

Trinity Lutheran Church
 A welcoming faith community
 living together in God's love to
 share the joy of Jesus Christ.

TIDINGS



Little Pantry

What is that burgundy and tan box on Stuart boulevard, in front of the church? It is the LITTLE PANTRY, a community exchange pantry, for neighbors to help neighbors and an outreach from our churches. Through the 301 Faith Partners Joint Social and Eco Justice ministry we welcome St Paul's Episcopal and Mary of Magdala, our Joint 301 Faith Partners to participate with Trinity Lutheran in this ministry. The Little Pantry allows neighbors in need to access food help and also gives us and others an opportunity to share. Our sign says, "Blessings! Take if you need. Donate if you can."

This idea came to Trinity member Carol Hemken from the Living Lutheran magazine. Since 2016, many such pantries have started around the country. How does our Little Pantry differ from other food pantries? This Little Pantry is small, so it cannot stock the quantity and variety other food pantries can. For this reason, it also should not be relied on for meeting pervasive needs. Many food pantries require an application before use and have set hours of operation but anyone may access the Little Pantry at any time.

If you are interested in helping with the Little Pantry, monetary donations are accepted by noting Little Pantry on the subject line. You can make food donations such as peanut butter, nutella, cereal, boxed milk, canned goods (meats, fruit, and vegetables), mac and cheese, other staples and place in the blue laundry basket container in the Fellowship Hall. If interested in donating your time you can volunteer one day a week to fill the pantry using food from the inside pantry cupboard.

Please contact Cheryl Backsen at cbacksens@gmail.com or 701-306-1868 if you have questions or want to volunteer your time.



TLC book Group

TLC Book Group will next meet at 9:30 am on **Monday, November 7**, in hybrid format – both in person in the Sun Room and on Zoom. Our discussion will be a historical novel set in South Carolina in 1739: *The Indigo Girl* by Natasha Boyd. Sixteen-year-old Eliza Lucas is asked by her father to take charge of his three plantations while he pursues his military career. Looking ahead to December, our final book of the year will be *Take Me with You* by Catherine Ryan Hyde. Burned-out teacher August Shroeder takes the ashes of his nineteen-year-old son on a road trip to Yellowstone and along the way meets two half-orphans who have nowhere to go.

To join via Zoom: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85358221885?pwd=RWx6dTEwRzIzc0xuNmtkaWFzZlZldz09>

Questions? Call Nadine Hunt at 970-825-3730.

301 FP Turkey Round Up

The Annual 'Turkey Round Up' has begun - to collect turkeys for the Food Bank for Larimer County. Bring your rock-hard frozen turkeys to church on **Sunday, November 13 from 9 am-2:30 pm**. Please remember, only rock-hard frozen turkeys can be donated, if you are able to squeeze your turkey even a little bit- it is no longer frozen! So it won't be safe to donate. Let's STUFF THE FOOD BANK! Give thanks by giving!

Thanksgiving

On Thanksgiving we gather to be thankful for what we have; for the family we love, the friends we cherish, and for the blessings that we have been given. To honor this, the Trinity office will be closed at noon on Wednesday, November 23, all day Thanksgiving, and all day Friday, November 25. The staff at TLC wishes you and your family a safe and Happy Thanksgiving.

Preschool Bylaws

The TLC Preschool has been operating under bylaws that were written in 2008. Since then there have been several changes in the structure and function of the preschool, so the Preschool Board felt that it would be appropriate to revise the bylaws to reflect these changes. ~ Janet Morton, TLC Preschool Board Chair

Trust

Trust Fund Committee in accordance with one of its purposes, support of scholarship, provided assistance for 8 youth and one adult leader to attend Sky Ranch this last year.

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Pastor's Pondering

Trinity Lutheran Church at 301 E Stuart – you are an amazing, wonderful, and beautiful community – whether you know that or not, it's true. In the last 5 years, you have endured and persevered maybe the most challenging times in our congregation's lifetime. Calling a new pastor; Discerning the identity to be open and affirming with our LGBTQ+ community; Welcoming Mary of Magdala and St. Paul's into the building and into the ministry; and Surviving a Global Health Crisis that has forever changed our lives, both personally, professionally, and communally as church. One of those by itself is hard enough, but all together is maybe more than we can handle.

At times you may feel out of the loop with our congregation and what is happening...and that is understandable. We have not done a great job of communicating over the past years, or sharing the joys of our ministry together as much as we should have. Your church council recognizes this and is dedicated to sharing more clearly what is happening within Trinity and in our commitment to our partner churches.

You probably didn't know that over the last year I have been contacted by three local churches, to discuss the 301 Faith Partnership here in Fort Collins – because they view us as a leading model for future ministry. So many churches are looking to do partnership in some form or fashion, and we are an example. One pastor asked me for our business plan, which of course we don't have. I shared the hurdles that we have overcome, and the value in our partnership, and hoped they didn't make the same mistakes we did. We are still learning, we are a work in progress, and God is creating holy sacred space here.

Life, especially church life, gives us more than we can handle, but with our community and our God alongside, we can handle this together.

Which leads Deacon Katie and me to our invitation to you. We want to listen to you, answer questions, hear your dreams and build relationship. Please join us for one Cottage Meeting over the next few months. You are a gift to us, and we look forward to spending some intentional time with all of you. See the article on Cottage Meetings on page 11.

Peace, Pr. Rick

Worship Readings

Since 1970, the Protestant Church used a Common Lectionary, with a traditional four readings (Old Testament; Psalm; New Testament; Gospel), with primary focus on the Gospel rotating in a three-year cycle. However, for the past four years, we have engaged with the Narrative Lectionary out of Luther Seminary, as a way approach our Saturday and Sunday worship more in a continuous story format, with a single reading each week spanning Genesis to Pentecost. We have now come to end of that cycle, and asked "What's Next?"

After listening to folks about a desire to hear a weekly Gospel reading, we will be experimenting for the next year with the Women's Lectionary, authored by Rev. Wilda Gafney. Similar to the Common Lectionary, these readings will follow closely to the Church liturgical calendar, but with a women's perspective. We will have a Gospel each week, starting with Year A, the Gospel of Matthew. We hope this will feel familiar in style, and simultaneously make us listen to the other voices in the story that have not always had a central place.

JET ECO Tip of the Month

From the 301 Faith Partners Joint Ecological Team (JET)

In November 2021 the ELCA Church Council authorized the development of an ELCA social message on Climate Care. Climate change poses grave dangers to present and future generations. At the heart of this social message lies the claim that climate change presents our generation with a kairos moment; that is, a critical moment in time when decisive action is required. www.elca.org/climatecare

We are facing a critical moment with regard to Earth's climate.

"The alarm bells are deafening, and the evidence is irrefutable: greenhouse gas emissions from fossil fuel burning and deforestation are choking our planet and putting billions of people at immediate risk." U.N. Secretary-General António Guterres declared a "code red for humanity."

Where do we find hope and power for facing climate change? The climate crisis is a kairos moment. We would do well to heed the insight of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., whose words resonate for us as we confront the climate crisis today: "We are confronted with the fierce urgency of now. In this unfolding conundrum of life and history, there is such a thing as being too late. Procrastination is still the thief of time." The draft social message is now available for public feedback. Read the social message draft [HERE](#) and then use [this survey](#) to share your input by Friday, December 2, 2022.

The JET meets as needed to plan educational events, bike to work day, volunteer opportunities and advocacy. If you have any suggestions for future Eco-Tips, please email them to the Trinity church office.

Ministry Signups

Hello wonderful Trinity volunteers! Now it's easier than ever to help with important ministry work at both the Saturday and Sunday services. These links take you to sign up genius websites where you can see what we need help with every week. Thank you SO MUCH for helping to make our church possible!

SATURDAY Sign Up Here—> <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0b4fafa929aaf49-tlcsaturday>

Communion Preparation: Set up and Clean up Elements for Saturday Service

Communion & Assistant: Readings for Service & Help Serve Communion

Fellowship: Prepare treats (i.e. wine, cheese, & crackers), greet attendees after Saturday Service

SUNDAY Sign Up Here—> <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60b054eafa62da3fa7-sunday>

Welcome Table: An usher and a greeter had a baby, that baby became the Welcome Table Host.

Coffee Host: Make a fresh pot or two of coffee at 10 am, then after TLC's service, help clean up.

November Adult Forum

November 6: Discussion about Trinity's Trust Fund with members of the Trust Fund Board

November 13: Discussion about Trinity's Ministry Funding Plan with members of the Church Council

November 20: Member Stories

November 27: Anne Lance from The Teaching Tree Early Childhood Learning Center will share with us information about this benevolence partner of Trinity's

Highlights from Current Council Minutes

Financial Report

- Receipts to the end of August were \$287,706 with expenditures of \$294,535 for a negative balance of \$6829 year to date.
- Total assets are down \$20,000.
- Work on the budget for 2023 is in progress, and the final draft of the MFP will be presented to Council in October.

Free Pre-school in 2023: The Social and Eco Justice team informed Council of the new state law that provides ten hours per week of free pre-school for four-year-olds and for some three-year-olds beginning in the fall of 2023. The team recommends exploration of how our pre-school might expand services, and Ron Splittgerber will head a committee for this purpose. A motion was made, seconded and approved that the Council endorse the exploration of expanding the pre-school, and that the Faith Formation Team and pre-school teacher be involved.

Trust Survey: Don Heyse and Erik Elliott presented the compilation of fifty-five responses to the trust survey from this past summer. The numerical responses were generally positive. The survey ended with the question: Do you have a suggestion for improving trust within our Faith Partnership? These responses indicated a major problem is communication: TLC members – even Council members -- simply do not feel they know enough about the partnership. Some suggestions to improve communication include: a monthly column in Tidings in which questions about the partnership are asked and answered; updates from the Co-op Committee such as the Vision team used to provide; initiate the new committee that was anticipated when the Vision team completed its work.

Council Retreat: The retreat will be on September 26 covering the topics of the enneagram; the decision-making process; and the Faith Partnership relationship.

Ministry Reports

- Language changes need to be made to the Reconciling in Christ statement.
- Ron Bend will be asked to form a team to explore a new logo for the church.
- The president's report asked the question: Can the polity of SPE mesh with the congregation-based governance of TLC?
- The VP reviewed reports from the Co-op Committee and emphasized the upcoming SWAT team visit. She also reported conversation from the last Co-op meeting about what would be "deal breakers" to the Faith Partnership.
- Property reported that landscaping the new sign has been slowed by the lack of having one person in charge of the project.
- Council endorsed supplying a drop-off site at TLC for winter clothes.

Respectfully submitted, Nadine Hunt, Council Secretary

TLC Preschool

TLC Preschool is feeling especially thankful for the support of the Trinity congregation and the amazing response to our school supply drive! I was humbled by the generosity of everyone, and every little bit helped us out greatly! The families were very pleasantly surprised when I let them know that they didn't need to supply any items for their child to start the year. We are extremely grateful for your kindness!

The T/Th class is full at 10 students because the 3 year olds require much more hands-on assistance. Our MWF class is full with 13 very active students. The year has jumped off to a good start, with lots of fall art projects and a traditional field trip to the pumpkin patch at Bartels Farm. November will be busy with activities around thankfulness and how we can help others.

TLC Preschool is thankful for its church home and for all of you! Happy Thanksgiving!

NOVEMBER 2022

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY
		1 7:30 am Men's Breakfast 5 pm Soc/Eco Justice 6 pm 301 FP Soc/Eco 6:30 pm Enneagram Jrny
6 9 am Adult Forum 9 am Confirmation 9 am Sunday School 9:30 am Fellowship 10:30 am Worship 11:45 am Faith Formation	7 9:30 am Book Group 6 pm Property	8 4 pm Finance 6:30 pm Enneagram Jrny
13 9 am Adult Forum 9 am Confirmation 9 am Sunday School 9:30 am Fellowship 10:30 am Worship 2 pm Turkey Round up	14 3 pm Trust 4:30 pm Executive	15 6:30 pm Enneagram Jrny
20 9 am Adult Forum 9 am Confirmation 9 am Sunday School 9:30 am Fellowship 10:30 am Worship 11:30 am Cong Meeting	21 6 pm Council	22 6:30 pm Enneagram Jrny
27 9 am Adult Forum 9 am Confirmation 9 am Sunday School 9:30 am Fellowship 10:30 am Worship	28	29 6:30 pm Enneagram Jrny

Congregational Meeting-MFP Vote

A congregational meeting (with 2023 Ministry Funds Plan (MFP) vote) will be held on **Saturday, November 19 at 6 pm** and **Sunday November 20 at 11:30 am**. Please plan to attend, as a quorum is needed. Look for the 2023 Proposed MFP in the e-News and on the website the weekend of November 5/6.

WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
2 6:30 pm Chancel Choir 7:30 pm Bells	3 9:30 am Bible Study 3 pm Spanish -Beg 4 pm Spanish -Adv	4	5 5 pm Saturday Praise
9 6:30 pm Chancel Choir 7:30 pm Bells	10 9:30 am Bible Study 3 pm Spanish -Beg 4 pm Spanish -Adv	11	12 5 pm Saturday Praise
16 6:30 pm Chancel Choir 7:30 pm Bells	17 9:30 am Bible Study	18	19 5 pm Saturday Praise 5:45 pm Cong Meeting
23 Office Closes at Noon	24 THANKSGIVING Office Closed	25 Office Closed	26 5 pm Saturday Praise
30 6:30 pm Chancel Choir 7:30 pm Bells			

**PULL ME OUT! HANG ME UP!!
PUT ME ON YOUR FRIDGE!**

ASSISTING IN WORSHIP

November 5/6 Vicky Splittgerber/ Alex Peterson-Vecchio

November 12/13 Sherry Albertson-Clark / Kate Stieben

November 19/20 Ron Splittgerber / Margaret Wick

November 26/27 Vicki Volbrecht / Gerry Olsen

Partnership Questions

The staff and Council of Trinity have become increasingly aware that communication about the 301 Faith Partners has been inadequate, causing members to feel that they don't really know what is going on with our partnership arrangement with St. Paul's Episcopal and Mary of Magdala. This has been aggravated both by the lack of worshipping in person during COVID and by the fact that there has been no procedure in place to ask and answer questions. Council proposes to take a small step towards improving communication by establishing a monthly column in *Tidings* in which questions can be asked and answered. If you have a question about the partnership, please send it to the Council secretary Nadine Hunt at nadineamyhunt@gmail.com with the words "Partnership Question" in the subject line, and Council will try to answer one or two questions each month.

We will start by addressing a couple of issues raised by members after a recent congregational meeting. **Is our church building now owned by all three church partners?** The answer is NO. Trinity owns the building and the land on which it is built. Nothing in the partnership relationship has changed that. This also means that since the ownership is ours, that we as a congregation are ultimately responsible for its care and maintenance. Our partners may contribute to the cost of replacing a furnace or purchasing air purifiers during COVID, but ultimately the responsibility for the building is ours.

Do my offerings to Trinity go into one general fund that is divided among the three partner congregations? Again, the answer is NO. Each of the three congregations has its own budget and its own financial accounting arrangements. As a member of Trinity, your offering goes towards the Trinity budget and the ministries that Trinity supports. Even if you attend a service of one of the partner churches and drop an envelope into their offering plate, the staff of the partner church will see that it gets back to TLC – and Trinity does the same.

So, what questions do you have? What are you confused about? Share your question with us, and we will try our best to provide you with an accurate answer.



The heart, hands & feet of God

Thank someone who has lived out their faith by sharing their gifts and made a difference in the church OR community, please email Amanda, amanda@trinitylutheranfc.org.



Dear **Trinity Lutheran**, thank you so much for inviting us to speak in your community. It's through this work that we will spread awareness and tools folks need to reduce the gun violence that is so prevalent in our society and also thank you for your honorarium (\$100)! With that you told us you want to be part of our work, and you sent a clear message of encouragement to all at ~ Colorado Ceasefire.

We would like to say, **thank you** for all of the support you have provided our family while we navigate Cooper's diagnosis and treatment. We are happy to say he is doing well and continues to improve each week. We are grateful for your prayers and all of the meals that were provided, we truly saw the hand of God at work to get us through this difficult time. ~ The Hopkins Family





Birthdays



Finnegan Berning	11/1	Sylvia Supinski	11/13	Courtney Stewart	11/20
Rob Schmidt	11/3	Justice Jackson	11/13	Georgia Laird	11/21
Scott Simmons	11/4	Owen Sprain	11/15	Sherry Clark	11/22
Garth Rogers	11/4	Ken Clark	11/16	Megan Brissey	11/22
Melanie Eber	11/5	Cheryl Backsen	11/16	Isla Zuniga	11/26
Ceily Geppert	11/5	Don Garman	11/16	Gloria Collins	11/28
Teresa Simske	11/6	Margaret Frye	11/17	Stephanie Mullenbach	11/28
Charlene Fuglestad	11/7	Bennie Drews	11/17	Jennifer Anderson	11/29
Joanne Sunset	11/8	Jon Remmers	11/18	Dallen Simske	11/29
Lila Schilling	11/9	Lana Schueler	11/19		
Rebecca Oscarson	11/9	Macee Dugger	11/19		

Anniversaries

Barb & Jim Montague	11/23	Brenda & Jon Fosse	11/29
Sharyn & Larry Salmen	11/25	Ronda & Scott Simmons	11/30
Heidi & Dean LoRash-Neuenschwander	11/28		

Results from the Trinity Trust Development Survey

Thank you to everyone who participated in our survey. Here is a summary of the results

Initial observations on the survey data: The results are generally positive, with the majority of ratings in the 8 to 10 range. The area of most agreement is “Mission Effectiveness: Our Faith Partnership furthers our ministry”. However, an area of some concern is “Open Flow of Information”. We have received a total of 55 responses. Please see the charts in the full report.

Initial observations on congregational comments:

1. Most Trinity members have offered helpful suggestions.
2. Some Trinity members have expressed legitimate concerns about issues within the partnership.
3. A number of our members do not feel adequately informed about our faith partners. Some declined to take the survey for that reason.
4. A few members apparently have fundamental misconceptions about the partnership

Constructive themes in the comments:

1. Encourage small groups and get-togethers among the three congregations to improve trust.
2. Improve communication to Trinity’s congregation. “As a church member we don’t know all that goes on. I hope the church council does.”
3. Partnership leadership needs to improve communication with all three congregations. The Co-Op team needs to report regularly to the congregations.
4. Clarify the Partnership for those who are still confused.
5. Use a Tidings column to keep us informed about the activities of our partners. Share website info.
6. Continued transparency and honesty when mistakes are made.
7. Identify realistic common

Please see the full report which we have posted on [Trinity’s webpage](#). Erik Elliot and Don Heyse conducted this survey in conjunction with the Excellence in Leadership program in the Rocky Mountain Synod of the ELCA. We would like to thank the Trinity congregation for supporting us in this program.

Your Gifts In Action

ELCA World Hunger

ELCA World Hunger funds local programs to fight hunger around the world and in the USA. By providing immediate relief to those who are hungry, we meet basic needs and recognize the universal human right to food. But ending hunger is about more than food. By connecting people with the resources they need to produce food and gain access to clean water, education, health care and sources of income, long-term, sustainable change can be accomplished. ELCA believes people know their own communities best. It is our congregations and our global companion churches that first identify the local needs and related solutions to help make a difference. Then, we partner with communities to help make those solutions a reality. Last year your giving helped fund 469 grants to partners in 67 countries.

Working through ELCA congregations, global companion churches, The Lutheran World Federation, and other partners like Bread for the World, Church World Service, Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Service and Lutheran World Relief, the ELCA reaches more places more effectively than we could ever do alone. In addition to funding relief and development projects that assist our sisters and brothers in need, we engage members of the ELCA in education and advocacy to help change the systems that perpetuate poverty.

For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me. – Matthew 25:35

When you give to Trinity, you give to ELCA World Hunger

2022 Ministry Fund Plan for the month of August and for year-to-date as of September 2022

	September	Year-To-Date
Receipts:		
Offerings	\$ 35,297	\$ 274,407
SPE and MoM Building Use Donations	711	23,993
Building Use	196	7,015
Benevity Funds Releases	-	18,495
Total Receipts:	36,204	323,910
Expenditures:		
Operating and Support	\$ 27,912	\$ 242,616
Ministries	7,738	73,054
Benevolence/Gifts (Synod, Sky Ranch, etc.)	-	14,515
Total Expenditures:	35,650	330,185
Receipts less Expenditures:	\$ 554	\$ (6,275)

CCCC

Trinity Friends, our TLC Preschool would like to remind you about the Colorado Child Care Contribution Credit (CCCC), available to all who make a donation to our preschool. For anyone who may be interested, here is how it works: for any donation made, there is a 50% tax credit on your state taxes. So for example, if you donate \$100, your state income taxes will be reduced by \$50! A win-win for you and our TLC Preschool!

CHILD CARE TAX CREDIT CONTRIBUTION FORM
Colorado Child Care Tax Credit Contribution Form

To: TLC Preschool
Phone: 970-482-1226
301 E. Stuart Street
Fort Collins, CO 80525



Please accept my contribution under the Colorado Child Care Contribution Act.

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____ Phone _____

The Colorado Tax Credit Certification Form DR1317 will be sent to the above address following the current calendar year. Should you need the form earlier, please contact the office. Make checks out to TLC Preschool.

Cottage Meetings

Our community, church, and world are ever changing. As we enter a new phase of life following covid, deeper partnership with our 301 Faith Partners, and more, we want to make sure YOU have a place to share your dreams, express your concerns, and continue to be in community with others from Trinity. From November through March we will gather together for these meetings. We will meet in small groups (10) with the clergy (Pastor Rick and Deacon Katie) in member's homes or at the church, for no more than 1.5 hours. These meetings won't have an agenda, rather will be a chance for Pastor Rick and Deacon Katie to listen to you. Below are the Cottage Meeting hosts and locations, November and December Cottage Meetings are now open to sign up, if you can't make it to one of these— please save one of the dates in January–March. **Please make these Cottage Meetings a priority to share your thoughts for Trinity's future.** Sign up <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B054EAFA62DA3FA7-cottage>

Wednesday, November 9 at 6:30 pm at Trinity hosted by Ron & Bonnie Bend

Sunday, November 20 at 1 pm - sign up to be a host!!

Monday, December 5 at 2 pm at the home and hosted by Don & Patty Heyse

Thursday, December 8 at 7 pm at Trinity hosted by Cheryl & Steve Backsen

Wednesday, January 4 at 6:30 - sign up to be a host!!

Saturday, January 14 at 3 pm at Trinity hosted by Vicki Volbrecht

Tuesday, January 17 at 1 pm - sign up to be a host!!

Monday, January 23 at 6:30 pm at Trinity hosted by Erik Elliott

Tuesday, January 31 at 6:30 pm - sign up to be a host!!

Sunday, February 5 at 12 pm at Trinity hosted by Nyla Anderson

Wednesday, February 15 at 10 am hosted by Nadine Hunt

Saturday, February 25 at 6 pm at Trinity hosted by Steve & Steph Dugger

Tuesday, February 28 at 6:30 pm at the home of Shelley & Rick Aust

Thursday, March 9 at 1 pm - sign up to be a host!!

Monday, March 13 at 7 pm - sign up to be a host!!



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The Great Cycle Challenge

The Great Cycle Challenge is an organization working to raise funds for childhood cancer research. In the month of September, I participated in the challenge to ride my bike to raise funds. I set a goal to ride 200 miles to raise \$2,500 for kids' cancer research. I achieved those goals by riding 280 miles and raising \$3,186. Thank you to Trinity, who was my biggest donor. Together we are giving hope to families and kids fighting cancer to keep on fighting. Kids should be living life, not fighting for it. Riding those miles was hard but nothing close to what kids with cancer deal with every day. Cancer is the largest killer of children from disease in the U.S. On average, 38 children die of cancer every week. I also want to thank everyone for your contribution to the benevolence funds at Trinity Lutheran Church which helped fund this donation. I look forward to riding again next year to continue the fight for kids.

~ Reuben Jackson

