



# Joyful Noise

APRIL 2021

## *A Message from Your Pastor...*

Dear Friends of Trinity,

**“He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all, how will he not also with him graciously give us all things?” (Romans 8:32)**

**“And my God will supply every need of yours according to his riches in glory in Christ Jesus. To our God and Father be glory forever and ever. Amen.” (Philippians 4:19 & 20)**

God’s gracious PROVISION! St. Paul speaks of this in the two Bible verses above. God has provided eternal life for us through His Son and certainly He will give us all good things and supply every need that we have!

Let’s think about God’s provision for our Church and School during this past year. Of course, we also think about God’s provision for the people of our Church and School!

Are you aware that in the year 2020 we had the lowest worship attendance in over 25 years and yet we had the highest amount of offerings in our church’s history! At the time of this writing, we are ahead of our projected giving by 2%. We also have a 2-month operating reserve in the bank. Just recently we have received enough offerings to completely pay off our loan for the Phase 1 building program. We are planning a formal celebration on Sunday, June 6, to give thanks to God for this great blessing. Plan to come and celebrate!

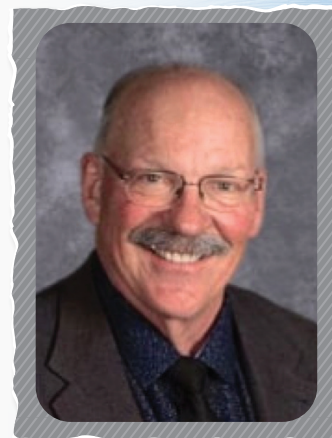
Of course, God’s provision is not just seen in finances, but more importantly in people. On February 14th, we celebrated the reception of 32 new members into our congregation! A good number of them coming from other denominations, or from no church at all. As I think of their situations, I have seen that the pandemic had a “positive” effect on their movement to our congregation. The struggle of the past year has sparked people’s need for a solid foundation on God’s Word and promises. At the school, our pre-school, pre-kindergarten and kindergarten classes are full for next school year with a waiting list for each!

God has provided for the welfare of His people in countless ways. We have had several members who were deathly ill from Covid-19, but have recovered. As far as I know, we have not lost any members due directly to the virus.

Yes, God has provided richly to Trinity and its members – for this life, and for eternity!  
*To God be the Glory!*

In His service and Yours,

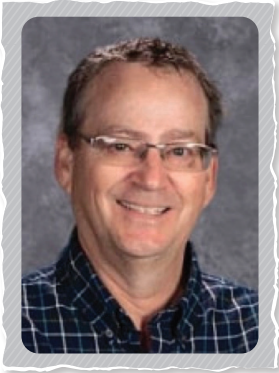
Pastor Rinderknecht



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# School and YOUTH NEWS

## “SEEMING”



Greetings from school. It is very hard to believe, but we are already in the middle of enrollments for the 2021-2022 school year. The new families that are contacting us seem to want a more traditional approach for their child's education. They seem to want family values stressed. They seem to want Christ in their child's life. Sounds like a lot of “seeming” going on. Trinity has been blessed since 1955 because the church has never strayed away from the Word of God. Every child has gifts and blessings from their Lord and Savior. This school provides the opportunities to find those blessings and gifts. The world seems to be throwing everything it has to throw roadblocks in our children's walk with Jesus. Thank you, Trinity Lutheran Church, for being committed to letting the children hear His Word on a daily basis.

-Richard Thomas, *Principal of Trinity Lutheran School*

## YOUTH NEWS



### Youth Trip | July 11-16, Bigfork, MT

A number of our current and incoming High School Youth are getting excited for the opportunity to serve and partner with Trinity Lutheran Camp in Bigfork! In communicating with the camp, things are beginning to take shape that are going to make this more than just the “back-up plan/stay in state” trip that we may have initially thought. Praise God for His plans in this!! During the week, we will be doing trail construction, painting cabins, and other maintenance around the camp. We'll also have opportunity to connect with the camp staff as there will not be campers there that week. The Program Director at camp has also mentioned a potential opportunity to grow in partnership with them as they look to raise funds for building a new cabin. Be on the lookout for more information in April and May as we continue to prepare for the trip!



### Paint Til You Faint!

This winter, Rose Liwosz (a Sophomore at Skyview) began designing a mural to help liven the space in TYM Square. This spring, we will spend some time bringing her vision to life along the western wall of the main area. Tentatively, we are planning to paint the weekend of April 17-18 and hope to give students from all three youth groups the opportunity to be involved. Youth and families, watch for more information in the coming weeks.



**THANK YOU!** *for your continued support of our youth through Butter Braids and the Easter Brunch!!*

-Cameron Heiliger, *Director of Youth & Parish Education*





# VICTORY IN CHRIST!

**Thursday, April 1 @ 6:30pm**

Maundy Thursday Worship with Communion

*Also live-streamed at [www.trinitybillings.org](http://www.trinitybillings.org)*

**Friday, April 2 @ 6:30pm**

Good Friday Worship

*Also live-streamed at [www.trinitybillings.org](http://www.trinitybillings.org)*

**Saturday, April 3 @ 5pm**

Celebration Worship with Communion

*Also live-streamed at [www.trinitybillings.org](http://www.trinitybillings.org)*

**Sunday, April 4 @ 6:30am**


Easter Outdoor Sunrise Worship at 1416 Canyon Trail Drive in Lockwood

**Sunday, April 4 @ 6:30am, 8am, and 10:30am**

Easter Worship with Communion at Trinity

*8am and 10:30am services also live-streamed at [www.trinitybillings.org](http://www.trinitybillings.org)*



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<b>ACOLYTES:</b> Saturday: Tyler Hatzell Sun.: 8:00 Megan Keinath Sun.: 10:30 Jason Arave  <b>LAY MINISTERS:</b> Saturday: Brent Carstens Sun.: 8:00: Mark Wollenburg Sun.: 10:30: Paul Kober  Church: 245-3984 School: 656-1021 Website: <a href="http://www.trinitybillings.org">www.trinitybillings.org</a>						
Trinity Worship Services on Community 7 8am Sundays & 5pm Tuesdays 						
<b>4</b> Psalm 123 <b>Easter Sunday</b> <b>MITE BOX SUNDAY</b> 6:30am Easter Outdoor Service (1416 Canyon Trail Drive) 6:30am, 8am, & 10:30am Worship w/Communion at Trinity <b>Easter Breakfast Pickup @ TYM</b> (please order in advance)	<b>5</b> Mark 6  <b>Church Office</b> <b>Closed</b>	<b>6</b> Isaiah 25:6-9 9am Quilting 6:30pm Youth Bd. Mtg. Properties Bd. Mtg. 7pm Bible Study led by Rev. Zagel	<b>7</b> 1 Corinthians 15:1-11 1pm Visitation Guild Kitchen Guild 2:15pm Chapel at TLS 6:30pm FIRE Youth Group 8pm Men's B-Ball at TLS	<b>1</b> Mark 15:1-47 6:30pm <b>Maundy Thursday</b> Worship w/Communion  <b>Easter Break at TLS — April 1 - 5</b>	<b>2</b> Mark 5 <b>Good Friday</b> 12-3pm Tre Ore Service at Mount Olive 6:30pm Worship	<b>3</b> Psalm 122 10am Altar Guild Work Day 5pm Worship w/Communion
<b>11</b> Psalm 125 8 & 10:30am Worship w/Communion 9:30am Sunday School & Adult Bible Classes	<b>12</b> Mark 8 <b>Pastors' Circuit</b> <b>Meeting in Park City</b> 5:30pm Stewardship Board Mtg. at TYM 6:30pm Evangelism Bd. 7pm Adult Class	<b>13</b> Acts 4:32-35 9am Quilting 6pm Cradle Roll Mtg. 6:30pm Board of Ed Mtg 6:30pm Fellowship Mtg. 7pm Bible Study led by Rev. Zagel	<b>14</b> 1 John 1:1 - 2:2 8:30am Chapel at TLS 6:30pm FIRE Youth Group 8pm Men's B-Ball at TLS	<b>15</b> John 20:19-31 10:30am Bible Study 7pm Choir Rehearsal	<b>16</b> Mark 9	<b>17</b> Psalm 126 5pm Worship w/Communion
<b>18</b> Psalm 127 8 & 10:30am Worship 9:30am Sunday School, Toddler SS & Adult Bible Classes	<b>19</b> Mark 10 7pm LWML meeting 7pm Adult Class	<b>20</b> Acts 3:11-21 9am Quilting 7pm Bible Study led by Rev. Zagel	<b>21</b> 1 John 3:1-7 8:30am Chapel at TLS 6:30pm FIRE Youth Group 8pm Men's B-Ball at TLS	<b>22</b> Luke 24:36-49 10:30am Bible Study 7pm Choir Rehearsal	<b>23</b> Mark 11	<b>24</b> Psalm 128 5pm Worship
<b>25</b> Psalm 129 8 & 10:30am Worship w/Communion 9:30am Sunday School & Adult Bible Classes	<b>26</b> Mark 12 7pm Adult Class	<b>27</b> Acts 4:1-12 9am Quilting 4pm LFL at Mount Olive 7pm Lay Ministry Mtg 7pm Bible Study led by Rev. Zagel	<b>28</b> 1 John 3:16-24 8:30am Chapel at TLS 6:30pm FIRE Youth Group 8pm Men's B-Ball at TLS	<b>29</b> John 10:11-18 10:30am Bible Study 7pm Choir Rehearsal	<b>30</b> Mark 13	<b>ALTAR DUTY:</b> Janine & Rose Liwosz and Laura McCoy

# Financial REPORT

February Finances		
Income		159,219
Expenses		163,592
<b>Net Margin</b>		<b>(4,373)</b>
2020-2021 Finances		
	<i>Actual</i>	<i>Target</i>
Offerings	682,092	668,878
Total Income	1,458,391	1,341,395
Total Expenses	1,333,752	1,341,395
<b>Net Margin</b>	<b>124,638</b>	<b>0</b>
Phase I Completion Drive (Goal of \$325,000 to Pay Off Loan)		
Gifts and Pledges		\$325,000
<b>Remaining Needed to Complete</b>		<b>\$0</b>

As Pastor noted in his article, God has abundantly supplied our needs! We are grateful our members are committed to first-fruits giving, which has allowed us to meet our giving goals this past year. In addition, in March we received the remaining funds needed to pay off our Phase 1 Expansion Loan. Thank you, Lord! We will have a formal celebration on Sunday, June 6, so be watching for details. A number of our members have already asked what this means for moving forward with our Phase 2 Expansion. We certainly have a number of facility needs at the church that we want to address, but first we want to revisit our mission and long-range plans before finalizing facility improvements. The congregation will be asked to provide input as we go through the planning process. Please join us in prayer as we seek the Lord's direction and guidance regarding the many ministry opportunities that He has given us.



Lutheran  
Women  
in Mission

## LWML NEWS

You are invited to return to LWML meetings! After prayerful discussion, the Executive Committee is resuming regular meetings of LWML beginning in April! We will meet Monday, April 19th, at 7:00pm, continuing to practice social distancing, in the Fellowship Hall. The program will be a DVD presentation, "Prisoner of Passion," a conversation with the apostle Paul. The Lord has blessed us during this unsettled time, and it will be wonderful to see our group together again in fellowship with one another! LWML members are invited to pick up their Summer issue of the Lutheran Women's Quarterly found in the boxes in the narthex.



## LUTHERAN WITNESS SUBSCRIPTIONS

It's renewal time! The cost of a one-year subscription is \$15.96 for the next year - beginning with the June/July 2021 issue. Please drop your check off or mail it to the church office by April 25th. Make your check payable to Trinity Lutheran Church. Thank you!

## BAPTISMS

**Karmen May-Elizebyth Carrier** and **Grace Ann-Marie Hoots**, daughters of Kierra Hoots, were baptized by Rev. Daniel Rinderknecht on March 7, 2021. Karmen was born on April 16, 2019, and Grace was born on February 5, 2021.

## FUNERALS

**James (Jim) Michael Uecker** (husband of Mary Uecker) passed away on March 1. His funeral was held at Trinity Lutheran Church on March 8 with Rev. Daniel Rinderknecht presiding.

**Nathaniel Edward Dubry** (Beverly Hoose's son) passed away on March 3. His memorial service was held at Trinity Lutheran Church on March 22 with Rev. Daniel Rinderknecht presiding.



# Special Events

## THURSDAY, APRIL 1

Maundy Thursday Worship  
@ 6:30pm

## FRIDAY, APRIL 2

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

## SUNDAY, APRIL 4

Outdoor Sunrise Service @ 6:30am  
Worship at Trinity @ 6:30am,  
8am and 10:30am  
Easter Breakfast Pickup @ TYM

## MONDAY, APRIL 19

LWML Meeting @ 7pm



# News



## THANK YOU!

A big thank you to Luther "Ray" Smith for his faithful service as a Lay Minister at Trinity. Ray has served, cared for, and encouraged our members for many years and is now stepping down from his role as Lay Minister.

We welcome Derek Vetch to the Lay Ministry Board. Derek will be the Lay Minister for the families who Ray had been serving (alphabetical families Thomas-Weathermon). Derek is pictured on the left, along with his wife, Stephanie.

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