



Joyful Noise

FEBRUARY 2023

A Message from Your Pastor...

Dear Friends of Trinity,

“The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all” (2 Corinthians 13:14).

This is the last verse of St. Paul’s second letter to the Corinthians. We know these words as the “Pauline Benediction.” With these words St. Paul is bidding farewell to his brothers and sisters of the Corinthian congregation.

As I write this, my last Pastor’s message for the church newsletter, I use these words as my farewell to you as pastor. The time of my retirement is rapidly approaching as February 19 is my last Sunday as your pastor. Words fail to express my gratitude for all the blessings I have received over the years from the Lord and from you, His people. It has been an amazing honor and privilege to have been with you here at Trinity for almost 20 years! My prayer for each and every one of you is that God would bless you with His grace, love, and fellowship that will take you all the way into the eternity of His glorious Kingdom!

“The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ... be with you.” Remember, dear friends, that it is all by God’s grace – His “undeserved favor” – that we are saved. As I have often said, “Grace is getting what we don’t deserve.” We don’t deserve forgiveness, life, and salvation. Instead we deserve God’s wrath and rejection. But by the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ we have forgiveness, life, salvation, peace, joy, and love! My prayer is that you always live in His grace!

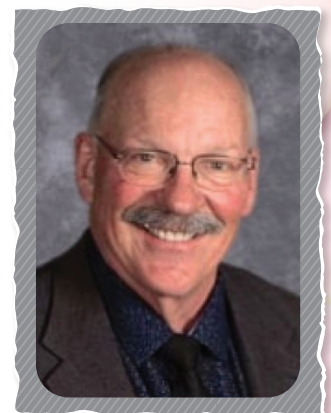
“The love of God... be with you.” Remember the Father’s love for us. He loved us so much that He sent His Son for us (John 3:16). Sometimes when we go through difficult times we are tempted to think that God doesn’t really love us or care about us. Such temptations come from the Old Evil Foe! Don’t believe Satan’s lies. God is love and He wants to love us forever! So rest in His love for you!

“And the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.” Remember that the Holy Spirit is also known as the Comforter! Yes, He is God, the Comforter, Who strengthens our faith and gives us peace and hope. The Lord has wonderful plans for you and for Trinity Lutheran Church and School! Plans to bless and prosper. This is how God has been for us so far and He will certainly continue in His goodness to us!

Finally, dear friends of Trinity, I love you all! Though I am retiring and I will stop being a pastor of Trinity, I will remain your brother in Christ. The Lord has blessed us with a relationship of being members of the body of Christ and He promises that we will have an eternal fellowship in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Dear friends, farewell!

In His service and yours,
Pastor Dan Rinderknecht



Knowing Christ and Making Him Known

School NEWS



Richard Thomas
Principal of Trinity
Lutheran School

A NEW YEAR...

Greetings as we make our way into the new year. Wow, the days just seem to be flying by us. We will begin the process of enrollment for the 2023-24 school year. We will be saying good bye to our church secretary. It seems like Deb just started. We will be celebrating Pastor Rinderknecht's ministry. Sometimes these kinds of things can cause us to worry. Then, we remind ourselves that He is in charge. Our Lord already has picked out His people who will serve us for the next season of ministry. Trinity Lutheran Church has always followed the path that our Lord has called us to follow. These are exciting times as we go forward and see what He has planned for our ministry. God's blessings of peace and calm as we go forward.

Youth NEWS



Cameron Heiliger
Director of Youth and
Parish Education

Butter Braids are back!! From **Wednesday, February 22, through Sunday, March 19**, Trinity's youth will be selling Butter Braids. Every pastry sold helps support our youth who will be participating in summer trips. This year, your Butter Braid purchase can have an even bigger impact as we expand our sales to include our middle schoolers! Students who will be in 5th-8th grade next year will be joining in to help with sales as they raise funds to help cover transportation and other costs related to attending summer camp at Trinity Lutheran Camp in Bigfork! As always, high school students will be raising funds for their summer servant event trip! So, buy a pastry (or 5) and know that your purchase helps us to make Christ known in the lives of our youth and the people they will serve this summer!

**MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR TRIVIA NIGHT:
SATURDAY, MARCH 11, at 6:30PM!!**

IMPORTANT YOUTH DATES:

Saturday, February 18
Flicker (5th-6th)
Noon-2 PM at TYM Square

Saturday, February 18
Flame (7th-8th)
2:30-4:30 PM at TYM Square

Wednesday, February 22
NO YOUTH GROUP
Ash Wednesday

Wednesday, February 22
Butter Braid Sales Begin!!





The Congregation of Trinity Lutheran
Church invites you to join us in the

*Celebration of
Reverend Daniel Rinderknecht's
Ministry Retirement*

Sunday, February 19th 2023
Celebration Dinner at 12:30pm
Celebration Program to follow



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Billings, MT 59102

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
ACOLYTES: Saturday: Noah Boll Sun., 8:00: Brody Ouzts Sun., 10:30: Solai Blakesley ALTAR DUTY: Pam Kercher and Deb White						
Trinity Worship Services on Community 7 8am Sundays & 5pm Tuesdays						
5 <i>Psalm 106</i> MITE BOX SUNDAY 8 & 10:30am Worship 9:30am Sunday School & Adult Bible Class	6 <i>John 4</i> 11am-1pm Youth Lunch at TYM Square with CLDI	7 <i>Isaiah 58:3-9a</i> 6am Men's Bible Study 9am Quilting 6:30pm Cradle Roll Mtg. 6:30pm Youth Mtg.	8 <i>1 Corinthians. 2:1-16</i> 8:30am Chapel at TLS 6:30 pm FIRE Youth Group 6:30pm 1st-Year Conf.	9 <i>Matthew 5:13-20</i> 10:30am Bible Study 6:00pm Council Meeting 6:30pm Choir Rehearsal	10 <i>John 5</i>	11 <i>Proverbs 28</i> 5pm Worship
12 <i>Psalm 107</i> 8 & 10:30am Worship w/Communion New Member Welcome 9:30am Sunday School & Adult Bible Class	13 <i>John 6</i> 9am Circuit Pastors' Mtg at Trinity, Billings 11am-1pm Youth Lunch at TYM Square with CLDI 6:30pm Fellowship Mtg.	14 <i>Deut. 30:15-20</i> 6am Men's Bible Study 9am Quilting	15 <i>1 Corinthians. 3:1-9</i> 8:30am Chapel at TLS 1pm Wrinkled Righteous Game Day 6:30 pm FIRE Youth Group 6:30pm 1st-Year Conf.	16 <i>Matthew 5:21-37</i> 10:30am Bible Study 6:30pm Choir Rehearsal	17 <i>John 7</i>	18 <i>Proverbs 29</i> Noon Flicker Youth Group 2:30pm Flame Youth Group 5pm Worship w/Communion
19 <i>Psalm 108</i> 8 & 10:30am Worship 9:30am Sunday School & Adult Bible Class 12:30 Retirement Celebration for Pastor Rinderknecht at TLS	20 <i>John 8</i> 11am-1pm Youth Lunch at TYM Square with CLDI 1pm LWML Meeting	21 <i>Exodus 24:8-18</i> 6am Men's Bible Study 9am Quilting	22 <i>2 Peter 1:16-21</i> ASH WEDNESDAY 8:30am Chapel at TLS 5pm Lenten Dinner 6:30pm Ash Wednesday Worship w/Communion	23 <i>Matthew 17:1-9</i> 10:30am Bible Study 6:30pm Choir Rehearsal	24 <i>John 9</i>	25 <i>Proverbs 30</i> 5pm Worship Grades K – 8 TLS children sing at Trinity Lutheran Church
26 <i>Psalm 109</i> 8 & 10:30am Worship w/Communion 9:30am Sunday School & Adult Bible Classes	27 <i>John 10</i> 11am-1pm Youth Lunch at TYM Square with CLDI	28 <i>Genesis 3:1-21</i> 6am Men's Bible Study 9am Quilting 9am Rock of Ages at Home @ Tecca's 5:30pm LFL Meeting 7pm Elders' Mtg.	ELDERS: Saturday: Brent Carstens Sun., 8:00: Arnie Schultz Sun., 10:30: Rob Reeves			
National Lutheran Schools Week – Feb 27-March 4						
Church Phone: 245-3984 School Phone: 656-1021 Website: www.trinitybillings.org						

Financial REPORT

November 2022 Finances		
Income	210,932	
Expenses	192,726	
<i>Net Margin</i>	<i>18,206</i>	
2022-2023 Finances		
	<i>Actual</i>	<i>Target</i>
Offerings	343,044	360,822
Total Income	1,065,026	1,001,934
Total Expenses	998,559	993,601
<i>Net Margin</i>	<i>66,467</i>	<i>8,333</i>

2022 Offering Statements that were not picked up from the church in January were mailed out on Tuesday, January 31. If you have not already received yours, it should be arriving shortly.

NEW MEMBERS

Ron and Marti Jacobsen

Transferred from: Emmaus Lutheran Church, Livingston, MT

BAPTISMS

Layne Noelle Richardson was born on December 19, 2022, to Brady & Abbie Richardson and baptized by Rev. Daniel Rinderknecht on January 21, 2023.

TRANSFER/ADDRESS CHANGE

Neil and Carolyn Munsell

Transferred to: Living Water Lutheran Church in Dillon, MT



LWML NEWS

Meeting on Monday, February 20, at 1:00pm

Opening Devotion: Altar Guild

Program: Lesson #8 "Where Love Abides" led by Pastor Keinath

Meeting Hostesses: Altar Guild

Church Service Greeters for February: Altar Guild



We thank God for keeping the workers safe as they climbed 40-foot ladders to paint our church. They did a fantastic job and the sanctuary looks beautiful!

Special Events

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 12

Reception of New Members

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 15

Wrinkled Righteous Game Day @ 1pm

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 18

Flicker @ Noon

Flame @ 2:30pm

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 19

Retirement Celebration for Pastor
Rinderknecht

12:30pm at Trinity School

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 22

Lenten Dinner @ 5pm

Ash Wednesday Worship @ 6:30pm

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 25

Trinity School Kids Sing @ 5pm Worship

FEBRUARY 27 – MARCH 4

National Lutheran Schools Week at TLS



News

2023-2024 SCHOOL ENROLLMENT

Opens February 1 for
Preschool through 8th grade

*"Where children are
in God's Word and
experience His love
each and every day."*

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