



# Joyful Noise

SUMMER 2024

## *A Message from Your Pastor...*

Dear Friends in Christ,

Here are a few of the things happening at Trinity:

### **Rev. David Mews Called as Associate Pastor**

On May 21, Trinity extended a call to Pastor David Mews (*pronounced "Maves"*) to serve as Associate Pastor. Please keep Pastor Mews, his wife Maggie, and their family in your prayers as they consider this call. We also pray for Guardian Lutheran Church and School where they currently serve. May the Lord grant clarity to Pastor Mews and his family as we trust that the Lord's will be done.

### **Annual Voters Meeting**

Thank you to all who participated in the Annual Voters Meeting on May 19. Many items were discussed – budget, solar panels at the school, election of board members, values & mission statement, staffing, and potential facility expansion options. We welcome your feedback on several items – specifically the values, mission statement, and expansion options. Feedback forms and an audio recording of the meeting are available online, using the link that was provided in the follow-up email. If you didn't get the link, please call or email the church office.

### **Well Done, Good and Faithful Servants**

We give thanks to God for the faithful service of Mr. Rick Thomas (principal, 42 years), Mrs. Karole Michel (upper-level math, 42 years), Mrs. Lisa Ullman (5th grade, 16 years), Mr. Jeff Ullman (custodian, 8 years), Mrs. Kelly Humphrey (daycare, 10 years), and Mrs. Deanna Lenz, (bookkeeper, 27 years). These servants have used the gifts and talents entrusted to them to the glory of Christ our Savior. It is appropriate for us to give thanks

to God for their service. On June 9th at 3pm at the school, we will have the opportunity to speak to them the words of Jesus: *"Well done, good and faithful servants."* Please plan on celebrating God's work through them.

### **Summer Schedule**

Many things are happening throughout the summer. Vacation Bible School, youth trips, Muddy Cluster VBS, young adult group, and Wrinkled Righteous to name a few. But there are also many things that will not be happening as they normally do during the school year. Please keep an eye on the church calendar for adjustments. One of the adjustments will be Trinity's monthly newsletter. Due to summer schedules, time of deadlines, and other ministry responsibilities, putting a monthly newsletter together for July & August would be rather difficult this year. Our next newsletter will be ready in September. Please be watching the weekly announcements in the bulletin, and weekly Friday email for summer communications. (If you're not on the Friday email list, please call Angie in the office to be added.)

Friends in Christ, as we consider these and many other things that God is doing in our midst at Trinity, may we continue to follow where He is leading us. To do so, we need to be in God's Word. Psalm 119:105 teaches, *"Your word is a lamp to my feet, and a light to my path."* Through His Word, God will lead us – in the next steps of ministry, and into eternity with Him.

In Christ,

Pastor Keinath



*Knowing Christ and Making Him Known*

# School NEWS



**Richard Thomas**  
Principal of Trinity  
Lutheran School

## THINGS ARE ROLLING!

Greetings to all from school. This will be a very busy summer as the staff prepares for another new school year. The word “new” is important. The school is blessed to have Mrs. Stacy Hall leading the team. Please step forward and welcome her to Trinity. The Lord has led us the whole way guiding us on His path. New people mean new changes. Sometimes that can be challenging when we are so used to a certain way. Together, just take it a step at a time and, pretty soon, the new will be the normal. The best thought to share is that our Lord never changes and His love surrounds us daily. So, enjoy your walk with the Lord as we go forward together. Welcome to the 2024-2025 school year.



**Stacy Hall and her  
husband, Dave**

# Youth NEWS



**Cameron Heiliger**  
Director of Youth and  
Parish Education

## WE ARE READY FOR SUMMER!!

Middle and High School youth closed out the school year with a beach bum relay, a campfire and s'mores at the Heiligers, and a cookout at TYM Square. Thanks to our grill masters the past few weeks – Tom Nelson, Clayton Scheafer, and Neal Wagenman!



## YOUTH EVENTS

**Saturday, June 8**

**High School Youth at Outlaws game**  
RSVP to Cameron – meet at the gate  
at 5:15 for 6pm kickoff

**Wednesday, June 12**

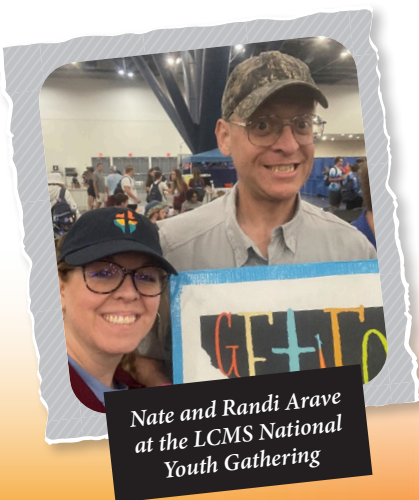
**7th Grade and up**  
**Wednesday Night WaterWorks**  
at TYM Square, 6-8pm

**Wednesday, June 19**

**ALL TYM at the Mustangs game**  
RSVP to Cameron – meet at the gate  
at 6pm for first pitch at 6:35pm

# THANK =you=

**Thanks to the Araves for 8 years of serving on the Youth Ministry Team!** We've been blessed to have you with us for so many Wednesday nights, Sunday mornings, retreats, youth gatherings, and servant event trips! God's blessings as you continue to shine Jesus' light at Trinity!



**Nate and Randi Arave**  
at the LCMS National  
Youth Gathering

# Happening at Trinity...

A retirement celebration is planned for **Sunday, June 9th, at 3:00pm** at Trinity Lutheran School for six of our faithful servants: Deanna Lenz, Rick Thomas, Karole Michel, Jeff Ullman, Lisa Ullman, and Kelly Humphrey. A gift table will be available at the event and any monetary gifts in check form need to be made directly to the individual (not the church). The most meaningful gifts are our words of thanks, so we encourage everyone to

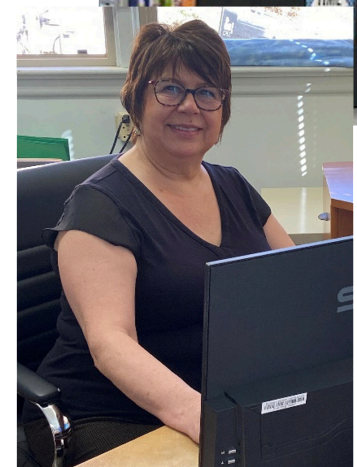
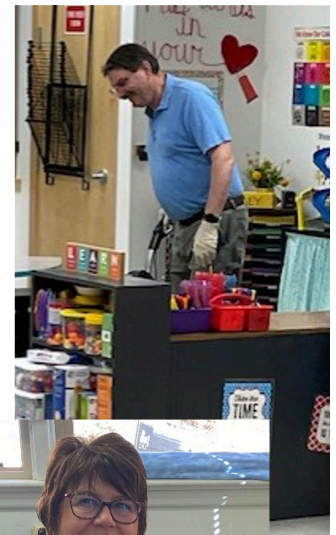
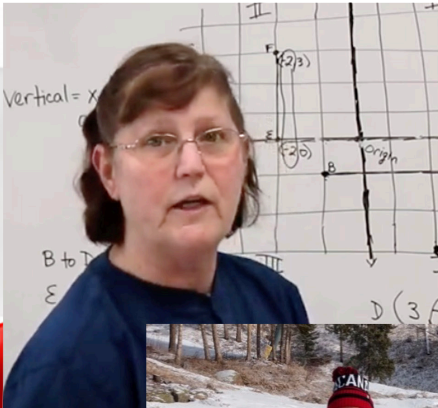
write a personal message that shares what you have appreciated most about their ministry at Trinity Church and School in the memory book available for each retiree, or in a card. *Please plan to join us for this time of celebration and farewell!*

*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**



| SUNDAY   | MONDAY  | TUESDAY  | WEDNESDAY  | THURSDAY   | FRIDAY                          | SATURDAY  |
|--|---|--|--|--|---------------------------------|---|
| <p><b>ACOLYTES:</b> Refer to Summer Schedule</p> <p><b>ALTAR DUTY:</b> Sheryl Scheafer</p>   |   |  |  |  |                                 |   |
| <p><b>2</b> <i>Psalms 25</i><br/> <b>MITE BOX SUNDAY</b><br/>                     8 &amp; 10:30am Worship<br/>                     9:30am Sunday School Party @ TYM Square<br/>                     Adult Bible Class</p>            | <p><b>3</b> <i>Luke 15</i></p>  | <p><b>4</b> <i>Deut. 5:12-15</i><br/>                     7:15am Prayer Group @ TYM<br/>                     9am Quilting<br/>                     6:30pm Properties Mtg.<br/>                     7pm Bible Study w/ Rev. Dr. Bruce Zage (zoom)</p> | <p><b>5</b> <i>2 Cor. 4:5-12</i><br/>                     2pm Kitchen Guild Mtg.</p> <p style="text-align: center; border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;">School Staff Planning Retreat</p> | <p><b>6</b> <i>Mark 2:23-28</i></p>  | <p><b>7</b> <i>Luke 16</i></p>  | <p><b>1</b> <i>Proverbs 22</i><br/>                     5pm Worship w/Communion</p>   |
| <p><b>9</b> <i>Psalms 26</i><br/>                     8 &amp; 10:30am Worship w/Communion<br/>                     9:30am Summer Sunday School &amp; Adult Bible Class<br/>                     3pm Retirement Celebration @ TLS</p> | <p><b>10</b> <i>Luke 17</i><br/>                     6pm Fellowship Meeting</p>                               | <p><b>11</b> <i>Genesis 3:8-13</i><br/>                     7:15am Prayer Group @ TYM<br/>                     9am Quilting<br/>                     6pm Council Meeting<br/>                     7pm Bible Study w/ Rev. Dr. Bruce Zage (zoom)</p>  | <p><b>12</b> <i>2 Cor. 4:13-5:1</i><br/>                     6-8pm Wednesday Night WaterWorks at TYM Square (7<sup>th</sup> grade &amp; up)</p>  | <p><b>13</b> <i>Mark 3:20-35</i></p>   | <p><b>14</b> <i>Luke 18</i></p> | <p><b>15</b> <i>Proverbs 24</i><br/>                     5pm Worship w/Communion</p>  |
| <p><b>16</b> <i>Psalms 27</i><br/> <b>Father's Day</b><br/>                     8 &amp; 10:30am Worship<br/>                     9:30am Summer Sunday School &amp; Adult Bible Class</p>   | <p><b>17</b> <i>Luke 19</i><br/>                     6pm LWML Meeting</p>                                     | <p><b>18</b> <i>Ezek. 17:22-24</i><br/>                     7:15am Prayer Group @ TYM<br/>                     9am Quilting<br/>                     7pm Bible Study w/ Rev. Dr. Bruce Zage (zoom)</p>   | <p><b>19</b> <i>2 Cor. 5:1-10 (11-17)</i><br/>                     1pm Wrinkled Righteous Game Day<br/>                     6:35pm TYM Youth @ Mustangs Game</p>                             | <p><b>20</b> <i>Mark 4:26-34</i></p>   | <p><b>21</b> <i>Luke 20</i></p> | <p><b>22</b> <i>Proverbs 25</i><br/>                     5pm Worship</p>  |
| <p><b>VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL AT TRINITY LUTHERAN SCHOOL 9am-11:30am</b></p>   |   |  |  |  |                                 |   |
| <p><b>23</b> <i>Psalms 28</i><br/>                     8 &amp; 10:30am Worship w/Communion<br/>                     9:30am Summer Sunday School &amp; Adult Bible Class<br/>                     5-8:30pm VBS Late Night @ Oasis</p> | <p><b>24</b> <i>Luke 21</i></p>   | <p><b>25</b> <i>Job 38:1-11</i><br/>                     7:15am Prayer Group @ TYM<br/>                     9am Quilting<br/>                     7pm Elders Meeting<br/>                     7pm Bible Study w/ Rev. Dr. Bruce Zage (zoom)</p>      | <p><b>26</b> <i>2 Cor. 6:1-13</i></p>  | <p><b>27</b> <i>Mark 4:35-41</i><br/>                     7pm Young Adult Group Trivia Night</p> | <p><b>28</b> <i>Luke 22</i></p> | <p><b>29</b> <i>Proverbs 26</i><br/>                     5pm Worship</p>  |
| <p><b>30</b> <i>Psalms 29</i><br/>                     8 &amp; 10:30am Worship<br/>                     9:30am Summer Sunday School &amp; Adult Bible Class</p>  | <p><b>Trinity Worship Services on Community I</b><br/>                     8am Sundays &amp; 5pm Tuesdays</p> |  |  |  |                                 | <p><b>Church Phone: 245-3984</b><br/> <b>School Phone: 656-1021</b><br/> <a href="http://www.trinitybillings.org">www.trinitybillings.org</a></p> |

# Financial REPORT

| April 2024 Finances |                     |                  |
|---------------------|---------------------|------------------|
| Income              |                     | 160,053          |
| Expenses            |                     | 193,066          |
| <b>Net Margin</b>   |                     | <b>(-33,013)</b> |
| 2023-2024 Finances  |                     |                  |
|                     | <i>YTD - Actual</i> | <i>Target</i>    |
| Offerings           | 771,836             | 867,383          |
| Total Income        | 2,339,796           | 2,193,434        |
| Total Expenses      | 2,003,898           | 2,193,434        |
| <b>Net Margin</b>   | <b>335,898</b>      | <b>0</b>         |

We are currently on track to finish the fiscal year on June 30 with a surplus. Our expenses have been reduced this past year due to multiple unfilled staff positions. On the revenue side, our school income has exceeded our targeted goal, while our offerings will likely finish the year about 10% below our budget. The 2024-2025 budget calls for a 2% increase in offerings over this year's budgeted goal. As we prayerfully ask God to fill our vacant staff positions, it important that we meet our offering goal so that our ministry obligations are funded. Please prayerfully consider how God is calling you to help carry out our mission through your first-fruits giving.



## LWML NEWS

### Meeting on Monday, June 17, at 6pm

Opening Devotion: Executive Board Members

Program: Summer Picnic

Meeting Hostesses: Executive Board Members

**There is no LWML Meeting in July**

## BAPTISMS

We rejoice with **Elizabeth Gurney** as she was baptized into the family of God through the waters of Holy Baptism on Sunday, May 5, 2024, at the 10:30am service. Welcome to God's family and to Trinity!

## CONFIRMED

We celebrate with **Kamryn Reinker** as she confirmed her baptismal faith on May 11, 2024, at the Saturday 5pm Service. May God continue to guide you through your faith journey.

## DEATHS

**Violet "Joyce" Pietz** passed away on April 24. Her memorial service was on May 7 at Michelotti-Sawyer Funeral Home.

**Hazel Moore** passed away on May 15. Her memorial service was on May 31 at the Aspen View Chapel.

**Peg Amestoy** passed away on May 19. Her memorial service was at Trinity Lutheran Church on May 25.

*Thank you to everyone who participated in the Ladies' Tea event on Saturday, May 18!*



TRINITY YOUNG  
ADULTS

# Trivia Night

THURSDAY

JUNE 27  
7:00 PM

TRINITY CHURCH  
BASEMENT

OTHER GAMES AVAILABLE FOR THOSE WHO DON'T LIKE TRIVIA

# Special Events

**SATURDAY, JUNE 8, 6PM**

H.S. Youth at the Outlaws Game

**SUNDAY, JUNE 9, 3PM**

Retirement Celebration

**WEDNESDAY, JUNE 12, 6PM**

Youth WaterWorks (7th & up)

**JUNE 17-JUNE 21**

Vacation Bible School at  
Trinity School @ 9am

**WEDNESDAY, JUNE 19**

Wrinkled Righteous Game Day @ 1pm  
Youth Mustangs Game @ 6:35pm

**SUNDAY, JUNE 23, 5-8:30PM**

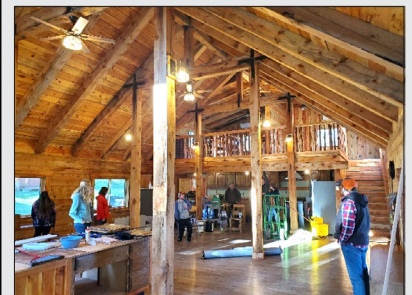
VBS Oasis Late Night

**THURSDAY, JUNE 27, 7PM**

Young Adult Trivia Night



# News



## MUDDY CLUSTER MISSION: JULY 21-25

Join us in July to serve our Northern Cheyenne neighbors in Muddy Cluster! Muddy is only 90 minutes from Billings (3 miles from Lame Deer), so you can come to serve and share Jesus for a day or the whole week. We will be leading Vacation Bible School and enjoying lots of great fellowship and service in the community! Contact Jonathan Boll at 406-670-0124 or [jboll@trinitybillings.org](mailto:jboll@trinitybillings.org) to find out more.

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