



# Joyful Noise

JUNE 2023

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

Dear Friends in Christ,

*"The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few. Therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest." Luke 10:2*

You may recall that we celebrated National Lutheran Schools Week from February 26-March 3. The week contained various activities at the school, including a visit from our Montana District President, Pastor Terry Forke. Not only did President Forke lead chapel on Wednesday, he also visited every classroom. In each classroom he led a devotion, prayed, and spoke about the importance of church workers.

Specifically, Pastor Forke spoke about a Synod initiative called "Set Apart to Serve." According to our Synod's website (lcms.org), the purpose of this initiative is "to encourage the young people in our Synod to treasure the gifts God has given them for service, and to consider the opportunities available to serve Him full time in His church." There are many ways for people to serve in God's church full time. Think of pastors, Lutheran school teachers, directors of Christian education, directors of Christian outreach, directors of family life ministries, directors of music, and deaconesses. We have several of those opportunities at Trinity, and we are thankful for people willing to serve in these various roles.

At the same time, thinking about the need for more church workers in God's harvest field strikes us differently in this month of June. During National Lutheran Schools Week we knew of Trinity's need for a pastor following Pastor Rinderknecht's retirement. But now, we think of our principal, Mr. Rick Thomas, who at our May voters' meeting announced his retirement at the end of the next school year (2023-2024). He will have served faithfully for 42 years, and Trinity has been blessed by his service.

We also think of our music director, Mr. Nick Harding, who has received a call to serve as the music director at Trinity Lutheran Church and School in Crown Point, Indiana. At the time of my writing this article, his deliberation continues. If he remains at Trinity, we will be blessed by his service; and if not, we trust in the Lord who provides for His church.

That's what Jesus teaches us to do in the verse above from Luke 10. As Jesus is sending out 72 disciples into the harvest field, he calls them to "therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest." There is much ministry to be done and a need for more workers. I would encourage you to pray for more people to enter full-time ministry. Ask the Lord of the harvest to send more workers into the harvest field, not just for Trinity, but for God's kingdom.

One of the ways God has already answered this prayer is by sending one of our members to seminary. Along with his wife, Abby, Noah Oloff will be attending Concordia Seminary in St. Louis, Missouri. This decision has not come lightly for Noah and Abby, as they have been prayerfully considering this for quite some time. Noah's classes will begin in June as he learns the biblical language of Greek. Abby will continue working in Billings until the fall. They need our prayers. They need our support and encouragement. We will have a little sending for the Oloffs on June 11 (see more on the insert).

The Oloffs work and ministry in the Lord's harvest field may not lead them to serve at Trinity in Billings, Montana. And that's okay. We will support and encourage them, knowing that they will be serving Jesus. Jesus is the Lord of the harvest. It is His kingdom. It is His Church. And we will continue to pray—and trust—that the Lord will "send out laborers into his harvest."

In Christ,  
Pastor Keinath



*Knowing Christ and Making Him Known*

# School NEWS



**Richard Thomas**  
Principal of Trinity  
Lutheran School

## THE LORD'S WORKERS

Greetings from school. The 66th year is coming to a close. Just think, for 66 years the congregation has blessed the Billings community with a quality Christ-centered education. During those years, the Lord has provided the workers to serve His people. Currently, we are in the "Call" process to see who the Lord has planned for us. Our job is to trust Him and to walk in the path that He has put before us. May we enjoy our walk.

# Youth NEWS



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

## YOUNG ADULTS, JOIN US FOR A COOKOUT!

**WHO:** High school grad and older – Consider yourself a "young adult?" You're welcome to join!! Mostly this group will be for college age (18-25), but that's what you'd call a "guideline" more than an actual rule... Married? Single? Full-time employed? Full-time student? All are welcome as we seek to know Christ and make Him known in all aspects of our lives as young Christians.

**WHEN:** **Saturday, June 17**, at TYM Square following Saturday evening worship. At this meeting we'll discuss how frequently, when, and where to meet.

**WHY:** To encourage and lift one another up, to spend time in fellowship and to consider how we can "stir up one another to love and good works." (Hebrews 10:24)

## JUNE YOUTH EVENTS!

**Tuesday, June 6**

All TYM at the  
Mustangs Game!  
Meet at the gate at 6:00pm

**Wednesday, June 21**

7th and Up -  
**PAINTBALL @ Diamond**  
Paintball at 6:00pm

*Please text, call, or email  
Cameron Heiliger with  
any questions!*



**Senior Night at  
Youth Group on  
May 17th!**





*Thank you, Trinity family, so very much for your support and prayers as we embark to seminary. We will be moving to St. Louis this summer so Noah can learn Greek before seminary classes begin at the end of August. Noah is planning on heading down to St. Louis the week of June 11-17 to prepare for classes, which begin on June 19. Abby will be following him on June 27th after attending the LWML convention as a Young Ladies Representative. She is planning to load the car on June 26th and would love help with that! Abby will be working for a center called Exceptional Equestrians of the Missouri Valley teaching Equine Assisted Therapeutic Riding lessons.*



Noah and Abby will be sharing more about their move during Bible Study on Sunday, June 11. If you would like to help financially support Noah and others who are pursuing full-time church work, you can donate to the "Church Worker Scholarship Fund" at Trinity.

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<b>ACOLYTES:</b> See Summer Schedule  <b>LAY MINISTERS:</b> Saturday: Nathan Thompson Sun., 8:00: Derek Vetch Sun., 10:30: Ted Loomans						
<b>ALTAR DUTY:</b> Shared Duty						
<b>Trinity Worship Services on Community 7</b> 8am Sundays & 5pm Tuesdays						
<b>4</b> <b>Psalm 123</b> <b>Mite Box Sunday</b> 8 & 10:30am Worship 9:30am Summer Sunday School & Adult Bible Classes	<b>5</b> <b>Luke 1</b> 7pm Adult Class 7pm Women's Bible Study @ TYM Square	<b>6</b> <b>Genesis 1:1-2:4a</b> 9am Quilting 6pm All TYM at the Mustangs' Game 6:30pm Properties Mtg. 7pm Bible Study led by Pastor Zigel	<b>7</b> <b>Acts 2:14a, 22-36</b> 1pm Visitation Guild Mtg. Kitchen Guild Mtg.  <b>Call Meeting</b> <b>Led by Pastor Forke</b> <b>7:00pm</b>	<b>8</b> <b>Matt. 28:16-20</b> 10:30am Bible Study  Staff Planning Meeting	<b>9</b> <b>Luke 2</b>	<b>10</b> <b>Proverbs 2</b> 5pm Worship
<b>11</b> <b>Psalm 124</b> 8 & 10:30am Worship w/Communion 9:30am Summer Sunday School & Adult Bible Classes <i>Noah &amp; Abby Oloff share about their move to St. Louis before Bible Study</i>	<b>12</b> <b>Luke 3</b> 7pm Adult Class 7pm Women's Bible Study @ TYM Square	<b>13</b> <b>Hosea 5:15-6:6</b> 9am Quilting 7pm Bible Study led by Pastor Zigel	<b>14</b> <b>Romans 4:13-25</b> 6:30pm VBS Ice Cream Social at TLS	<b>15</b> <b>Matt. 9:9-13</b> 10:30am Bible Study Noon Love INC Mtg. 6pm Council Meeting	<b>16</b> <b>Luke 4</b>	<b>17</b> <b>Proverbs 3</b> 5pm Worship with Communion <b>Following Service:</b> Young Adult Cookout
<b>Vacation Bible School ~ Trinity Lutheran School ~ 9-11:30am</b>						
<b>18</b> <b>Psalm 125</b> <b>Happy Father's Day!!</b> 8 & 10:30am Worship 9:30am Summer Sunday School & Adult Bible Classes	<b>19</b> <b>Luke 5</b> 6pm LWML Summer Picnic and Bingo 7pm Adult Class 7pm Women's Bible Study @ TYM Square	<b>20</b> <b>Exodus 19:2-8</b> 9am Quilting 7pm Bible Study led by Pastor Zigel	<b>21</b> <b>Romans 5:6-15</b> 1pm Wrinkled Righteous Game Day  <b>7th Grade &amp; Up</b> Diamond Paintball 6-8:00pm	<b>22</b> <b>Matt. 9:35-10:8 (9-20)</b> 10:30am Bible Study  <b>LWML Convention – Milwaukee, WI – June 22-25</b>	<b>23</b> <b>Luke 6</b>	<b>24</b> <b>Proverbs 4</b> 3pm Worship Team "Jam Session" All are Welcome! 5pm Worship
<b>25</b> <b>Psalm 126</b> 8 & 10:30am Worship w/Communion 9:30am Summer Sunday School & Adult Bible Classes  <b>LWML Convention Milwaukee, WI – June 22-25</b>	<b>26</b> <b>Luke 7</b> 7pm Adult Class 7pm Women's Bible Study @ TYM Square	<b>27</b> <b>Jeremiah 20:7-13</b> 9am Quilting 7pm Elders' Mtg. 7pm Bible Study led by Pastor Zigel	<b>28</b> <b>Romans 6:12-23</b>	<b>29</b> <b>Matt. 10:5a, 21-33</b> 10:30am Bible Study	<b>30</b> <b>Luke 8</b>	<b>CHURCH:</b> <b>245-3984</b>  <b>SCHOOL:</b> <b>656-1021</b>

# Financial REPORT

April 2023 Finances		
Income		218,306
Expenses		201,293
Net Margin		17,013
2022-2023 Finances		
	Actual	Target
Offerings	135,211	89,279
Total Income	2,238,943	2,003,868
Total Expenses	1,965,834	1,987,203
Net Margin	273,109	16,665

## BAPTISMS

4/29/23

Marian Josephine Becker Kesler

## DEATHS

5/9/2023

**Harry Bauer** – a memorial service was held on Wednesday, May 24, with Pastor Keinath presiding.

## TRANSFERS OUT

**Tim & Kathy Teachout** transferred to *The Lutheran Church of The Incarnate Word*, Florence, South Carolina



## LWML NEWS

**Meeting on Monday, June 19 at 6:00pm**

Opening Devotion: Executive Board Members

Program: Summer Picnic and Bingo

Meeting Hostesses: Executive Board Members

Church Service Greeters for June: Executive Board Members

## LWML 40th Biennial National Convention

*Celebrate the Lord of the Nations (Psalm 33:12-13)*

**June 22-25, 2023**

**Milwaukee, WI**

## OUR WORSHIP TEAMS NEED AND WANT YOU AND YOUR HEART!

*“Let the word of Christ richly dwell within you, with all wisdom teaching and admonishing one another with psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with thankfulness in your hearts to God.” Colossians 3:16*

Our worship teams' ministry is to help lead the singing of “psalms and hymns and spiritual songs” from the Word and our hearts at the Saturday evening service with all glory to our Triune God. We would love to have anyone who enjoys singing and/or playing instruments to join us, as we truly need others who feel called to this ministry or are willing to explore it with us. Most of us are not professional musicians but we are loving Christians who feel blessed to serve Him in this biblical manner.

To make it easy to check it out, we have some opportunities to try it in a welcoming and fun practice session. **The first one will be Saturday, June 24, at 3:00pm in the sanctuary.** All are invited to this “jam session”—even if you don't play an instrument! Come explore what we are all about! If you decide to join the music team, we only ask for one Saturday a month, but you can serve in as many as you would like! Thank you for prayerfully considering sharing your love of His music with the congregation. *If you have any questions please talk to Nick Harding, Jennifer Boll or Vicki Carstens.*



# Special Events

## TUESDAY, JUNE 6

All Youth Mustangs' Game @ 6pm

## WEDNESDAY, JUNE 7

Senior Pastor Call Meeting @ 7pm

## JUNE 12-JUNE 16

Vacation Bible School at Trinity School @ 9am

## SATURDAY, JUNE 17

Young Adult Cookout after Worship

## MONDAY, JUNE 19

LWML Summer Picnic @ 6pm

## WEDNESDAY, JUNE 21

Wrinkled Righteous Game Day @ 1pm  
Diamond Paintball (7th grade & up) @ 6pm

## THURSDAY, JUNE 22 - SUNDAY, JUNE 25

LWML Convention in Milwaukee, WI

## SATURDAY, JUNE 24

"Jam Session" at 3pm



# News



## REGISTER FOR VBS TODAY!!

### *Stellar! Shine Jesus' Light!*

All children (ages 4 and up) are invited to join us for an out of this world Vacation Bible School this summer!

When: June 12-16, from 9am-11:30am

Where: Trinity Lutheran School (2802 Belvedere Drive)

Who: 4 Years Old (by June 1st) to 5th Grade

Scan QR code (above) or visit [www.trinitybillings.org/vbs](http://www.trinitybillings.org/vbs) to register!!

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