Earl Fontenot
- 21 -Victoria Whitmore
 - 22 -Doug Reed
 - 24 -Kris Bruning
 - 24 -Kevin Knief
 - 25—Pat Seegrist
 - 26 -Patricia Wojurfin
 - 27 Jennefer Tenorio
 - 30 -Jeffrey Dietrich
 - 30 -Lillian Leschinsky
 - 31 -Karen McNutt
 - 31 –Dave Schoneck

Happy Anniversary

Richard & Connie Mapes (34)
Henry & Deborah Thuener II (46)
Monty & Joyce Anderson (48)
Ronald & Karen McNutt (49)
Steven & Phyllis Klug (50)
Paul & Mary Henneck (59)

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



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'It is not right that we should give up preaching the word of God to serve tables. Therefore, brothers, pick out from among you seven men of good repute, full of the Spirit and of wisdom, whom we will appoint to this duty." Acts 6:2b-3

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

Keep up with the Wolf Pack thru their Newsletters

-Copy and paste the link below:

https://mailchi.mp/e79b06543330/november-sending-seven-partners-in-faith-3629761?

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Join us on Sunday Mornings

8:00 am -Worship Service

10:30 am -Worship Service

Due to COVID-19 In person services may be suspended.

Go to: tlsgreeley.org and Live-stream the 8 am Traditional Service on Sunday mornings. Or select a previous service that is archived

Use the Give Now Button for your weekly offerings!



Praise be to God!

On Wednesday, November 4th, 2020 we welcomed members of the Stanton family (pictured next to Pastor Hesse), into the Trinity family through baptism.

Matthew (the Dad), daughter Leila (2nd Grade), and son Liam (Kindergarten) were baptized during the chapel service for the Trinity school children.

We give thanks and praise to God for this mission!

What a Great Day!

December

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.

December 6

Doug & Candy Reed Doug & Candy's Birthdays

December 13

Available

December 20

Gary & Linda Klipp 30th Wedding Anniversary

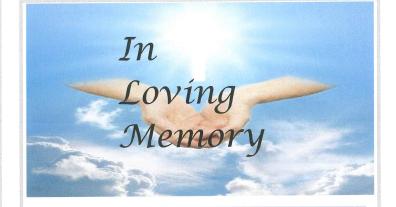
December 27

Available



~Attendance~

October II	Early- 94	Late-48
October 18	Early- 83	Late-41
October 25	Early- 83	Late-29
November I	Early- 99	Late-55
November 8	Early-110	Late-37
November 15	Early-83	Late-32



Vernon Daubert

Born 9-17-1927 Died 11-03-2020



Sarah Abigail Martin

(Parents -David & Tanisha Martin) Born 10-6-2020 Baptized 11-1-2020

Matthew Owen Stanton

(Parents -Gary & Tana Stanton) Born 3-19-1976 Baptized 11-4-2020

Leila Ren Stanton

(Parents -Matthew & Akane Stanton)
Born 10-30-2012
Baptized 11-4-2020

Liam Machida Stanton

(Parents -Matthew & Akane Stanton)

Born 2-15-2015

Baptized 11-4-2020

Ministry Assistants—December Schedule

December 6

Elders - 8:00 am- Ken Clavir; 10:30 am TBD

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 John Kruger; 10:30 am Cheri Carsten

December 13*

Elders -8:00 am Brian Anderson & Lance Polzin; 10:30 am Steve Cooper

Ushers -Virtus Einspahr

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

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

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

Organist -Ken Streeb

Security – 8:00 am Luke Kunze; 10:30 am Mike Thuener

December 20

Elders - 8:00 am Michael Thuener; 10:30 am Steve Cooper

Ushers -Ron Gemaehlich

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

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

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

Organist- Ken Streeb

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



December 27*

Elders -8:00 am Michael Thuener & TBD; 10:30 am Steve Cooper

Ushers -Bret Schmidt

Sound -8:00 am Jeff Junker; 10:30 am Jeff Junker

Video –8:00 am Marlo Wacker; 10:30 am Dan Swanson

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

Organist- Ken Streeb

Security -8:00 am Lance Polzin; 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 - Ken Clavir, 352-4608 Ushers - Ken Einspahr, 454-1626 Sound/Video - Dan Swanson, 351-8815

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

