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"For no matter how many promises God has made, they are "Yes" in Christ. And so through Him the "Amen" is spoken by us to the glory of God." 2 Corinthians 1:20

"There Is More than Meets the Eye"

Dear Friends In Christ,

There are times when I read things written by someone else that I feel the need to share his words with you. With my Newsletter Article today I wish to share with you the extraordinary thing that happens at each and every one of our services here at Trinity Lutheran Church, School and ELA. Therefore, following are the words of a former professor of mine from the seminary, Chad Bird.

When we want to suggest that something is happening that is easily missed, we say "there is more than meets the eye." What meets the eye may seem ordinary, obvious, and complete, but it is not. There is more there, hidden in plain sight.

I can think of no better way to describe what happens when the body of Christ comes together for worship. There is more there—vastly more—than meets the eye.

The Old Testament teaches us this. For instance, when Isaiah saw his vision of the Lord and the six-winged seraphim, it happened in "the temple" (6:1). While the congregants were singing or bringing offerings, while the priests were tending the altar, while the Levitical choirs were singing psalms, there was more than met the eye. And Isaiah saw it. Hidden in plain sight, yet veiled to all human eyes save Isaiah's, heaven was on earth.

So also in our churches. While the congregation sings, the pastor preaches, the Scriptures are read, and the Supper is celebrated, what is happening? Much more than meets the eye. Heaven is on earth, and earth is in heaven. The

celestial and terrestrial body of Christ come together, angels and humans rub shoulders, and the Father and his Lamb sit enthroned before us as the Spirit enlivens and illumines each of us. Hidden in plain sight, all of this is happening before our eyes, whether we see it or not.

When we go to church, do not imagine that we are on earth while Christ and all his hosts are far, far away in some distant place called heaven. Heaven is simply the dimension or sphere or space (call it what you wish) that is unseen by us. Veiled from our sight but visible—we might say—to the eyes of our souls is our Lord Jesus, ever near, ever lauded by us as the one worthy of our praise, for he has redeemed us by his blood.

God bless you in 2025,

Pr Bob



PLEASE NOTE: In the event of an emergency, and you cannot reach the church office, you may call Pastor Bob on his cell phone at 219-510-7288.

SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY, with Pastor Bob, continues each week at 10:40am. All are invited to join him as a new class began on Dec 8, on the book of *Hosea*.

TUESDAY EVENING BIBLE STUDY meets each Tuesday evening at 6:30pm. "The Chosen" continues. All are invited to join us! For more information contact Jon Bush at ophiclide.tuba@gmail.com

YOUTH CONFIRMATION will meet beginning Saturday, January 18th at 10:30am in the Fellowship area with Pastor Bob. Sixth thru Eighth graders are welcome to attend.

COTTAGE MEETINGS Pastor is looking for people to host a Cottage Meeting in their home

with about 10-12 people per group. These meetings will be to discuss what you are looking for in your future pastor. It will also be a chance to make suggestions on what service you are interested in doing for Trinity and the Pueblo Community. Pastor Bob will be at most if not all these meeting. Please let Pastor Bob know that you are willing to host a meeting and the date(s) that work for you. After we get the hosts, we will move on to filling the group up with the remaining 8-10 participants. Please note that the more of you that participate the closer we will get to calling the right pastor for Trinity Lutheran Church, School & ELA.

JOIN US FOR WORSHIP
Saturday Evening 5:30pm
Sunday Morning 9:00am

A time of fellowship follows each service



NEWS ABOUT OUR PEOPLE

Our prayers have been with the following members and friends who have been ill and/or hospitalized: Quincey Haebele, Lynn Rasmussen, Amy Gimlin and Family, Emze, Christina Pavelski, Gregg Pavelski, Lori Brown, Alice LaRose, Cash Blanchfield, David & Connie Boden, Norma Larson, Linda Fenwick, Faralyn Koncilia, Shirleen Pape, Mindy, Stephanie Lowell, Roxann, Stephanie Fisher, Brad Ritter, Amy Coulson, Connie Elson, Cathy, Rich Graves, Jacob Freeman, Cindy Schmidt, Rose Sears, Rick & Anita Lawrenz, Marcie Wright, Victor Voss, Henrietta Voss, Ty Butcher, Melanie Trujillo, Joyce Michelli, Lucille Cochran, Adella Schmidt, Sophia DeSalvo, Randy Wilke, Shirley Ranus, , May God continue to strengthen and heal them. Our prayers continue for Christopher and Iona as they welcome a teenager to their family. Let us lift up in joy and thanksgiving to God our Heavenly Father all the families and children in Trinity Lutheran Church, School, and ELA.

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

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| 1---Eli VanMosch | 19---Michael Ranus |
| 3---Carl Beeman | Laura VonMosch |
| 4---Gregg Pavelski | 22---Travis Bold |
| 7---Marlene Walmer | Dean Lawrenz |
| 8---Carolyn Gray | 23--Jannett Schneberger |
| 11---Stephanie Gaide | 25---Jacob Aggson |
| 12---Lynn Gimlin | Austin McKissick |

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| 13---Dean Gray | 29---Dennis Gimlin |
| 17---Lucas Klein | |

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!

FEBRUARY ANNIVERSARY

- 8---Glenn & Kathryn Jones (44 years)

**CONGRATULATIONS AND
 GOD'S BLESSINGS!**



"ENDURE"

Heb. 12:1-3, "...let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus, the founder and prefecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him **endured** the cross...Consider him who **endured** from sinners such hostility...so that you may not grow weary or fainthearted."

**EXCITING UPDATES FROM OUR
 SCHOOL COMMUNITY**

My class is doing great! This week, they are diving into their ocean science project, which has sparked a lot of curiosity and excitement. Learning about Kenya has also been a highlight, providing a rich opportunity to explore geography, culture, and global connections.

Beyond the classroom, our student council has been hard at work brainstorming fundraiser ideas and finding creative ways to involve parents. Their dedication is helping to build a strong, family-oriented school environment, which is wonderful to see.

When it comes to teaching, I find that a hands-on, direct teaching approach works best. Engaging students with interactive lessons, real-world applications, and active participation not only makes learning more meaningful but also encourages critical thinking and collaboration. Seeing students truly engaged and making connections is one of the most rewarding parts of teaching!

Part of His Fishnet,
 Mr. Abraham

**TRINITY SCHOOL/EARLY LEARNING
 ACADEMY NEWS**

As sure as the winter wind bows, our theme of Amazing Animals will teach us some new and interesting facts about our friends in the wild kingdom! We will take the polar plunge and get the scoop on polar bears, penguins and other

cold-weather creatures before getting a glimpse at pachyderms and primates when we explore zoo life. The second half of the month we will discover the differences/similarities between Reptiles and Amphibians and other critters with scales and tails, and then wrap up our month learning all about the world of Fantastic Felines. The opportunities for expanding our cognitive knowledge will be abundant, with activities geared toward categorizing, counting, and comparing each in a variety of unique and kid-friendly ways! Habitats, climates, eating habits and physical characteristics will be included in our science focus, and nay great book selections will enhance our language and literacy skills. The next few months will fly by before we know it, so let's get learning!

Be a part of the journey, come take a walk in the world of Amazing Animals, as you walk through the Wild Kingdom right at Trinity Lutheran School!



CAPTAINS Meeting-February 6th at 3:30pm in Fellowship Hall. These meetings are for all Trinity adults, (Mom, Dad, Grandma, Grandpa, Aunts, Uncles and Friends.) Goal is to support the school and staff through volunteering, fund raising, and organizing events.

PRINCIPAL'S UPDATE: Dr. Ibarra has announced that the school's new website is up and running! He has coordinated with contractors to start the building updates, focusing on painting and flooring. Exciting times are ahead!

PARENT/ADULT VOLUNTEERS are being sought. Short term tasks include Readers, Reading Buddies, passing out lunches, picking up lunches, etc. Have some free time contact the school office: 719-544-1864

Just a reminder that with the cold temperatures we will still be taking the students outside. Coats, gloves, scarves, and hats are recommended to keep your child warm while a recess.

THANK YOU!!!



OTHER HAPPENINGS

PLEASE REMEMBER THE families of those who have been called home to their great heavenly reward:

January 23~Brigitte Juarez's mother, Erika Rauscher (103).

NEW ADDRESSES:

Betty Graham has moved to Independent Living at Clarendale of Mokena, 21536 S. Wolf Rd., #3003, Moken, IL 60448.

David Jordan has moved to Sunset Apartment #25.

MEALS ON WHEELS is looking for volunteer drivers to help deliver over 350 meals to Homebound Seniors Tuesday-Thursday. Please call Dorothy Tracey at 719-533-3425 if you are interested in volunteering.

PORTALS OF PRAYER ready for pick-up.

CHURCH ENVELOPES for the New Year are ready and still waiting for pick up.

2024 CHURCH CONTRIBUTION Statements are in your mailbox.

CHURCH UP DATE

CHURCH COUNCIL MINUTES

January 16, 2025

President Tom Gaide called the meeting to order and Pastor Hauter began the meeting with Psalm 67 and prayer.

Members in attendance were Pastor Hauter, Janelle Sheppard, JoAnn Jaramillo, Scott Harberts, JoAnn Russ, Evelyn Daberkow, Tom Gaide, and John Aggson.

Pastor Hauter – Pastor shared the nominations for the Rocky Mountain District. James Maxwell is running again as president; vice president candidate is Jonathon Kern. Scott made a motion supporting these candidates, which was seconded by Tom Gaide. Motion passed. Term limits are being removed for district officers. Our new circuit minister is Nick Shults, pastor for Our Savior and Bethany. Cottage meetings continue and a survey will be given to our members to identify the most important characteristics for a new pastor.

JoAnn Jaramillo, Director, Board of Early Childhood Education – The Toddler Room currently has 4 children. There are 2 more in the 3-4 age room and the Pre-K room is full. She has moved teachers to different areas and has a Pre-K teacher in reserve who she expects to hire around the end of May. A 3% raise for the staff was finally effective January 1.

Tom Gaide for Treasurer – Kris Bruun was unable to attend. Tom indicated the training for her is going well and should be completed by the end of January. They will begin allocating utilities by church / school / child care for more accurate

reporting. Our dues will be paid to synod based on the last membership report.

John Aggson, Board of Trustees – John continues to work with Mr. Shuster on leasing up to 10 spaces in our parking lot. He will pay \$35/month per space and he wants a contract. John wants a month-to-month agreement that can be terminated by month. Work on our roof has been delayed as they have not been able to look at the roof due to snow. He is working with a local roofing company, Colorado Front Range Roofing. John is working with Derion Ibarra to get estimates for replacing the school doors as well as painting and flooring. A new heater is needed at the school entrance as the unit there is not working and beyond repair. Additionally, he has trimmed trees on the playground and cleaned the area. Derion is investigating a new security system as needed for our Home School Enrichment program. John would like to start up the safety and security committee again.

Scott Harberts, Board of Elders – They continue to make elder assignments for services. The prayer chain will now be distributed with one message to everyone at once. The memorial for Kathy Taylor will be held in the spring. They have tabled for now the option for non-confirmed youth to receive communion. Ash Wednesday is March 5. We will again have joint lent services with Our Savior and Bethany. We will be hosting two services here. More details will be provided when the schedule is finalized. They will be reviewing salaries and have concerns about the continuing increase in the cost of health insurance.

Board of Evangelism – No report.

Evelyn Daberkow, Board of Finance – Contribution statements for 2024 have been given out.

Evelyn Daberkow for Derion Ibarra, Board of Education – We now have 48 students and 6 home school enrichment students, with one now a full-time student. Derion is actively seeking corporate involvement for grants, including Black Hills Energy and Xcel, as well as other local businesses. As mentioned by John Aggson, he continues to work on expanding the school and refreshing the school with new paint and flooring. We will be adding the 6th grade next fall and we expect all current teachers will stay for next year. Lutheran Schools Week is January 27 – 31 with a

focus on Kenya. All students will be attending a free viewing of the movie Mufasa at Tinseltown. Other activities include the Fun Run and the Parent Appreciation Breakfast on the 31st. The Tiger Tales, the weekly school newsletter has been overhauled. Evelyn encouraged everyone to check out the great look of our new website. Derion and his fiancé and Stacey Freeman have updated the website. She thanked all the church members who came to the school Christmas party.

Old Business: None. (We still need a Facility Manager)

New Business: It is time to reorganize the call committee.

There being no further business, Tom read from Isaiah 41 and Pastor closed with prayer.

Respectfully Submitted

Jo Ann Russ
Secretary

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THOUGHTFUL THINKING

People do not care how much we know until they know how much we care.
~Anonymous

Few things help an individual more than to place responsibility upon him and let him know that you trust him.
~Booker T. Washington

Family life is the most influential factor in the formation, interpretation and support of children's faith in God.
~C. Elise Nelson

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