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*"⁷ Dear Friends, let us love one another, for love comes from God. ⁸
Everyone who loves has been born of God and knows God. Whoever
does not love does not know God, because God is love.... ¹⁰ This is love:
not that we loved God, but that He loved us and sent His Son as the
anointing sacrifice..." ¹ John 4:7-8,10*



"THE HAND OF THE LORD"

Dear Friends in Christ,

Whether tightening a bolt, crocheting, or typing on a computer, there is so much that we do with our hands. The Greek physician Galen called them *the instrument of instruments*. Indeed, hands are instruments that can do a great deal of things. Hands can be used to heal or hurt, work or wreck, build or break, seize or surrender, and on and on. Hands are so often central to the ways we interact with the world that they have also become figurative symbols of power, control, craftsmanship, and possession. We daily speak of hands in many phrases, such as "Lend a hand," "Things are out of hand," "Working together hand in glove," and "Close at hand." Moreover, in our modern era of robotic, machine, and computer processing, adding "hand" as a prefix to many words can often communicate something that is personal and intentional. Labeling something as handpicked, handwritten, or handmade adds a personal touch and significance. Our Creator has bestowed on us these amazing instruments.

It is no surprise that mentions of hands appear all over the Bible as God's Word speaks to us in ways that we can understand. All things are the work of the hand of the Lord (Psalm 102:25). The Lord's hand is referred to over two hundred times in the Old Testament. The Lord's hand is active in creation, power, control over happenings of the world, judgment, and salvation. The hand of the Lord was upon Ezekiel when He gave him a vision (Ezekiel 3:22), and the hand of the Lord

was against the Philistines in the days of Samuel (1 Samuel 7:13). The hand of the Lord is both Law and Gospel.

Perhaps surprisingly, specific references to the "hand of the Lord" are not all that frequent in the New Testament. However, it is precisely in the New Testament where the hand of the Lord takes on literal meaning. The One through whom all things were created took on real, literal hands in His incarnation (John 1:1-14). We have several examples throughout Scripture that speak of the way that Christ used His hands alongside His life-giving words to bring forgiveness, life, and salvation. The work of Christ's hands helps us to see the merciful and personal way that He has condescended to us. He has given us something to grasp, even as He holds us. Jesus used His hands to save drowning Peter, to feed the multitudes, to touch those who were unclean, to stop a funeral procession in its tracks, to lift up Jairus's daughter, and to bless the children. The hand of the Lord has come to us in Jesus.

On the other hand, the literal and figurative actions of mere human hands in the Bible are often the means of our own sin. After all, our own Lord was "delivered into the hands of men" (Luke 9:44). However, on a greater level, we know that it was the hand of the Lord at work all along, most especially in His crucifixion. Christ laid down His life of His own authority as He allowed Himself to be delivered into the hands of sinful men (John 10:18). His hands were pierced

for the sins of the world. His hands rested on Holy Saturday. Yet, on the third day, He rose again. He now holds us in His hands, and no one can snatch us from His hand (John 10:28). Our Lord has hands, real hands. Jesus has accomplished all that we need. Amazingly, He takes our manipulative, distorted, self-serving hands and restores them into useful hands for His purposes, both to literally use them in service and to make our whole lives into His instruments of witness, service, and praise.

Come and worship this Lenten Season, starting on Ash Wednesday and every Wednesday until Holy Week, and hear about *The Hand of the Lord* for you.

Blessings,

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 STUDYS: Pastor Bob, continues each week at 10:40am. studying *1 and 2 Timothy* and *Titus*. All are invited to join him. **ALSO SUNDAY MORNING NAVIGATORS** meet to study *Galatians*, *Ephesians*, *Philippians*, and *Colossians*. Each week a new chapter is studied.

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



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: Randy Daberkow, Donna Weisser,

Debby Daberkow, Steven Deben, Pastor Bob, Joyce Rael, Lorna Romero, Harriet Avis, Baby Theo Freeman, Lynda McGowan, David & Connie Boden, Norma Larson, Faralyn Koncilia, Shirleen Pape, Amy Coulson, Connie Elson, Cindy Schmidt, Rose Sears, Rick & Anita Lawrenz, Marcie Wright, Victor Voss, Henrietta Voss, Melanie Trujillo, Joyce Michelli, Lucille Cochran, Adella Schmidt, Shirley Ranus, Cindy Schmidt, David & Connie Boden, Alice LaRose, Marcie Wright. May God continue to strengthen and heal them.

♥ SPECIAL PRAYERS for Rev. Kletke and family as he contends with stage IV pancreatic cancer.

♥ OUR PRAYERS CONTINUE for all First Responders, Law Enforcement Officers, Service Members as they daily perform their duties to uphold the law.

♥ For families and victims of violence and those impacted by natural disasters and severe weather.

♥ Rev. Jason Cody of Trinity, Alamosa as the new circuit counselor.

♥ Newly ordained and installed Rev. Joshua Cody of St. Peter's Monta Vista, CO.

♥ 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



3~Carl Beeman

4~Gregg Pavelski

6~Lori Schepmann

Britanny Vail

7~Marlene Walmer

8~Christian Gibson

Carolyn Gray

11~Stephanie Gaide

22~Deann Lawrenz

23~Jannett Schneberger

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!

FEBRUARY ANNIVERSARY



20~Alan & Cecilia Moskoe (55 years)

**CONGRATULATIONS AND
GOD'S BLESSINGS!**



TRINITY LUTHERAN SCHOOL & EARLY LEARNING ACADEMY



"Make a Joyful Noise" Psalm 100:1

"Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth!"

The school year has been going wonderfully. We have officially begun our second semester and are excited to finish the year strong with our students. Recently, our 5th and 6th graders enjoyed a fantastic field trip to Marino Decoys, where they had the opportunity to craft a decoy head. A very special thank-you to Mr. Mike Marino for his incredible hospitality, generosity, and for sharing his time and talents with our students. The children truly loved the experience and learned so much.

In addition, our students and families recently participated in a hygiene drive to support local shelters. We could not be more proud of our students for their generosity and compassion, and we are incredibly grateful to our families for their overwhelming support in making this outreach a success.

Looking ahead, we are excited to celebrate National Lutheran Schools Week beginning January 26th. This is a special time for us to highlight the blessings of Lutheran education and to celebrate our students, families, and staff. All church members are warmly invited to tour the school during this week and discover the wonders of Mongolia through our students' learning and projects.

We are deeply grateful for the continued prayers, support, and partnership of the congregation. It means so much to our school community, and the children are thriving because of it.

Yours in Christ,
Dr. Derion Ibarra

EXCITING UPDATES FROM OUR SCHOOL COMMUNITY

TRINITY SCHOOL/EARLY LEARNING ACADEMY NEWS

"Our monthly theme for February is Community Helpers, and we will recognize the importance of the many professions that keep our

lives running smoothly and safely. If you or someone you know has an interesting profession they would love to come and share about, please give our office a call.

ELA Reminder in the event of severe winter weather, be sure to watch your email, The REMIND App with teachers and Facebook page regarding snow day closures or delays.

TLS uses Dojo for school closures or delays.

Valentine Party on Thursday February 12th.



NATIONAL LUTHERAN SCHOOLS WEEK JANUARY 25-30, 2026

**THE THEME FOR THIS YEAR WAS:
GO MONGOLIA
HOW VAST IS GOD'S LOVE**



The week included various activities to celebrate the vastness of God's love. Each day celebrated Mongolia.

MONDAY students dressed as a favorite Mongolian animal.

TUESDAY students went to the zoo where a Zookeeper talked about the various animals in Mongolia.

WEDNESDAY the students dressed in the colors of the Mongolian flag: red, yellow, or blue. Watched a video in Chapel where the children learned about how to prepare a feast to share with friend and neighbors and saw how a yurt was constructed. Ask them about the way sheep was cooked.

SPECIAL WEDNESDAY EVENT at 2:30pm in the Gym will be Rubber Band Race Cars competing for best-looking and fastest car. The students used the 3-D printers to make their cars.

THURSDAY is Desert day. The students will come dressed in desert tan, yellows, oranges, colors/camouflage, sunglasses, hats and bandanas.

Friday is Trinity Spirit Day and Fun Run. The Fun Run will begin at 1:30 and will run in hearts with a 10-minutes time limit. Students were encouraged to run as many laps as they can to earn the corporate sponsorships.

The children have been learning and practicing the song about how vast God's love is.

It has been a real joy to see their enthusiasm learning about Mongolia and learning about how BIG God's love is for the WHOLE world.

Come to Mongolia via Trinity Lutheran School. You don't need a passport. Begin with the yurt in the Fellowship Hall and then tour the mountains and desert in the school hallways.



ACHIEVEMENT TESTING SCHEDULE

ACHIEVEMENT TESTING begins February 9th and continues through to the 12th. Important for the students to get plenty of sleep and a healthy breakfast. Healthy snacks will be provided by the CAPTAINS.

CAPTAINS Meeting-February 5th 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.

PARENT/GRANDPARENT/ADULT VOLUNTEERS This year lunches are delivered. If you have free time and would like to help out at school or ELA please contact 719-544-1864 (school office) or 719-562-9235 (ELA). Your help is greatly appreciated.

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!!!



REMEMBERING

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).

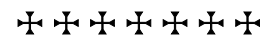


PORTALS OF PRAYER are available near the mailboxes.

CHURCH ENVELOPES are now in your mailbox.

2025 CHURCH CONTRIBUTION Statements are now your mailbox.

If you prefer **NOT** to use church envelopes please let SueP in the church office know.



CHURCH UP DATE

CHURCH COUNCIL JANUARY 15, 2026

The meeting was called to order by Scott Harberts and Pastor Hauter led a devotion from Psalms. Members in attendance were JoAnn Jaramillo, Pastor Hauter, Derion Ibarra, Janelle Sheppard, Kaven Martinez, John Aggson, Scott Harberts, and Jo Ann Russ. Minutes from the November meeting were approved.

JoAnn Jaramillo, Director, Early Learning Academy, Board of Early Childhood Education – They are back to normal staffing. They had a licensing visit and had a few minor citations. Some of JoAnn's qualification documentation was missing a proper signature. She has corrected that issue. They need to have emergency drills and are in the process of getting a nurse consultant. There are three tours scheduled for next week for fall classes and the toddler room. They already have seven children signed up for next fall's Universal Pre-K and expect to be at full capacity.

Pastor Hauter – Pastor Jason Cody from Trinity in Alamosa, is our new circuit counselor. The ordination of Pastor Joshua Cody will take place on Saturday, January 17 in Monte Vista. (Jason and Joshua are brothers.) Pastor Bob will be gone the next two weekends for the ordination and a ministry conference in California. Pastor Dan Kletke is on extended leave and Pastor Lyle Stuehrenberg, is serving St. John's in Canon City as well as Our Savior's and Bethany. We will share Lenten services with Our Savior's and Bethany and will have two Wednesday night services here.

Derion Ibarra, Principal, Board of Education – The dedication of the Dr. Matt Philson Buddy Bench was held on January 9. The bench was donated to Trinity School by A Slice of Life, a joint project between Dave Feamster and Tim Brotherton. The Buddy Bench will be on the playground and is designed to help a child find some company or someone to play with.

National Schools Week is coming up, with the Fun Run set for January 26. They are

planning for next year and are considering a continuous learning school calendar. A small increase in tuition is expected. The school continues to expand and will be adding 7th grade in the fall. Derion is working with John Aggson to improve the heating in the school entrance. Because of the high ceiling, the entrance remains cold but the heat ends up making the classroom hallway very warm.

John Aggson, Board of Trustees – They were able to repair a heating unit, with the price of parts at \$1700. John has also replaced the filters in the gym. Derion Ibarra thanked John for replacing the toilet in the boy's bathroom. John has been unable to get an appraiser for our facility as the fee would be \$3000 - \$4000. After reviewing our insurance coverage, the board motioned we become self-insured, and keep only liability insurance coverage. Evelyn Daberkow seconded the motion. Kaven Martinez indicated we could do a lot to improve security by adding cameras and motion sensors, at a much cheaper price than the cost of full coverage insurance. This will be presented at the next voters meeting.

Scott Harberts, Board of Elders – Ash Wednesday is February 18. Lenten services will be shared with Bethany and Our Savior's. Attendance on Christmas Eve was 118. Lucky Schneberger is starting an adult education class for two possible members. We will advertise this class for any others who are interested. Scott and Tom Gaide will be meeting with elders from Bethany and Our Savior's to discuss the needs of our three churches in Pueblo. The elders are working on nominations for synod officers, which are due by February 18. They will bring these nominations to the voters meeting that is scheduled for February 8.

Call Committee – Tom Gaide informed the council that the call committee has sent new paperwork to District, including one new name to be added to the call list. They are waiting for the District to return the documents so the committee can proceed with calling another pastor.

Treasurer's Report – The statement of financial position is attached to these minutes.

Kaven Martinez, Board of Evangelism - is planning a fundraiser for Pastor Kletke, to be held on February 1, which will include Our Savior's and Bethany. There is a baby shower scheduled for

February 17 and an anniversary party set for February 28.

There being no additional old or new business, the meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully Submitted,
Jo Ann Russ, Secretary

LENTEN SERVICES "THE HAND OF THE LORD..."

2/18	Ash Wednesday-	TRINITY- Noon BETHANY- 7pm	...WHO FREELY GIVES	Imposition of Ashes Both Churches
2/25	MIDWEEK 1-	OUR SAVIOR	...WHO CREATES AND SAVES	6PM MEAL/7PM WORSHIP

**A Special Tri-Church
Informational and Option
Meeting with RMD President
Rev. James Maxwell will be
February 3 at 6:00pm. It is a
time to discuss and investigate
ways to move forward in the
church and the call process.**

THOUGHTFUL THINKING

As a nation, family, church, or individual, so much depends on the direction we take. Start here ~"As for me and my house, we will serve the LORD."

~Bible Digest Treasures

When we realize that God is in the future as well as in the present, we worry less and smile more.

~William Arthur Ward

Life can only be understood backwards, but it must be lived forward.

~Søren Kierkegaard

It is impossible to rightly govern the world without God and the Bible.

~George Washington

Forgiveness is not an occasional act; it is a permanent attitude.

~Martin Luther King, Jr.

