



# Joyful Noise

FEBRUARY 2024

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

Dear Friends in Christ,

Throughout His ministry Jesus was continually inviting people to come to Him. A few examples:

- *“Come, follow me,” Jesus said, “and I will make you fishers of men.”* Matt. 4:19
- *Then Jesus said, “Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these.”* Matt. 19:14
- *Then Jesus declared, “I am the bread of life. He who comes to me will never go hungry, and he who believes in me will never be thirsty.”* John 6:35
- *“Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest.”* Matt. 11:28

Why does Jesus invite us to come to Him? Jesus cares about life. Jesus says in John 11:25-26: “I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in me will live, even though he dies; and whoever lives and believes in me will never die.” Jesus brings us life both physically and eternally. He has brought us earthly life by creating and forming us in our mother’s womb (see Psalm 139). He has brought us eternal life through his own life, death, and resurrection.

In Jesus, we have life. We know that, but the world does not. The world is familiar with brokenness, hurt, pain, anger, and suffering. We know those things too, but we also know Jesus.

In the middle of this month, we enter the season of Lent. It is a season when we focus on the Passion of Jesus. We consider His life, His suffering, and His death. As we reflect again on what Jesus endured for us, we marvel at the fact that because Jesus suffered, we know our suffering will one day come to an end. As we see Jesus endure pain, hurt, and the brokenness of this world, we do so knowing that our pain, our hurt, and our brokenness will one day be gone. Forever. This is the life into which Jesus invites people to come. It is a life of hope. As the Church – the Body of Christ – we have been called to invite people to come to Jesus. To come into the life He has given by His death and resurrection.

And people are ready for Jesus, even if they don’t even know it. Consider it this way: Listen to how people talk about how busy, or how difficult, or how challenging their life is. They are talking about their need for Jesus.

The next time you hear a friend, a family member, or a stranger talk about the challenges of life, I pray that you will see the opportunity to invite them to come to Jesus. Invite them to come to church. Invite them to come to your Bible study group. Invite them to come to our Lenten dinners on Wednesday nights beginning February 14th at 5pm and then to worship at 6:30. Invite them to come to the One who brings life. As Jesus says in John 10:10, *“I came that they may have life and have it abundantly.”*

In Christ,  
Pastor Keinath



*Knowing Christ and Making Him Known*

# School NEWS



## 2024-25 SCHOOL YEAR

Greetings from school. Yes, it is true. Enrollment for the 2024-25 school year is upon us. Trinity members are strongly encouraged to let us know your plans very soon. The phone is already keeping Mrs. Grove very busy. Many of our classes will be filled. We do not want our members to miss out on a Christ-centered education. If you would like a tour, just call and we will set it up. We are very excited about what the Lord has planned for us. An awesome education could be just a phone call away. Blessings as you plan your child's future.

Richard Thomas  
Principal of Trinity Lutheran School

# Youth NEWS



## WHATEVER IS LOVELY...

As I was formulating our plan to look at the "whatevers" of Philippians 4:8 throughout the school year, I was pleasantly surprised by how appropriate many of the words seemed to the months that they were assigned...

"Whatever is JUST" in November. "Wow," I thought, "how appropriate that we'll be talking about things that are fair, right, and good in God's eyes as we also get to share His love with people through our Thanksgiving baskets."

And then there was January - "whatever is PURE."

Again, how appropriate that we should be thinking about things that are unblemished, fresh, and new at the beginning of a NEW year!

And now we move into February. Perhaps most appropriate of all, we will focus this month on "whatever is LOVELY." Definitions for lovely vary. Depending on which dictionary you look at, you'll see things like: exquisite, beautiful, delightful, attractive, pleasing, or lovable. While these words certainly work, I don't think this is EXACTLY what Paul intended for us to think about when he wrote his letter to the Philippians.

Instead, I think Paul's hope is that we would be spurred on *toward* love: love for Christ and for others. When we focus on "whatever is lovely," we remember the beautiful thing God did for us through the ugliness of the cross. And when we consider that lovely act, we can be inspired to act with love ourselves.



## BUTTER BRAIDS ARE BACK!

From February 10–March 10, many of our middle and high school youth will be selling butter braids to support their upcoming trips to Trinity Lutheran Camp in Bigfork (summer of 2024) AND the next LCMS Youth Gathering (summer of 2025). Braids are \$17 each this year and are tentatively scheduled for delivery on Wednesday, March 20, after 4:30 PM.

## LET'S PLAY SOME LASER TAG!!

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 10  
TRINITY SCHOOL

FLICKER (5th-6th): Noon-2pm

FLAME (7th-8th): 2:30-4:30pm

FIRE (High School): 7:00-9:00pm

**New Classes beginning February 5, 2024**

# Life INC Community Courses

All classes are free & include childcare  
Ask us about our incentives program



**More info!**

**Experienced the freedom of boundaries?**

If not, check out our Boundaries class. Having clear boundaries is essential to a healthy, balanced lifestyle.

**Living your dream? Want more out of life? Feel like you can be more?**

Affirming Potential is the class that covers all of this and more. Learn to dream, accomplish goals, and live out your God-given potential!

**Swimming in debt?? Too many days till your next paycheck?**

Take Money 101 & get your money working for you!

**February 5th: 6pm - 8pm**  
**1413 Rosebud Ln: Billings, MT 59101**  
(the lower level of Billings Vineyard Church)



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p><b>ACOLYTES:</b> Saturday: Ramsey Erickson &amp; Micah Boll Sun., 8:00: Brody Ouzts Sun., 10:30: Avery Wahl &amp; Claire Nichols</p> <p><b>ELDERS:</b> Saturday: Dion Campbell Sun., 8:00: Arnold Schultz Sun., 10:30: Ted Loomans</p>						
<p><b>4</b> <b>Psalm 8</b> <b>Mite Box Sunday</b> 8 &amp; 10:30am Worship 9:30am Sunday School, Toddler Sunday School &amp; Adult Bible Classes</p>	<p><b>5</b> <b>Matthew 9</b> 7pm New Member Class 7pm Women's Bible Study @ TYM</p>	<p><b>6</b> <b>Isaiah 40:21-31</b> 6am Men's Bible Study 9am Quilting 6:30pm Properties Mtg. 7pm Bible Study led by Rev. Dr. Bruce Zagel</p>	<p><b>7</b> <b>1 Cor. 9:16-27</b> 1pm Kitchen Guild Mtg. 2:15pm Chapel at TLS 6pm FIRE Youth Group 1st Yr. Confirmation 8pm Men's B-Ball at TLS</p>	<p><b>8</b> <b>Mark 1:29-39</b> 10:30 Bible Study 7pm Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p><b>9</b> <b>Matthew 10</b></p>	<p><b>10</b> <b>Proverbs 6</b> <b>Butter Braid Sales!</b> 10am LWML Service Noon Flicker @ TLS 2:30pm Flame @ TLS 2pm Caregivers Group 5pm Worship with <b>Staff Recognition</b> 7-9pm Fire @ TLS</p>
<p><b>11</b> <b>Psalm 9</b> 8 &amp; 10:30am Worship w/Communion 9:30am Sunday School &amp; Adult Bible Classes</p>	<p><b>12</b> <b>Matthew 11</b> Pastors' Circuit Meeting 6pm Fellowship Meeting 7pm New Member Class 7pm Women's Bible Study @ TYM</p>	<p><b>13</b> <b>2 Kings 2:1-12</b> 6am Men's Bible Study 9am Quilting 6:30pm Cradle Roll Mtg. 7pm Bible Study led by Rev. Dr. Bruce Zagel</p>	<p><b>14</b> <b>2 Cor. 3:12-18; 4:1-6</b> <b>Ash Wednesday</b> 8:30am Chapel at TLS 5pm Lenten Dinner 6:30pm Ash Wed. Service with Communion 8pm Men's B-Ball at TLS</p>	<p><b>15</b> <b>Mark 9:2-9</b> 10:30 Bible Study 6pm Council Meeting 7pm Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p><b>16</b> <b>Matthew 12</b></p>	<p><b>17</b> <b>Proverbs 7</b> 5pm Worship with Communion</p>
8th Grade Trip to Yellowstone National Park						
<p><b>18</b> <b>Psalm 10</b> 8 &amp; 10:30am Worship 9:30am Sunday School, Toddler Sunday School &amp; Adult Bible Classes</p>	<p><b>19</b> <b>Matthew 13</b> 6:30pm LWML Meeting 7pm New Member Class 7pm Women's Bible Study @ TYM</p>	<p><b>20</b> <b>Gen. 22:1-18</b> 6am Men's Bible Study 9am Quilting 7pm Bible Study led by Rev. Dr. Bruce Zagel</p>	<p><b>21</b> <b>James 1:12-18</b> 8:30am Chapel at TLS <b>Noon Dismissal @ TLS</b> 1pm Wrinkled Righteous 5pm Lenten Dinner 6:30pm Lenten Service 7:15pm Youth Group 1st Yr. Confirmation 8pm Men's B-Ball at TLS</p>	<p><b>22</b> <b>Mark 1:9-15</b> 10:30 Bible Study 7pm Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p><b>23</b> <b>Matthew 14</b></p>	<p><b>24</b> <b>Proverbs 8</b> 5pm Worship</p>
No School – Best Practices Conference in AZ						
<p><b>25</b> <b>Psalm 11</b> 8 &amp; 10:30am Worship w/Communion 9:30am Sunday School &amp; Adult Bible Classes</p>	<p><b>26</b> <b>Matthew 15</b> 7pm New Member Class 7pm Women's Bible Study @ TYM</p>	<p><b>27</b> <b>Gen. 17:1-7, 15-16</b> 6am Men's Bible Study 9am Quilting 7pm Bible Study led by Rev. Dr. Bruce Zagel 7pm Elders Meeting</p>	<p><b>28</b> <b>Romans 5:1-11</b> 8:30am Chapel at TLS 5pm Lenten Dinner 6:30pm Lenten Service 7:15pm Youth Group 1st Yr. Confirmation 8pm Men's B-Ball at TLS</p>	<p><b>29</b> <b>Mark 8:27-38</b> 10:30 Bible Study 7pm Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p><b>Website:</b> <a href="http://www.trinitybillings.org">www.trinitybillings.org</a> <b>Trinity Services on Community 7</b> <b>8am Sundays &amp; 5pm Tuesdays</b> <b>CHURCH:</b> 245-3984 <b>SCHOOL:</b> 656-1021</p>	



# Financial REPORT

December 2023 Finances		
Income		258,351
Expenses		243,512
<b>Net Margin</b>		<b>14,839</b>
2023-2024 Finances		
	<i>YTD - Actual</i>	<i>Target</i>
Offerings	495,699	519,308
Total Income	1,438,191	1,316,061
Total Expenses	1,246,464	1,316,061
<b>Net Margin</b>	<b>191,727</b>	<b>0</b>

As we head into 2024, reflect on how God has blessed you in your life, and how you can steward His abundant blessings to further His purposes. Consider new ways that you can spend your time, use your gifts and abilities, and offer your resources to be a blessing and share Jesus with others!

## BAPTISMS

We rejoice with **Charlotte Green**, daughter of Dalton & Hailey Green, as she joined God's family and Trinity's family through the waters of Holy Baptism on December 30 at the Saturday service and also with **Morgan Hatzell**, daughter of Eric & Lillie Hatzell, as she joined God's family and Trinity's family through the waters of Holy Baptism on January 7 at the 10:30am Sunday service.

Happy  
Valentine's  
Day



## LWML NEWS

**Meeting on Monday, February 19, at 6:30pm**

**Opening Devotion:** World Friendship Guild

**Program:** School Bag/Kits Assembly

**Meeting Hostesses:** World Friendship Guild

**Church Service Greeters for February:** World Friendship Guild



## LWML PRAYER SERVICE

*Grace, mercy, and peace from God  
the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord*  
(1 Timothy 1:2; 2 Timothy 1:2)

At some point you have probably heard a pastor begin his sermon by saying something similar to this verse from 1 Timothy. The 2024 Prayer Service is designed around those first three words — those three gifts that come to us from our gracious Father and our Savior — Grace, Mercy, and Peace.

The Trinity LWML would like you to join us on **Saturday, February 10, at 10:00am** for our annual Prayer Service, with a light lunch to follow. Please RSVP to Deb White at 406-655-2166 by Monday, February 5.

## LOOK WHAT THE FELLOWSHIP MINISTRY TEAM IS PLANNING AT TRINITY IN 2024!

- **LENTEN DINNERS** - Please join us each Wednesday for dinner in the fellowship hall starting February 14 and going through March 20. Dinners are served from 5:00pm until 6:00pm. These dinners are served by various teams and groups. If you would like to host one, please let Pam Kercher know at 406-861-2639.
- **GERMAN DINNER** in May
- **SUMMER PICNIC** and games
- **POPOVER DINNERS**
- **WOMEN'S CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION** in December

Watch for details of these fellowship opportunities in the *Joyful News* and the bulletin. If you have any other events or ideas you would like to see, please contact Pam Kercher. Looking forward to getting together with all of you in 2024!

# Special Events

## SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 3

Trivia Night at 6:30pm

## SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 10

LWML Prayer Service @ 10am  
Flicker at TLS @ Noon  
Caregivers Group @ 2pm  
Flame at TLS @ 2:30pm  
Worship w/Staff Recognition @ 5pm  
Fire at TLS @ 7pm

## WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 14

Lenten Dinner @ 5pm  
Ash Wednesday Worship @ 6:30pm

## WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 21

Wrinkled Righteous Game Day @ 1pm  
Lenten Dinner @ 5pm  
Lenten Worship @ 6:30pm

## WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 28

Lenten Dinner @ 5pm  
Lenten Worship @ 6:30pm



# News

## 2024-2025 SCHOOL ENROLLMENT

Opens January 29 for  
Preschool through 8th grade

*"Where children are in God's  
Word and experience His  
love each and every day."*

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