

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!



Knowing Christ and Making Him Known

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



100th Anniversary



TRINITY

Thanking God for 100 Years! "The LORD has done great things for us, and we are filled with joy!" (Psalm 126:3)













APRIL

Monthly Calendar

2019

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Church: 245-3984 School: 656-1021 <u>ALTAR DUTY:</u> Shared Duty	1 Mark 11 NOON P.A.R. at TYM 7pm Adult Class	 2 Isaiah 12:1-6 9am Quilting 6:30pm Properties Mtg. Fellowship Mtg Youth Board Mtg 	 3 2 Corinthians5:16-21 NOON P.A.R. at TYM 1pm Kitchen Guild Visitation Guild Visitation Guild 2:15pm Chapel at TLS 5pm Lenten Dinner 6:30pm Lenten Service 7:15pm 1st Yr. Confirmation 7:15pm FIRE Youth Group 	4 Luke 15:1-3, 11-32 10:30am Bible Study 7pm Choir Rehearsal	5 Mark 12	6 Proverbs 3 1pm Pickle Ball 5pm Worship w/Communion
 7 Psalm 124 MITE BOX SUNDAY 8 & 10:30am Worship 9:30am Sunday School & Adult Bible Classes 5:30pm Financial Peace at TYM 	8 Mark 13 NOON P.A.R. at TYM 5:30pm Stewardship Mtg 6:30pm Evangelism Mtg 7pm Adult Class	 9 Isaiah 43:16-21 9am Quilting 6pm Cradle Roll Mtg. 6:30pm Board of Ed Mtg 	10 Philippians 3:4b-14 8:30am Chapel at TLS NOON P.A.R. at TYM 5pm Lenten Dinner 6:30pm Lenten Service 7:15pm 1 st Yr. Confirmation 7:15pm FIRE Youth Group	11 <i>Luke</i> 20:9-20 10:30am Bible Study 6pm PPC Meeting 7pm Choir Rehearsal	12 Mark 14	13 Proverbs 4 9-10am Cradle Roll Children's Easter Party 1pm Pickle Ball 5pm Worship
14 Psalm 125 PALM SUNDAY 8 & 10:30am Worship w/Communion 9:30am Sunday School & Adult Bible Class Noon NYG Meeting	15 Mark 15 NOON P.A.R. at TYM 7pm LWML Meeting 7pm Adult Class	16 <i>Deut.</i> 32:36-39 9am Quilting	17 Philippians 2:5-11 8:30am Chapel at TLS NOON P.A.R. at TYM 1pm Wrinkled Righteous Game Day 6:30pm FIRE Youth Group 7pm Choir Rehearsal NOON Dismissal at TLS	18 Luke 23:1-56 19 M Maundy Thursday Good 6:30pm Tursday 6:30pm W Nouni Servi No School at TLS No School at TLS	19 Mark 16 Good Friday 12-3pm Tre Ore Service at Mount Olive 6:30pm Worship <i>I at TLS</i>	20 Proverbs 5 10am Work Day for Altar Guild 1pm Pickle Ball 5pm Worship w/Communion 6:30pm FLICKER/FLAME
 21 Psalm 126 EASTER SUNDAY 6:30am Easter Outdoor Sunrise 6:30am Easter Outdoor Sunrise 8 a. 10:30am Worship w/ Communion 9:00am Easter Breakfast – Served by FIRE Youth Group 	22 John 1 NOON P.A.R. at TYM Church Office Closed – No School at TLS	23 <i>Isaiah 65:17-25</i> 9am Quilting 9:30am Rock of Ages at Home @ Tecca's	24 1 Corinthians 15:19-26 8:30am Chapel at TLS NOON P.A.R. at TYM 6:30pm FIRE Youth Group	25 Luke 24:1-12 10:30am Bible Study 7pm Choir Rehearsal	26 John 2	27 <i>Proverbs 6</i> 1pm Pickle Ball 5pm Worship 6:15pm Manitoba Mission Meeting @ TYM
28 <i>Psalm 127</i> 8 & 10:30am Worship w/Communion 9:30am Sunday School & Adult Bible Classes	29 John 3 NOON P.A.R. at TYM 7pm Adult Class	30 Acts 5:12-20 9am Quilting 7pm Lay Ministry Mtg.	LAY MINISTERS: Saturday: Roger Kesler Sun., 8:00: David Jinguji Sun., 10:30: Rob Reeves Trinity	s <u>Worship Service</u> aam Sundays & 5 ₁	ACOL YTES: Saturday: Rose Liwosz Sun., 8:00: Cassandra Sun., 10:30: Grace Sch ss on Community 7 pm Tuesdays	se Liwosz Cassandra Ingold Grace Schallenberger <u>nity 7</u>



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

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

2018-2019 Finances

2010-2017 1 mances				
	Actual	Target		
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!

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BAPTISMS

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



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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