# **Trinity Tidings**

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

March 2021



Prepare Your Hearts in the Season of Lent PLACES of the PASSION

10 am & 6:30 pm Services

Journey with our Savior, exploring the spiritual relevance of key points along the path of Christ's passion in this series of six services for Lent.

The places where the passion of our Lord took place hold special meaning to Christians the world over. These places remind us that lesus walked this Earth and stood in locations we can still find today to carry out his mission of salvation. This was no sightseeing trip for our Savior. There was a serious reason he came to be at certain places and at particular times to suffer and die and rise again. He was fulfilling the will of his Father who desired that we be forgiven and given a place in heaven with him forever.



## March

~ Thursday, March 4th ~ @ 1:30 pm

### Mite Devotions

**Program:** Bible Study "All Things Through Christ" **Hostess:** Karen Langhorn & Karen Rutt

### Mission Project: LWML Mites

MITE SUNDAY-March 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).

### **Mite Offerings Update**

We praise God for generous Lutheran Women's Missionary League (LWML) women and all gracious donors! LWML's mite offerings as of January 31, 2021, total \$2,046,341.69, which leaves \$53,658.31 left to reach our 2019–2021 LWML Mission Goal of \$2,100,000 before our fiscal year-end on March 31, 2021. There are three mission grants remaining to be funded in this biennium. LWML thanks God and encourages you to continue collecting your mite offerings.

#### **EASTER LOVE OFFERING-**

Every year around this time, the Easter Love Offering Envelope shows up in our box of giving envelopes. These envelopes are designed as an additional giving envelope, a gift of "Love" during the Lent Season. It is at this time that we are reminded just how much we are loved by our Heavenly Father. Loved so much, that



He sent His One and Only Son, Jesus Christ to pay the price for our sins by laying down His life on the cross. He became the ultimate sacrifice, His blood the atonement for our sins.



Each year, these envelopes are collected by the LWML ladies who choose a project to direct these offerings towards. Over the past years, the LWML has used the Easter Love Offerings to: refurbish the kitchen in the Church Fellowship Hall; to cover a large portion on the cost of reupholstering the pews in our sanctuary; provide extra money for the completion of the finishing of the second floor of the school. This year the LWML is dedicating the Easter Love Offerings towards the eventual replacement of the front doors of the church. They anticipate that this may take more than one year

to collect enough funds. Please prayerfully consider giving to this worthwhile project. Place your contribution in the "Easter Love Offering" envelope and drop it in the offering plate on Sunday morning, anytime between now and Easter Sunday.

## A Note from Our Church President

Trinity Family,

This congregation has been through some trying times, but it is amazing to see God's blessings as we work through the challenges. One of those blessings is the support that you as a congregation voted unanimously to extend to Luke Kunze in his application for the SMP (Special Ministry Pastor) program. We ask that

you hold Luke and his family up in prayer as he begins this journey.

The search continues for an IIP since Pastor Cartwright has declined our call. We are working on reviewing other potential IIP candidates as well as other options for our path forward. We know that there is an air of uncertainty at this time. I want you to have confidence that the church leadership is working with the district to ensure that this congregation is taken care of. We are blessed that Pastor Schnegelberger is working with us to help out while we finalize our plans on moving forward.

As we proceed, please know that there are items of concern that need to be addressed as a congregation. Some of that includes communication within the congregation. We ask for your grace and understanding as we navigate the processes that are involved in calling a new pastor outside of a planned time.

The Elders are always here to assist where needed and Pastor Schnegelberger is also assisting us for this time to ensure that you, as members, whether you are able to attend on Sundays or online, or simply able to be in touch through the Tidings, are taken care of. If you are in need of Pastoral care, you can always call the office at 970-330-2485 or Pastor Schnegelberger directly at 303-775-6556.

Please let us know of your needs. We look forward to a time that we are back together fully, and not separated by the concerns of this pandemic. We continually pray for everyone's health and ask for your prayers for wisdom in our path forward.

Your brother in Christ,

Michael Thuener
Congregational President



### A SPECIAL VOTERS' MEETING

has been called for Sunday, March 7th at 12:00 pm for the purpose of voting for or against an IIP candidate selected by the call committee and approved by the Executive Council. The Call Committee will present their recommendations to the Executive Council on

Saturday, March 6th. Please plan to attend this meeting to hear the recommendations and help decide how Trinity will move forward. We want to hear your voice. Mark your calendar for Sunday, March 7th at 12 noon in the Church Sanctuary.

# March's Cook's Night Out

Our March Cooks Night Out will be Tuesday, March 23rd, at the Texas Roadhouse in Greeley. Texas Roadhouse will donate a percentage of your ticket back to the school! They are open for 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, March 21st. Be sure to join us for food, fun and fellowship! See you there!

#### Trinity Lutheran Church Executive Council Minutes February 13, 2021

The meeting was called to order at 8:40 am by Mike Thuener. Ken Clavir opened with prayer. A quorum was established. Present were Mike Thuener, Bob Thorgesen, Brenda Schmidt, Vicki Akin, Ken Clavir, Jason Reiter (Zoom), Pam Clavir, Linda Klipp, Connie Mapes (Zoom) and Pastor Schnegelberger.

Minutes of the January council meeting were distributed via email; a motion to approve was made by Pam Clavir and seconded by Bob Thorgesen. Motion passed by voice count.

#### Treasurer's Report

• Vicki Akin distributed copies of the July 2020 – January 31, 2021 Profit and Loss Budget vs. Actual financial report. After discussion the report was approved.

#### **Board Reports**

#### The Board of Elders and Spiritual Ministries

- Received report from DCE Angela Erickson concerning upcoming events for 3-5th grade; Easter
  Breakfast adhering to Covid 19 guidelines; reported the Youth Group Volunteer Task Force now in
  place; Sunday School now meeting in person.
- New Adult Bible Study will be starting February 21, 2021 led by Lance Polzin.

#### The Board of Property Ministries

- Prioritizing upcoming projects.
- Project for converting outside lights at the school to LED has been completed.
- New windows for upstairs of school installation scheduled for late March .
- Renewed maintenance contract for HVAC systems.
- New copier contract in place with considerable savings.

#### The Board of Christian Education Ministries

- Had annual meeting with PTL parents Kyle introduced upcoming accreditation process to parents.
- One school student was Baptized last week. Two more families want their children baptized in near future.
- Beginning plans for 75th Year Celebration of school 2021/2022 school year.
- School pre-registration for '21-'22 has begun.

#### The Board of Financial and Stewardship Ministries

Requests all boards make them aware of upcoming non-budgeted purchases at or above \$1000.00.

#### **Old Business:**

- Mike read IIP candidate Rev. Cartwright's decline of our call.
- IIP Call committee has received a new candidate list and will resume meeting.
- SMP (Specific Ministry Pastor) discussion
- Special Voters Meeting on Sunday, February 14, 2021 at 9:15 am.

#### **New Business:**

- Discussion around electronic and paper records to include minutes, financials, school records etc.
   Vicki Akin will research recommendations for financial records. Brenda Schmidt will research LCMS recommendations to churches. Discussion will be on going.
- Special Voters Meeting on Sunday March 7, 2021 at 11:45 am for the purpose of voting for or against an IIP candidate selected by call committee and approved by the Executive Council. Begin posting.
- Executive Council Meetings will be offered on Zoom for the foreseeable future.

A motion was made, seconded and passed to adjourn the meeting. Pastor Schnegelberger closed the meeting with prayer. The next regular Executive Council meeting moved to Saturday, March 6th at 8:30 am.



Greetings and happy March! Spring is just around the corner! (Right? Or maybe we'll have another of our infamous Spring Break blizzards!) Spring in Colorado is always very unpredictable, but then again, nothing about life is really predictable, especially life this past year.

Certainly not many could have predicted what happened to our Savior when He set His face towards Jerusalem (Luke 9:51) two thousand years ago — no one but Him. He knew the suffering and humiliation He would endure in His arrest and crucifixion — and He knew how the weekend would end: with His triumphant resurrection and victory over sin, death, and the devil. While we walk through this Lenten season of 2021, we are once again reminded of our worldly uncertainties but most of all we are reminded that it was our sin that sent Jesus to the cross, and we hold tightly to the knowledge that Easter is coming, that our salvation has been secured.

We hope your family is enjoying the "Lent in a Box" packages. Filled with devotions, activities, and suggestions for members and families of all types, ages, and sizes, these are still available!

#### **Upcoming on Our Calendar:**

Friday, March 5 – Club 345

 $3^{rd}$ - $5^{th}$  Graders — we're renting out the theater again! Let's see "Trolls" at the Greeley Cinemark at 6:15 p.m.! Give \$5 to Angela to reserve your spot — first come, first served for 20 participants!

CLUB 345



Ist and 3rd Sundays – Youth Group (7:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.) Beginning in March, youth 6th grade and older will meet regularly for some time in God's Word, along with fun and fellowship! See you in the youth room (church basement) on Sunday nights!

Saturday, April 3 – Easter Breakfast Preparation Meet in the church basement kitchen at 4:00 p.m. 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



## Financial Report

# Cash Position Second Quarter Ending December 31, 2020

Offerings & Other Income	\$290,699
School Income	\$ 196,800
Gifts	\$ 85,000
Total Income (Cash In)	\$569,500

Ordinary Expenses	\$505,097
Mortgage Interest	\$ 32,110
Mortgage Principal	\$ 25,808
Total Expenses (Cash Out)	\$563,015
Income in Excess of Expenses	\$6,485

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: \$1,914,873.65

**Construction Loan: \$0.00** 

Note from the Editor: This week I had one of those "how did I get here?" moments. I guess it's appropriate during this season of penitence on our journey through Lent, that one reflects on their life; the good, the bad, the ups, and the downs. There are many circumstances that can lead me to one of those moments. Being one who wants to do the "right thing" can lead to indecisiveness while trying to figure out that "right thing". There is that internal dialogue of "should I do this first or that? Which way should I turn? Should I have spent that money?" From time to time I can get obsessed with following the "rules", because for me, that is the "right thing" to do. I get frustrated with others, (whether that is the leaders of our government or my neighbor or my relatives) when they treat the rules more like "suggested guidelines". Sometimes I feel isolated and alone. Other times I try to control more of the things around me, holding on to those "rules". Sometimes I get angry and every little thing makes me want to scream!! That is when I ask God, "How did I get here, Lord? This is not who I am. This is not who you want me to be. I've messed up, again. Help me." The good news is, God has been with me in every twist and turn of my life. He knew them ahead of time. He knew the choices I would make along the way, both good ones and bad ones, before I even knew there was a choice. He knows my innermost being, because He made me. He knows every thought—ahead of time—is intimately present in my life and will get me where I need to be. No matter how many wrong turns I think I have made or continue to make, He knows where I am and where I am going. He knows my past, my present and my future. I will trust Him as He continues to lead me on the path He has chosen for me. May you find a peacefulness in your heart when you reflect on your life, knowing that God knows you from your inner most being. May you know God's love for you and that He will never leave you, even when you wonder how you got where you are. "O LORD, you have searched me and known me! You know when I sit down and when I rise up; you discern my thoughts from afar. You search out my path and my lying down and are acquainted with all my ways. Even before a word is on my tongue, behold, O LORD, you know it altogether." Psalm 139:1-4

## **School Happenings**

Preschool & K-8

Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

The Holy Spirit has been very active, especially during our Wednesday chapel services. We celebrated three baptisms throughout the month of February, this makes five for the school year, with another three to come. "Praise God from whom all blessings flow!"



It is hard to believe, but we are entering our third and final trimester for the school year! With that, we are now taking registration applications for the 2021-2022 school year. There are brochures available in the church narthex for you to help get the word out. Invite your friends and neighbors to schedule a tour.

March is the month for spring break, which is scheduled for March 15th through the 19th. With the COVID carousel, it will be nice to have a planned break. Our staff has continued to work hard to keep students on-site. With that, the Trinity staff is now available to get their vaccine shots if they choose. We ask for continued prayers for good health and safety for all of our Trinity families.





There are a lot of great things happening at our school. We are at the point where we are ready to become fully accredited. There was a presentation given this past January in regards to National Lutheran Schools Accreditation. We are going to need volunteers, and lots of them. If you would like to help, be looking for a Sign-Up Genius link which will be emailed out. A hard copy of the sign-up sheet will be posted in the church narthex. We had to adjust our timeline just a

bit, but we are still looking to assemble the steering committee and sub committees. With this being such a transitional time for Trinity, we look forward to using this accreditation process to better assess our needs, areas to improve, and all of the blessings in which God has provided for us.

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.

\*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

Trinity, the pandemic has taken a huge toll on our homebound members. They are often isolated and alone. Family members are conflicted on whether to visit or risk exposing their loved ones to the coronavirus. Please keep them in your prayers and consider calling or sending cards or letters to let them know you are thinking of them. If you need an address or phone number, call the church office or pick up a directory at the church.







# MARCH IS BREAKFAST FOODS for

**WELD FOOD BANK** 

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



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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@lcmsintl.org

Keep up with the Wolf Pack thru their Newsletters

-Copy and paste the link below:

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# MARCH

# Birthdays

I-Helen Andersen

I-Judah Kunze

2-Aaron Wicke

3-Wilbert Lutz

5 –Linda Harms

6-Verne Einspahr

7-Tiffani Martin

8 -Beverly Severns

9-Jessica Anderson

9 –Londa Polzin

10 -Albert Reichel

12 - Mathew Hammers

14 –Donna Thorgesen

15 –Davanee McKinney

15 – Jacob Roohr

15- Donald Wacker

17 -Laura Reiter

18-Sandra Cooper

19 - Matthew Stanton

20-Margie Allmann

20-Michael Reiter

21 -Mary Beitz

21-Kayleigh Meritt

22 – Mark McKinley

22 -Hannah Roohr

24 -Dale Rains

24 - Terri Swanson

25 –Bobbie Blake

25 -Ruth Knief

26 -Randy Peters

27-Fred Meyer

28 - Ken Brockett

30 -Linda Rains

30 –Dan Swanson

31 –Christy Kunze



Oren & Judy Nero –28 yrs.

Donald & Judy Roth –36 yrs.

Jon & Gail Wicke -36 yrs.

Dan & Terri Swanson –39 yrs.

Douglas & Jeanne Bliss –40 yrs.

Susan & Jerry Pelis –53 yrs.

Earl & Dolores Weiss-70 yrs.

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

# March

#### **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.

A reminder that during the Season of Lent, we do not place flowers on the altar. If you have a celebration during this season, consider giving the money you would spend on flowers to Pam Clavir for the purchase of lilies and other flowers for our Easter celebration.

2021 Calendar is waiting for you to pick a date!



## **Sunday Mornings**

8:00 am - Worship Service

10:30 am -Worship Service

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

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



## Christine Dick

Born 2-28-1916 Died 1-12-2021



## Faith Lynn Hunter Peck

(Parents -Jeremy Peck & Kellie Hamlet) Born 8-24-2014 Baptized 2-10-2021

### ~Attendance~

Early- 65	Late-45
Early-88	Late-39
Early-85	Late-50
Early-81	Late-49
Early-63	Late-47
Early-55	Late-38
	Early-88 Early-85 Early-81 Early-63

## Ministry Assistants—March Schedule

#### March 7

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

Ushers -Bret Schmidt

**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 Kyle Erickson

Organist -Ken Streeb

Security -8:00 am John Kruger; 10:30 am Brian Anderson

#### March 14\*

Elders -8:00 am Lance Polzin & Luke Kunze; 10:30 am Ken Clavir & Steve Cooper

Ushers -Bob Cowherd

**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 Luke Kunze; 10:30 am Ken Clavir

Organist -Ken Streeb

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

#### March 21

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

Ushers -Ken 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 Steve Cooper

Organist- Ken Streeb

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

#### March 28\*

Elders -8:00 am Gary Klipp & Michael Thuener; 10:30 am Steve Cooper & Ken Clavir

**Ushers** –Virtus Einspahr

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 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



March 2021	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	March 2021  Su Mo Tu We Th  7 1 2 3 4  7 8 9 10 11  14 15 16 17 18  28 29 30 31  THURSDAY		April 2021  Tu We Th Fr Sa  6 7 8 9 10  13 14 15 16 17  20 21 22 23 24  27 28 29 30  SATURDAY
YADNUS	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Feb 28	Mar 1 9:00am Quilters Meet 6:00pm BOCE Meeting	2	3 10:00am & 6:30pm 4:00pm Confirmation 5:00pm Prayer Service 6:30pm Small Group 7:00pm Outreach Bible	4 6:30am Men's Group 1:30pm LWML/Ladies Guild	5 8:15am Mom's Bible Boost 6:00pm 345 Club	6 8:30am Executive Council
7	8	9	10		12	13
Mite Sunday 8:00am Worship Svc. 9:20am SS & Bible Study 10:30am Worship 12:00pm Voter's	9:00am Quilters Meet	1:30pm MMNR 6:30pm Women's Bad Girl Bible Study	10:00am & 6:30pm 4:00pm Confirmation 5:00pm Prayer Service 6:30pm Small Group 7:00pm Outreach Bible	6:30am Men's Group 1:00pm FRIENDSHIP CIRCLE	8:15am Mom's Bible Boost	7:00am ELDERS Meeting
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Church/School Office: 970-330-2485 Church/School Fax: 970-330-2844

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#### **Worship Services**

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

The first Friday in March is World Day of Prayer. God wants us to pray to thim everyday. So start today and never stop!

Write the words from the scrambled ligsaw pieces onto the blank puzzle to discover when Psalm 55:17 (KJV) says we should pray.

Morning g, and will ud: all hear decreased by and g, a

Answer: Evening, and morning, and at noon, will I pray, and cry aloud: and he shall hear my voice.