

Trinity Tidings

Trinity Lutheran Church and School

3000 35th Avenue

Greeley, Colorado 80634

February 2021



LENT— 40 DAYS OF PREPARATION

Early in the Church's history, the major events in Christ's life were observed with special observances, such as His birth, baptism, death, resurrection and ascension.

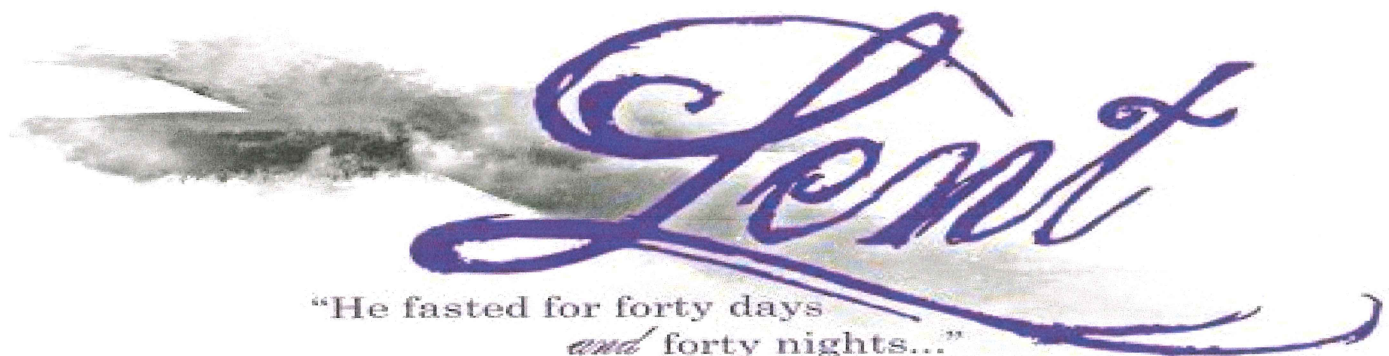
As these observances developed, a period of time was set aside prior to the major events of Jesus' birth and resurrection as a time of preparation.

During Lent, the Church's worship assumes a more penitential character. The color for the season is purple, a color often associated with penitence. The "Hymn of Praise" is omitted from the liturgy. The word "Alleluia" is usually omitted as well.

By not using the alleluia — a joyful expression meaning "Praise the Lord" — until Easter, the Lenten season is clearly set apart as a distinct time from the rest of the year. Additionally, it forms a powerful contrast with the festive celebration of Jesus' resurrection when our alleluias ring loud and clear. Similarly, here at Trinity, we leave the altar without flowers for the 40 days of Lent and celebrate Easter Sunday with an abundance of flowers.

This focus would suggest that the season of Lent serves not only as a time to meditate on the suffering that Christ endured on our behalf but also as an opportunity to reflect upon our own Baptism and what it means to live as a child of God.

Midweek Services begin with Ash Wednesday on February 17th at 10 AM. Due to the current uncertainty of our Pastoral situation, decisions have been delayed regarding the evening service. The hope is to have a decision soon, but not before this Newsletter is published.





February

~ Thursday, February 4th ~

@ 1:30 pm

Mite Devotions

Program: Pastor Hesse Presentation

Hostess: Barb Perusek

Mission Project: LWML Mites

MITE SUNDAY-February 7th: The first Sunday of each month the Mite box will be available for you to bring your Mites. (suggestion put your coin in a zip lock bag - keep your mite box).

HELP US REACH OUR GOALS!

The Lutheran Women's Missionary League (LWML) is truly blessed as supporters continue to give generously.

As of November 30, 2020, offerings of **\$1,754,544.77** were received with \$345,455.23 remaining to meet the LWML mission goal of \$2.1 million by March 31, 2021. LWML thanks our generous donors and gives glory to God!

A Little Housekeeping Note: We have a generous family, here at Trinity. Family members wanting to give to other family members is a very good thing. Sometimes though, the communication piece of our generosity falters. There have been boxes of things left in the office at the church with the intention that someone or some group at the church could use those items, but that is not communicated to the recipients and after months of sitting on the counter and not knowing who the intended recipient is, the items are disposed of. In the meantime, that office looks disorganized and cluttered to our visitors. It is **NOT** the intent to discourage your giving hearts, but to suggest ways to better facilitate the transfer of gifts.

- 1) Contact the intended recipient and set up a time that you can meet to give your gifts directly to them. If they are unable to meet you at specific place and time and you want to leave them at the church for them, make sure they will be able to pick it up in a timely manner, say within the week.
- 2) Label your gift with who the recipient is and who the giver is so that if your gift remains unclaimed we have someone to contact. Then follow up with your intended recipient to make sure they have been able to pick up your gift.

Please help us keep God's House clean and uncluttered.

School Happenings

Preschool & K-8

Trinity Family,

When I was in high school youth group, one of my favorite songs was "They Will Know We are Christians By Our Love." As we enter February, the word "love" will be prominent, along with heart decorations and the occasional cupid. But at a Lutheran school, we can talk about a love that is not a commercial ploy to buy candy and flowers or temperamental or based on who and what we are. We know the all-encompassing love of our Savior, who left His home in heaven to come be on our earth and demonstrate how to love others, including "greater love has no man than this, that He lay down His life for His friends." That love empowers us to love and serve others.



During National Lutheran Schools Week, we implemented a new offering system at chapel. Instead of just bringing money gifts, children were encouraged to plan a way to serve someone in their life in the coming week. It could be someone at school, in their family, in the community or even contributing to a bigger cause. It is not just about funding, but contributing time and talent. I'm excited to see this project in action! Ask Kyle, me or one of our teachers next month and ask how it is going. You can also ask either of us more about National Lutheran Schools Accreditation. If you missed the presentation during the Bible study hour on January 24, connect with either of us about this project. Our goal is to start the project soon. We need individuals to serve on temporary committees to help prepare the self-study. We need people to work on the sections on leadership, facilities, staffing, student services and instruction. Accreditation will help us continue to improve, hold us accountable to standards of quality and validate the great things that are happening at Trinity Lutheran School.



The preschool just finished going through the Colorado Shines quality rating. We received a 5 in staffing (which we know is the strongest aspect of our program), then 4's in family involvement and learning environment and 3's in leadership and children's health. In this system, your rating is whatever your lowest score is, so we are still a 3-star school – the same as last time - but our total points earned raised considerably from 3 years ago. Thank you to the early childhood staff who put in the time and effort to complete the rating process.

It's enrollment season again! Due to Covid restrictions, we are not able to do typical open houses. But Kyle and I will work to find ways to get people in to see the school and answer questions. We updated the school brochures. You can pick up some in the office to share with those you know with preschool and elementary children. "Word of Mouth" will always be the most effective recruitment tool.

In His Peace,

Preschool Director Gwen Marshall
Principal Kyle Erickson



**Trinity Lutheran Church
Executive Council Minutes
January 10, 2021**

The meeting was called to order at 8:46 am by Mike Thuener. Jason Reiter opened with prayer.

Quorum was established. Those present were Mike Thuener, Brenda Schmidt, Jason Reiter, and Linda Klipp. Ken Clavir and Bob Thorgesen joined the meeting via ZOOM.

The minutes of the December council meeting were approved.

Treasurer's Report – No treasures report due to Vicki being hospitalized.

Board Reports

The Board of Elders and Spiritual Ministries

- Specific Ministry Pastor (SMP) was presented to the Elders by Luke Kunze. Next step is to bring this to the congregation.
- Elders support call committee selection as our IIP candidate.

The Board of Property Ministries

- Jason Reiter is new chairmen. Working with outgoing chair to plan next steps.

The Board of Christian Education Ministries

- Preschool is trying a new online communication-to-parent tool.
- 2021-2022 Calendar is nearing finalization.
- Lutheran Schools Week January 24-30, 2021.
- Accreditation Process will be presented to the congregation by Principal Erickson. Seeking accreditation is a 2-year process.
- Budget is on target.
- Recognition to PTO as being highly active.

The Board of Financial and Stewardship Ministries

- No report.

Old Business:

- 1) President Thuener will present a power point to the congregation at tomorrow's voters meeting preparing for the vote to accept the IIP candidate.

New Business:

- 1) Mike Thuener read a referendum from the Synod to be approved by the congregation at tomorrow's meeting.
- 2) Discussion recognizing the Scrip program ran by Rick and Connie Mapes. Mike will talk with Connie to see if any more support is needed to help with the program.
- 3) A member has a house coming up for rent. Information given to Mike and Ken as a housing option for the new IIP.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 10:30 a.m.

The meeting closed with prayer by Mike Thuener.

The next meeting of the Executive Council will be on February 13, 2021 at 8:30 a.m.



Director of Christian Education

Ashes to ashes, dust to dust. From dust we came, to dust we shall return. We are reminded on a daily basis that this sinful world is not our home. When these earthly bodies return to the dust from which our forefather Adam was formed, our souls will live on in glory because of

our Lord Jesus Christ. We enter the season of Lent with penitent hearts, our eyes fixed on Jerusalem and the Passion of our Savior, who overcame sin, death, and the devil, and won us eternal life in heaven.

To assist our Trinity family during this Lenten season, we are creating "Lent in a Box" packages. Filled with devotions, activities, and suggestions for members and families of all types, ages, and sizes, these will be available beginning Sunday, February 14.

Upcoming on Our Calendar:

Saturday, February 6: 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!

Sunday, February 7: Super Bowl Subs Pick-up

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 youth go on a servant event to Alamosa this summer!

Tuesday, February 16: Youth Night for Shrove Tuesday, 6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

Whether you call it Mardi Gras, Fat Tuesday, or Shrove Tuesday – it's the night before Lent begins, and we're getting together. We'll eat pancakes (yum) and have some fun before we redirect our attention to beginning the Lenten season.

Friday, March 5 – Club 345

3rd-5th Graders – be on the lookout for details on our next get-together!

Saturday, April 3 – Easter Breakfast Preparation

Meet in the church basement kitchen to put together Easter Breakfast.

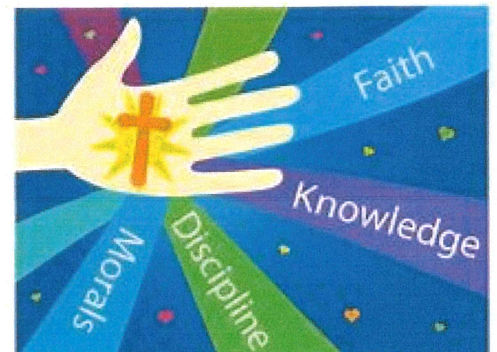
Sunday, April 4 – Easter Breakfast

Signup will be available in March to help distribute the Easter Breakfasts on Easter morning!

Angela Erickson,

Director of Christian Education

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





Dear Trinity, LWML, & PTL.

I want to thank you all for remembering me a Christmas. The gift cards along with your support is very much appreciated! I am always overwhelmed by your kindness and generosity.

Thank you. May God continue to Bless Trinity in many ways and always.

Sent to Serve,

Renee Huisman -Middle School Teacher

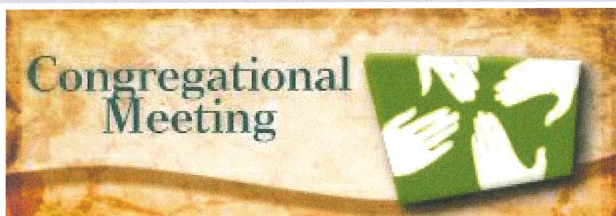
DON'T FORGET-TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 9TH AT TRINITY

Register today for the Stroke, Vascular & Heart Rhythm package, which includes four screenings: carotid artery, abdominal aortic aneurysm, peripheral arterial disease and atrial fibrillation.



In order to register for this event and to receive a \$10 discount off any package priced above \$129, please call 1-888-653-6441 or visit

www.lifelinescreening.com/communitycircle or text the word circle to 797979



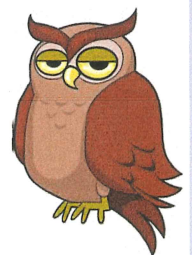
VOTERS MEETING

is scheduled for February 14th immediately following first service (approx. 9:15 am). A member of our

congregation would like to enter the Special Ministry Pastor (SMP) program. He needs the congregation voters to approve his application.

O.W.L.S. (Older. Wiser. Lutheran. Seniors)

will meet Thursday, February 25th at 12 noon for their monthly get-together. Call 353-0854 or email veinspahr@aol.com for a reservation.





February's Cook's Night Out

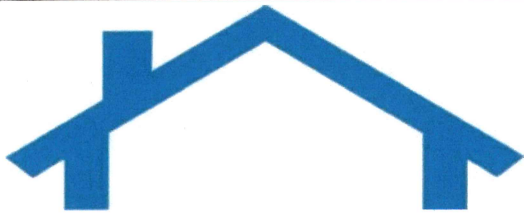
Come join us for another Cooks Night Out at Panera Bread in Greeley, on Tuesday, February 23rd.

Don't forget to pick up your flyer (available February 21st) and join us for an evening of good food, good fun, and good fellowship. See you there!

Update: The December Cook's Night Out at Panda Express raised \$476.32!!

Thank you, Trinity for your generous support!!

Note from the Editor: Sometimes no matter how hard I try, things don't go the way I expect them to. Like a well written plot to a mystery novel, life can be full of twists and turns. Actually, our lives are exactly that. A mystery, because we don't know what will happen next or the details of how our story will end. Perhaps we will have unbelievable dreams that will someday come true. Maybe we will be accused of a crime that we didn't commit and spend years in jail. Perhaps, we will be very successful and have great wealth and power. Then again, we could be someone who is forgiving to those who have wronged us. Did you guess that Joseph's story is one of my favorites? Whatever our story, we can be assured that it has been written by the greatest author of all time. He has been on the best seller list since the very beginning and millions of His books are sold each year. It takes me a whole year, but every year I enjoy reading His book from cover to cover. Every year I find previously unrevealed tidbits that draw me closer to the author. Getting closer, knowing Him better is more precious to me than a priceless gem. Perhaps then, rather than trying to figure out what is next or trying to control how I think things should go, I should just enjoy where the story of my life takes me. I may not know the details of how my story ends, but the Author has promised that every twist and turn will lead me to exactly where I need to be, when I need to be there. He has promised to be with me all through the journey. *"For I know the plans I have for you, declares the LORD, plans for welfare and not for evil, to give you a future and a hope."* Jeremiah 29:11



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.

You may call the church office to obtain their addresses.

- *Patsy Aldridge –Meadowview
- *Geraldine Beitz –Home
- *Bobbie Blake –Home
- *Lois Bliss –Garden Square
- *Melanie Davis - Home
- *Rachel Einspahr – Home
- *Richard & Mildred Ewald –Home
- *Marion Fumich-Home
- *Margaret Anne Hilst –Bonell
- *Jack & Caryle Kassahn –Home
- *Herman Kiel - Home
- *Charlene Kontz –Bonell

- *Wilbert Lutz –Home
- *Fran Martin –Home
- *Ruth McGhghy - Bonell Towers
- *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



Pray for our Missionaries

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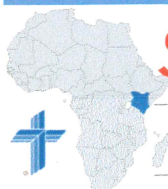


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SENDING SEVEN

"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

JOHN WOLF -(retired AF Lt Colonel)

John will oversee all the mission fields in Africa as a logistics person.

E-mail: John.wolf@lcsintl.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?e=00068540f8>



FEBRUARY



Birthdays

1-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 –Harold Moore
10 –Roger Munsterman
13 -Mark Sitzman
14 - Deserea Einspahr
14 -Joyce Einspahr

14 –Adrian Kline
15-Gordon Ruppel
15 –Stephen Schaps
15 -Liam Stanton
15-Tyler Whitmore
16-Alivea Leschinsky
21 –Mark Eggers
21 –Wayne Hoover
22 -Kathy Windsheimer
24 –Vincent Wojurfin
25 –Doug Bliss
25 –Judy Dietrich
25 –Keith Reichert
27-Harlan Simonson



Dale & Roxanne Schlichenmayer -17 yrs.
Virtus & Joyce Einspahr –20 yrs.
Greg & Valerie Hiller -27 yrs.
Dan & Elaine Jecminek –40 yrs.
Terry & Janice Wiedeman -46 yrs.
Richard & Geraldine Beitz -68 yrs.

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

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 7

Available

February 14

Virtus & Joyce Einspahr
20th Wedding Anniversary

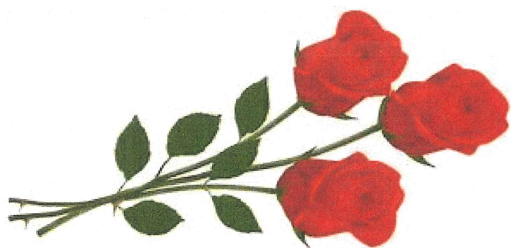
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February 28

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**2021 Calendar is waiting for
you to pick a date !**



~Attendance~

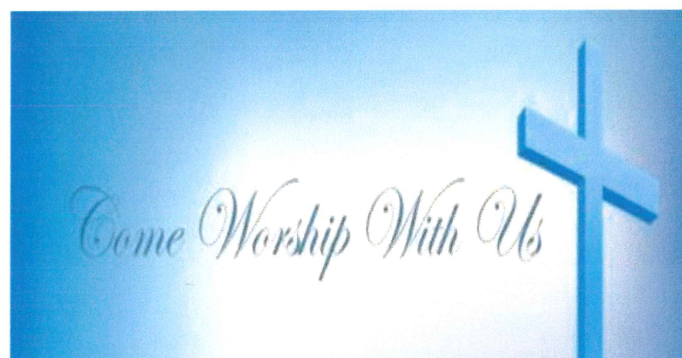
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| December 27 | Early- 54 | Late-33 |
| January 3 | Early- 65 | Late-29 |
| January 10 | Early- 65 | Late-45 |
| January 17 | Early-88 | Late-39 |

*In
Loving
Memory*

Zona Oft

Born 4-4-1928

Died 12-22-2020



Sunday Mornings

8:00 am -Worship Service

10:30 am -Worship Service

Holy Communion

2nd, 4th, & 5th Sundays

*Go to: tmsgreeley.org and Live-stream
the 8 am Traditional Service
on Sunday mornings.*

Ministry Assistants—February Schedule

February 7

Elders – 8:00 am– Mike Thuener; 10:30 am Steve Cooper

Ushers –Bob Cowherd

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 Brian Anderson; 10:30 am Larry Whitney

Organist –Ken Streeb

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

February 14*

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

Ushers –Ken 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 Gary Klipp; 10:30 am Steve Cooper

Organist –Ken Streeb

Security – 8:00 am Brian Anderson; 10:30 am Cheri Carsten

February 21

Elders – 8:00 am Lance Polzin; 10:30 am Steve Cooper

Ushers –Virtus Einspahr

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 Brian Anderson; 10:30 am Kyle Erickson

Organist– Ken Streeb

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



February 28*

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

Ushers –Ron Gemaehlich

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

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

Scripture – 8:00 am Luke Kunze; 10:30 am Ken Clavir

Organist– Ken Streeb

Security –8:00 am Brian Anderson & Luke Kunze; 10:30 am Ken Clavir

***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

February 2021

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| SUNDAY | MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | SATURDAY |
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| Jan 31 8:00am Worship Svc. 9:20am SS & Bible Study 10:30am Super Bowl Sub 10:30am Worship | Feb 1 9:00am Quilters Meet 6:00pm BOCE Meeting | 2 1:30pm MMNR 6:30pm Women's Bad Girl Bible Study | 3 4:00pm Confirmation Class 5:00pm Prayer Service | 4 6:30am Men's Group 1:30pm LWML/Ladies Guild | 5 8:15am Mom's Bible Boost | 6 4:00pm Super Bowl Subs Prep for Youth |
| 7 Mite Sunday 8:00am Worship Svc. 9:20am SS & Bible Study 9:20am Super Bowl Sub 10:30am Worship | 8 9:00am Quilters Meet | 9 1:30pm MMNR 6:30pm Women's Bad Girl Bible Study | 10 4:00pm Confirmation Class 5:00pm Prayer Service | 11 6:30am Men's Group 1:00pm FRIENDSHIP CIRCLE | 12 8:15am Mom's Bible Boost | 13 7:00am ELDERS Meeting 8:00am Church Clean-Up 8:30am Executive Council |
| 14 Communion 8:00am Worship Svc. 9:20am VOTERS MEETING 10:30am Worship | 15 9:00am Quilters Meet 3:00pm Newsletter Deadline | 16 1:30pm Mission Circle 6:00pm Youth Night for Shrove Tuesday | 17 10:00am & 7 PM Ash Wednesday Service 4:00pm Confirmation Class 5:00pm Prayer Service | 18 6:30am Men's Group | 19 8:15am Mom's Bible Boost | 20 |
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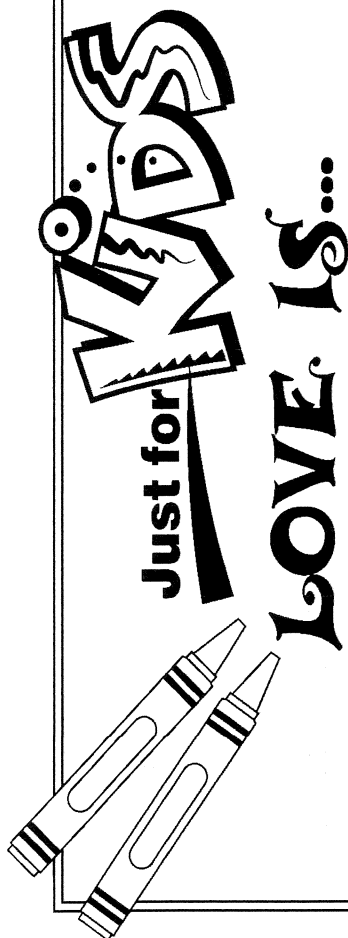
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Website: tlsgreeley.org

Worship Services

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



In 1 Corinthians 13 Paul writes about love. He tells us what love does and does not do. Let's find out about love!

Use the alphabet code to fill in the blanks.

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... THESE THREE REMAIN: FAITH, HOPE AND LOVE.
BUT THE GREATEST OF THESE IS

12 15 22 5

Answer: PATIENT, KIND, REJOICES, PROTECTS, TRUSTS, HOPES,
PERSEVERES, LOVE