



# Joyful Noise

MARCH 2023

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

Dear Family of God at Trinity,

Wow! Your support and encouragement of Pastor and Cathy Rinderknecht at Pastor's retirement celebration on February 19th was awesome! The food was delicious. The program was personal. The gym was full of people talking with one another. It was a great celebration! A few thank you's are in order...

Thank you to Vicki Carstens and the retirement celebration committee for organizing everything and taking care of the details. Thank you to Pam Kercher and the Fellowship team for serving the meal and helping in different ways. Thank you to Stacie Shaw for the amazing decorations. Thank you to all of the people who worked behind the scenes to make the celebration run smoothly and be enjoyable—like Janese Carstens recording and putting together some of the videos. You all did well! And thank you to you, the family of God at Trinity Lutheran Church and School, for the outpouring of love and encouragement you showed to Pastor Rinderknecht. God certainly used Pastor to touch many lives throughout his 20 years of service at Trinity. The celebration on the 19th honored Pastor's service and God's faithfulness in caring for His people and His church through the pastoral office.

While we celebrate with Pastor Rinderknecht at his retirement, we also realize that his leaving creates a pastoral vacancy at Trinity. So what happens next? That's an appropriate question many people have been asking at Trinity recently, and I'd like to briefly respond.

First, let's remember that our God is faithful. This isn't the first time Trinity has been faced with a pastoral vacancy—even for a senior pastor. Throughout our history as a congregation, various pastors have come and gone, and yet each time there was a vacancy, God was faithful in providing the right servant at the right time. God gives us this promise in Jeremiah 3:15, where He says, *"I will give you shepherds after my own heart, who will feed you with knowledge and understanding."* God has been faithful in providing servants for His people, and we trust His Word that He will continue to do so for us.

Second, as a congregation of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod, we have agreed to follow a formal process in calling a pastor. It is a process that tends to the task of filling a pastoral vacancy, but it does so in a way that helps the congregation trust in the Lord to provide the proper man for the call. Some of the parts of the process include prayer, establishing a call committee, completing a congregational self-study, prayer, collecting names of potential candidates in conjunction with the District Office, interviewing candidates, prayer, having a call meeting to extend a call, prayer. Did I mention prayer? At the heart of this process, we trust God is at work to lead and direct us to the man He would have Trinity call as pastor. It is also because of this process that the associate pastor does not automatically become the senior pastor. We follow the call process we have agreed to follow as a congregation of the LCMS.

In the meantime, I invite you and encourage you to bring this process before the Lord in prayer. Thank God for His faithfulness in always providing pastors for Trinity—for Pastor Rinderknecht's service, as well as for Pastor Zagel's willingness to serve as pastoral assistant during the interim. Ask God to lead and direct the call process. Ask Him to guide us as a congregation, that we may always trust in His faithfulness—especially to provide the right man to serve as senior pastor at Trinity.

In Christ,  
Pastor Keinath



## *Knowing Christ and Making Him Known*

# School NEWS



Richard Thomas  
Principal of Trinity  
Lutheran School

## THIS IS TRINITY!

This is Trinity! Greetings from school. I have another example of what Trinity Lutheran School is. We have chapel on Wednesdays. Our Kindergarten class led chapel this week. They shared the Word and led over 250 people in worship. Whenever I get to be a part of student-led chapel, I always think of Matthew 19:13-15. What a blessing to be at a school where Jesus comes first. We can do this because we have a congregation that makes the school a top priority. What a blessing to our members and the Billings community. The Lord has great plans for us. Let's enjoy the walk together.

# Youth NEWS

**TYM PRESENTS**  
**TRIVIA NIGHT**

Have fun,  
Support our Youth  
Win prizes!

**SATURDAY, MARCH 11**  
6:30 pm | Fellowship Hall

\$20 per person  
\$70 for a team of 4  
\$130 for a team of 8

TO REGISTER OR FOR MORE INFO: CAMERONHEILIGER@TRINITYBILLINGS.ORG

**March 25**  
**6 PM**

**TYM Square**  
511 Grand Ave

**Family Game Night**

**POT LUCK**  
Bring your favorite game and a dish to share!

Entree and drinks provided by TYM.

Hosted by Trinity Youth Ministry

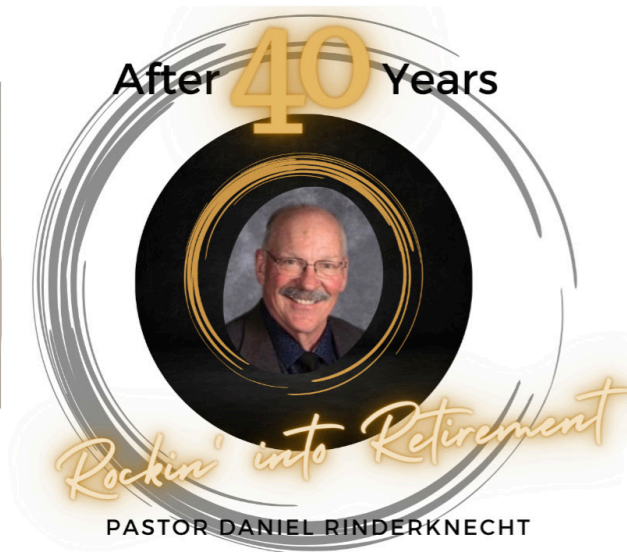
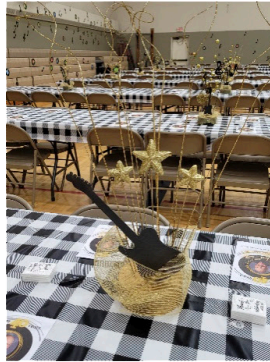
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**BUTTER BRAIDS ARE BACK** and on sale through Sunday, March 19! Catch one of the youth after Saturday evening and late services, during the Bible Study hour, or at a Wednesday Lenten dinner to order yours! Proceeds will be used to support the Youth summer trips. Thank you!!



# ROCKIN' INTO RETIREMENT



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<b>ALTAR DUTY:</b> Shared Duty  <b>ELDERS:</b> Saturday: Brent Carstens Sun. 8:00: Mark Wollenburg Sun. 10:30: Ted Loomans  <b>Trinity Worship Services on Community 7</b> <b>8am Sundays &amp; 5pm Tuesdays</b>	<b>ACOLYTES:</b> Saturday: Ashlyn Hertz Sun. 8:00: Amy Keinath Sun. 10:30: Alana Hatzell		<b>1</b> Romans 5:12-19 1pm Kitchen Guild 2:15pm Chapel at TLS 5pm Lenten Dinner 6:30pm Lent Worship 7:15pm FIRE Youth Group 7:15pm 1st-Year Conf.	<b>2</b> Matthew 4:1-11 10:30am Bible Study 6:30pm Choir Rehearsal	<b>3</b> John 11	<b>4</b> Proverbs 31 5pm Worship w/Communion
National Lutheran Schools Week – Feb 27 – March 4						
<b>5</b> Psalm 110 <b>MITE BOX SUNDAY</b> 8 & 10:30am Worship 9:30am Sunday School & Adult Bible Class	<b>6</b> John 12 11am-1pm Youth Lunch at TYM Square with CLDI 7pm Adult Class Begins	<b>7</b> Genesis 12:1-9 6am Men's Bible Study 9am Quilting 6:30pm Properties Mtg. 7pm Bible Study led by Pastor Zagel	<b>8</b> Romans 4:1-8, 13-17 8:30am Chapel at TLS 5pm Lenten Dinner 6:30pm Lent Worship 7:15pm FIRE Youth Group 7:15pm 1st-Year Conf.	<b>9</b> John 3:1-17 10:30am Bible Study 6:30pm Choir Rehearsal	<b>10</b> John 13	<b>11</b> Ecclesiastes 1 5pm Worship 6:30pm Trivia Night
<b>12</b> Psalm 111 <b>Daylight Saving Time Begins!</b> 8 & 10:30am Worship w/Communion 9:30am Sunday School & Adult Bible Class	<b>13</b> John 14 9am Circuit Pastors' Mtg. 11am-1pm Youth Lunch at TYM Square with CLDI 5:30pm Stewardship Mtg. 6:30pm Fellowship Mtg. 7pm Adult Class	<b>14</b> Exodus 17:1-7 6am Men's Bible Study 9am Quilting 6:30pm Cradle Roll Mtg. 7pm Bible Study led by Pastor Zagel	<b>15</b> Romans 5:1-8 8:30am Chapel at TLS 1pm Wrinkled Righteous Game Day 5pm Lenten Dinner 6:30pm Lent Worship 7:15pm FIRE Youth Group 7:15pm 1st-Year Conf.	<b>16</b> John 4:5-26 10:30am Bible Study 6:30pm Choir Rehearsal	<b>17</b> John 15	<b>18</b> Ecclesiastes 2 5pm Worship w/Communion
<b>19</b> Psalm 112 8 & 10:30am Worship 9:30am Toddler SS, Sunday School, & Adult Bible Class	<b>20</b> John 16 11am-1pm Youth Lunch at TYM Square with CLDI 7pm LWML Meeting 7pm Adult Class	<b>21</b> Isaiah 42:14-21 6am Men's Bible Study 9am Quilting 7pm Bible Study led by Pastor Zagel	<b>22</b> Ephesians 5:8-14 8:30am Chapel at TLS 5pm Lenten Dinner 6:30pm Lent Worship 7:15pm FIRE Youth Group 7:15pm 1st-Year Conf.	<b>23</b> John 9:1-41 10:30am Bible Study 6:30pm Choir Rehearsal	<b>24</b> John 17	<b>25</b> Ecclesiastes 3 5pm Worship 6pm Family Game Night at TYM
<b>26</b> Psalm 113 8 & 10:30am Worship w/Communion 9:30am Sunday School & Adult Bible Class	<b>27</b> John 18 11am-1pm Youth Lunch at TYM Square with CLDI 7pm Adult Class	<b>28</b> Ezekiel 37:1-14 6am Men's Bible Study 9am Quilting 9:00am Rock of Ages at Home @ Teccas' 5:30pm LFL at TYM 7pm Elders Mtg. 7pm Bible Study led by Pastor Zagel	<b>29</b> Romans 8:1-11 8:30am Chapel at TLS 5pm Lenten Dinner 6:30pm Lent Worship 7:15pm FIRE Youth Group 7:15pm 1st-Year Conf.	<b>30</b> John 11:1-45 10:30am Bible Study 6:30pm Choir Rehearsal	<b>31</b> John 19	<b>Church:</b> 406 245-3984 <b>School:</b> 406 656-1021 <b>Website:</b> www.trinitybillings.org



# Financial REPORT

January 2023 Finances		
Income		288,647
Expenses		168,715
<b>Net Margin</b>		<b>119,932</b>
2022-2023 Finances		
	<i>Actual</i>	<i>Target</i>
Offerings	612,813	610,622
Total Income	1,568,728	1,402,707
Total Expenses	1,375,948	1,391,042
<b>Net Margin</b>	<b>192,780</b>	<b>11,665</b>

## DEATHS

**Robert Weathermon** passed away on February 1. His service was held on February 10 with Rev. Daniel Keinath presiding.

**Janet Gurney** passed away on February 4. Her service was held on February 9 with Rev. Daniel Keinath presiding.

**Alice Adams** passed away on February 9. Her service will be held on March 10 with Rev. Daniel Keinath presiding.

**Barbara Granpre** passed away on February 13. No services will be held at Trinity Lutheran Church.

**Grace Swift** passed away on February 14. Her service was held on February 23 with Rev. Daniel Keinath presiding.

## TRANSFERS

**Scott Habener** transferred to Hope Lutheran Church, Billings, MT.



## LWML NEWS

**Meeting on March 20 at 7:00pm**

Opening Devotion: Cradle Roll Guild

Program: "Horses, Spirits, Healing" presented by Abby Oloff

Meeting Hostesses: Cradle Roll Guild

Church Service Greeters for March: Cradle Roll Guild



## WELCOME TO THE TRINITY FAMILY!

On February 12, we welcomed the following people into our midst:

**Wanda Baker**

**Drew & Christina Christiansen (David)**

**Mark Christiansen**

**Ron & Marti Jacobsen**

**Jayne Jares**

**Derrick Johnston**

**Geoff Koppes**

**Arthur & Christin Moreau (Paxtynne)**

**Russ & Evelyn Noennig**

**Chris Peter**

**Reilly Spence**

**Kathryn Work**

*We thank God that you are at Trinity and look forward to growing together in faith!*

# Special Events

FEBRUARY 27-MARCH 4

National Lutheran  
Schools Week

WEDNESDAYS, MARCH 1,  
8, 15, 22, & 29

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

MONDAY, MARCH 6 @ 7PM

New Adult Instruction  
Class Begins

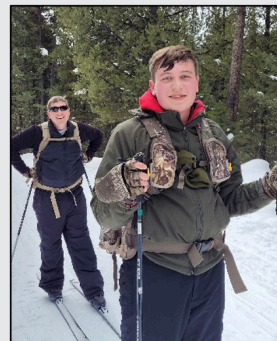
SATURDAY, MARCH 11 @ 6:30PM  
Trivia Night in Fellowship Hall

SUNDAY, MARCH 12  
Daylight Saving Time Begins

SATURDAY, MARCH 25 @ 6PM  
Family Game Night at TYM



## News



*Millions of memories for the 8th graders (and their parents)  
on Trinity School's 2023 Yellowstone Trip!*

*Knowing Christ and Making Him Known*