



Joyful Noise

APRIL 2018

A Message from Your Pastor...

Dear Friends in Christ,

This spring I am learning something new. Our son, David, is playing in the Yellowstone Youth Soccer League, and I am the coach for his team. Now, I've played soccer before, but I've never coached before; so I'm learning and experiencing something new. To prepare, I've been looking at a few coaching books from the library, I've looked at some YouTube videos about drills for developing skills, and ready or not...we had our first practice and the season is underway.

When you want to learn or do something new, how do you prepare? I suppose there are many different approaches. You could read books, talk with someone who has experience in that area, watch YouTube videos, take a few classes, and of course there's always "baptism by fire."

Whatever method of learning a person prefers, there always comes a point to put that knowledge into practice. That moment – when the "rubber hits the road" – isn't always easy. There are questions and doubts and uncertainty and nerves and a wish of knowing more. But it's also through those moments that experience is gained, confidence grows, and the skills become proficient.

This spring, our congregation is going to be encouraged and challenged to learn and do something "new" ...well maybe "intentional" is a better word. For several weeks after Easter, we are going to be intentional about learning how to be a witness for Jesus. You will be encouraged to identify people in your life with whom you can share your faith. We will think about, and learn practical steps

to Seek, Show, Share and Speak for Jesus. This teaching isn't "new." Jesus has been sending his disciples to share His Good News for many centuries now. Yet, at the same time, being intentional about sharing your faith – where the "rubber hits the road" in your life – when you are interacting with a person and the opportunity is there to share the gospel, may be something new.

So let's learn to be prepared for those opportunities. Let's be intentional about seeking out those opportunities as we take our knowledge and put it into practice. We may not have all the answers ready for the conversation, and we may not have any experience yet; but we do have confidence in the Lord to help us. "I can do all things through [Christ] who strengthens me" (Phil. 4:13). May that strength of Jesus help you learn all the new things you'd like to do – especially sharing your faith.

On a little different note...our congregation will also be experiencing something new this month with the transition of our church secretary. Connie Klundt has faithfully served Trinity for the past 9 years as our office administrator and will be retiring at the end of April. Please join us between services at 9:30 am on April 29 as we recognize and thank Connie for her years of serving our Lord here at Trinity; and celebrate with her as she enters a "new" phase of life in retirement. We also welcome Debbie Hartford to our ministry staff as she fulfills the responsibilities of office administrator. Please take the time to thank Connie, and welcome Debbie, as they both enter new phases of life and ministry.

In Christ,
Pastor Keinath



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School and YOUTH NEWS



YOU CAN MAKE IT HAPPEN

Greetings to Spring! It is the time of year when families are deciding where to send their children next year for school. Some families want to attend Trinity, but financially they just can't make it happen. The S.A.P. is our program that can make a difference for families that need a little help to be able to cover their tuition responsibilities. The program is totally supported by donations. We are blessed to have families who are blessed where they can reach out and assist those families in need. It is that time again where we ask families to make those donations. Your donations then allow us to know how much we have so we can give an accurate amount of how much we can provide assistance to families in need. Trinity Lutheran School has been a blessing to the Billings community since 1955. It has been a blessing that requires a lot of people willing to step up and help make it happen. His people, His Word, your sharing, allow His steps to be followed by more people each year. Thank you for prayerfully considering this request.

– Richard Thomas,
Principal of Trinity Lutheran School

TRINITY'S VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL | JUNE 18-22, 2018

As we get ready to get Shipwrecked this summer at VBS, we need your help! Could you take a look around and see if you have any of the following items lying around the house, or think about collecting these items to help enrich our VBS experience? Thank you!

- Old trunks and suitcases
- Cardboard tubes of ANY size (carpet rolls to paper towel rolls)
- Wooden crates
- Cardboard boxes - preferably larger
- Old rope
- Lanterns
- Island decorations
- Blue and green plastic tablecloths/drop-cloths
- Newsprint
- Christmas lights/rope lights
- Large pieces of styrofoam
- Pool noodles
- Buckets
- Grass skirts/grass table skirts
- Sheets/painters drop cloths (canvas - tan, black, brown)
- Large nets
- Plastic coins
- Large plastic bowls
- Plastic swords
- ANYTHING that looks like it may have come from a shipwreck!





WHO ARE YOUR TWO?



A Series on Living and Sharing Your Faith

April 7 & 8 - Seek Him

April 14 & 15 - Show Him

April 21 & 22 - Share Him

May 5 & 6 - Speak for Him

A NOTE FROM OUR NEW CHURCH SECRETARY!

My name is Debbie Hartford. I have been blessed with the opportunity to be the Church Secretary here at Trinity. My husband, Terry, and I have been married for almost 35 years and have been blessed with 4 children and 6 grandchildren. He is the Operating Manager at the CVS in Laurel right now and, because of his job, we have moved all over the state of Montana. Almost 2 years ago, we were transferred back here to Billings. Currently I am a teacher at Explorer's Academy – a Head Start program. I also taught preschool at Trinity Lutheran in Miles City, and I was the church secretary at St. Mark Lutheran in Butte for 6 years.



I am very much looking forward to this opportunity to serve here at Trinity. With the Lord's help and your prayers, I will do my best to fill the huge shoes that Connie will leave.

Debbie will begin training on April 16 and Connie's last day in the office will be Friday, April 27. Please take a minute to stop in and say hello to Debbie, and to thank Connie for her 9 years of service to our church. A retirement celebration for Connie will take place on Sunday, April 29, at 9:30 am in the Fellowship Hall.

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 Psalm 74 Easter 6:30am Easter Outdoor Sunrise Service (1416 Canyon Trail Drive) 8 & 10:30am Worship w/Communion 9am Easter Breakfast - Served by FIRE Youth Group MITE BOX SUNDAY	2 Matthew 25 Church Office Closed No School at TLS	3 Isaiah 25:6-9 9am Quilting 6:30pm Christian Ed. Mtg. Properties Mtg. Youth Bd. Mtg. 7pm Ladies' Small Group	4 1 Corinthians 15:1-11 1pm Visitation Guild Mtg. Kitchen Guild Mtg. 2:15pm Chapel at TLS 6pm 8th and 9th Grade Confirmation Info Meeting 6:30pm FIRE Youth Group	5 Mark 16:1-8 10:30am Bible Study	6 Matthew 26	7 Proverbs 13 5pm Worship w/Communion "Seek Him!"
8 Psalm 75 8 & 10:30am Worship "Seek Him!" 9:30am Sunday School & Adult Bible Classes 9:30am 8th and 9th Grade Confirmation Info Meeting	9 Matthew 27 Pastors' Circuit Meeting at Muddy Cluster 5:30pm Stewardship Mtg. 6:30pm Evangelism Mtg. 7pm Adult Class 7:30pm Muddy Cluster Meeting at TYM	10 Acts 4:32-35 6am Men's Bible Study 9am Quilting 9:30am Rock of Ages Story Hour 6pm Cradle Roll Mtg. 7pm Ladies' Small Group	11 1 John 1:1-2:2 8:30am Chapel at TLS 6:30pm FIRE Youth Group	12 John 20:19-31 10:30am Bible Study	13 Matthew 28	14 Proverbs 14 2-4:30pm FLICKER & FLAME 5pm Worship "Show Him!" 6pm 8th and 9th Grade Confirmation Info Mtg. 6:15pm Manitoba Meeting at TYM
15 Psalm 76 8 & 10:30am Worship "Show Him!" 9:30am Sunday School & Adult Bible Classes	16 Mark 1 7pm LWML Meeting Adult Class	17 Acts 3:11-21 6am Men's Bible Study 9am Quilting 7pm Ladies' Small Group	18 1 John 3:1-7 8:30am Chapel at TLS 6:30pm FIRE Youth Group	19 Luke 24:36-49 10:30am Bible Study	20 Mark 2	21 Proverbs 15 5pm Worship w/Communion "Share Him!"
22 Psalm 77 8 & 10:30am Worship w/Communion "Share Him!" 9:30am Sunday School & Adult Bible Classes 6:30pm Financial Peace University Course Preview at TYM	23 Mark 3 7pm Adult Class No School at TLS	24 Acts 4:1-12 6am Men's Bible Study 9am Quilting 9:30am Rock of Ages at Home 7pm Ladies' Small Group Lay Ministry Bd. Mtg.	25 1 John 3:16-24 8:30am Chapel at TLS 6:30pm FIRE Youth Group	26 John 10:11-18 10:30am Bible Study	27 Mark 4	28 Proverbs 16 5pm Worship Guest Preacher Rev. George Black (Food for the Poor) <div>Bell Choir Festival – Hamilton, MT</div>
29 Psalm 78 8 & 10:30am Worship Guest Preacher Rev. George Black (Food for the Poor) 9:30am Sunday School & Adult Bible Classes Connie Klundt's Retirement Celebration before Bible Study 6:30pm Financial Peace University	30 Mark 5 7pm Adult Class	ACOLYTES: Saturday: Josh Antikainen & Anthony Meyer Sun., 8:00am: Joseph Stewart Sun., 10:30am: Donovan McGraw LAY MINISTERS: Saturday: Ron Kesler Sun., 8:00am: Mark Wollenburg Sun., 10:30am: Ed Livingston	ACOLYTES: Saturday: Josh Antikainen & Anthony Meyer Sun., 8:00am: Joseph Stewart Sun., 10:30am: Donovan McGraw LAY MINISTERS: Saturday: Ron Kesler Sun., 8:00am: Mark Wollenburg Sun., 10:30am: Ed Livingston	ALTAR DUTY: Cam Browne & Shelly Mahn Trinity Worship Services on Community 7 8am Sundays & 5pm Tuesdays SCHOOL: 656-1021 CHURCH: 245-3984		



HILDA HUBER'S 90TH BIRTHDAY!!

Hilda Huber, who moved to Oregon 6 years ago to be near family, will turn 90 in May. Her family is planning a celebration for her in June, and they would very much like Hilda to receive 90 birthday cards!! (If you know Hilda, you know how much she will enjoy this!) Please send your cards for Hilda by June 1st to:

Hilda Huber
c/o Barbara Pearson
4535 S.E. Conway Street
Milwaukie, OR 97222

Thank you so much! A card from her friends at Trinity will mean so much to Hilda! (She misses all of you!)



LWML MEETING

Monday, April 16 at 7:00 pm

The program for April will include Kristin LaVe' with a presentation on "Music for Every Season of Life."

ADDRESS CHANGES

Lola Temme

The Springs at Grand Park
1221 28th Street West, Room 129
Billings, MT 59102

Kelly Herden

1431 Naples Street
Billings, MT 59105

MEMBERSHIP ADDITIONS

Transfers in:

Mark & Janet Dolar

Justine, Cassidy & Cailynn Loughridge

MEMBERSHIP LOSSES

Transfers out:

Steve, Mollie & Lizzie Lehenbauer

WEDDINGS

Derek Vetch & Stephanie Eddy.....3/18/18

FUNERALS

Earl Zumbrun.....2/27/18

Alden Larson.....passed away 3/15/18
(Summer service in Red Lodge pending)

Financial REPORT

February Financials		
Income		160,070
Expenses		138,958
Net Margin		21,112
2017-2018 Financials		
	<i>Actual</i>	<i>Target</i>
Offerings	620,164	624,463
Total Income	1,170,770	1,210,356
Total Expenses	1,124,286	1,209,022
Net Margin	46,484	1,334
Expansion Project Contributions		
February 2018 Gifts		3,114
July 2017 – Feb. 2018 Gifts		42,139

Special Events

SUNDAY, APRIL 1

Outdoor Sunrise Service @ 6:30am
Worship @ 8:00am and 10:30am
Easter Breakfast @ 9:00am

MONDAY, APRIL 9, 7:30 PM

Muddy Cluster Mission Meeting

SATURDAY, APRIL 14, 2:00-4:30 PM

FLICKER & FLAME

SATURDAY & SUNDAY, APRIL 28-29

Guest Preacher Rev. George Black
from Food for the Poor

SUNDAY, APRIL 29, 9:30 AM

Connie Klundt's Retirement Celebration
New FPU Session Starts @ 6:30pm



News

The advertisement for Dave Ramsey's Financial Peace University features a portrait of Dave Ramsey on the left. He is a middle-aged man with a grey beard and glasses, wearing a blue shirt and a dark jacket. The background is a blue gradient with a subtle pattern of people's faces. The text "DAVE RAMSEY'S" is in small, white, sans-serif font above the word "FINANCIAL" in large, white, sans-serif font. The word "Peace" is in a large, yellow, cursive font, and "UNIVERSITY" is in small, white, sans-serif font below it. Below the title, the text "Classes are" is in yellow, and "STARTING SOON!" is in large, bold, yellow, sans-serif font. At the bottom, a white box contains the text: "Course Preview on Sunday, April 22, at 6:30pm at TYM Square", "First Lesson on Sunday, April 29, at 6:30pm at TYM Square", and "This 9-week session runs from April 29 - June 24".

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