



# Joyful Noise

AUGUST 2017

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

Dear Friends of Trinity,

We are living in the year that marks the 500th anniversary of the Reformation. We have been sending out information about the Reformation throughout this year in our bulletin announcements and e-mails.

The Reformation was not about anything new, but about returning to the unchanged and unchanging truth of God's Word. So it is still today. The celebration of the 500th anniversary of the Reformation is not a time for novelty. It is a time to return: to the truth, to the basics, to the foundation.

I'd like you to consider Luther's Small Catechism. Do you remember the Small Catechism? Many of us were challenged to memorize the catechism (or at least part of it) during our Confirmation classes. Some of us might have even suffered through a public examination over its contents.

How much do you remember? Say it with me: "I believe that I cannot by my own reason or strength believe in Jesus Christ, my Lord, or come to Him..." Can you finish? Do you remember where that is found? (It's in Luther's explanation of the Third Article of the Apostles' Creed.)

It's time to return. Luther wrote the Small Catechism for the instruction of laypeople. Luther intended the Small Catechism to be used at church and in the home to instruct children in the faith and to reinforce the faith in the hearts and minds of adults.

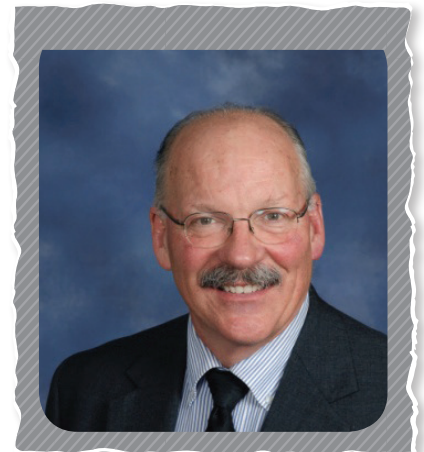
There is no better time than in this year of the 500th anniversary of the Reformation to review the catechism. Maybe you already use this helpful resource regularly; if not, I challenge you to pick it up again! Read it for yourself. Refresh the theology in your mind. Pray the catechism daily. Memorize it. But even more, teach it. If you are a parent, teach it to your children. As you have opportunity, share it with your friends and peers.

The catechism teaches the fundamentals of the Christian faith: the Ten Commandments, the Lord's Prayer, the Apostles' Creed, the Sacrament of Baptism, the Sacrament of the Altar and the Office of the Keys and Confession. This small book is well worth your time and study.

May this celebration of the 500th anniversary of the Reformation be a time when we return to the Word and Sacraments, when we turn to Christ and His love. It's *still* all about Jesus.

In His service and yours,  
Pastor Dan Rinderknecht

P.S. If you don't have a Catechism or you can't find yours, call the church office. We will give you one!



*Knowing Christ and Making Him Known*

# School and YOUTH NEWS



Rick Thomas

## SERVING HIS PEOPLE

The 2017-2018 school year is just around the corner. We currently have 10 more students that we will be blessed with sharing the love of Christ. We still have more room, so keep spreading the word. The theme this year is Psalm 24:1. «The earth is the Lord's and everything in it, the world, and all who live in it.» The students will focus on this verse and use it as they spread the love of Christ. It is interesting observing how so many foundations are being challenged and destroyed in today's society. Our foundation based on the word of God continues to go forward and embrace all of those touched by His love. It seems so simple, but we keep trying to find the answers in ourselves. Please pray for us as we prepare to serve His children with His word. The Billings community is very fortunate to have this outreach available. We thank you for your love and support.

– Rick Thomas,  
*Principal of Trinity Lutheran School*



To see more pictures of FIRE's trip to Angola, New York,  
visit us on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/tymbillings](http://www.facebook.com/tymbillings)



# Meet the Member

## B.J. & STACIE SHAW

Meet the Shaws! B.J. was born and raised in Billings and is the youngest of 5 children, having 1 brother and 3 sisters. Stacie was born in Glendive, MT, and moved to Billings when she was 2 years old. She is the oldest of 3 children, having twin sisters.

B.J. attended Lockwood School, Billings Senior High and Montana State University. His favorite memory of school was the great food at Lockwood School – “Chili and cinnamon-roll day was my favorite.”

Stacie attended Morin Elementary School, Riverside Jr. High, Billings Senior High and 1 year at Montana State University. Stacie remembers, “I was the only student in my grade for most of my elementary years at Morin School. We had 30-40 kids in grades K-8th. I always said I was the smartest kid in my class.... and then my sisters would have to say I was also the dumbest.”

B.J. and Stacie have an adult son, Tristyn, who is married to Jen. They have a 1½-year-old daughter, Blaire Madisyn, and another baby due in December. Tristyn works with B.J. in our businesses, Shaw Construction and Diamond Paintball. Jen is an esthetician at Jen-Mar Salon. The Shaws also have a daughter, Tori, who is in her last year of college at MSU-Billings. Tori teaches Tap and Hip Hop dance to kids when she is not working hard on her classes. Hailey is their youngest daughter. She just graduated this spring from West High. She will be attending MSU-Billings this fall and will also start teaching a Preschool dance class and a beginners Jazz/Tap class. Another special member of the family is their dog, Liberty. She is the favorite of all the family, but she hates Stacie the least. (Everyone else just lives in her house.) Stacie and B.J. have also had a few horses, fish, cats and a couple goats (Hailey's favorite) over the years.

Stacie and B.J. have been at Trinity for 21 years. They were at Hope Lutheran Church in Lockwood before that. They love the people at the church and at the school, and both feel so thankful that all 3 of their kids attended Trinity School from kindergarten through 8th grade. B.J.'s mom, Peg Amestoy, also attends Trinity, as well as Stacie's parents, Wayne & Connie Klundt. Stacie's aunt, uncle and cousins (Ann, Marty, Maria & Cory Guzman) also attend Trinity.

For fun, B.J. enjoys spending time with the kids, fishing, camping, flying his drone, playing paintball and riding all over the mountains



in his Can Am side-by-side. Stacie also enjoys spending time with the kids, quilting, drawing & painting, camping .... and getting out of the Can Am and walking when B.J. takes them down steep, scary trails. As a family, they enjoy eating at their favorite restaurants and going to movies. B.J. loves the sound of a guitar and his truck turbo; Stacie enjoys the sound of babies laughing. B.J.'s least favorite chore is doing any kind of work in a crawl space with spiders. Stacie says, “I do not like cooking, and it shows in some of the horrible creations I have made over the years.” A word that best describes B.J. is ‘loyal.’ For Stacie, it would be ‘empathetic.’

In 2009, B.J., Jen and Tristyn went on the first Manitoba Mission Trip. In 2010, Stacie joined them. In 2011, Tori joined the group. In 2012, Hailey joined the rest of the family. “We decided as a family that this is where we wanted to spend our vacation time and money. We feel called to share the Gospel of Jesus. We wish every member of Trinity could go to Cross Lake. The people there are so hungry for someone to listen to them, hug them and pray with them. Please pray about going. Whatever your age or abilities are, you are needed there. Visit the Trinity Youth Group Mission Trip Facebook page to follow the group's 9-year journey.”

“We are very blessed to be able to serve Christ here at Trinity. We pray God guides the Pastors and leaders, that our members continue to study the Bible and grow in the Gospel, and that we continue to be thankful and appreciate the goodness of God in our lives.”

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<b>ALTAR DUTY:</b> Shared Duty  <b>Trinity Worship Services on Community 7</b> <b>8am Sundays &amp; 5pm Tuesdays</b>		<b>1 Deut. 7:6-9</b> 6am Men's Bible Study 9am Quilting <b>6:30pm</b> Christian Ed. Mtg. Properties Mtg. Youth Bd. Mtg. 7pm Ladies' Small Group	<b>2 Romans 8:28-39</b> 1pm Visitation Guild Mtg. 1:30pm Kitchen Guild Mtg.	<b>3 Matt. 13:44-52</b>	<b>4 John 18</b>	<b>5 Proverbs 9</b> 5pm Worship with Communion
<b>6 Psalm 40</b> <b>MITE BOX SUNDAY</b> 8 & 10:30am Worship 9:30am Summer Sunday School & Adult Bible Class  <i>Return Date for Manitoba Participants</i>	<b>7 John 19</b> 5:30pm Stewardship Mtg. 6:30pm Fellowship Mtg.	<b>8 Isaiah 55:1-5</b> 6am Men's Bible Study 9am Quilting 6pm Parish Planning Council Meeting 7pm Ladies' Small Group	<b>9 Romans 9:1-13</b> 6:30pm FIRE Youth Group	<b>10 Matt. 14:13-21</b>	<b>11 John 20</b> 6pm Bruski/Molodecki Wedding Rehearsal	<b>12 Proverbs 10</b> 5pm Worship 2pm Bruski/Molodecki Wedding
<b>13 Psalm 41</b> 8 & 10:30am Worship w/Communion 9:30am Summer Sunday School & Adult Bible Class	<b>14 John 21</b> 6:30pm Evangelism Mtg.	<b>15 Job 38:4-18</b> <i>TLS Registration Day</i> 6am Men's Bible Study 9am Quilting 7pm Ladies' Small Group	<b>16 Romans 10:5-17</b> 6:30pm FIRE Youth Group Hello/Goodbye Party – Location TBD	<b>17 Matt. 14:22-33</b>	<b>18 Mark 1</b>	<b>19 Proverbs 11</b> 8am School Lights & Landscaping Day! 5pm Worship - Communion with Consecration of Trinity School Staff
<b>20 Psalm 42</b> 8 & 10:30am Worship 9:30am Summer Sunday School & Adult Bible Class Noon-3pm Youth Ministry Open House at TYM Square 3-5pm Financial Peace Alumni Reunion – TYM Square	<b>21 Mark 2</b> 7pm LWML Meeting	<b>22 Isaiah 56:1,6-8</b> 6am Men's Bible Study 9am Quilting 7pm Ladies' Small Group	<b>23 Romans 11:1-2a, 13-15, 28-32</b> 6:30pm FIRE Youth Group	<b>24 Matt. 15:21-28</b> 1st Day of School at TLS	<b>25 Mark 3</b> Church Office Closed - Carpet Installation	<b>26 Proverbs 12</b> 2-4:30pm FLICKER at TLS 5pm Worship
<b>27 Psalm 43</b> 8 & 10:30am Worship w/Communion 9:30am Summer Sunday School & Adult Bible Class	<b>28 Mark 4</b>	<b>29 Isaiah 51:1-6</b> 6am Men's Bible Study 9am Quilting 7pm Ladies' Small Group 7pm Lay Ministry Bd. Mtg.	<b>30 Romans 11:33-12:8</b> 6:30pm FIRE Youth Group	<b>31 Matt. 16:13-20</b>	<b>Lay Ministers:</b> Saturday: Ray Koschel Sun. 8:00: Neil Munsell Sun. 10:30: Rob Reeves  <b>Acolytes:</b> See Summer Schedule!	

## THANK YOU!

Thank you so much to all who donated and participated in Relay for Life Team Karianna! We were able to raise \$587 for the American Cancer Society with more still pledged to come. Trinity Lutheran Church members rallied together to comprise the bulk of our team. May God Bless and Keep you! Special thanks go out to: Danette Arneson, Olivia Deboer, Ann Boucher, Stephanie Edgar, Kyralee Jinguji, Chris & June Kazarian, Tim Keller, Tom Kosche, Jeannie Krohmer, Susan Kusek, Hannah Mauritzson, Eden Peressini, Sheryl



& Clayton Scheafer, Kelsey Stanfill, Peyton Stanfill, Lisa Yeager, Cheryl Wagenman, Ashley Arneson, Cheyenne Arneson, Emily Fink, Crystal Wagenman, Ethan Thornton, and Luke Sekora. Please forgive me if I've left anyone out. God knows our hearts!



## AUGUST MEETING

Monday, August 21  
7:00 pm

Pastor Keinath will provide the devotion and lead us in the Bible study: "A Man Called Martin" – Part 2: The Moment (Session 2)

## ADDRESS CHANGES

**Beth Kessy**  
2232 Avenue C  
Billings, MT 59102

**Travis & Hillary Mahn**  
122 52nd Street West  
Billings, MT 59106

**Tony & Laura McCoy**  
4718 Silver Creek Trail  
Billings, MT 59106

## MEMBERSHIP ADDITIONS

*Through Transfer:*  
**Derek Berube**  
(Through transfer from Our Savior Lutheran, Glendive, MT)

## MEMBERSHIP LOSSES

**Josh Schmitt**  
(Transferring to St. John Lutheran in Yankton, SD, where he was called as their new DCE.)

## MARRIAGES

**Ben Vigesaa & Sue Lundby**..... 7/14/17  
**Peter Hofacker & Renee Schmidt**..... 7/29/17

## FUNERALS / MEMORIALS

**Kevin Klundt**..... 7/13/17

## Financial REPORT

June Financials		
Income		101,909
Expenses		138,271
<b>Net Margin</b>		<b>(36,362)</b>
2016-2017 Financials		
	<i>Actual</i>	<i>Target</i>
Offerings	842,019	853,032
Total Income	1,652,720	1,748,179
Total Expenses	1,694,760	1,747,919
<b>Net Margin</b>	<b>(42,040)</b>	<b>260</b>
Expansion Project Contributions		
June 2017 Gifts		6,083
July 2016 - June 2017 Gifts		78,044



# Special Events

**JULY 27 - AUGUST 6**

Manitoba Mission Trip

**TUESDAY, AUGUST 15**

Registration Day at Trinity School

**WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 16, 6:30 PM**

FIRE Hello/Goodbye Party

**SATURDAY, AUGUST 19, 8:00 AM**

Lights & Landscaping Day at TLS

**SUNDAY, AUGUST 20, 3:00-5:00 PM**

Financial Peace Alumni Reunion at TYM

**THURSDAY, AUGUST 24**

First Day of School at Trinity!



## News

### LET THERE BE LIGHT!

On July 15, Trinity members replaced 350 fluorescent lights with new, energy-efficient LED lights at our school. In addition to saving Trinity thousands of dollars in energy costs each year, these new lights are brighter, produce less heat in the classrooms, and require far less maintenance. Thank you to Tom Koeppel, Jim and Susan Hayes, Chris Allard, Andrew Rae, Doug Winkler, Tim Keller, Gene Allard, Pastor Keinath, and Dale Flack for all your help! We still have about 300 lights to replace. If you would like to help finish this project, please come and lend a hand on Saturday, August 19.



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