



# Trinity Tidings

*Trinity Lutheran Church and School*

*3000 35th Avenue*

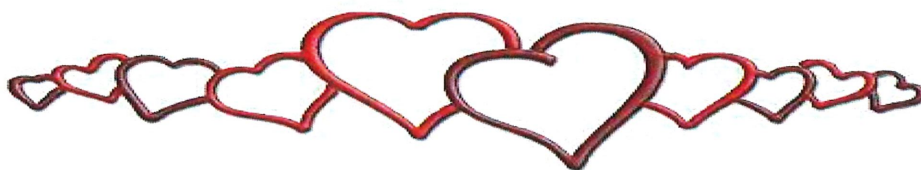
*Greeley, Colorado 80634*

*February 2022*

## *Blessings* from the *Heart*

February is a good time to talk about hearts and the gifts that are given from the heart. When an outreach group works quietly behind the scene, they can be overlooked as part of Trinity's ministry. One such group meets every Monday, no matter the weather or the holiday. They are made up of 55 men and women of all ages and walks of life. They support each other and share God's word with each other and they sew their hearts out.

Some may know of them for their bi-annual auction fundraiser, but they do so much more. This past fall, the money that was raised went to the church; \$15,000 was sent to LCEF to pay down the principle on the mortgage and another \$3000 to the General Fund. They give generously of their time and talents. Besides the 100+ quilts for the fundraiser, they also made nearly 300 quilts this past year, that were distributed to the community through donations to Meals on Wheels (enough for each Meals on Wheels client to receive a quilt for Christmas); Wings (a residential treatment home for mothers with addictions and children); Comfort Care (UC Health Hospice); Final Salute (veterans group in Cheyenne); and Cubby Comfort Dog (veterans group in Denver). They use their leftover scraps to stuff dog beds that are then donated to Souldog in Ft Lupton; Cubby Comfort Dog; Cattle Dog Rescue and other animal shelters in need. They make nearly 500 bears each year for the Teddy Bear Bash, part of UCCC Festival of Trees. They provide Christmas for a needy family each year. They gather and donate household goods for the Lutheran Family Services Refugee Center, (3 SUV's full this year,) while giving thanks and praise to God that they can do something to help their community. There are many more things that they do. They find a need and they do their best to fill it. They don't ask for recognition, they feel blessed to have a place to gather together, a place to share God's word, a place where they can receive and give comfort and support to each other, a place where they can sew. They are our Trinity Quilters.







## February

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

### Mite Devotions

**Program:** Hymn Video “What A Friend We Have In Jesus”  
*presented by Joyce Anderson*

**Hostesses:** June Martin and Sharon Andrews

**Mission Project:** LWML Mites

### LWML Praises the Lord for Mission Offerings

The Lutheran Women's Missionary League (LWML) is truly blessed as supporters continue to give generously. As of November 30, 2021, offerings of **\$724,437.36** were received with \$1,425,562.70 remaining to meet the LWML mission goal of \$2.15 million by March 31, 2023. LWML thanks our generous donors and gives glory to God!

### MITE SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 2022

The first Sunday of each month the Mite box will be available for you to bring your Mites. (suggestion put your coins in a zip lock bag - keep your mite box).

*Think Inside  
the BOX*



You are invited to a reception of  
cake and coffee  
to celebrate

**Joyce Einspahr's**  
90th Birthday

tentatively scheduled for  
Sunday, February 13th  
from 1:30 pm to 3:30 pm  
in the Church Fellowship Hall!

Watch for updates in upcoming Sunday bulletins.



## FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK



Dear Trinity Family,

In his book "Built on the Rock" Ted Kober writes on page 127, "I'm in favor of resolving problems and restoring relationships. But I find that applying the fix-it mentality in a church can compromise her health. Utilizing such an approach detracts people from the underlying relationship issues, misdirecting them in an attempt to address all the issues and restore health to the congregation... But when working on any kind of conflict involving people, I have to resist my own fix-it mentality. People are not problems to be fixed." In chapter 7 he writes about threats to Spiritual Wellness. In all that has happened at Trinity since August 2020, it is easy to make people the problem. When we do that, we can miss the underlying relationship issues. Trinity is made up of a variety of individuals, with different gifts, backgrounds, education, family history and we could go on. Each person here is a creation of God, with our own uniqueness. I would encourage members to consider what is written in this book to be a guide as we move forward.

Through the Bible Study we have talked about substantive issues and relational issues. Substantive issues have to do with communications, structure issues, organizational issues, how we process things and educating. While these can be addressed through the fix-it mentality. Doing this misses the personal and relational issues. Ted Kober makes a very important point on page 128 in his book. "In disputes, personal issues usually accompany the substantive issues but require reconciliation not conflict resolution. Because our God is a relational God, He stresses the importance of restoring relationships. Through His own example He sacrificed His only Son while we were still sinners so that we would be reconciled to Him." Yes, substantive issues can be easier to identify, when our focus is only here, we miss the Spiritual issues. When we do, our dependence on Christ and what He has accomplished can get lost or diminished. Think about how that might affect the health of the congregation.

By this time the newsletter reaches the congregation, the seminar will be over. The congregation needs to work through the substantive issues to be a healthier congregation. It is just as important that Trinity work through the relational issues. When conflict happens, we need to work to bring reconciliation. It is my belief that both substantive and relational issues need to be worked on. In doing this, Trinity will become stronger and healthier. It will be work, it will involve every member looking hard at who you are as a member. It will mean going to the Word as a guide. Reconciliation can seem scary, yet, what a difference it can make when we are free to speak to one another in love. It means looking how our small groups play into this. Over the coming weeks God is going to be leading Trinity, every member is encouraged to pray, to reflect on your time here, and to ask God to use you as a part of the healing. Too often we look to issues, we want it resolved, without looking at what I bring or do. God desires that each one of us work together under His guidance, reflecting, encouraging, confessing to one another, forgiving one another, keeping our eyes on the cross of Jesus Christ. I haven't given up on Trinity because I haven't given up on my God, who in all things is there for us.

*Kent Schnegellberger*



## February Cooks Night Out



Join us at Luna's 806 9th Street in downtown Greeley on Thursday, February 24th 11 am to 9 pm, for our February Cooks Night Out. Flyers will be available in the Church Narthex on Sunday, February 20th. Show the flyer to your server at the time of ordering and the school will receive a 10% donation. See you there!

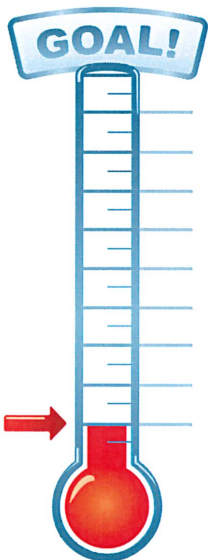
### Help us get the word out!

**Early Student  
Registration**

Tell your friends and neighbors about Trinity Lutheran School! Set up a tour for the school

and receive 50% off registration, when you register.

### Early Registration ends February 28th!



### SOUP CANS FOR SOUPER BOWL SUNDAY!

Let's make February canned soup month for the

### WELD FOOD BANK

Bring your cans of soup to the school Mon-Fri 8 am-4 pm or the church on Sunday mornings. Our goal this year is 1500# of food!





## **Director of Christian Education**

We love because He first loved us. What an amazing message that we get to proclaim. There's nothing we can do to make God love us any more, and nothing we can do to make Him love us any less. In our own imperfect, human ways, we can experience this love with each other

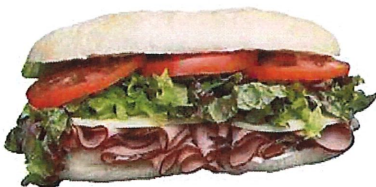
as we join in the daily forgiveness and compassion and joy that this kind of love inspires in us for each other. Thank you to our Trinity family, and for the love you show us!

There are many wonderful things happening in the near future here at Trinity on the youth and family side of the schedule. We thank everyone for helping support the fundraisers, including the ongoing (1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays) involving breakfast burritos, donuts, and coffee. We also look forward to Super Bowl Subs, and a special project involving flocks of flamingos suddenly arriving at Trinity family homes... stay tuned! We look forward to the LCMS Youth Gathering this July in Houston, and appreciate all the prayer and support in many ways that will enable us to get there.

### **Also on the Calendar:**

#### **1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays – Youth Group, 7:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.**

Youth 6<sup>th</sup> 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! We will only meet on Sunday, January 16 for this month with the New Year holiday weekend happening at the beginning of the month.



#### **Saturday, February 12: 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 13: 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 to the LCMS Youth Gathering this July in Houston!

*Angela Erickson,*  
Director of Christian Education

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





# School Happenings

## Preschool & K-8

Trinity Family,

This year's school theme is "IN ALL THINGS." The supporting Bible text comes from Colossians 1:15-20. Let's focus in on the second part of verse 17-18, "...in Him all things **HOLD TOGETHER. And He is the head of the body, the church.**"

There is a message that speaks loud and clear to our ministry. All the way from preparing to transition to a new pastor, down to the sicknesses that has many school students and a few staff at home. God has held and continues to hold this place together, while His work is being done.

February is the month that we focus on early registration for the school. If you know anybody that might be interested, we are scheduling tours. We had our first tour mid-January with a family that just enrolled their kids for this year. We talked about curriculum, policies, and everything else school related. Towards the end of the tour, we had a heavy conversation about faith. This is a family that has not been consistently devoted. The conversation went back and forth, with the Holy Spirit very present. This particular family plans to join us for worship on Sundays. These are the moments in ministry that you can't help but to recognize God at work.

February is also the month that some of our classes will lead us in Wednesday chapel: 2/9, 1<sup>st</sup> grade; 2/16, Kindergarten; 2/23, 2-3 grade. The rest of the classes will lead later in the year, after Lent. You are invited to join us; chapel begins at 8:30.

I couldn't talk about February without bringing up Valentine's Day. There are many fun ways we show love at this time to each other. We take time to exchange cards, treats etc. Every now and then, teachers will tune in on who has a "crush" with who. As "love" is shared throughout the campus, we are reminded of the love our Heavenly Father has for us.

Lastly, February begins our 3<sup>rd</sup> and final trimester. Please, keep our teachers, staff, students, and families in your prayers as we continue to "hold together" by His grace, mercy, and truth.

In All Things,

*Principal Kyle Erickson*

*Director Gwen Marshall*







## 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.

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|------------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| *Bobbie Blake –Home                | *Fran Martin –Home                 |
| *Lois Bliss –Centennial Healthcare | *Ruth McGhghy - Home with family   |
| *Melanie Davis - Home              | *Elfrieda Schlager - Garden Square |
| *Rachel Einspahr – Home            | *Bernice Schooler –Home            |
| *Richard & Mildred Ewald –Atria    | *Dave Schonek –Home                |
| *Caryle Kassahn –Home              | *Virgil Troester - Good Samaritan  |
| *Wilbert Lutz –Home                | *Earl Weiss –Grace Point           |

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.

We are pleased to have a team to reach out and visit our shut-ins. Current members of the Visitation Team are Pastor Kent Schnegelberger, Pastor George Hesse, Donna Hanselmann, Joyce Anderson, Karen Rutt, and Teresa Detterer. Please keep this team in your prayers. Ask God to give them guidance and give thanks and praise to God for them.



### **A Blessed New Year!**

What a special time the Advent and Christmas season was at Trinity. Chris and I would like to thank all of you for your participation. We want to say thank you to the many who sent us cards, well wishes and remembered us in so many ways during this time. During our time in your midst, you have been so gracious and kind. God has continued to move this congregation forward and we have seen his hand at

work. Thank you! Thank you! Thank you!

*Pastor Kent and Chris Schnegelberger*





# Financial Report

## Cash Position

Second Quarter Ending December 31, 2021

Offerings & Other Income	\$292,871
School Income	\$180,148
Gifts	<u>\$ 33,296</u>
Total Income (Cash In)	\$506,315

Ordinary Expenses	\$446,008
Mortgage Interest	\$ 37,827
Mortgage Principal	<u>\$ 17,104</u>
Total Expenses (Cash Out)	\$500,939

Income in Excess of Expenses                      \$5376

If you have any questions regarding these numbers, please feel free to contact the Interim Treasurer, Cheri Carsten. **Mortgage balance: \$1,868,816.34**

**Note from the Editor:** There are times when I sit quietly reading the Bible and it occurs to me, what an incredible adventure life is. Oddly enough, those times occur more frequently after some sort of upheaval in my life. Maybe that's because as I dissect the issue at hand, I see God's hand at work. Through the cloud of uncertainty it somehow becomes clear that there is a plan designed specifically for me by God. I wonder if that is how Joseph felt. He had plenty of turmoil in his young life; sold into slavery by his brothers, sent to prison for something he didn't do, forgotten and alone. Could Joseph see that God had a plan for him? He must have, that's what he told his brothers when they were finally reunited after 20 plus years. If I had to chose one word to describe the relationship Joseph had with God, it would be trust. Joseph trusted God would be with him always. He trusted that God had a plan that would be fulfilled in His time. It doesn't appear in the Bible that Joseph tried to take control. Joseph did his job, did it well and God was with him. Abraham was a great man of faith, but he often showed trust issues when he lied about his relationship with Sarah on more than one occasion. He also showed a lack of trust when he agreed to sleep with Sarah's maid instead of waiting for God to fulfil His promise through Sarah. I feel that both faith and trust are vital in my relationship with God. My faith is grounded in my belief that God is the One and Only God, the creator of all things and that through the gift of His one and Only Son has given me the promise of salvation and eternity with Him. But it doesn't end there, I also trust that God guides me through the minefield that is this world and like with Joseph, His plan for me will be fulfilled. May you trust that no matter how rocky the road or large the setbacks, God has designed His plan specifically for you and one specifically for Trinity. *"Trust in the LORD with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding."*

*Proverbs 3:5*





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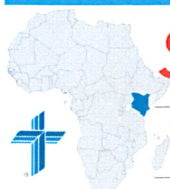
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## SENDING SEVEN

"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](mailto: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  
10-Harold Moore  
10-Roger Munsterman  
14-Deserea Einspahr  
14-Joyce Einspahr  
14-Adrian Kline  
15-Gordon Ruppel

15-Stephen Schaps  
15-Liam Stanton  
15-Tyler Whitmore  
16-Alivea Leschinsky  
18-Danica Flesner  
21-Mark Eggers  
21-Wayne Hoover  
22-Kathy Windsheimer  
24-Vincent Wojurfin  
25-Doug Bliss  
25-Judy Dietrich  
25-Keith Reichert  
27-Richard Ewald  
27-Harlan Simonson  
28-Emily Russel



Dale & Roxanne Schlichenmayer - 18 yrs.  
Virtus & Joyce Einspahr - 21 yrs.  
Greg & Valerie Hiller - 28 yr  
Terry & Janice Wiedeman - 47 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, 970-330-2485.

**February 6**

Available

**February 13**

Joyce Einspahr  
Birthday

**February 20**

Available

**February 27**

Laura Reiter  
Birthday

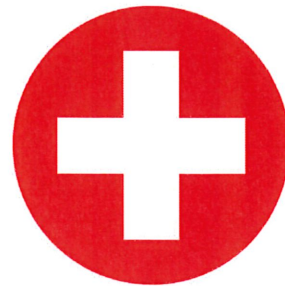
**2022 Calendar is waiting for  
you to pick a date !**



~Attendance~

December 19	Early-77	Late-109
December 24	Two services -180 total	
December 25	One Service -32	
December 26	One Service -107	
January 2	One Service -102	
January 9	Early-79	Late-31
January 16	Early-89	Late-29

## FIRST AID



## CLASS

### First Aid/CPR Class:

Several childcare teachers are taking an American Heart Association Heartsaver First Aid/CPR class at Trinity on Saturday, March 26. The class begins at 8:00 a.m. and ends by 1:00 p.m. and will be held in the school cafeteria. There is room for up to 7 additional students in the session. If you would like to join this class, contact Gwen at 303-565-0234 or [gmarshall@tlgreeley.com](mailto:gmarshall@tlgreeley.com). The estimated cost is \$25 for the class and \$8 for the certification card.

## Sunday Mornings

8:00 am -Worship Service

10:30 am -Worship Service

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

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# Ministry Assistants—February Schedule

## February 6

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

**Ushers** –Bret Schmidt

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

**Video** –8:00 am TBD

**Organist** –Ken Streeb

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

## February 13\*

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

**Ushers** –Bob Cowherd

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

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

**Organist** –Ken Streeb

**Security** – 8:00 am Scott Chartier; 10:30 am Bret Schmidt



## February 20

**Elders** – 8:00 am Michael Thuener; 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

**Organist**– Ken Streeb

**Security** –8:00 am James Roohr; 10:30 am Bret Schmidt

## February 27\*

**Elders** –8:00 am Gary Klipp; 10:30 am Ken Clavir

**Ushers** –Virtus Einspahr

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

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

**Organist**– Ken Streeb

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

## \*Communion



# February 2022

February 2022							March 2022						
Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa	Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
6	7	8	9	10	11	12	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19	13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26	20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28						27	28	29	30	31		

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Jan 30	31	Feb 1	2	3	4	5
<div>Mite Sunday</div> <div>8:00am Worship Svc.</div> <div>9:20am SS &amp; Bible Study</div> <div>10:30am Worship</div> <div>7:00pm Youth Group</div>	<div>9:00am Quilters Meet</div> <div>6:00pm BOCE Meeting</div>	<div>1:30pm MM/NR</div>	<div>3:45pm Confirmation Class</div> <div>5:00pm Prayer Service</div> <div>5:30pm Small Group</div> <div>7:00pm Outreach Bible</div>	<div>6:30am Men's Group</div> <div>1:30pm LWML/Ladies Guild</div>	<div>8:15am Mom's Bible Boost</div>	<div>7:00am ELDERS Meeting</div> <div>8:30am Executive Council</div> <div>4:00pm Super Bowl Sub Prep</div>
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
<div>13</div> <div>Communion</div> <div>8:00am Worship Svc.</div> <div>9:20am SS &amp; Bible Study</div> <div>9:30am Super Bowl Sub</div> <div>10:30am Worship</div>	<div>14</div> <div>9:00am Quilters Meet</div>	<div>15</div> <div>1:30pm Mission Circle</div> <div>3:00pm Newsletter Deadline</div>	<div>16</div> <div>3:45pm Confirmation Class</div> <div>5:00pm Prayer Service</div> <div>6:30pm Small Group</div> <div>7:00pm Outreach Bible</div>	<div>17</div> <div>6:30am Men's Group</div>	<div>18</div> <div>8:15am Mom's Bible Boost</div>	<div>19</div>
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27	28	Mar 1	2	3	4	5
<div>Communion</div> <div>8:00am Worship Svc.</div> <div>9:20am SS &amp; Bible Study</div> <div>10:30am Worship</div>	<div>9:00am Quilters Meet</div>					

*"Love your neighbor as yourself."*