



Joyful Noise

MARCH 2024

A Message from Your Pastor...

Dear Friends in Christ,

Peace is something everyone—in one way or another—desires. Peace around the world. Peace in our nation. Peace at home. Peace in our lives. Peace in all these places is good, but God gives a better peace. God's peace isn't situational or located in a certain place. God's peace is eternal.

Jesus says in John 14:27, *"Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid."* A little later Jesus adds in 16:33, *"I have said these things to you, that in me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation. But take heart; I have overcome the world."*

Jesus clearly tells us that in this world we will have trouble. We certainly do. We have wars and rumors of wars. We have bodies that wear out, joints that fail, and ailments that no one can do anything about. We have broken relationships. We have an economy that doesn't make it easy to make ends meet. We have death, disease, cancer. We have restless and sleepless nights. All of these things steal our peace and rob us of joy.

Jesus also makes it abundantly clear that His peace is not something of this world. Jesus says, *"Take heart; I have overcome the world."* By coming into this world, living a perfect life, and offering that life in payment for the sins of all people, Jesus established peace between God and us. In this world we will have trouble, but Jesus has overcome the world for us.

Because of the peace that Jesus has established, we know the message of forgiveness, the message of life, the message of salvation, that is ours despite all that is going on in the world around us. That is what Paul talks about in Romans 5:1: *"Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ."*

No matter what is going on in your life, look to the cross and the empty tomb. Focus on the hope and peace that is yours through faith in Jesus. Paul called it the hope in the glory of God. You live in the confident knowledge that, because of the death and resurrection of Jesus, you have peace with God.

I invite you to join us in experiencing the peace of Jesus during worship, on the weekends, or on Wednesday nights during Lent (March 6, 13, & 20). Our Wednesday evening services begin at 6:30, with dinner offered at 5pm in the fellowship hall. Then join us for services during Holy Week and certainly on Easter as we joyfully celebrate the life and peace that Jesus has won for us. The details for those services are in this newsletter.

Everyone desires peace. And through Christ, God has delivered peace—for you. Forever.

In Christ our Peace,
Pastor Keinath



Knowing Christ and Making Him Known

School NEWS



Richard Thomas
Principal of Trinity
Lutheran School

YNP MEMORIES

On February 12-16, Trinity's 8th grade class enjoyed an amazing week in Yellowstone National Park. We are grateful our students can participate in this amazing experience and make lifelong memories.



Youth NEWS



Cameron Heiliger
Director of Youth and
Parish Education



MARCH YOUTH EVENTS

FLICKER (5TH & 6TH)

Saturday, March 16, noon-2pm, TYM Square

FLAME (7TH & 8TH)

Saturday, March 16, 2:30-4:30pm, TYM Square

BUTTER BRAIDS PICKUP

Wednesday, March 20
TYM Square after 4:00pm

SUNDAY SCHOOL PALM SUNDAY CELEBRATION

Sunday, March 24, 9:30am

BREAKFAST BURRITO PRE-ORDERS

Saturday, March 30

Available for pick up after Saturday worship

EASTER BRUNCH

Sunday, March 31, 9:00am!

(Be on the lookout for breakfast burrito order forms)

Yellowstone Through the Years

This year marks the final 8th grade Yellowstone trip for Mr. Thomas. Even though he is retiring this summer, we will continue to enjoy this annual tradition, which he started when he came to Trinity.



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
ACOLYTES: Saturday: Mia Hatzell Sun. 8:00: Benjamin Lanz Sun. 10:30: Clay Crusch						
3 Psalm 12 MITE BOX SUNDAY 8 & 10:30am Worship <i>Trinity School choir sings @ 8am worship</i> 9:30am Sunday School, Toddler Sunday School, & Adult Bible Classes	4 Matthew 17 7pm New Member Class 7pm Women's Bible Study @ TYM	5 Exodus 20:1-17 6am Men's Bible Study 9am Quilting 6:30pm Properties Mtg. 7pm Bible Study led by Rev. Bruce Zagel (Zoom)	6 1 Cor. 1:18-31 2pm Kitchen Guild 2:15pm Chapel at TLS 5pm Lenten Dinner 6:30pm Lenten Service 7:15pm Youth Group 1 st Yr. Confirmation	7 John 2:13-22 10:30am Bible Study 7pm Choir Rehearsal	8 Matthew 18	9 Proverbs 10 2pm Caregivers Mtg. @ TYM Square 5pm Worship
National Lutheran Schools Week						
10 Psalm 13 8 & 10:30am Worship w/Communion 9:30am Sunday School & Adult Bible Classes <i>Daylight Saving Time Begins</i>	11 Matthew 19 6pm Fellowship Mtg. 7pm New Member Class 7pm Women's Bible Study @ TYM	12 Numbers 21:4-9 6am Men's Bible Study 9am Quilting 6pm Council Mtg. 6:30pm Cradle Roll Mtg. 7pm Bible Study led by Rev. Bruce Zagel (Zoom)	13 Ephesians 2:1-10 8:30am Chapel at TLS 5pm Lenten Dinner 6:30pm Lenten Service 7:15pm Youth Group 1 st Yr. Confirmation	14 John 3:14-21 10:30am Bible Study 7pm Choir Rehearsal	15 Matthew 20	16 Proverbs 11 Noon Flicker @ TYM 2:30pm Flame @ TYM 5pm Worship w/ Communion
17 Psalm 14 8 & 10:30am Worship 9:30am Sunday School & Adult Bible Classes	18 Matthew 21 6:30pm LWML Meeting 7pm New Member Class 7pm Women's Bible Study @ TYM	19 Jeremiah 31:31-34 6am Men's Bible Study 9am Quilting 7pm Bible Study led by Rev. Bruce Zagel (Zoom)	20 Hebrews 5:1-10 8:30am Chapel at TLS 1pm Wrinkled Righteous Game Day 4pm Butter Braid Delivery 5pm Lenten Dinner 6:30pm Lenten Service 7:15pm Youth Group 1 st Yr. Confirmation	21 Mark 10:35-45 10:30am Bible Study 7pm Choir Rehearsal	22 Matthew 22	23 Proverbs 12 5pm Worship 6:30pm Family Game Night at TYM Square
24 Psalm 15 Palm Sunday 8 & 10:30am Worship w/Communion 9:30am Sunday School Palm Sunday Celebration, Cradle Roll Easter Party, & Adult Bible Classes	25 Matthew 23 7pm New Member Class 7pm Women's Bible Study @ TYM	26 Zechariah 9:9-12 6am Men's Bible Study 9am Quilting 7pm Bible Study led by Rev. Bruce Zagel (Zoom) 7pm Elders Mtg.	27 Philippians 2:5-11 8:30am Chapel at TLS NOON Dismissal @ TLS	28 Mark 14:1-15:47 10:30am Bible Study 6:30pm Maundy Thursday Worship w/ Communion	29 Matthew 24 6:30pm Good Friday Worship	30 Proverbs 13 10am Altar Guild Work Day 5pm Resurrection Victory Worship 6pm Breakfast Burrito pre-orders pick-up
31 Psalm 16 EASTER 6:30am Outdoor Sunrise Service at 1416 Canyon Trail Rd. in Lockwood 8 & 10:30am Worship w/ Communion 9:00am Easter Breakfast	ELDERS: Saturday: Neal Wagenman Sun., 8:00: Shared Duty Sun., 10:30: Paul Kober		Trinity Worship Services on Community 7 8am Sundays & 5pm Tuesdays CHURCH: 245-3984 SCHOOL: 656-1021 Website: www.trinitybillings.org			

Financial REPORT

January 2024 Finances		
Income		213,849
Expenses		195,246
<i>Net Margin</i>		<i>18,603</i>
2023-2024 Finances		
	<i>YTD - Actual</i>	<i>Target</i>
Offerings	561,313	611,225
Total Income	1,655,959	1,535,408
Total Expenses	1,441,169	1,535,408
<i>Net Margin</i>	<i>214,790</i>	<i>0</i>

Overall, Trinity is in solid financial standing through the first 7 months of the fiscal year. However, please note that our general fund offerings are about \$50,000 behind our year-to-date goal. This is not currently creating a hardship because our expenses are lower due to unfilled staff positions. However, when these positions are filled it will require that our offerings meet our budgeted goals. Please prayerfully consider this as you look at your first-fruits giving in the year ahead.

DEATHS

Dorothy Podoll passed away on February 14. Her memorial service is tentatively scheduled for August 9.

BAPTISMS

We rejoice with the **Tubbs family** as they were baptized into the family of God through the waters of Holy Baptism on Sunday, February 4, 2024. Congratulations to **Bowen, Jennifer, Henry & Stanley**, and welcome to Trinity!



LWML NEWS

Meeting on Monday, March 18, at 6:30pm

Opening Devotion: Altar Guild

Program: Sonshine House presented by Heather

Meeting Hostesses: Altar Guild

Church Service Greeters for March: Altar Guild

CRADLE ROLL'S EASTER PARTY

Cradle Roll's Easter Party will be on March 24 (Palm Sunday) at 9:30 am.

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES & EVENTS FOR EASTER 2024

PALM SUNDAY - Sunday, March 24

8:00 & 10:30am Worship Services with Communion

MAUNDY THURSDAY - Thursday, March 28

6:30pm Worship Service with Communion

GOOD FRIDAY - Friday, March 29

6:30pm Worship Service

RESURRECTION VICTORY SERVICE - Saturday, March 30

5:00pm Worship Service

EASTER DAY - Sunday, March 31

6:30am Outdoor Sunrise Service, 1416 Canyon Trail Road (Lockwood)

8:00 & 10:30am Worship Services with Communion at Trinity

9:00am Easter Breakfast served by Trinity Youth, Church Fellowship Hall

HAPPY
Easter

Special Events

MARCH 4-8

National Lutheran Schools Week
TLS Choir Sings at 8am Worship on March 3

WEDNESDAYS, MARCH 6, 13, & 20

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

SUNDAY, MARCH 10

Daylight Saving Time Begins

SATURDAY, MARCH 23 @ 6:30PM

Family Game Night at TYM

SUNDAY, MARCH 24

Palm Sunday Worship @ 8am & 10:30am
Sunday School Celebration @ 9:30am
Cradle Roll Easter Party @ 9:30am

THURSDAY, MARCH 27

Maundy Thursday Worship @ 6:30pm

FRIDAY, MARCH 28

Good Friday Worship @ 6:30pm

SATURDAY, MARCH 30

Resurrection Victory Worship @ 5pm

SUNDAY, MARCH 31

Outdoor Sunrise Service @ 6:30am
Worship at Trinity @ 8am and 10:30am
Easter Brunch @ 9am



News





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



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