



Joyful Noise

APRIL 2017

A Message from Your Pastor...

Dear Friends of Trinity,

“Greater love has no one than this, that someone lay down his life for his friends.” (John 15:13) How many of us can say that we have been loved like that? Have you ever had someone laid down his or her life for you? Now that would be a really great friend!

“What a friend we have in Jesus, all our sins and grieves to bear! What a privilege to carry everything to God in prayer! O what peace we often forfeit; O what needless pain we bear – all because we do not carry everything to God in Prayer!”

Of course we do have such a Great Friend! It is Jesus who showed the greatest love of all. Once again during this Lenten season, we focus on the great love and sacrifice of Jesus in a much focused way. His love was beyond great because He was willing to suffer the very punishment of hell for us all! Because of this, we are free from that terrible judgment. Thank God!

As the familiar hymn reminds us in the verse I quoted above, we have a great privilege to carry everything to this Great Friend in prayer. I want to take this opportunity to encourage you to take some important things to the Lord in prayer right now! You may want to use the “ACTS” model to direct your prayers. This model is summarized in this month’s newsletter for your use.

If you are struggling with what to pray for, here is a “starter” list for you to consider and I hope that you will add to it yourself:

Pray:

- for your unbelieving friend - that he or she may come to know Jesus as their Savior too

- for God’s blessings of contentment - for those who struggle to be satisfied
- for our Church - that all of our members would be growing in faith daily
- for our School - that our Kindergarten class would be fully enrolled for class in August
- for those who are sick in our congregation and among their family and friends
- for our nation - that we could be united and move forward in peace and faithfulness to God
- for Billings - that the Lord would bless our town with growth, safety, and prosperity
- for the youth of our congregation - who are preparing for the servant event in New York
- for this year’s Vacation Bible School - that families will be blessed with God’s Word
- for this summer’s trip to Cross Lake, Manitoba - that it would bring blessings
- for the new members of our Congregation - that they would truly find a home here
- for all the staff of our Church and School - for wisdom and joy in carrying out their duties

Please bring these and other petitions to our Great Friend who carried all our sins and grieves and won for us salvation!

In His service and yours,

Pastor Dan Rinderknecht



Knowing Christ and Making Him Known

School and YOUTH NEWS



Rick Thomas

ENROLLMENT IS HAPPENING NOW!

Greetings and spread the word! We are preparing for the 2017-2018 school year. I just met a family that moved here from Pennsylvania. They were out shopping for their new school. They came to our school because they saw us on the website. I asked them why they were checking our school out. They said they were coming from a Christian school in Pennsylvania, and they wanted to continue with a Christian school. They said it was important to their family that their children be grounded in Christ's Word. They wanted their children to be able to defend their faith in a society that doesn't put much importance on faith. They said they wanted a school that supported what the family taught at home. They said they wanted a school that expected the children to use the gifts that the Lord had given them as a blessing. I said, "Welcome to our family here at Trinity Lutheran School." If you, or someone you know, are also looking for these things, please stop by for a visit!

– Rick Thomas,
Principal of Trinity Lutheran School

MATCHBOX MATTERS (Flicker, Flame, and Fire Youth Groups)

Thank you! Thank you! Thank you! Your continued support and partnership through the Adopt-the-Envelope fundraiser and Butter Braids sales have not gone unnoticed and we are so thankful for you! As of Sunday, March 19, you have partnered with us to the tune of over \$4,600 through the envelopes alone!!! Please continue to pray for our preparations and join us Easter Sunday for the Easter Brunch.



*Photos from FIRE's
Mystery Dinner
on March 17th!*



SAVE THE DATES FOR VBS

Vacation Bible School is June 12-16 at Trinity Lutheran School. Be on the lookout for more information about signing up your child, volunteering to help, and providing support through donated items. This year we will focus on how we are "Created by God, built for a purpose!"

YOUTH EVENTS FOR APRIL

FLICKER: Saturday, April 8
2:00-4:30 pm

FLAME: Saturday, April 15
after church 6:15-8:30 pm

FIRE: Friday, April 28, 6:00 pm
Saturday, April 29, 6:00 pm
30 Hour Famine!



ACTS: A Simple Way to Pray

ADORATION (We recognize God for Who He is and praise Him)

Psalm of Adoration – Psalm 34:1-2

I will extol the LORD at all times; his praise will always be on my lips. My soul will boast in the LORD; let the afflicted hear and rejoice. Glorify the LORD with me; let us exalt his name together.

CONFESSION (We recognize our need for God and call out to Him)

Psalm of Confession – Psalm 51:1-2

Have mercy on me, O God, according to your unfailing love; according to your great compassion blot out my transgressions. Wash away all my iniquity and cleanse me from my sin.

THANKSGIVING (We recognize God's blessings and thank Him)

Psalm of Thanksgiving – Psalm 106:1 & 48

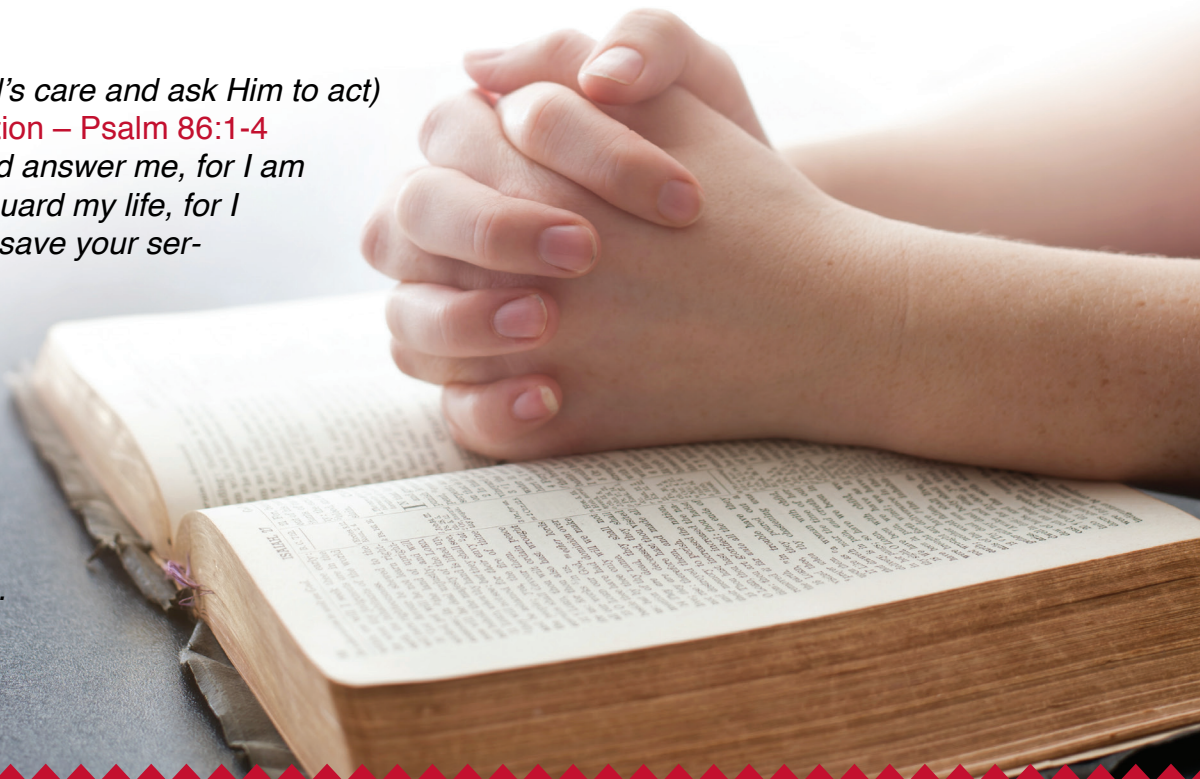
Praise the LORD. Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; his love endures forever. Praise be to the LORD, the God of Israel, from everlasting to everlasting. Let all the people say, "Amen!" Praise the LORD.

SUPPLICATION

(We recognize God's care and ask Him to act)

Psalm of Supplication – Psalm 86:1-4

Hear me, Lord, and answer me, for I am poor and needy. Guard my life, for I am faithful to you; save your servant who trusts in you. You are my God; have mercy on me, Lord, for I call to you all day long. Bring joy to your servant, Lord, for I put my trust in you.



April

Monthly Calendar

2017

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
ACOLYTES: Sat.: Gracie Busby, Emma Qualls 8:00: Emilia Ford, Makayla Bohnet 10:30: Paige Opp						
LAY MINISTERS: Sat.: Brent Carstens 8:00: Tim Grove 10:30: Ted Loomans						
ALTAR GUILD: As Scheduled						
2 Psalm 22 MITE BOX SUNDAY 8 & 10:30am Worship 9:30am Sunday School & Adult Bible Classes 8pm Men's Basketball at TLS	3 Luke 7 Pastors' Circuit Meeting 5:30pm Stewardship Mtg. 6:30pm Fellowship Mtg. 6:30pm Evangelism Mtg. 7pm Adult Class 7pm Financial Peace Workshop - at TYM	4 Ezek. 37:1-14 9am Quilting 6:15pm Cradle Roll Mtg. 6:30pm Christian Ed. Mtg. 6:30pm Properties Mtg. 6:30pm Youth Bd. Mtg. 7pm Ladies' Bible Study	5 Romans 8:1-11 1pm Visitation Guild Mtg. 2:15pm Chapel at TLS 5pm Lenten Dinner 5:30pm FIRE Youth Group 6:30pm Lenten Worship 7:15pm 1st-Year Confirmation	6 John 11:1-53 10:30am Bible Study 7pm Adult Choir	7 Luke 8	8 Proverbs 23 FLICKER 2-4pm 5pm Worship Cradle Roll Easter Party 10:00-11:30am (Children up to 5-yr-old and their siblings)
9 Psalm 23 Palm Sunday 8 & 10:30am Worship w/Communion 9:30am Sunday School & Adult Bible Classes 8pm Men's Basketball at TLS	10 Luke 9 7pm Adult Class	11 Isaiah 50:4-9 9am Quilting 6pm Parish Planning Council Meeting 7pm Ladies' Bible Study	12 Phil. 2:5-11 8:30am Chapel at TLC 9:30am Rock of Ages Story Hour at Church 7pm Adult Choir Noon Dismissal At Trinity School	13 Matt. 26:1-27, 66 Maundy Thursday Worship Service with Communion 6:30pm	14 Luke 10 Tre Ore Service Mt. Olive 12-3pm Good Friday Worship Service 6:30pm	15 Proverbs 24 10am Altar Guild Work Day 5pm Resurrection Victory Service with Communion FLAME 6:30-8:30pm
16 Psalm 24 EASTER 6:30am Easter Outdoor Sunrise Service (1416 Canyon Trail Dr.) 8 & 10:30am Worship w/Communion 9am Easter Breakfast served by FIRE Youth Group	17 Luke 11 12:30pm LWML Exec. Bd. 1pm LWML Meeting Church Office Closed	18 Acts 10:34-43 6am Men's Bible Study 9am Quilting 7pm Ladies' Bible Study	19 Col. 3:1-4 8:30am Chapel at TLS 6:30pm FIRE Youth Group at TLS	20 Matt. 28:1-10 7pm Adult Choir	21 Luke 12	22 Proverbs 25 5pm Worship 6pm Manitoba Mission Trip Meeting
<i>Homeschool Speech and Debate Regional Tournament</i>						
23 Psalm 25 8 & 10:30am Worship w/Communion 9:30am Sunday School & Adult Bible Classes 8pm Men's Basketball at TLS	24 Luke 13 7pm Adult Class	25 Acts 5:29-42 6am Men's Bible Study 9am Quilting 9:30am Rock of Ages at home 7pm Lay Ministry Mtg. 7pm Ladies' Bible Study	26 1 Peter 1:3-9 8:30am Chapel at TLS 6:30pm FIRE Youth Group	27 John 20:19-31 10:30am Bible Study 7pm Adult Choir	28 Luke 14	29 Proverbs 26 5pm Worship FIRE 30-Hour Famine Friday 6pm-Saturday 6pm
30 Psalm 26 8 & 10:30am Worship 9:30am Sunday School & Adult Bible Classes 8pm Men's Basketball at TLS	PRAYER CHAIN: Donna Michel (656-6637) Email: church@trinitybillings.org					
Church Phone: 245-3984 School Phone: 656-1021						Trinity Worship Services on Community 7 8am Sundays & 5pm Tuesdays



HOST FAMILIES NEEDED!

Give your family the gift of a lifetime! Open your home and hearts and become a host family for an international high school student. Take the first step to help build more understanding in our global community. Share the unique experience with your family. You will gain a new family member, get a renewed look at American life as you share it with your student. Students have their own insurance and spending money. Let's talk about the possibilities.

For more information, contact Susie Wollenburg at (406) 671-4350 or swollenburg@star-serviceinc.com.



LWML MEETING

Monday, April 17 at 7:00 pm

The program for April will be a presentation by Amy Laverman, Executive Director of Love INC. Come and hear what Love INC is all about!

ADDRESS CHANGES

Don & Betty Bagley
5205 Georgetown Dr.
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C/O Lutheran South Academy
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Houston, TX 77089-6625

Sam and Trinidad Jolliffe
1329 Parkhill Dr.
Billings, MT 59102

Lew & Rosemary Lehman
1001 East Yale Ave, #230
Denver, CO 80210

MEMBERSHIP LOSSES

Ben and Lauren King
Transferring to St. Paul Lutheran, Stevens Point, WI

BAPTISMS

Zekiehl Ronald Dahlquist 3/18/17
Kody Alan Keenan 3/15/17
Rilee Ann Powers 2/25/17
Lelah Grace Rolston 2/19/17

MARRIAGES

Ira Merback III & Andrea Williams 2/25/17

FUNERALS / MEMORIALS

Georgia Hamilton 3/9/17

Financial REPORT

February Financials		
Income		143,083
Expenses		147,303
Net Margin		(4,220)
2016-2017 Financials		
	<i>Actual</i>	<i>Target</i>
Offerings	569,824	578,703
Total Income	1,171,666	1,165,453
Total Expenses	1,136,206	1,165,279
Net Margin	35,460	173
Expansion Project Contributions		
February 2017 Gifts		4,597
July 2016 - Jan. 2017 Gifts		57,599

Special Events

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 5

Soup Supper at 5:00 pm
Worship & Communion at 6:30 pm

SATURDAY, APRIL 8

Cradle Roll Easter Party @ 10:00-11:30am
(Children age 5 and under and their siblings)

THURSDAY, APRIL 13

Maundy Thursday Worship @ 6:30pm

FRIDAY, APRIL 14

Tre Ore Service at Mount Olive @ 12:00-3:00pm
Good Friday Worship @ 6:30pm

SATURDAY, APRIL 15

Easter Celebration Worship @ 5pm

SUNDAY, APRIL 16

Outdoor Sunrise Service @ 6:30am in Lockwood
Easter Celebration Worship @ 8am and 10:30am
Easter Brunch @ 9am

FRIDAY & SATURDAY, APRIL 28 & 29

FIRE 30-Hour Famine



News

A huge thank you to Gene Allard and the Properties Board for all of their work out at the school. Our new teacher workroom looks fantastic and has been a tremendous blessing!



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