



Joyful Noise

APRIL 2023

A Message from Your Pastor...

Dear Family of God at Trinity,

"Knowing Christ and Making Him Known" summarizes the mission of Trinity Lutheran Church and School. On Easter Sunday, April 9th, we will fulfill this mission as we will celebrate Jesus' resurrection from the dead. It is a day full of hope, joy, and excitement as we rejoice in the life that Jesus has won for us. On the 9th, we will have an outdoor sunrise service at 6:30am (look for details inside this newsletter) in addition to our regular worship times of 8am and 10:30am at the church. During these worship services (and every worship service) we get to "know Christ" and all that He has done for us. But "Knowing Christ" is only half the mission: We don't keep what we know to ourselves; we make it known to others.

Consider the first women to the tomb on that first Easter. In Matthew 28, after the angel told them that Jesus was not in the tomb but had risen, he showed them the place where he lay. Then he said, *"Go quickly and tell his disciples that he has risen from the dead"* (v. 7). After learning what happened to Jesus, the women did what the angel instructed – they went and "made known" that Jesus was alive. In worship on Easter Sunday, we will hear (again) about Jesus' resurrection, and we will make it known by broadcasting the service through various avenues.

Although worship services do fulfill this mission, it would also be accurate to say that "Knowing Christ" happens through worship, and "Making Him Known" often happens outside of worship. Consider for example, some of the ways the Holy Spirit has used us to help "make Christ known" in the last month or so:

- Adult Instruction/New Member Class began
- *Money 101* classes that Trinity members help teach to people in Love INC's Transformational Ministry program

- The completion of Trinity's first year of financial support for St. John Lutheran Church & School in Uganda, totaling more than \$6000 (1/3 of their annual operational budget!)
- Weekly Bible Studies
- Helping people physically with food and/or spiritually with scripture and prayer
- Serving grieving families with a meal after a funeral
- Special school activities during National Lutheran Schools Week
- LaVie Early Pregnancy Services coin drive totaling \$1,204
- President Forke speaking in each classroom about God's enduring Word, and also encouraging students to go into church work
- Organ tuning (it's been more than 2 years... long story)
- Providing space for "Young Lives" to lead a weekly Bible Study for young/teen moms
- Serving high schoolers lunch on Mondays
- Sharing Jesus and teaching the faith with 300+ students and their families through the school
- And more...

I share this list of ministries at Trinity not to "pat ourselves on the back" – but to encourage you in sharing the hope we have in Jesus. It is a hope rooted in the death and resurrection of Jesus! Please join in the Easter celebration in worship – and then join us in "Making Christ Known" to people who need Jesus.

In Christ,

Pastor Keinath



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School NEWS



Richard Thomas
Principal of Trinity
Lutheran School

WHERE DID THE YEARS GO?

Greetings to the Easter season. This season is why we have a Christ-centered school. Let the Christ-filled learning continue! This picture is of Lindsay Cantwell (2001-2002), Jason Vandever (1997-1998), and Joe Magnuson (2001-2002). These three parents went on the Yellowstone trip this year. They are standing in front of the entry sign to Yellowstone. The last time they took their pictures there, they were on their class trip as eighth-grade students. Praise the Lord that we have been able to do this trip since the 1993-1994 school year. Wow! Maybe your picture will be next.



Youth NEWS



Cameron Heiliger
Director of Youth and
Parish Education

TRINITY LUTHERAN CAMP

Registration for Trinity Lutheran Camp in Bigfork, MT, opens on April 1! Head to trinitylutherancamp.org for more information about summer camps! Middle school and high school families, we want to help you get to camp this summer! Contact Cameron Heiliger for information about shared transportation and help with registration fees.

EASTER BRUNCH

Join us for Easter Brunch on Sunday, April 9! Our youth will once again be serving breakfast burritos, with all proceeds supporting our middle and high school youth who will be heading to camps and servant events at Trinity Camp in Bigfork this summer. If you'd like to pre-order burritos to take home, order forms are available in the church narthex, or you can call, text, or email Mr. Heiliger.

APRIL YOUTH EVENTS:

Saturday, April 15
Noon-2pm

Flicker "Minute to Win It"
at TYM Square

Saturday, April 15
2:30-4:30pm

Flame "Minute to Win It"
at TYM Square

Thursday, April 20
6:30pm

LaVie Laughs for Life
at Faith Chapel



**This year's Trivia Night
Champions - Team Anawanna!**
Thanks to everyone who joined
us to support our youth heading
to Trinity Camp in Bigfork
this summer!!



Youth, 5th grade and up, are invited to join us at Faith Chapel on Thursday, April 20 at 6:30pm for LaVie's Laughs for Life event! This is LaVie's annual fundraiser, but it's a free event for local youth groups. Tickets are limited; please contact Cameron Heiliger for more information.

VICTORY IN CHRIST!

Thursday, April 6, @ 6:30pm

Maundy Thursday Worship with Communion

Friday, April 7, @ 6:30pm

Good Friday Worship

Saturday, April 8, @ 5pm

Celebration Worship

Sunday, April 9, @ 6:30am

Easter Outdoor Sunrise Worship at 1416 Canyon Trail Drive in Lockwood

Sunday, April 9

Easter Worship with Communion at Trinity @ 8am and 10:30am

Easter Brunch in the Fellowship Hall at 9:30am



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
ACOLYTES: Saturday: Grace Keller Sun. 8:00: Kody Koepfel Sun. 10:30: Various Acolytes ALTAR DUTY: Shared Duty/Sallie Hildenburg						
Trinity Worship Services on Community 7 8am Sundays & 5pm Tuesdays						
2 Psalm 114 MITE BOX SUNDAY Palm Sunday 8 & 10:30am Worship Services 9:30am Sunday School/Cradle Roll Palm Sunday Celebration & Adult Bible Class	3 John 20 7pm Adult Class	4 Isaiah 50:4-9 9am Quilting 6:30pm Cradle Roll Mtg 7pm Bible Study led by Pastor Zigel	5 Philippians 2:5-11 8:30am Chapel at TLS 1pm Kitchen Guild Meeting Noon Dismissal at TLS!	6 John 12:20-43 6:30pm Maunder Thursday Worship w/ Communion Easter Break at TLS – No School	7 John 21 6:30pm Good Friday Worship	8 Ecclesiastes 5 10am Altar Guild Work Day 5pm Celebration Worship w/ communion
9 Psalm 115 EASTER 6:30am Easter Sunrise Service @ 1416 Canyon Trail Drive in Lockwood 8 & 10:30am Worship w/ Communion 9:30am Easter Brunch	10 Mark 1 Church Office Closed No School at TLS 6pm Fellowship Mtg	11 Acts 10:34-43 6am Men's Bible Study 9am Quilting 6:30pm Properties Mtg 7pm Bible Study led by Pastor Zigel	12 Colossians 3:1-4 8:30am Chapel at TLS 6:30pm Fire Youth Group	13 Matthew 28:1-10 10:30am Bible Study 6:30 pm Choir Rehearsal	14 Mark 2	15 Ecclesiastes 6 5pm Worship with Communion Noon-2pm Flicker 2:30-4:30pm Flame
16 Psalm 116 8 & 10:30am Worship Services 9:30am Toddler SS, Sunday School & Adult Bible Class	17 Mark 3 7pm LWML Meeting 7pm Adult Class	18 Acts 5:29-42 6am Men's Bible Study 9am Quilting 7pm Bible Study led by Pastor Zigel	19 1 Peter 1:3-9 8:30am Chapel at TLS 1pm Wrinkled Righteous Game Day 6:30pm Fire Youth Group	20 John 20:19-31 10:30am Bible Study 6pm Council Meeting 6:30pm Choir 6:30pm LaVie Laughs for Life	21 Mark 4	22 Ecclesiastes 7 8:30am-5pm LWML SE Zone Spring Rally 5pm Worship
23 Psalm 117 8 & 10:30am Worship w/ Communion 9:30am Sunday School & Adult Bible Class	24 Mark 5 7pm Adult Class	25 Acts 2:14a, 36-41 6am Men's Bible Study 9am Quilting 9am Rock of Ages at Home at Teccas' 5:30pm LFL at TYM 7pm Elder's Mtg 7pm Bible Study led by Pastor Zigel	26 1 Peter 1:17-25 8:30am Chapel at TLS 6:30pm Fire Youth Group	27 Luke 24:13-35 10:30am Bible Study 6:30 pm Choir Rehearsal	28 Mark 6	29 Ecclesiastes 8 5pm Worship
30 Psalm 118 8 & 10:30am Worship Services 9:30am Sunday School & Adult Bible Class	Church: 406 245-3984 School: 406 656-1021 Website: www.trinitybillings.org					



Financial REPORT

February 2023 Finances		
Income	257,038	
Expenses	188,936	
<i>Net Margin</i>	<i>68,102</i>	
2022-2023 Finances		
	<i>Actual</i>	<i>Target</i>
Offerings	683,374	693,119
Total Income	1,841,784	1,603,094
Total Expenses	1,564,865	1,589,762
<i>Net Margin</i>	<i>276,919</i>	<i>13,332</i>

BAPTISMS

Aubree Grace Knuckles was born on February 28 to Roger & Melissa Knuckles. She was baptized on March 19 at Trinity Lutheran Church by Rev. Daniel Keinath.

NEW MEMBERS

Natalie Mary St. John was confirmed on February 5, 2023.

Robbin & Sandy Hagen became members of Trinity Lutheran Church through Affirmation of Faith.

Edward Ostlund transferred to Trinity Lutheran Church from Peace Lutheran Church in Great Falls, MT.

May your
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LWML NEWS

Meeting on March 17 at 7:00pm

Opening Devotion: World Friendship Guild

Program: Bible Study from "Chosen"

Meeting Hostesses: World Friendship Guild

Church Service Greeters for April: World Friendship Guild

SOUTHEASTERN ZONE SPRING RALLY

The Southeastern Zone Spring Rally will be held at Trinity Lutheran Church, Billings, on April 22. Registration begins at 8:30am. Lunch will be provided. The ingathering collected will be used eye glasses, and gift cards for Walmart, Target, or Kohls. These items will be taken to the LWML National Convention in Milwaukee, WI, on June 22-25, 2023.

SECRETARY BLESSINGS

God has tremendously blessed us through Debbie Hartford and her service as church secretary for the past 5 years. Debbie is preparing to retire, and her last day in the office will be Friday, April 7. *You are invited to join us for a brief recognition for Debbie (including cake) before Bible Study on Sunday, April 2, at 9:30am.* There will also be a basket for farewell cards at this gathering. Please take a minute to share your appreciation with Debbie and wish her well as she wraps up her time as secretary at Trinity. We thank God for providing Angie Ebel as our new church secretary! Angie is currently teaching middle school and is committed to finishing the school year, so she will not



start her role at Trinity until June 5. During the interim, some wonderfully familiar faces will be filling in as Connie Klundt and Samantha Duncan have agreed to serve in April and May. We are truly blessed to have so many wonderful and capable people serving the Lord at Trinity!

Special Events

SUNDAY, APRIL 2

Palm Sunday Worship @ 8am & 10:30am

THURSDAY, APRIL 6

Maundy Thursday Worship @ 6:30pm

FRIDAY, APRIL 7

Good Friday Worship @ 6:30pm

SATURDAY, APRIL 8

Easter Celebration Worship @ 5pm

SUNDAY, APRIL 9

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

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 19

Wrinkled Righteous Game Day @ 1pm

THURSDAY, APRIL 20

LaVie Laughs for Life Event @ 6:30pm

SATURDAY, APRIL 22

LWML Zone Rally from 8:30am-5pm



News



SENIOR PASTOR CALL UPDATE

In preparation for calling our next Senior Pastor, the Call Committee and church staff have completed the initial draft of the Congregational Self-Study. This document is available in the narthex and church office for those who are interested. We encourage members to look it over and prayerfully consider the ministry that God has called us to at Trinity. Any questions or feedback regarding the self-study should be directed to Rev. Zagel. The Call Committee is now receiving nominations for Senior Pastor. Nomination forms can be picked up in the narthex and should be turned in to the church office before April 17. Our District President will also assist us in gathering names and information to consider. We ask the Lord to continue to guide us in this process as we look to Him in faith!

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