

**News update for March 7, 2024**

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**This Week at Trinity**

- Thursday** (March 7)
- Friday** (March 8) *Office Closed*
- 7:00pm N.A.
  - 7:00pm Candlelight N.A.
- Saturday** (March 9) *Office Closed*
- 9:30am EMEE event
  - 12:00pm Going away luncheon for Pastor Kathy
- Sunday** (March 10) **Rev. Elizabeth welcome and goodbye to Pastor Kathy**
- 8:30am Donuts and coffee
  - 9:00am Sunday Worship
  - 10:30am Fellowship potluck brunch
  - 6:00pm N.A.
- Monday** (March 11)
- 7:00pm N.A.
- Tuesday** (March 12)
- 7:00pm N.A.
- Wednesday** (March 13)
- 10:00am Upper Room Study
  - 6:30pm Cub Scout Pack Meeting
  - 7:30pm Scouts BSA

**Joint Worship**

JOIN US FOR A COMBINED  
**Sunday Service**  
 &  
**Luncheon**  
 AT TRINITY UNITED METHODIST  
 CHURCH

Worship Begins at 10:00 am.  
 All are welcome.  
 There will **NOT** be a worship service at St. Paul's UMC  
 Sunday March 17th.

Come see us on Facebook at  
<https://www.facebook.com/TUMCIF/>  
 We livestream every service!

## Message from Rev. Elizabeth

Dear Friends of Trinity UMC and St. Paul's UMC,

I am so grateful for the opportunity to serve as your pastor and look forward to getting to know each of you personally. I was born in Rangoon, Burma and grew up in Tulsa, Oklahoma. I was raised in the United Methodist Church. I have 2 children. Katie is a student at Washington State University in Pullman, WA. Alice is a student at the University of Utah. My mother, Nellie Tay, lives with me.

I have served churches in Arizona, Wyoming and Utah. You will hear lots of stories about my life in the sermons. I hope you will share stories of your life when we visit. I am extremely grateful for the work that Rev. Kathy has done among you these past few months and hope that together we can continue to move forward.

I truly believe that God will be among us as we share life and ministry together.

~Rev. Elizabeth



## My Last Newsletter Article

I am sad that this is my last newsletter article for you all, as my time as your part-time, interim, two Sundays a month pastor is coming to an end. March 10 will be my last Sunday with you, and I then return full time to my regular job. For the last eight months it has been my honor to work with you as we try to imagine the future of United Methodism in Idaho Falls. We have had a wild and precious time together!

We have accomplished a lot in this short time. I am most impressed with the Trinity and St. Paul's congregations' renewed sense of being in ministry together. So many of you stepped up your commitment to leading our congregations in this time when it was crucial to do so. And we have discovered that God is calling us in so many ways to proclaim God's love and grace with renewed energy to all of Idaho Falls. Answering God's call together makes so much sense, and it is a lot of fun too!

As I have been telling Rev. Elizabeth about our ministry here, I found myself saying again and again, "Oh, you are going to love this person! They are so much fun to work with!" My other common comment was, "They are the kindest person you will ever meet." I know that the future ministry of these two churches is in good hands, and moving forward with Rev. Elizabeth is going to bear fruit for a long time to come.

I will be returning full time to my regular job as the small church consultant for the PNW Conference. I travel around Washington and northern Idaho visiting small churches, all of which have the same questions about the future that you have. I'm sure I will be using what I have learned here in my future work. Thank you for all that you have taught me.

It is important in moving forward that I step away completely from my work here in Idaho Falls to give you and Rev. Elizabeth the space to grow your relationships. I won't be contacting you, and I trust that you will bring all your pastoral needs to Rev.

Elizabeth. I'm sure that sometime in the future (at least a couple of years from now) we will see each other again, and share fond memories of this year of experimentation.

One last memory: a couple of weeks ago at Trinity we found ourselves unexpectedly without a piano player for our Sunday service. I had convinced myself that we would just do without music for one Sunday. Lo and behold, Marilyn Taylor came waltzing down the aisle (using her walker of course) and said she could fill in for us. I didn't even know she played the piano! Her kind offering of her musical talents was the perfect example of how so many of you have demonstrated your love for these two churches. May we all go forward, becoming the people God has made us capable of being!

~Pastor Kathy Neary

## UWF News



United  
Women  
in Faith

The UWF unit meeting is March 14 at 1:00 in the church parlor with Marilyn

Taylor presenting the Prayer and Self Denial Program. This is one of the five areas of mission giving we support. The following is an article from the recent Conference newsletter submitted by Ingrid Cook, our Conference Education and Interpretation Coordinator:

"...our mission dollars change the lives of women and children. The dollars we give help our regional missionaries promote programs on specific topics of training. Through our pledge dollars the mission of United Women in Faith becomes reality in the areas of spiritual formation, leadership development, fellowship and education.

...We gave scholarships to 192 students in the United States and around the world, totaling over \$410,000.

...More than 400,000 meals were provided by our national mission institutions.

...We took 7,748 legislative actions for climate justice online.

...718 children, youth and women in the Philippines, Nepal, India and Myanmar were served in 2022 through targeted programs.

...Women in Banaybanay, Philippines are directly involved in making peanut butter and later trained other women."

These are just a few of the areas our mission dollars were highlighted in the 2023 and 2024 editions of RESPONSE MAGAZINE.

Please come to the unit meeting Thursday to hear a new area and outreach our mission money will be used.

## Sunday Morning Fellowship

We are updating our Sunday morning fellowship schedule. **In April.** Please let us know what you think:

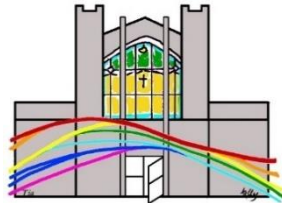
- **Every 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday: Regular Brunch**  
Bring your favorite Soup.
- **Every 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday: Coffee and Donuts**  
Bring your favorite cookies or cake
- **Every 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday: Scout Brunch**  
This is a fundraiser for Troop 6 and a wonderful meal to share as we visit.
- **Every 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday: Coffee and Donuts**  
Bring your favorite cookies or cake

## Trinity Leadership

Below are the leadership positions for the next leader year.

### Chair of Admin Council;

Gene Summers  
[Joke2boy@Aaol.com](mailto:Joke2boy@Aaol.com)



### Chair of Staff/Parish Relations

Bev Kemp-(208)569-6149  
[bevmkemp@gmail.com](mailto:bevmkemp@gmail.com)

### Chair of Trustee

Don Rohde (860)810-3227-  
[donrohde@aol.com](mailto:donrohde@aol.com)

### Chair of Finance

Scott Taylor (208)201-5593

## Financial Statements

Our church's financial status January 1 - February 29, 2023



Income	\$ 20,171
Expenses	\$ 25,443
Current net income	<\$ 5,272>

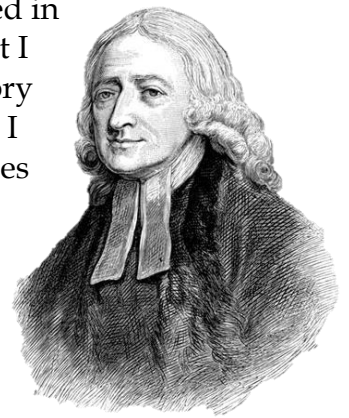
## Birthdays

### March

Mullin, Sheila	03/10
Gaskill, Chelsea	03/11
Cole, Ruth Anne	03/12
Castillo, Adellyna	03/13
Croson, Mike	03/15
Brown, Scott	03/16
Sene, Jared	03/16
Castillo, Giovanni	03/19

## John Wesley Quote

"This, then, have I learned in the ends of the earth, that I am fallen short of the glory of God... If it be said that I have faith...so the Apostles had even at Cana and Galilee, when Jesus first manifested forth his glory; even then they, in a sort, believed on him, but they had not then the faith that overcometh the world.



~ Journal, 29<sup>th</sup> January 1738

## Regional Council for Christian Ministry Lenten Services 2024

11:30 – 1:00 (soup at 11:30 and 12:30) – message at 12:00)

Hello all!

There is a Lenten service activity (being hosted by the Regional Council for Christian Ministry) that you may be interested in. There will be food and a message.

### Wed. Mar. 13th

Location: St. Paul’s United Methodist, 1730 St Clair

Preacher: Reverend Mike Knauff, (First Evangelical Lutheran)

### Wed. Mar. 20th

Location: First Evangelical Lutheran Church, 455 W Sunnyside

Preacher: Reverend Ann Bjorklund (New Day Lutheran)

## Easter Sunday Schedule

### Easter Sunday

7:00am- Sunrise service at St. Paul’s  
(Breakfast)

9:00am- service at Trinity  
(Breakfast)

11:00am Worship at St. Paul’s

## Lamb of God performance

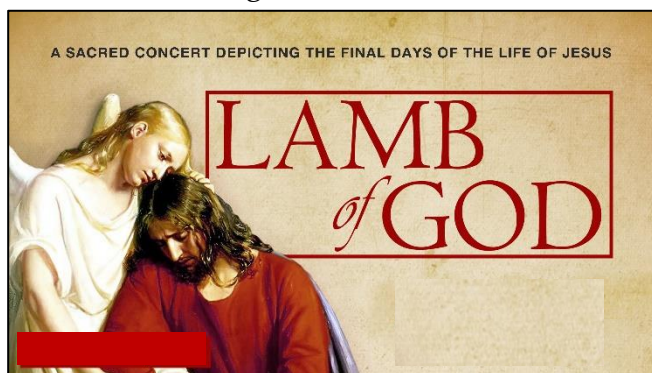
Witness Music of Southeast Idaho is putting on a performance of *the Lamb of God*. This Is an orchestral and choir performance that retells the final days of the Life of Jesus Christ. The location is:

### Frontier (formerly Civic ) Center for the Performing Arts:

501 Holmes Ave., Idaho Falls

Performance April 1, 7:30 PM

Feel free to join us in witnessing this orchestral message!



## Easter Basket Ministry



**EASTER BASKET MINISTRY**

**OUR MISSION**  
St. Paul's and Trinity will be putting together 150 Easter Baskets that will be given to the children of CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocate).

**ITEMS NEEDED**

- Books, puzzles, games
- School supplies (crayons, pencils)
- Small novelty toys (bubbles, play dough, cars, stickers)
- Candy (individually wrapped) bite size or snack size
- Wrapped fruit snacks, fruit drinks, granola bars

If you would like to donate money to the project, please write Easter Baskets in the check memo line and put your check in the offering plate.

Easter Basket items will be collected from February 18 through March 17. We will be filling the Easter Baskets after Palm Sunday 11:00am Service at St. Paul's on March 24.

All are welcome and encouraged to stay and help.

INVITE A FRIEND.  
FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CONTACT MELINDA GINOSAR.

## Farewell Lunch



**FAREWELL LUNCH FOR PASTOR KATHY NEARY**

Join us for a luncheon on  
**Saturday March 9th  
at 12:00pm  
at St. Paul's UMC**

Come and thank Pastor Kathy for the work and love she has shown St. Paul's and Trinity UMC the past several months.

## Bible Study

This six-week class will cover the entire text. Your Wild and Precious Life. This rich text written by Mike Graves takes us through the life of Jesus and the importance of Jesus when he was alive and among us. The book leads us through seven words/teachings of Jesus. We will discuss and reflect upon these teachings, discovering how they apply to us today. Books are available.

**CONTACT JEANIE HUGHES FOR MORE INFORMATION.**


### COURSE SCHEDULE

- Week 1:** Introduction and Chapter One, A Life Worth Living and "Follow Me"
- Week 2:** Chapter 2, "Good News to the Poor"
- Week 3:** Chapter 3 & 4, "Blessed are the..." and "You Give Them Something to Eat"
- Week 4:** Chapter 5, "Your Faith Has Made You Well"
- Week 5:** Chapter 6, "The Kingdom of God is Like"
- Week 6:** Chapter 7, "Love of God and Neighbor" and What's Next?

**Contact Jeanie Hughes for more information.**

March 6<sup>th</sup>, 3:30pm-5:00pm at  
**Trinity United Methodist Church**

Deaconess. Dr. Pennie (Jeanie) Hughes  
Call/text 719-580-1943  
penniejn@yahoo.com

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			6 10:00am Upper Room Study 6:30pm Gather at the Table 6:30pm Cub Scout Pack Meeting 7:30pm Scouts BSA	7 9:30am UWF Executive board meeting	8 Office Closed  7:00pm Candlelight N.A 7:00pm N.A	9 Office Closed 9:30pm EMEE event  12:00pm Pastor Kathy's Going-Away Luncheon
10 <u>Daylight Saving's Time</u>  8:30am Fellowship Coffee & Donuts 9:00am Worship 10:30am Fellowship Potluck brunch 6:00pm N.A	11  7:00pm N.A.	12  7:00pm N.A	13 10:00am Upper Room Study  6:30pm Cub Scout Pack Meeting 7:30pm Scouts BSA	14  1:00pm UWF Unit Meeting	15 Office Close  7:00pm Candlelight N.A 7:00pm N.A	16 Office Closed
17 <b>Joint Worship</b> 9:30am Fellowship Coffee & Donuts 10:00am Worship 11:30am Fellowship Potluck at Trinity  6:00pm N.A	18  7:00pm N.A.	19  7:00pm N.A	20 10:00am Upper Room Study  6:30pm Cub Scout Pack Meeting 7:30pm Scouts BSA	21  7:00pm Candlelight N.A 7:00pm N.A	22 Office Close	23 Office Closed
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