

THIS WEEK AT TRINITY: June 2 - 9, 2024
Second Sunday after Pentecost

- Sunday 6/02: 8:00 & 10:30am Worship
9:30am Sunday School Party @ TYM Square & Adult Bible Class
- Tuesday 6/04: 7:15am Prayer Group @ TYM Square
9:00am Quilting
7:00pm Properties Meeting
7:00pm Bible Study w/ Rev. Dr. Bruce Zagel (zoom)
- Wed. 6/05: 2:00pm Kitchen Guild Meeting
~*TLS Staff Planning Retreat*~
- Thursday 6/06: ~*TLS Staff Planning Retreat*~
- Saturday 6/08: 5:00pm Worship
- Sunday 6/09: 8:00 & 10:30am Worship with Communion
9:30am Summer Sunday School & Adult Bible Class
3:00pm *Retirement Celebration at Trinity Lutheran School*

LWML Ladies the summer issue of the Quarterly is available for you in the narthex. Enjoy!

Knowing Christ and Making Him Known

The Altar Flowers are given in praise and thanksgiving to God by Dale & Phyllis Flack.



SPECIAL PRAYERS THIS WEEK ARE FOR: Recent requests: Paula Baker, Willeen Brese, Dora Cardillo, Dennis Emmerick, Gerry Fink, Justin

Hettinger, Elaine Jordan, Esther Olson, Lorraine Shackelford, Marianne Wegner; God's guidance for Rev. David Mews as he deliberates our call; May God grant peace and protection to the people affected by war. **Ongoing needs:** Sharla Arend, Don Brutlag, Katie Cardillo, Cateleya Castanon (granddaughter of Mary Uecker), Brooke Davis, Marilyn Fischer (Sue Hayes' mom), Linda Flechsig, Walter & Betty Flechsig (Linda's parents), Patsy Friez, Diana Hafner, Jeff Hanson, Barbara Harris, Brittney Hatzell, Keith Johnson, Helen Kembel, Lance Kokron, Dee Krohn, Don Kunkel, Shawn Kunkel, Don Leikam, Kinsley Murri (Rod & Phyllis Myers' granddaughter), Tom Patton (Leonard's brother), Heidi Renner, Mark Roesler (brother of Susan Shotwell), Beverley Shepard-Bauer, Susan Shotwell, Christi Shults, Brenda Thornton and Darlene Zimmerman.

VBS – Register now! Join us June 17-21 @ Trinity Lutheran School as they “SCUBA dive into friendship with God”. Make a splash and “dive” to <http://www.trinitybillings.org/vbs> and click the REGISTER link. Questions? Talk with Cameron Heiliger – our youth director.

We are blessed and thankful to have Rev. Dr. Bruce Zagel preaching at our worship services this weekend. Thank you for sharing your time and God's Word with us.

Retirement Celebration – Sunday at 3pm! We are having a retirement celebration for our faithful servants: Deanna Lenz, Rick Thomas, Karole Michel, Jeff Ullman, Lisa Ullman and Kelly Humphrey on **Sunday, June 9th** at 3:00pm at Trinity Lutheran School. A gift table will be available at the Retirement Celebration on June 9th at Trinity Lutheran School. Any monetary gifts in check form need to be made directly to **them** (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!

FINANCES & FIRST-FRUITS' GIVING

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| Budgeted Church/School Income (Year to Date) | \$2,429,650 |
| Actual Church/School Income (7/01/2023-5/26/2024) | \$ 2,484,124 |
| Actual Church/School Expenses (7/01/2023-5/26/2024) | \$ 2,149,875 |
| A difference of: | \$ 334,249 |
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| Budgeted Offering Target (July 2023-April 2024) | \$ 867,383 |
| Actual Offering (July 2023-April 2024) | \$ 771,376 |
| A difference of: | \$ -96,007 |
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| Weekly Offering Goal – May 2024 | \$ 17,937 |
| Actual Offerings in May (4 of 4 weeks) | \$ 75,056 |

Last Weekend's Attendance – May 25-26, 2024

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| Saturday Worship Service | 75 |
| Sunday Worship Services | 192 |
| Total Attendance Last Weekend | 267 |
| Sunday School | 35 |
| Adult Bible Class | 81 |

Offering Counters for June 2nd:

Ellen Gernant, Roxy Klundt & Barbara Nies

Offering Counters for June 9th:

Sherrie Murray, Liz Clark & Cheryl Wagenman

Please pray for Rev. David Mews who we extended a call to serve as our Associate Pastor. May God give wisdom and discernment as he deliberates this call.

Director of Music Nomination Forms are available in the narthex. If you know of someone who could lead our church and school music programs, please fill out a form and turn it into the church office.

Muddy Cluster VBS ministry

This summer we will once again be helping to host a VBS and completing service projects at Circle of Life Lutheran Church in Muddy Cluster. The dates for our summer ministry are July 22-25. We need people to cook meals, care for property needs, help with the VBS, and generally serve and fellowship with one another. Please consider coming down for a day, or for the whole week! A sign-up sheet is in the narthex and questions can be directed to Jonathan Boll at 406-670-0124.

School Custodian Needed

Our fantastic school custodian, Jeff Ullman, will be retiring at the end of August. We are now accepting applications for this 12-month, full-time custodial position, which will start in mid-August. To learn more or to apply, please contact Jonathan Boll at 406-670-0124 or jonathanboll@trinitybillings.org.

We leave all things to God's Direction Our annual voters' meeting was held on May 19. Agenda items included the election of new officers, approval of the 2024-2025 budget, solar panel project approval for Trinity School, and a long-range planning update and discussion about our mission, values, and facility needs. A page on our website has been set up that includes an audio recording of the meeting, the meeting informational packet, meeting minutes, and an online survey so you can provide your input on the proposed mission statement, core values, and facilities options. **We encourage all of our members to take a few minutes to provide feedback by June 16 on the options we are considering.**

This information can be found at:

<https://www.trinitybillings.org/votersmeeting.html>



Congratulations & God's

Blessings We had a graduation service on Friday for our 22 8th grade graduates from TLS. God's

blessings as you enjoy the summer and get prepared for being in High School!

Constitutional Initiative 128

Amending the Montana Constitution to Ensure the Right to Abortion

“Would you like to sign a petition to support women’s rights?” It was a deceptive approach at best. She wanted me to sign a petition to get CI-128 on the ballot in November. If you haven’t heard of this effort to amend the Montana Constitution, please read on. The lives of countless babies are at stake.

This initiative will amend the Montana Constitution to ensure the right to abortion. If it makes it to the ballot there is a good chance that it will pass. Then all the efforts to save children will avail nothing. You can read the ballot language and the text of the constitutional amendment here. <https://leg.mt.gov/content/Committees/Interim/2023-2024/Law-and-Justice/Meetings/April-2024/2.%20CI-128-Ballot-Language.pdf>

The amendment states that any proposed restrictions to abortion may not “deny or burden access to abortion...” as long as a “health care provider,” (left undefined) has deemed it “medically indicated,” (left undefined) to protect the life or “health” (left undefined) of the pregnant patient. In effect this means that the legislature of the state would have no recourse to limit access to abortion.

Please reject CI-128.

Rev. Terry Forke, MT District President

Angie Ebel, Yellowstone Valley Lutherans for Life President