



Joyful Noise

APRIL 2019

A Message from Your Pastor...

Dear Friends in Christ,

What a day March 17th was! As you remember, on that day last month, we celebrated the 100th Anniversary of Trinity! We had Pastor Richard Thompson as the guest preacher. We had special music during worship – with instruments, the school children and adult choir singing. We remembered our heritage with Pastor Rinderknecht speaking parts of the service in German; and we sang a hymn from an “older” hymnal, *The Lutheran Hymnal* (aka “the red one”). We shared memories during Bible Class. We had visitors from area congregations – and a bit further – who had a connection to Trinity join us for worship, and, of course, the Banquet Brunch at the Double Tree downtown.

There at the Banquet, letters from previous pastors and a vicar were read by Mr. Thomas who served as the M.C. Our guest speakers – President Forke, Mike Larson (Chairman of Trinity), Darrell VanLuchen (who now lives in Bozeman, was in the first class at Trinity and also served as a teacher at Trinity) – all spoke about Trinity and shared more memories – did you know that Trinity Lutheran School once had a Driver’s Ed program for the 5th & 6th Grade? And that the first basketball uniforms were purchased with soybeans the students had gathered from the neighbor’s field after the wind had knocked them down? Not sure either of those would work today.

Overall, it was a wonderful day. But what I enjoyed the most about the celebration wasn’t the memories that were shared, or the Anniversary Booklet (which by the way is available in the office or back of church) or things we did

to mark the anniversary (like the pens, that are also available), or even the fellowship of people, though those are all good things. No, what I enjoyed most about the celebration was the focus of the whole thing. The focus was not about the things we have done as a congregation, but the things God has done for and through His people at Trinity. The theme verse for the Anniversary captures that well: *“The Lord has done great things for us, and we are filled with joy.”* Psalm 126:3

Indeed, the Lord has done great things for us. He has sent His Son Jesus to die and rise again that we may have life in His name – and we are filled with joy because of this gift. It is because of the gift of Jesus that Trinity Lutheran Church started 100 years ago. It is because of Jesus that Trinity Lutheran Church and School are still here today. It is because of Jesus that we are filled with joy, a joy that gives us the strength to face each new day with a confident faith in Jesus – just like the people, who 100 years ago, had faith in Jesus to start a congregation officially called “Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church of U. A. C. of Billings, Montana.”

In the Joy of Jesus,

Pastor Keinath

A special thank you to everyone, especially the 100th Anniversary Committee, who helped make the day so enjoyable!



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School and YOUTH NEWS



HER LEGACY – GREETINGS TO THE EASTER SEASON

The Saturday services really remind us of how blessed we were with Mrs. Speed. I wrote a Bobcat News article a couple of weeks ago. That evening, there were three Trinity alumni in the Praise Band. It was nice to see Melanie Tecca (2018), Lauren Tecca (2016), and Thomas Wagenman (2014) sharing their love for Jesus through music. Since then, I received a message from someone attending a different Saturday service. They said Emily Erger (2014), Anthony Meyer (2018), Emma and Kate Campbell (2018) were all playing during that service. I'm sure the list goes on. Mrs. Speed touched so many lives during her ministry and those lives are touching us today. The Lord is also preparing His new worker to join us. May the Committee be blessed as they follow the steps to bring that servant here to Trinity.

– Richard Thomas, Principal of Trinity Lutheran School

BUTTER BRAID SALES

Thank you for your continued support of this summer's trip to the National Youth Gathering! Butter Braids will be delivered to TYM Square on Wednesday, April 10. Youth should be in contact with you to discuss delivery or pick-up options!



JOIN US FOR EASTER BRUNCH

Join us again this year for the Easter Brunch! Your free-will offering will help keep us fed in Minneapolis! Did you know, during our trip, each person will eat 26 meals? For our group of 33, that means we'll be eating 858 meals; that's 264 breakfasts, 297 lunches, and 297 dinners?! Your contribution of \$10 will help cover breakfast OR lunch for one person for one day while \$15 will cover the cost of dinner. A contribution of \$35 will feed one of our participants for a day, while \$280 will keep someone fed for the whole trip. As we help fill your bellies this Easter, please prayerfully consider how you can keep ours full in Minneapolis. Thanks!

UPCOMING YOUTH EVENTS

April 17 - 6:30 PM: Fire Movie Night at TYM

April 20 - 6:30 PM: Flicker and Flame

May 3-5 - Spring Retreat for 8th and Up

Spring Retreat May 3-5, 2019

Who: 8th Grade and Up

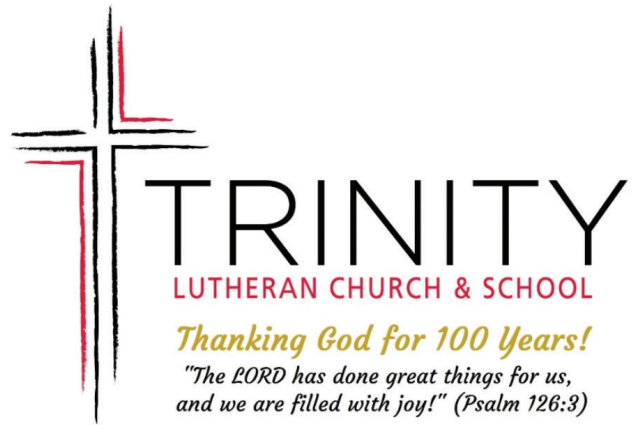
Where: Rockhaven Camp

Cost: \$25/night + \$25 for high ropes (9th and up)

Questions? Cameron Heiliger or Pastor Keinath



100th Anniversary



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LWML MEETING

Saturday, April 13 | 9:00-10:00am
Cradle Roll Children's Easter Party

Monday, April 15 | 7:00pm
Opening Devotion: Sherrie Murray
Program: Sherrie Murray, "Walk Where Jesus Walked" Holy Land Trip

Financial REPORT

February Finances

Income	118,612
Expenses	146,179
Net Margin	-27,566

2018-2019 Finances

	<i>Actual</i>	<i>Target</i>
Offerings	637,802	637,227
Total Income	1,219,729	1,257,715
Total Expenses	1,185,787	1,240,245
Net Margin	33,942	17,470

Phase 1 Completion Drive

(Goal of \$325,000 to Pay Off Loan)

Gifts and Pledges (through Feb.)	\$83,050
Remaining Needed to Complete	\$241,950

In the past two months more than 25% of the funds needed to pay off our Phase 1 projects have been committed. We thank God for the generosity of His people! About 85% of our congregation has not yet made a gift or pledge, so please continue to pray and get involved as you are able!



EASTER LILIES

The Altar Guild is now accepting orders for lilies which will adorn Trinity's altar this Easter. The price is \$10 each. Please complete the order form (in the narthex), place it in the envelope provided (along with your cash or check payable to Trinity Lutheran Church) and drop the envelope in the box located in the narthex. Also, please note if the lily is in memory of (or in honor of) a special person(s). We will run these names in the bulletin insert on Easter Sunday. We will accept orders through Sunday, April 14th. You may pick up your lilies following the last Easter service. Thank you for helping us decorate the altar for this special celebration!

ADDRESS CHANGES

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BAPTISMS

Alison Rachel Hofacker..... 3/3/2019

FUNERALS / MEMORIALS

Paul Hafner passed away on March 8, 2019.

Funeral Service was held on March 14, 2019, with Rev. Daniel Rinderknecht presiding.

John Ahern passed away on February 21, 2019.

Funeral Service was held on March 15, 2019, with Rev. Daniel Rinderknecht presiding.

Leoma Bauer passed away on March 18, 2019.

Memorial Service was held on March 28, 2019, with Rev. Daniel Keinath presiding.

Special Events

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 3

Lenten Dinner @ 5pm
Lenten Worship @ 6:30pm

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 10

Lenten Dinner @ 5pm
Lenten Worship @ 6:30pm

SATURDAY, APRIL 13, 9-10AM

Cradle Roll Children's Easter Party

THURSDAY, APRIL 18

Maundy Thursday Worship @ 6:30pm

FRIDAY, APRIL 19

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

SUNDAY, APRIL 21

Outdoor Sunrise Service @ 6:30am
Easter Worship @ 8am and 10:30am
Easter Breakfast @ 9am in Fellowship Hall



News

Wednesdays, April 3 & April 10
5:00pm Lenten Dinner, 6:30pm Worship

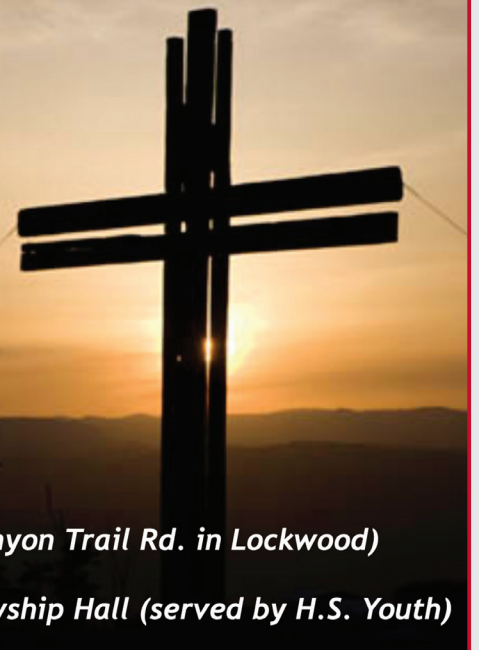
Sunday, April 14
Palm Sunday Worship at 8:00am & 10:30am

Thursday, April 18
Maundy Thursday Worship at 6:30pm

Friday, April 19
Good Friday Worship at 6:30pm

Saturday, April 20
Easter Celebration Worship at 5:00pm

Sunday, April 21
Outdoor Sunrise Service at 6:30am (1416 Canyon Trail Rd. in Lockwood)
Easter Worship at 8:00am & 10:30am
Easter Breakfast at 9am in the Church Fellowship Hall (served by H.S. Youth)



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