



Joyful Noise

JANUARY 2023

A Message from Your Pastor...

Dear Friends of Trinity,

A happy and blessed New Year to you all in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord! Once again, the Lord has blessed us to be able to start another year in His name. Let me remind you that January 1st is not only New Year's Day, but also in the church calendar it is the "Naming of Jesus." As God's people we begin each year in the name of Jesus! Luke 2:21: **"And at the end of eight days (December 25th through January 1st equals 8 days), when he was circumcised, he was called Jesus, the name given by the angel before he was conceived in the womb."**

As you know, my time of retirement is coming closer. My last weekend as pastor of Trinity will be on Transfiguration Sunday, February 19, 2023. I want to thank all who have expressed their thanks, support, and congratulations to me. I thank God and continue to thank Him for the privilege of serving God's people over all these years in Jesus' name! Lately, my thoughts have been on the many blessings, opportunities for growth, and service that the Lord has given me by His grace. Praise be His Holy Name!

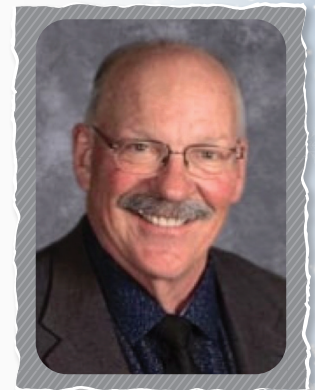
I have also reflected on the amazing blessing of getting to know so many names over almost 40 years of active ministry. I haven't tried to count them, but I know that the number is in the thousands. Over the years people have commented and questioned me about names. "How can you remember all of those names?" This topic comes up at the receiving line in church after the service: "Pastor, you know everyone's names! How do you do it?" Only with God's help and the example of other pastors I have known. Years ago I asked a pastor who was obviously good with names, "Do you know every one of your members by name?" He looked at me with some surprise and said, "Of course I do: I'm their pastor!"

Jesus, the Good Pastor (*shepherd* is the meaning of the word pastor), said, "I know my sheep!" (John 10). With God's help, I have tried to remember the names of the sheep Jesus has placed under my care. The Lord has blessed me with a good memory for names. (Pastor Keinath has a good memory for names, too!) Of course, the point is that every name stands for a person, who is precious in God's sight.

I have been trying to visit and connect with as many people as possible in these last weeks of my ministry here at Trinity. I am reaching out to people who have moved away, either geographically or in other ways. My goal is to do everything possible to care for all of these precious people. The ultimate goal is that their relationship with Jesus would continue to grow and be strengthened.

God bless each of you dear friends in Christ! I will cherish the time that we still have together before my retirement. And after my retirement, I expect we will meet up from time to time. But our relationship in Jesus will never end because God has promised us eternal life together in heaven for the sake of Jesus' name! **"And there is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved"** (Acts 4:12).

In His service and yours,
Pastor Dan Rinderknecht



Knowing Christ and Making Him Known

School NEWS



Richard Thomas
*Principal of Trinity
Lutheran School*

WHAT IS NEXT?

Greetings to you in the new year! People today seem to be wondering “What is next?” Our world continues to change, and not in a good way. We worry about inflation. We worry about our savings. We worry about our jobs. We worry about gas prices. The list goes on and on. We have just celebrated Christmas, which answers all of those concerns. Christ has control of what really matters in our lives. Sometimes, I let my doubt get in the way. Jesus came to earth to cover our sins. He has earned us a home with Him. Problems and concerns will come and go, but His love and mercy will last forever. So, in the coming year, let those questions and worries take a back seat as we celebrate His birth, His life, and His victory. May we all be blessed in the year ahead.

Youth NEWS



Cameron Heiliger
*Director of Youth and
Parish Education*

JANUARY YOUTH EVENT DATES:

Saturday, January 7, from 1:00-6:00pm	1st Year Confirmation Retreat
Wednesday, January 18, at 5:30pm	High School Summer Trip information meeting (8th graders and up are invited to attend)
Saturday, January 21, from noon-2pm	Flicker (5th-6th Grade): Sledding at Pioneer (weather permitting)
Saturday, January 21, from 2:30-4:30pm	Flame (7th-8th Grade): Sledding at Pioneer (weather permitting)
Sunday, January 22, at noon	Middle School Summer Camp information meeting at TYM Square

*Happy
New Year*

MERRY CHRISTMAS FROM TRINITY YOUTH MINISTRY!!

Youth groups and Sunday School students had a blast celebrating Christmas together this year!



New Love INC Classes beginning on Monday, January 9!

Come learn about our Classes and Incentives Program!

Money 101 at 6:00 pm — This class teaches the basics of finance, including budgeting, banking, using credit, and saving money. The goal is to achieve financial freedom through sound money management. This is typically a 6-7 week course.

Trailguide at 6:00 pm — A long-term, in-depth mentoring program to help you in your faith walk.

Affirming Potential at 7:00 pm — This 12-week group class focuses on evaluating the physical, emotional, relational, and spiritual areas of life. Participants learn how to use the AP Dream Tool to help set and achieve goals to live out their God-given potential.

Boundaries at 7:00 pm — This class will help you develop healthy physical, mental, emotional, and spiritual boundaries in your life.

Classes are held each Monday at the Billings Vineyard Church:
1413 Rosebud Lane, Billings, MT 59101.
Please use the lower level entrance from the lower parking lot.



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 <i>Psalm 101</i> Mite Box Sunday 10:00am New Year's Day Worship 11:00am De-decorating & donuts	2 <i>Luke 18</i> Church Office Closed No School at TLS 5:30pm Stewardship Mtg.	3 <i>Numbers 6:22-27</i> 9am Quilting 6:30pm Youth Mtg. Properties Mtg 7pm Bible Study led by Pastor Zagel	4 <i>Galatians 3:23-29</i> 1pm Kitchen Guild 2:15pm Chapel at TLS 6:30pm FIRE Youth Group 6:30pm 1st-Year Confirmation Begins	5 <i>Luke 2:21</i> 10:30am Bible Study 6:30pm Choir Rehearsal <div>Manitoba Mission – Winter Trip Jan. 5-10</div>	6 <i>Luke 19</i>	7 <i>Proverbs 23</i> 10am LWML Exec Board Planning Meeting 5pm Worship w/Communion 1-6pm First Year Confirmation Retreat
8 <i>Psalm 102</i> 8 & 10:30am Worship w/Communion Installation of LWML Officers 9:30am Sunday School & Adult Bible Class	9 <i>Luke 20</i> 9am Pastors' Circuit Mtg. 11am-1pm Youth Lunch at TYM Square with CLDI 7pm Adult Class	10 <i>Isaiah 42:1-9</i> 6am Men's Bible Study 9am Quilting 6:30pm Cradle Roll Mtg. 7pm Congregational Mtg. with Pres. Forke 7pm Bible Study led by Pastor Zagel	11 <i>Romans 6:1-11</i> 8:30am Chapel at TLS 6:30pm FIRE Youth Group 6:30pm 1st-Year Conf.	12 <i>Matthew 3:13-17</i> 10:30am Bible Study Noon Love INC lunch 6:30pm Choir Rehearsal	13 <i>Luke 21</i>	14 <i>Proverbs 24</i> 5pm Worship Staff Recognition
Manitoba Mission – Winter Trip Jan. 5-10						
15 <i>Psalm 103</i> 8 & 10:30am Worship 9:30am Toddler SS, Sunday School, & Adult Bible Class	16 <i>Luke 22</i> 11am-1pm Youth Lunch at TYM Square with CLDI 1pm LWML Meeting 7pm Adult Class	17 <i>Isaiah 49:1-7</i> 6am Men's Bible Study 9am Quilting 7pm Bible Study led by Rev. Zagel	18 <i>1 Corinthians 1:1-9</i> 8:30am Chapel at TLS 1pm Wrinkled Righteous Game Day 5:30pm H.S. Summer Trip Informational Meeting 6:30pm FIRE Youth Group 6:30pm 1st-Year Conf.	19 <i>John 1:29-42a</i> 10:30am Bible Study 6pm Council Meeting 6:30pm Choir Rehearsal	20 <i>Luke 23</i>	21 <i>Proverbs 25</i> Noon Flicker – Sledding @ Pioneer 2:30pm Flame – Sledding @ Pioneer 5pm Worship w/Communion
22 <i>Psalm 104</i> 8 & 10:30am Worship w/Communion 9:30am Sunday School & Adult Bible Class Noon Middle School Summer Camp Information meeting at TYM	23 <i>Luke 24</i> 11am-1pm Youth Lunch at TYM Square with CLDI 7pm Adult Class	24 <i>Isaiah 9:1-4</i> 6am Men's Bible Study 9am Quilting 9am Rock of Ages at Home at Teccas' 4pm LFL at Our Savior LC 7pm Bible Study led by Rev. Zagel	25 <i>1 Corinthians 1:10-18</i> 8:30am Chapel at TLS 6:30pm FIRE Youth Group 6:30pm 1st-Year Conf.	26 <i>Matthew 4:12-25</i> 10:30am Bible Study 6:30pm Choir Rehearsal	27 <i>John 1</i>	28 <i>Proverbs 26</i> 5pm Worship
29 <i>Psalm 105</i> 8 & 10:30am Worship 9:30am Sunday School & Adult Bible Class	30 <i>John 2</i> 11am-1pm Youth Lunch at TYM Square with CLDI 7pm Adult Class	31 <i>Micah 6:1-8</i> 6am Men's Bible Study 9 am Quilting 7pm Elders Meeting 7pm Bible Study led by Rev. Zagel	ACOLYTES: Saturday: Zachary Thompson Sun., 8:00: Amy Keinath Sun., 10:30: Clay Crusch ALTAR DUTY: Stacie Shaw and Cam Browne Church: 245-3984 School: 656-1021 Website: www.trinitybillings.org	ELDERS: Saturday: Nathan Thompson Sun., 8:00: Tom Runge Sun., 10:30: Paul Kober		
Trinity Worship Services on Community 7 8am Sundays & 5pm Tuesdays						

Financial REPORT

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

NEW MEMBERS

Joseph "Drew" and Christina Christiansen - Received by Affirmation of Faith

BAPTISMS

David Andrew Christiansen, the son of Joseph and Christina, was born on December 4, 2020, and baptized by Rev. Daniel Rinderknecht on December 4, 2022.

TRANSFER/ADDRESS CHANGE

Justine Loughridge (Cassidy and Cailynn)

Transferred to: Trinity Lutheran Church in Litchfield Park, AZ

Jerry & Barb Hegdahl

Transferred to: Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church in Crossville, TN

2023 OFFERING ENVELOPES

2023 offering envelopes are ready for pick-up. They are available in the second upstairs classroom adjacent to the sanctuary. If you can't find your envelopes, please ask an usher or the elder on duty for help. Thank you!



LWML NEWS

Executive Board Planning Meeting on Saturday, January 7, at 10:00am

Installation of Officers on Sunday, January 8, at both services

Meeting on Monday, January 16 | 1:00 pm

Opening Devotion: Kitchen Guild

Program: Pastor Keinath - "Where Love Abides," Lesson 7

Meeting Hostesses: Kitchen Guild

Church Service Greeters for January: Kitchen Guild

RETIREMENT PARTY FOR PASTOR RINDERKNECHT

All are invited to join us for a retirement celebration for Pastor Rinderknecht on **Sunday, February 19, at 12:30pm** at Trinity School. More details about this gathering will be coming this month!

MEETING WITH PRESIDENT FORKE

The Congregation is invited to attend a special meeting with President Forke about the call process on **Tuesday, January 10, at 7:00pm.**

CHURCH PAINTING

The church sanctuary and narthex will be painted **beginning January 3rd**. It is expected to take most of the month. We will have worship services as usual, but other activities in the sanctuary could be limited. Thank you for your patience and understanding!

2023 FLOWER CHART

The flower chart for 2023 is up and ready. The cost of flowers is \$20.00. To help us with our bookkeeping we ask that you pay for your flowers when you sign up. Please make your checks payable to Gainans. For your convenience there are envelopes to fill out specifying any special occasion or reason for the flowers. Please also mark the occasion on the chart. ~ Thank you from the Altar Guild.

Special Events

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 4

1st Year Confirmation Begins @ 6:30pm

THURS, JAN 5-TUES, JAN 10

Manitoba Mission Winter Trip

SATURDAY, JANUARY 7

LWML Exec Board Meeting @ 10am

1st Year Confirmation Retreat from 1-6pm

SUNDAY, JANUARY 8

Installation of LWML Officers at Both Services

TUESDAY, JANUARY 10, 7PM

Congregational Meeting with President Forke

SATURDAY, JANUARY 14

Trinity Staff Recognition @ 5pm service

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 18

Wrinkled Righteous Game Day @ 1pm

High School Summer Trip Meeting @ 5:30pm

SATURDAY, JANUARY 21

Flicker Sledding @ Noon

Flame Sledding @ 2:30pm

SUNDAY, JANUARY 22, NOON

Middle School Summer Camp Info Meeting



News

Retirement Celebration for Pastor Rinderknecht

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 19 @ 12:30PM

TRINITY LUTHERAN SCHOOL

Save the date! More details coming soon!

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