



Joyful Noise

NOVEMBER 2022

A Message from Your Pastor...

Dear Friends of Trinity,

"Oh, give thanks to the LORD, for He is good! For His mercy endures forever." Psalm 118:29. This verse is fitting for us to reflect on as we are in the month of Thanksgiving. In the first 20 years of my ministry, the month of Thanksgiving was not November. Can you guess what month it was? You might know that I spent those years in Canada. So that should give you a hint... maybe. Well, in Canada, October is the month when they celebrate Thanksgiving. Perhaps you already knew that Canadians celebrate Thanksgiving Day on the second Monday of October. No matter when a country celebrates their Thanksgiving, as Christians we realize that every day is a day of thanksgiving to God for He is good! His mercy endures forever!

In my message to you this Thanksgiving month, I wanted to speak about some personal thanksgivings that I have. As you have heard from me in a letter or an announcement, my retirement is coming up soon. My last sermon as pastor of Trinity will be on February 19, 2023. As I look back over the years since beginning my ministry in 1983, I can think of many things for which I am thankful to God. Here are some of them:

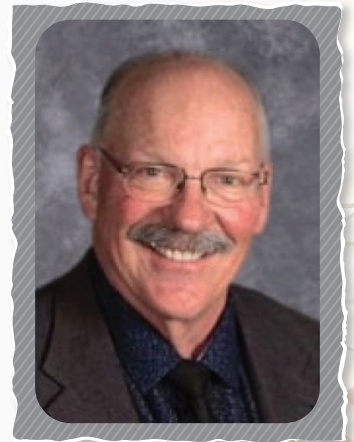
I am thankful for spending my pastoral career in just two congregations. My time of ministry has been about 20 years in each place. There are many blessings in having such a length of time in a church. I am thankful for the blessing of being part of people's lives for a generation – to be there when babies are born and to watch them grow into adulthood. I am thankful for the blessings of trust and care that develop with people over such a time. I am thankful for the rich and loving relationships that come because of the length of years.

I am thankful for the many, many experiences of care and support that God provided over the years. What a privilege it has been for me to be God's messenger of forgiveness and hope in the Gospel. I am thankful for those times of care in the hospital room or by the graveside. I am thankful for those special times of preparation for the wedding or the upcoming Confirmation day. I am thankful for all the classes I was privileged to lead, including the approximately 1,280 adult classes that I have taught.

And I am thankful that the Lord has granted me the honor and privilege of serving as a pastor all these years. Honestly, I can't think of another calling that could have been better for me. I don't know of a profession in which I would have had as much satisfaction, either. Along with the joys and honor of being a pastor come the challenges and burdens. When you are dealing with the needs, sorrows, problems, and struggles of people, you realize how dependent you are on the Lord God. I am thankful that He has been there always over all the years. After all, that is what He promised!

Thank you for letting me share a few things with you. Thank God that He has blessed us to know each other and walk together in faith and love!

In His service and Yours,
Pastor Dan Rinderknecht



Knowing Christ and Making Him Known

School NEWS



Richard Thomas
Principal of Trinity
Lutheran School

OUR TRINITY FAMILY

Greetings from your school. Since 1955, Trinity Lutheran Church has blessed the Billings community with a quality, Christ-centered education. In October, our school hosted an open house for Albert Van Luchene's 100th birthday party. It was our privilege to meet some Bobcat graduates from the sixties. I think our earliest graduate was Darrell Van Luchene. He graduated from Trinity in 1960. We were honored to be asked to host this special event. We always stress *family* and "once a Bobcat, always a Bobcat." Praise God for His goodness.



FROM LEFT TO RIGHT:
Donna Van Luchene-Rudisel,
Darrell Van Luchene,
Ron Van Luchene,
Janice Van Luchene-Hayes,
Ken Van Luchene, and dad in the
middle, Albert Van Luchene

Youth NEWS

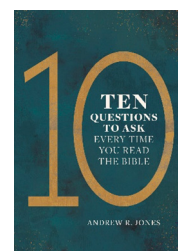


Cameron Heiliger
Director of Youth and
Parish Education

GET READY TO LAUNCH INTO GOD'S WORD THIS WINTER!

Earlier this summer my good friend Pastor Andrew Jones (First Lutheran, Concord, CA) texted me and asked if I could do him a favor. "Will you be part of the launch team for my first book from CPH this fall?" he wrote. "Of course!" I said, without really asking what the book was about or what my responsibilities would be. Knowing Andy, I knew the book would be thoughtful and well-written; a book I'd like to read regardless of topic. When he shared with me the title of the book, *Ten Questions to Ask Every Time You Read the Bible*, I got even more excited for what I had signed up for.

Early in September I received my advance copy to begin reading, and I began thinking about how I might use Andy's new book in my personal life as well as ministry here at Trinity. As I read it, I began to recognize what a great tool it could be to help facilitate discussion around God's Word, specifically in a small group setting. The book doesn't just share the ten questions and move on; it digs so much deeper than that, providing practical examples for how to utilize each question in our study of Scripture. As I anticipated, Andy's writing is thoughtful, approachable, and, most importantly, impactful - whether you've been reading the Bible for years or are brand new to studying Scripture, you'll walk away with an understanding for how



to read for context and ask meaningful questions every time you sit down with God's Word. I have already seen these ten questions impact my daily study as well as my preparations for faith classes, chapel talks, and youth group devotions, and I strongly recommend adding it to your toolkit for reading Scripture.

The book is currently available for pre-order through CPH's webstore (cph.org) as well as on Amazon with a release date of November 8.

It's been a number of years since we've intentionally promoted small groups ministry, so looking ahead to early 2023, I am planning to relaunch small groups using *Ten Questions* as the initial basis of our study. With these 10 questions as a guide, my hope is that we will all feel more comfortable reading and exploring God's Word together and that small group leaders will feel up to the task of facilitating continued discussions. If you would be interested in serving as a small group leader beginning in January or are interested in joining a small group early in the next year, please watch for more information in the bulletin insert and keep an eye out for sign-up forms coming soon! Feel free to email, text, call, or ask any questions you have anytime!

Give Thanks!

“Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good;
His love endures forever.”

PSALM 107:1

Help the youth provide Thanksgiving blessings! Trinity's youth groups will be assembling and distributing Thanksgiving food baskets to families in need this Thanksgiving holiday.

PLEASE CONSIDER PARTNERING WITH US IN THREE WAYS:

- **Donate staple items for baskets and the church food pantry October 8 - November 18.**

Please bring in any of the following items to be dropped off in the narthex or fellowship hall.

- boxed stuffing, boxed dinners
- canned gravy, gravy packets, soup packets
- juice
- soup, broth, sweetened condensed milk, dry milk
- flour, sugar, baking soda, baking powder
- cooking oil/spray, rice, pasta, potatoes
- canned cranberries, vegetables, sweet potatoes, pumpkin pie filling, marshmallows
- other items for our food pantry (any extra food items will be used for our food pantry and grocery ministry through Love INC)



- **Provide monetary donations for the purchase of perishable items (turkeys, cool whip, pie crusts, etc.) or commit to bringing a turkey.**

Monetary donations can be placed in a marked envelope and either dropped in the offering plate or delivered to Cameron Heiliger's mailbox near the church office. If you are interested in helping provide a turkey, please contact Mr. Heiliger to coordinate drop off at church the weekend of November 19-20!

- **Provide names, addresses, and phone numbers of families in need in our congregation, school, and community.**

If you know of an individual or family who would benefit from receiving a Thanksgiving basket this year or if you have any other questions, please contact Cameron Heiliger or the church office.

YOUTH EVENTS FOR NOVEMBER:

Help us assemble and deliver Thanksgiving Baskets this month!!

FLICKER - Saturday, November 19 | 2:30-4:30pm (Donations inventory and craft project)

FLAME - Saturday, November 19 | 6:30-8:30pm (Basket assembly - dinner provided)

FIRE - Sunday, November 20

- Final Shopping with Seniors: 2:00pm
- Delivery: 4:00pm
- Dinner @ location TBD: 6:00pm

| SUNDAY | MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | SATURDAY |
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| ELDERS: Saturday: Clayton Scheafer Sunday 8:00: Tim Grove Sunday 10:30: Rob Reeves ACOLYTES: Saturday: Mia Hatzell Sunday 8:00: Conner Magnuson Sunday 10:30: Ella McCoy | | 1 <i>Revelation 14:6-7</i> 6am Men's Bible Study 9am Quilting 6:30pm Properties Mtg. 7pm Bible Study led by Rev. Zagel | 2 <i>Romans 3:19-28</i> 1pm Kitchen Guild Mtg. 2:15pm Chapel at TLS 6:30pm FIRE Youth Group 6:30-8pm 2nd Year Confirmation | 3 <i>John 8:31-36</i> 10:30am Bible Study 6pm Council Meeting 6:30pm Choir Rehearsal | 4 <i>Luke 1</i> <i>No School at TLS – Parent-Teacher Conferences</i> | 5 <i>Proverbs 14</i> 8am Fall Work Day 5pm Worship w/Communion |
| 6 <i>Psalms 93</i> MITE BOX SUNDAY 8 & 10:30am Worship 9:30am Sunday School & Adult Bible Class Noon Pastor Bruce & Kathy Zagel 50th Anniversary celebration Daylight Saving Time Ends- Turn clocks back one hour. | 7 <i>Luke 2</i> 11am-1pm Youth Lunch at TYM Square with CLDI 7pm Adult Class | 8 <i>Revelation 7:2-17</i> 6am Men's Bible Study 9am Quilting 6:30pm Cradle Roll Mtg. 6:30pm Bd. of Ed Mtg. 7pm Bible Study led by Rev. Zagel | 9 <i>1 John 3:1-3</i> 8:30am Chapel at TLS 6:30pm FIRE Youth Group 6:30-8pm 2nd Year Confirmation | 10 <i>Matthew 5:1-12</i> 10:30am Bible Study 6:30pm Choir Rehearsal | 11 <i>Luke 3</i> 2:00pm Veteran's Day Assembly at TLS | 12 <i>Proverbs 15</i> 5pm Worship |
| 13 <i>Psalms 94</i> 8 & 10:30am Worship w/Communion 9:30am Sunday School & Adult Bible Class | 14 <i>Luke 4</i> Pastors' Circuit Meeting 11am-1pm Youth Lunch at TYM Square with CLDI 5:30pm Stewardship Mtg. 6:30pm Fellowship Mtg. 7pm Adult Class | 15 <i>Malachi 4:1-6</i> 6am Men's Bible Study 9am Quilting 7pm Bible Study led by Rev. Zagel | 16 <i>2 Thessalonians 3:1-13</i> 8:30am Chapel at TLS Noon Wrinkled Righteous Thanksgiving Meal & Cards 6:30pm FIRE Youth Group 6:30-8pm 2nd Year Confirmation | 17 <i>Luke 21:5-36</i> 10:30am Bible Study 6:30pm Choir Rehearsal | 18 <i>Luke 5</i> | 19 <i>Proverbs 16</i> 5pm Worship w/Communion |
| 20 <i>Psalms 95</i> 8 & 10:30am Worship 9:30am Sunday School, Toddler SS & Adult Bible Class Noon Voters' Meeting | 21 <i>Luke 6</i> 11am-1pm Youth Lunch at TYM Square with CLDI 1pm LWML Meeting 7pm Adult Class | 22 <i>Malachi 3:13-18</i> 6am Men's Bible Study 9am Quilting 7pm Bible Study led by Rev. Zagel | 23 <i>Colossians 1:13-20</i> 8:30am Chapel at TLS Noon Dismissal at TLS 7pm Thanksgiving Eve Worship. | 24 <i>Luke 23:27-43</i> 10am Thanksgiving Day Worship | 25 <i>Luke 7</i> <i>Church Office Closed</i> | 26 <i>Proverbs 17</i> 5pm Worship |
| No School at TLS – Thanksgiving Break | | | | | | |
| ALTAR DUTY: Jana Barz, Laura McCoy, Jessica Pepos, and Katie Winden CHURCH: 245-3984 SCHOOL: 656-1021 WEBSITE: www.trinitybillings.org Trinity Worship Services on Community 7 8am Sundays & 5pm Tuesdays | | | | | | |
| 27 <i>Psalms 96</i> 8 & 10:30am Worship w/ Communion 9:30am Sunday School & Adult Bible Classes | 28 <i>Luke 8</i> 11am-1pm Youth Lunch at TYM Square with CLDI 7pm Adult Class | 29 <i>Isaiah 2:1-5</i> 6am Men's Bible Study 9am Quilting 7pm Elders Mtg 7pm Bible Study led by Rev. Zagel | 30 <i>Romans 13:8-14</i> 8:30am Chapel at TLS 5pm Advent Dinner 6:30pm Advent Worship 7:15pm FIRE Youth Group | | | |

Financial REPORT

| September 2022 Finances | | |
|-------------------------|----------------|----------------|
| Income | | 149,346 |
| Expenses | | 195,748 |
| Net Margin | | -46,102 |
| 2022-2023 Finances | | |
| | <i>Actual</i> | <i>Target</i> |
| Offerings | 201,227 | 212,416 |
| Total Income | 708,280 | 601,160 |
| Total Expenses | 584,983 | 596,160 |
| Net Margin | 123,298 | 5,000 |

THANKSGIVING DINNER

The Wrinkled Righteous are again hosting a Thanksgiving Dinner on Wednesday, November 16th, at noon in the church fellowship hall. We are looking forward to getting together after a two year absence. RSVP by Friday, November 11, to Sherrie Murray (406-696-4981), Myrt White (406-459-3500), or Sandy Collier (406-861-5550). Come and start the holidays with us! We'll play pinochle, too!!

BAPTISMS

Haddie Virginia and **Hendrik Paul Leland** were born on August 4, 2022, to Jacob and Claire Leland and baptized on October 2 by Rev. Daniel Rinderknecht.



Lutheran
Women
in Mission

LWML NEWS

Meeting on November 21 | 1:00 pm

Opening Devotion: World Friendship Guild

Program: World Friendship Guild

Meeting Hostesses: World Friendship Guild

Church Service Greeters for November:
World Friendship Guild



CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR 2022 CONFIRMATION CLASS!

Cody Dale Allard
Logan Thomas Bohnet
Daniel Cole Harris
Megan Marie Keinath
Rebecca Leann Nelson
Samuel Paul Reinker
Avaree Davis Thompson
Garrett Aden Watts
Morgan Bailey Welbes
Luke Michael Winchell

GOD BLESS YOU IN YOUR
CHRISTIAN WALK!



Special Events

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 8AM

Fall Work Day at the Church

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 6

Turn Clocks Back 1 Hour!

Zagel's 50th Anniversary
Celebration @ Noon

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 11, 2PM

Veterans Day Assembly at TLS

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 17, NOON

Wrinkled Righteous Thanksgiving
Meal & Cards

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 20, NOON

Voters' Meeting

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 23, 7PM

Thanksgiving Eve Worship

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 24, 10AM

Thanksgiving Day Worship Service

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 30

Advent Dinner @ 5pm

Advent Worship @ 6:30pm



News

**THANK YOU TO
EVERYONE WHO
PARTICIPATED IN
THIS YEAR'S
FALL FEST!**

Your generous involvement in the Fall Fest event and online auction helped us raise nearly \$40,000 for a new outdoor pavilion at the school!



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