



Joyful Noise

MAY 2024

A Message from Your Pastor...

Dear Friends in Christ,

What makes Trinity *Trinity*?

Obviously, God the Holy Spirit is the One who has called us by the Gospel and has gathered us together as the body of Christ at Trinity. Still, as the body of Christ at Trinity, how we share God's Word, gather together, and minister to and care for one another and the people God brings to our midst is different than other places where God gathers His people. That's what makes Trinity—and all the other congregations in God's whole Christian Church on earth—unique. So, what makes Trinity *Trinity*?

During the past year, a group of people from Trinity considered that question (and many others) as they reflected on who we are and where God might be leading us as a ministry. From those long-range planning meetings, the group identified several values that concisely capture who we are and what we are about as Trinity Lutheran Church and School. Here's what they identified:

1. We value the inerrancy, authority, and teaching of God's Word. (2 Timothy 3:16-17)
2. We value sinners of all ages and life stages who are in need of Christ's forgiveness. (1 Corinthians 12:12-31)
3. We value worshipping together, receiving God's gifts, and responding with thanksgiving and praise. (Hebrews 10:25)
4. We value Christ-like relationships where we love one another by spending time with, caring for, and sharing God's forgiveness with one another. (John 13:34-35)
5. We value discipling all our members. (Ephesians 4:15-16)
6. We value discipling students and their families of Trinity Lutheran School. (2 Peter 3:18)
7. We value sharing the Gospel with the unchurched so that the Holy Spirit will move them to become disciples of Jesus Christ. (Matthew 28:19-20)

These values help guide and direct the ministry of Trinity Lutheran Church and School. Everything we do should line up with these values, and if they don't, we need to examine why we are doing them. In this season of change and transition, we are in the process of doing that.

It is in that process of evaluating ministry that we also contemplated our mission statement. I'm sure you are familiar with our summary mission statement printed on the last page of each bulletin: "Knowing Christ and Making Him Known." As we considered God's Word and His directing the ministry at Trinity, we also considered how our mission statement emphasizes "knowing" Christ, but it does not focus on taking that knowledge and applying it to everyday life. As an outcome of this discussion we would like to propose modifying our mission statement to reflect that salvation in Christ is not just static knowledge, but it is actively changing lives now and for eternity. At the core, this means Jesus changes how we live. We thought our mission statement should reflect this and could be summarized as "*Loved by Christ to Live for Christ.*" It's taken from 2 Corinthians 5:14-15 (please read those verses).

As we think about what makes Trinity *Trinity*, I invite you to give thanks to God in prayer for the community of believers He has gathered together in this place at this time. I also invite you to the annual Voters' Meeting on May 19 at noon in the fellowship hall. We will be discussing these values and the mission statement of Trinity, as well as many other things. Please join your brothers and sisters in Christ at Trinity as we continue to live for Him.

In Christ,
Pastor Keinath

Annual Voters' Meeting
Sunday, May 19, @ Noon
(Lunch Provided)

Board Nominations
Ministry Plan Presentation
2024-2025 Budget
Facility Expansion Options

Knowing Christ and Making Him Known

School NEWS



Richard Thomas
Principal of Trinity
Lutheran School

PLANS, PLANS, PLANS

Greetings from school. Yep, it is time. Plans are up and running for the 2024-25 school year. Plans will include new names and faces. It is easy for us to worry about all these plans. But the Lord's Word reminds us that He is in charge. These are perfect days for us to relax and follow His steps. We are so blessed to have a Lord who loves and cares for us. In our daily walk, we can get caught up in our own little worlds. We can try to rely too much on our own effort. Psalm 46:10 is a great verse to remember: "Be still and know that I am God." Enjoy your walk with Him.

Youth NEWS



Cameron Heiliger
Director of Youth and
Parish Education

This month we wrap up our school-year programming for youth ministry, and as we do so we also conclude our year thinking about the "whatevers" of Philippians 4:8. For the three Wednesdays we will be meeting in May, we'll be focusing on the word "excellent." Something that is excellent is "extremely good; outstanding." It's a fitting word with which to

end our year as we think about the classes of 2024 - both the 8th graders AND our graduating seniors. We celebrate with you this EXCELLENT achievement and we prayerfully await all of the EXCELLENT things God has prepared for you in the next stage of your journey with Him! Well done, Class of 2024!

Well done, good and faithful servant.

Join us in honoring years of faithful service to Trinity Lutheran Church and School by enjoying a light meal and fellowship.

- Rick Thomas 42 years
- Karole Michel 42 years
- Deanna Lenz 27 years
- Lisa Ullman 16 years
- Kelly Humphrey 10 years
- Jeff Ullman 8 years

June 9, 2024

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE CLASS OF 2024!

Jessie Belcourt	Cassandra Ingold
Joey DiMatteo	Bria Koch
Aspen Harris	Josiah Loomans
Kaci Hensel	

IMPORTANT DATES FOR MAY

Saturday, May 18 | 2:00-4:30pm
Flicker and Flame, join us for a middle school youth activity at TYM Square! (Current 4th grade students are invited to join as a preview for youth group next fall).

Wednesday, May 22 | 6:00-8:00pm
7th grade and up, join us for our FINAL Wednesday night youth group of the school year!

**Make a splash
this summer!**

**Join us for VBS
June 17-21 @
Trinity Lutheran School**

**Registration Opens
April 29**

<https://vbspro.events/p/vbsattls2024>



*We need your help making a SPLASH at this year's VBS!!
Please take some time to prayerfully consider how you can be involved.*

VOLUNTEER NEEDS: We are currently in need of youth and adult volunteers to help in all areas! *Sign up to volunteer at www.trinitybillings.org/vbs and click the REGISTER link.*

DECORATING SUPPLIES:

- Cardboard boxes in varying sizes (please flatten before drop off for better storage)
- Cardboard tubes (home – paper towel or bigger, industrial – carpet roll)
- Paper (Butcher paper rolls, construction paper, “starry night” bulletin board rolls, etc)
- 1” PVC pipe (at least six feet in length) and 3-way elbow fittings
- Streamers

GAME SUPPLIES:

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| Large sponges and sponge balls | Pool noodles |
| Spray bottles | Inflatable beach balls |
| Large/giant brown or white paper lunch sacks | Cotton or poly clothesline (approx. 36’ worth) |
| Clothespins (approx. 100) | Painter’s tape, duct tape, masking tape in rainbow colors |
| 6-8 hula hoops | 6-8 kids’ jump ropes (plastic, poly) |
| Bubbles and bubble wands | |

ARTS AND CRAFTS SUPPLIES:

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| Sidewalk chalk | Dessert-size paper plates (7-in.) | 3 oz or 5 oz paper cups |
| Chenille pipe cleaners | Faith-based stickers (hearts, crosses, etc) | Short clear plastic cups (8.79 oz.) |
| Basket-style coffee filters | Quart and sandwich-size ziptop bags | Cheap paper plates |

SNACK SUPPLIES:

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| Cups, plates, napkins | Pretzel twists or sticks | Goldfish Crackers |
| Chex mix or chex cereal | Mini marshmallows | Graham crackers |
| Gummy worms | Granola Bars | Cookies & Rice Krispie Treats |

Supply donations can be dropped off on stage at church. Monetary contributions for snacks, or arts and craft items can be marked “VBS” and put in the offering plate or given to Mr. Heiliger. Have access to a Thrivent Action Team Grant? We’d love to find a use for it! More questions? Please contact Mr. Heiliger at (406) 647-8212 or cameronheiliger@trinitybillings.org

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p>ALTAR DUTY: Cam Browne and Stacie Shaw <u>Trinity Worship Services on Community 7</u> 8am Sundays & 5pm Tuesdays</p> <p>ACOLYTES: Saturday: Grace Keller Sun. 8:00: Michael Cihak Sun. 10:30: Grace Belcourt & Ella McCoy</p> <p>ELDERS: Saturday: Brent Carstens Sun. 8:00: David Jinguji Sun. 10:30: Keith Schmidt</p>	<p>6 Luke 7 7pm Women's Bible Study @ TYM</p>	<p>7 Acts 10:34-48 6am Men's Bible Study 7:15am Prayer Group @ TYM 9am Quilting 6:30pm Properties Mtg. 7pm Bible Study w/ Rev. Dr. Bruce Zagel (zoom)</p>	<p>1 1 John 4:1-21 2pm Kitchen Guild 2:15pm Chapel at TLS 6pm Youth Group @ TYM</p>	<p>2 John 15:1-8 10:30am Bible Study 7pm Walk w/ Jesus class @ TYM</p>	<p>3 Luke 6 Noon AOR Open House</p>	<p>4 Proverbs 18 5pm Worship w/Communion</p>
<p>5 Psalm 21 MITE BOX SUNDAY 8 & 10:30am Worship 9:30am Sunday School, Toddler SS & Adult Bible Classes Noon Call Meeting for Principal 4pm Muddy Cluster Lodge Dedication & Pastor Bauer retirement</p>	<p>6 Luke 9 6pm Fellowship Meeting 7pm Women's Bible Study @ TYM 7pm Uganda Mission kick-off meeting in the fellowship hall</p>	<p>7 Acts 1:12-26 6am Men's Bible Study 7:15am Prayer Group @ TYM 9am Quilting 6:30pm Cradle Roll Mtg. 7pm Bible Study w/ Rev. Dr. Bruce Zagel (zoom)</p>	<p>8 1 John 5:1-8 8:30am Chapel at TLS 6pm Youth Group @ TYM 6pm Inactive Member Care Ministry Team meeting</p>	<p>9 John 15:9-17 10:30am Bible Study 7pm Walk w/ Jesus class @ TYM</p>	<p>10 Luke 8</p>	<p>11 Proverbs 19 2pm Caregivers Group @ TYM Square 5pm Worship</p>
<p>12 Psalm 22 Mother's Day 8 & 10:30am Worship w/Communion 9:30am Sunday School & Adult Bible Classes</p>	<p>13 Luke 9 6pm Fellowship Meeting 7pm Women's Bible Study @ TYM 7pm Uganda Mission kick-off meeting in the fellowship hall</p>	<p>14 Acts 1:12-26 6am Men's Bible Study 7:15am Prayer Group @ TYM 9am Quilting 6:30pm Cradle Roll Mtg. 7pm Bible Study w/ Rev. Dr. Bruce Zagel (zoom)</p>	<p>15 1 John 5:9-15 8:30am Chapel at TLS 1pm Wrinkled Righteous Game Day 6pm Youth Group @ TYM</p>	<p>16 John 17:11b-19 10:30am Bible Study 7pm Walk w/ Jesus class @ TYM</p>	<p>17 Luke 10</p>	<p>18 Proverbs 20 2pm Ladies Tea Party 2:30-4:30 5th - 8th Grade Youth Group @ TYM Square 5pm Worship with w/Communion</p>
<p>19 Psalm 23 8 & 10:30am Worship 9:30am Sunday School, Toddler SS & Adult Bible Classes Noon Voters' Meeting (lunch provided)</p>	<p>20 Luke 11 6:30pm LWML Meeting 7pm Women's Bible Study @ TYM</p>	<p>21 Ezekiel 37:1-14 6am Men's Bible Study 7:15am Prayer Group @ TYM 9am Quilting 7pm Bible Study w/ Rev. Dr. Bruce Zagel (zoom)</p>	<p>22 Acts 2:1-21 8:30am Chapel at TLS 6pm Youth Group @ TYM</p>	<p>23 John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15 10:30am Bible Study 6:30pm Band Concert @ TLS 7pm Walk w/ Jesus class @ TYM</p>	<p>24 Luke 12 12:15pm Field of Fun Day @ TLS</p>	<p>25 Proverbs 21 5pm Worship</p>
<p>26 Psalm 24 8 & 10:30am Worship w/Communion 9:30am Sunday School & Adult Bible Classes</p>	<p>27 Luke 13 Memorial Day Church Office Closed - No School at TLS</p>	<p>28 Isaiah 6:1-8 6am Men's Bible Study 7:15am Prayer Group @ TYM 9am Quilting 1:30pm Awards Assembly @ TLS 7pm Elders' Mtg. 7pm Bible Study w/ Rev. Dr. Bruce Zagel (zoom)</p>	<p>29 Acts 2:14a, 22-36 1:30 pm Spring Musical Matinee/Dress Rehearsal at TLS</p>	<p>30 John 3:1-17 10:30am Bible Study 6:30pm Spring Musical at TLS</p>	<p>31 Luke 14 Last Day of School at TLS (NOON dismissal) 8:30am Chapel at TLS 6pm 8th Grade Graduation at TLC</p>	<p>Church: 245-3984 School: 656-1021 Website: www.trinitybillings.org</p>

Financial REPORT

March 2024 Finances		
Income		223,585
Expenses		188,743
Net Margin		34,842
2023-2024 Finances		
	<i>YTD - Actual</i>	<i>Target</i>
Offerings	710,542	769,182
Total Income	2,179,743	1,974,091
Total Expenses	1,810,832	1,974,091
Net Margin	368,911	0

BAPTISMS

We rejoice with the family of **Naomi Adaline Vetch**, daughter of Derek and Stephanie Vetch, as she was baptized into the family of God through the waters of Holy Baptism on Sunday, April 7, at the 8am service. Welcome to God's family and to Trinity!



LWML NEWS

Meeting on Monday,
May 20, at 6:30 pm

Opening Devotion: Kitchen Guild

Program: MT District Convention Report

Meeting Hostesses: Kitchen Guild

Church Service

Greeters for May: Kitchen Guild

WE WELCOMED THE FOLLOWING NEW MEMBERS TO TRINITY AT THE 8AM SERVICE ON SUNDAY, APRIL 21

David & Vicki Belcourt, Greg & Danielle Chancellor (Hattie & Ellie), Wilma Dawson, Chad & Ashely Fleager (Owen & Wyatt), Velma Gammon, Laura Harris, George & Linda Knutson, Amanda Larson, Clair & Cyndy Opsal, Margaret Skoog, Bowen & Jennifer Tubbs (Henry & Stanley), Sean & Laurie Young, and Travis Zheng



FRONT ROW (L-R): Laura, Laurie, Jennifer, Bowen, Margaret, Danielle & Greg (Hattie & Ellie) BACK ROW (L-R): Sean, Clair, Cyndy, Linda, George, Travis, and Amanda NOT PICTURED: David & Vicki Belcourt, Wilma Dawson, Chad & Ashley Fleager, Velma Gammon

Ladies mark your calendars
for a Tea Party at
Trinity Lutheran Church
Hostessed by the Fellowship Ministry
Saturday, May 18
at 2:00 P.M.

Our program will be
Mrs. Lorraine Marsh aka the Hat Lady!
All ladies, young and old, are welcome.
There will be a sign-up sheet available.
Any questions contact:
Beth Heiliger 406-698-3011

Special Events

SUNDAY, MAY 5

Principal Call Meeting @ Noon
Muddy Cluster Celebration @ 4pm

SATURDAY, MAY 11

Caregivers Group @ 2pm

SATURDAY, MAY 18

Ladies Tea Party @ 2pm
5th-8th Youth Group @ 2:30pm

SUNDAY, MAY 19

Annual Voters' Meeting @ Noon
(lunch provided)

THURSDAY, MAY 23

TLS Band Concert @ 6:30pm

WEDNESDAY, MAY 29

TLS Spring Musical Matinee @ 1:30pm

THURSDAY, MAY 30

TLS Spring Musical @ 6:30pm

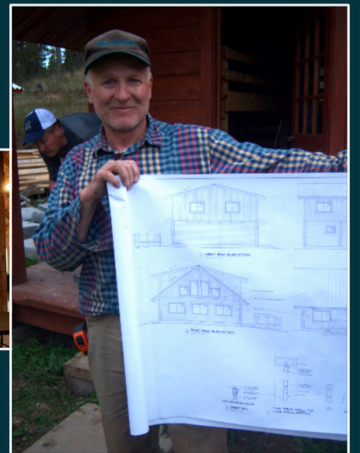
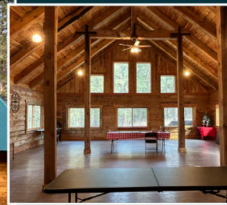
FRIDAY, MAY 31

Last Day of School at TLS - Noon Dismissal
TLS Graduation at Trinity Church @ 6pm



News

Sunday, May 5, @ 4pm Circle of Life Lutheran - Muddy Cluster



Pastor Bauer's Retirement Celebration & Lodge Dedication (includes worship & dinner)

Retirement gifts for Pastor Bauer can be brought to church office

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