



Joyful Noise

FEBRUARY 2021

A Message from Your Pastor...

Dear Friends of Trinity,

Pastors have a lot of opportunities to talk to people about their faith and their relationship with the Lord. They also have the privilege of helping people work through their doubts. Doubts are often expressed in questions like these: **"Is my faith big enough?" "Have I been sincerely sorry for my sins?" "Do you think I'm strong enough to stay with Jesus to the end?"** Some quick answers to these questions could be **"No," "Probably not,"** and **"I don't think so!"**

Of course, we pastors would never leave it at that, nor would we be too quick in our response. As a pastor, I try to step back and consider the source of the doubts. Questions like the ones above usually indicate that the focus of these dear people is on the wrong place. Do you see? They're focusing on themselves. They're looking at their faith, their sincerity, and their strength. Whenever we do that, we're sure to have doubts!

Instead, pastors have the privilege of pointing people to the object of their faith. We can do this by asking questions like these: **"Is Jesus big enough?" "Were you baptized in God's name for the forgiveness of your sins?" "Is your Savior strong enough to keep you in His hands to the end?"**

The answer to these questions are: **"Yes!" "Yes!" Yes!"**

Read Hebrews 12:2 for the right focus: **"Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy set before Him endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God."**

Jesus, the source of our salvation, gives us the assurance and confidence we need when we are facing doubts. He is the source of our faith, and He will keep us in faith through His Word of peace and promise.

Yes, focus on Jesus when doubts come, or any kind of trouble for that matter. Be it fears, burdens, temptations, conflicts, sickness or whatever, we fix our eyes on Jesus!

In His service and yours,

Pastor Dan Rinderknecht



Knowing Christ and Making Him Known

School and YOUTH NEWS



TRIP 26

Greetings from Trinity Lutheran School. Let's go down memory lane. This February, the eighth grade class will go on their Yellowstone trip adventure. This will be the 26th time we have taken this trip. See if any of these names ring a bell with you. Our first group to attempt this trip was in 1994. Richard Delzer, Lindsay Gonitzke, Angela Hansen, Kevin Hein, Kimberly Kern, Ben Sanford, Derek Sinz, Matt Speed, Jonathan Stark, Jason Tapp, Becky Thompson, Jamie Young, Michelle Crago, Amber Grunst, Adam Hatzell, Chandlebray Hein, Philip Root, Sara Townsend, Kathy Walsh, and Bill Crago. If I missed any names, please let me know. We will let you know how this year's trip turns out. Please keep the class in your prayers for a great, safe week.

-Richard Thomas, *Principal of Trinity Lutheran School*



YOUTH NEWS

Dear Friends!

Something about this month's newsletter article seems normal for the first time in nearly a year. I've got information to share about summer trips, Butter Braids, and youth activities!

God's Blessings as we look ahead to all He has in store for us!

-Cameron Heiliger,
Director of Youth & Parish Education

YOUTH EVENTS FOR FEB:

FLICKER

Saturday, February 13
10:00 am - Noon
Escape Room

FLAME

Saturday, February 13
1:00 - 3:00 pm
Escape Room

FIRE

Friday, February 19
6:00 - 9:00 pm
Mystery Dinner



SUMMER TRIPS!

You read that right, TRIPS. In the coming months, we will begin looking ahead to our youth trips for this summer AND next summer. At our January meeting, the Youth Board decided to pursue an in-state trip for this summer. Over the next few weeks, I will be in contact with some of the other LCMS congregations around the state to come up with a plan. We are also beginning to gear up for the next LCMS Youth Gathering which will be in July 2022, in Houston. WE WILL HAVE AN INFORMATIONAL MEETING FOR BOTH TRIPS ON SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 13, AT 4:00 PM AT TYM SQUARE.

BUTTER BRAIDS ARE BACK!

The Youth will be selling Butter Braids February 14-March 14, with delivery scheduled sometime during the week of March 22-26. Be on the lookout for more information concerning purchasing.



KINDERGARTEN EXPLORATION

TRINITY LUTHERAN SCHOOL

2802 BELVEDERE DR. - BILLINGS

www.trinitybillings.org

Thursday, February 11, @ 6:30pm

For parents of prospective kindergarten children

Please contact Sara Reintsma at 406.671.0651 if you will need childcare provided.

At Trinity Lutheran School, we truly believe that a quality, Christ-centered education is one of the greatest gifts we can give our children. Come and see why Trinity is a great place for your child to grow academically, spiritually, and relationally!



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Church: 245-3984 School: 656-1021 Website: www.trinitybillings.org	1 <i>Matthew 16</i> 7pm Adult Class	2 <i>Deuteronomy 18:15-20</i> 9am Quilting 6:30pm Youth Bd. Mtg. Properties Bd. Mtg. 7pm Bible Study led by Rev. Zagel	3 <i>1 Corinthians 8:1-13</i> 1pm Visitation Guild Kitchen Guild 2:15pm Chapel at TLS 6:30pm First Year Conf. 6:30pm FIRE Youth Group 8pm Men's B-ball @ TLS	4 <i>Mark 1:21-28</i> 10:30am Bible Study 7pm Choir Rehearsal	5 <i>Matthew 17</i>	6 <i>Psalms 106</i> 5pm Worship w/Communion
7 <i>Psalms 107</i> MITE BOX SUNDAY 8 & 10:30am Worship Staff Recognition at the 8am service 9:30am Special Voters' Meeting Sunday School & Adult Bible Study	8 <i>Matthew 18</i> Pastors' Circuit Meeting 5:30pm Stewardship Mtg 6:30pm Evangelism Mtg. 6:30pm Fellowship Bd. Mtg.	9 <i>Isaiah 40:21-31</i> 9am Quilting 6pm Cradle Roll Mtg. 6:30pm Board of Ed Mtg 7pm Bible Study led by Rev. Zagel	10 <i>1 Corinthians 9:16-27</i> 8:30am Chapel at TLS 6:30pm First Year Conf. 6:30pm FIRE Youth Group 8pm Men's B-ball @ TLS	11 <i>Mark 1:29-39</i> 10:30am Bible Study Noon Love INC Lunch 6pm PPC Meeting 6:30pm Kindergarten Exploration at TLS 7pm Choir Rehearsal	12 <i>Matthew 19</i>	13 <i>Psalms 108</i> 5pm Worship
14 <i>Psalms 109</i> Valentine's Day 8 & 10:30am Worship w/Communion New Member Recognition at the 10:30am Service 9:30am Sunday School & Adult Bible Class	15 <i>Matthew 20</i>	16 <i>2 Kings 2:1-12</i> 9am Quilting 7pm Bible Study led by Rev. Zagel	17 <i>2 Cor. 3:12-18; 4:1-6</i> Ash Wednesday 8:30am Chapel at TLS 6:30pm Ash Wed. Service with Communion 7:15pm FIRE Youth Group 8pm Men's B-ball @ TLS	18 <i>Mark 9:2-9</i> 10:30am Bible Study 7pm Choir Rehearsal	19 <i>Matthew 21</i> LWML District Board Meeting at Trinity Lutheran Church	20 <i>Psalms 110</i> LWML District Board Meeting at TLC 5pm Worship w/Communion
8th Grade Trip to Yellowstone National Park						
21 <i>Psalms 111</i> 8 & 10:30am Worship 9:30am Sunday School, Toddler SS & Adult Bible Class	22 <i>Matthew 22</i> No School at TLS	23 <i>Genesis 22:1-18</i> 9am Quilting 4pm LFL at Mount Olive 7pm Lay Ministry Mtg 7pm Bible Study led by Rev. Zagel	24 <i>James 1:12-18</i> 8:30am Chapel at TLS 6:30pm Lenten Service 7:15pm First Year Conf. FIRE Youth Group 8pm Men's B-ball @ TLS	25 <i>Mark 1:9-15</i> 10:30am Bible Study 7pm Choir Rehearsal	26 <i>Matthew 23</i>	27 <i>Psalms 112</i> 5pm Worship
28 <i>Psalms 113</i> 8 & 10:30am Worship w/Communion 9:30am Sunday School & Adult Bible Class	LAY MINISTERS: Saturday: Clayton Scheafer Sun. 8:00: Amie Schultz Sun. 10:30: Ed Livingston					
ALTAR DUTY: Sheryl Scheafer & Deb White						Trinity Worship Services on Community 7 8am Sundays & 5pm Tuesdays

Financial REPORT

December Finances		
Income		276,693
Expenses		184,622
Net Margin		92,071
2020-2021 Finances		
	<i>Actual</i>	<i>Target</i>
Offerings	512,256	522,623
Total Income	1,081,918	1,006,047
Total Expenses	1,010,252	1,006,047
Net Margin	71,666	0
Phase I Completion Drive (Goal of \$325,000 to Pay Off Loan)		
Gifts and Pledges (through January)		\$312,676
Remaining Needed to Complete		\$ 12,324

God's blessings continue to flow to and through us at Trinity! We entered December about \$50,000 behind our year-to-date giving goal, but December was the largest month for offerings in the history of our congregation! This not only allowed us to meet our robust giving goal for the month, but it also put us back on track for the year. Thank you to everyone who responded to the request to help us close the gap!

We are also excited to announce that we are extremely close to paying off our Phase 1 Expansion loan. This was originally a \$2.7M project, and as of today, we only have \$12,324 remaining to close the books on it. *Praise God, from Whom all blessing flow!*



Lutheran
Women
in Mission

LWML NEWS

No meeting in February. We continue to collect mites and regular offerings for LWML. Please mail them to Treasurer Deb White, at 123 38th St. West, 59102. May the Lord continue to bless each of you.

SPECIAL VOTERS' MEETING

On Sunday, February 7, at 9:30am, we will have a very brief, single-item Voters' Meeting. The sole purpose of this meeting will be to respond to the Synod's request that the Synodical Convention, which is held every three years, be delayed from the summer of 2022 to the summer of 2023. This will allow District Conventions, which are also held every three years, to also be moved back a year (from 2021 to 2022) in response to the pandemic. Because the Synod has asked congregations to respond by mid-February, we will take a few minutes to vote on this before we begin Bible Study. If you'd like additional information, please visit <https://www.lcms.org/convention>.



STAFF APPRECIATION

Greetings to everyone from the church and school staff. We want to thank everyone for the gifts at Christmas. We are so blessed by our families. This has been a hard year for a lot of us. The caring and sharing for our families really was greatly appreciated. The Lord provides us with opportunities to serve Him each day. It is always a true blessing to know that our families are so supportive. We look forward to serving you in 2021.

ADDRESS CHANGES

Richard and Amy King
5055 County Road 605
Burleson, TX 76028

Correction:
Carolyn Rukavina
1400 West 21st Ave., Apt. 12
Mitchell, SD 57301

BAPTISMS

Levi Maureen Wahl, daughter of Nathan and Kara Wahl, was baptized by Rev. Daniel Rinderknecht on Tuesday, December 22.

2021 OFFERING ENVELOPES

The new offering envelopes are ready for pickup in the Preschool classroom by the Sanctuary. If your envelopes are not there, please call the church office at 245-3984. Thank you!



Special Events

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 7

Staff Recognition @ 8am Service
Voters' Meeting @ 9:30am

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 11

6:30pm
Kindergarten Exploration
(for Parents) at TLS

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 14

10:30am
Reception of New Members

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 17

6:30pm
Ash Wednesday Worship

FRIDAY & SATURDAY, FEB 19 & 20
LWML District Board Meeting at Trinity

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 24

6:30pm
Lenten Worship



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PLANS FOR LENT

On February 17, Ash Wednesday will mark the beginning of Lent. This year we will have mid-week Lenten worship services each Wednesday at 6:30pm. These in-person services will also be live-streamed at www.trinitybillings.org for those who cannot attend. There will not be dinners offered before the midweek services, but members are welcome to pick-up dinner at a local restaurant and eat it in the Fellowship Hall if they would like. We look forward to this time of reflection and Easter preparation!

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