



# Joyful Noise

DECEMBER 2017

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

Dear Friends of Trinity,

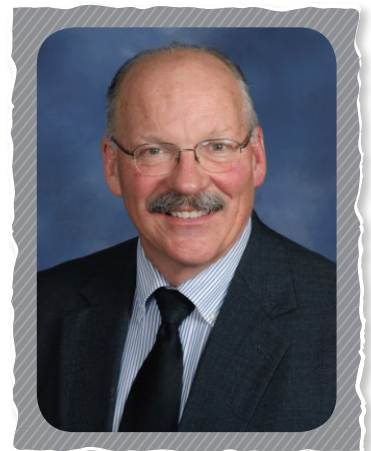
Several years ago I preached a sermon on Christmas Eve entitled "A New Christmas Greeting That Is As Old As the Hills." Maybe you remember it. I spoke about how frustrating it is to have our society "water down" the Holy Season of Christmas because of the fear of being "politically incorrect." "Happy Holidays" and "Season's Greetings" has replaced "Merry Christmas" for many. This has been happening because for some strange reason people think that it is not politically correct to use the word "Christ" when we are talking about Christmas! We wonder, "What are they afraid of?"

As we enter this special and sacred season once again, there is a temptation for us to be fearful as God's people. We fear the continued eroding of our society's view of God and we ask, "What's next?!" We look at the world and all the bad news that comes from it and we fear corruption, chaos, and collapse; we fear violence and terrorism, not just "out there someplace" but also close to home. Let's face it, don't we sense with every Christmas the desire, by all people whether they go to church or not, that the things that cause us fear will be taken away once and for all? This is the desire and dream for many. But the evidence shows us that things that cause us fear are not going away. This can lead people to greater fear and even despair. And the cry goes out, "What's the use?!"

In my Christmas Eve sermon (it was in 2012), I quoted the text which included the first Christmas greeting ever: Luke 2:10-11... *"And the angel said to them, 'Fear not, for behold, I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord.'"*

The things that cause us fear may not be taken away this Christmas, BUT the One who came for us is able take our fears away. Christ the Lord has come for us: To die for us; To rise for us; To bring us peace with God; To remove our sins and open up the doors of heaven for us! *"Fear Not!"* This greeting is as old as the hills! But why not make it new for our day again?!

In His service and yours,  
Pastor Dan Rinderknecht



*Knowing Christ and Making Him Known*

# School and YOUTH NEWS

## THE FULL PACKAGE



Rick Thomas

Tradition lives on at Trinity Lutheran School. Academic excellence continues to be recognized in the area high schools. The question that I hear from time to time is, "Is the cost of attending Trinity worth it?" The answer is YES! Parents are concerned about so many different areas. They are concerned about academics, music, drama, sports, forensics, and technology. Students that graduate from Trinity go onto high school and do well in all of those areas, and more. There are so many different things to monitor and track. We take all these different areas seriously, but the one we really stress is their Christian walk with Christ. Trinity is just one step for our children, and preparing them for high school and college is a huge responsibility. Our society is not making it easier for our children. Our Lord has promised to be with us and guide us. We are humbled and blessed to be a part of that walk in life.

– Rick Thomas,  
*Principal of Trinity Lutheran School*

## THANK YOU TRINITY!

Because of your willingness to serve others, we were able to provide Thanksgiving Baskets to 15 families, which totaled over 60 people! Additionally, we were able to stock pantry items in our church food pantry and will be able to do some shopping for the pantry as well!!

## FLICKER, FLAME, AND FIRE CHRISTMAS EVENTS!

### FLICKER and FLAME

Friday, December 8, from 6:00-9:30 pm

*Cookie Baking and White Elephant Gift Exchange*

### FIRE

Friday, December 15, from 4:30-10:00 pm

*Salvation Army Meal Delivery/Christmas Caroling  
and Ugly Sweater Party*





# Hope Notes



December 1, 2017

Dear Trinity Member,

When was the last time that you sent someone a letter? No, not an invitation to a party or a Christmas "letter" with your photo on it. When was the last time you actually sat down and put your heart on paper for the sake of someone else? It's probably been a while. It's so much easier to send an email or a text, or to just call. Sending a letter takes thought, time, and usually a stamp. It's just too much hassle, right? Would it be worth it if you knew that your words would bring a smile to someone's face, and maybe even encourage them in their faith?

This winter we want to send "HOPE NOTES" to our friends in Cross Lake. All you have to do is pick up a name when you are at church and then put on paper what the Holy Spirit puts on your heart. Your note can include words of encouragement, Bible verses, and even a small gift, if you would like. It won't even cost you a stamp to send it – our mission team will hand deliver them in January! It may feel a bit awkward to write a note to someone you've never met, but we know that God will use your words to share hope and encouragement with our friends up north!

Together Sharing the Hope of Jesus,  
The Manitoba Mission Team

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<b>ACOLYTES:</b> Saturday: Hans Dover & Jade Yeager Sun., 8am: Joshua Arave Sun., 10:30am: Kyle Winchell <b>ALTAR DUTY:</b> Shared Duty						
<b>Trinity Worship Services on Community 7</b> 8am Sundays & 5pm Tuesdays						
<b>3</b> <i>Psalm 57</i> <b>MITE BOX SUNDAY</b> 8 & 10:30am Worship 9:30am Adult Bible Classes & Children's Christmas Service Rehearsal in the Sanctuary	<b>4</b> <i>Luke 15</i> 5:30pm Stewardship Mtg. 7pm Adult Class	<b>5</b> <i>Isaiah 64:1-9</i> 9am Quilting 9:30am Rock of Ages 6pm Cradle Roll Mtg. 6:30pm Christian Ed. Mtg. Properties Mtg. Youth Bd. Mtg. Fellowship Mtg. 7pm Ladies' Small Group	<b>6</b> <i>1 Cor. 1:3-9</i> 1pm Visitation Guild 1:30pm Kitchen Guild Mtg. 2:15pm Chapel at TLS 5pm Advent Dinner 6:30pm Advent Worship 7:15pm FIRE Youth Group 8:45pm College-Age Bible Study	<b>7</b> <i>Mark 11:1-10</i> 10:30am Bible Study 7pm Adult Choir	<b>8</b> <i>Luke 16</i> 6-9:30pm FLICKER & FLAME - Cookie Baking & Gift Exchange	<b>9</b> <i>Proverbs 27</i> 5pm Worship
<b>10</b> <i>Psalm 58</i> 8 & 10:30am Worship w/Communion 9:30am Adult Bible Class & Children's Christmas Service Rehearsal in the Sanctuary Noon Ladies' Christmas Luncheon & Ornament Exchange 6:15pm Senior 'Christmas Lights' Trolley Tour	<b>11</b> <i>Luke 17</i> <i>Pastors' Circuit Meeting - In Trinity's Fellowship Hall</i> 6:30pm Evangelism Mtg. 7pm Adult Class	<b>12</b> <i>Isaiah 40:1-11</i> 9am Quilting 7pm Ladies' Small Group	<b>13</b> <i>2 Peter 3:8-14</i> 8:30am Chapel at TLS 5pm Advent Dinner 6:30pm Sunday School Christmas Service 7:15pm FIRE Youth Group 8:45pm College-Age Bible Study	<b>14</b> <i>Mark 1:1-8</i> 10:30am Bible Study 7pm Adult Choir	<b>15</b> <i>Luke 18</i> 4:30-10pm FIRE - Christmas Caroling & Ugly Sweater Party	<b>16</b> <i>Proverbs 28</i> 5pm Worship with Communion
<b>17</b> <i>Psalm 59</i> 8 & 10:30am Worship 9:30am Sunday School & Adult Bible Class	<b>18</b> <i>Luke 19</i> 6pm LWML Christmas Celebration 7pm Adult Class	<b>19</b> <i>Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11</i> 9am Quilting 6:30pm Christmas Celebration at Trinity School 7pm Ladies' Small Group	<b>20</b> <i>1 Thess. 5:16-24</i> 8:30am Chapel at TLS Noon Dismissal at TLS 5pm Advent Dinner 6:30pm Advent Worship 7:15pm FIRE Youth Group 8:45pm College-Age Bible Study	<b>21</b> <i>John 1:6-8, 19-28</i> 10:30am Bible Study 7pm Adult Choir	<b>22</b> <i>Luke 20</i>	<b>23</b> <i>Proverbs 29</i> No Saturday Service this week
Trinity School Christmas Break - Dec. 21 - Jan. 2						
<b>24</b> <i>Psalm 60</i> No Sunday Morning Services or Sunday School will be held! 2, 4, & 6pm Christmas Eve Candlelight Services 11pm Candlelight Vigil	<b>25</b> <i>Luke 21</i> Christmas Day Worship With Communion 10am	<b>26</b> <i>2 Samuel 7:1-11, 16</i> Church Office Closed	<b>27</b> <i>Romans 16:25-27</i>	<b>28</b> <i>Luke 1:26-38</i> 4pm Wedding Rehearsal & Dinner	<b>29</b> <i>Luke 22</i> 1pm Thompson / Leuthold Wedding	<b>30</b> <i>Proverbs 30</i> 5pm Worship
<b>31</b> <i>Psalm 61</i> 8 & 10:30am Worship 9:30am Sunday School & Adult Bible Classes 6:30pm New Year's Eve Service With Communion	<b>LAY MINISTERS:</b> Saturday: Nathan Thompson Sun., 8am: Mark Wollenburg Sun., 10:30am: Mark Zigel					
<b>CHURCH: 245-3984</b> <b>SCHOOL: 656-1021</b>						





## CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR 2017 CONFIRMATION CLASS!

Tyler Ray Antikainen (Proverbs 3:5-6)  
 Emily Marie Fink (Romans 15:13)  
 Hayden Thomas Hunt (Proverbs 22:2)  
 Karianna Ruth Jinguji (Jeremiah 29:11)  
 Olivia Katherine Kusek (Joshua 1:9)  
 Genesis Rae Loomans (I Corinthians 13:1-3)  
 Eli Michael McCoy (John 14:27)  
 Megan Olivia Munter (Psalm 37:5)  
 Kelsey Marie Stanfill (Mark 10:27)  
 Peyton Lyn Stanfill (I Corinthians 1:30)  
 Richard Allen Stricker, III (Psalm 32:10)  
 Lauryn Nicole Tecca (Micah 6:8)  
 Ethan Dean Thornton (Psalm 139:14)

**GOD BLESS YOU IN YOUR CHRISTIAN WALK!**



## 5TH ANNUAL LADIES' CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON & ORNAMENT EXCHANGE!



**Sunday, December 10th  
Noon | Fellowship Hall**

**Join us for all the Christmas fun and fellowship!**  
 Sign-up sheets are on the bulletin board in the narthex. Bring your wrapped ornament to exchange, an item for the Food Pantry and a salad to share at the luncheon! This year we will be decorating Christmas cupcakes...*and eating them!!*



## LWML MEETING

**Christmas Celebration**  
 Monday, December 18, 6:00 pm  
 Trinity Fellowship Hall

## ADDRESS CHANGES

### Brandi Kaiser

515 Bocaraton Road  
 Billings, MT 59105

### Teal Stops

3530 Granger Ave. West  
 Billings, MT 59102

## BAPTISMS

Arianah Lynae Schulz..... 11/3/17  
 Olivia Rose Kesler ..... 11/11/17

## FUNERALS / MEMORIALS

Jim Oset..... 11/4/17  
 Jack Lutgen ..... 11/7/17

## Financial REPORT

October Financials		
Income		151,343
Expenses		148,726
<b>Net Margin</b>		<b>2,617</b>
2017-2018 Financials		
	<i>Actual</i>	<i>Target</i>
Offerings	297,544	307,092
Total Income	609,523	605,178
Total Expenses	543,466	604,511
<b>Net Margin</b>	<b>66,057</b>	<b>667</b>
Expansion Project Contributions		
October 2017 Gifts		6,435
July 2017 – Oct. 2017 Gifts		24,382

# Special Events

## WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 6

Advent Dinner, 5:00 pm  
Advent Worship Service, 6:30 pm

## SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10

Ladies' Luncheon & Ornament Exchange, Noon

## WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 13

Advent Dinner, 5:00 pm  
Sunday School Christmas Service, 6:30 pm

## TUESDAY, DECEMBER 19

Family Christmas Celebration, Trinity School, 6:30 pm

## WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 20

Advent Dinner, 5:00 pm  
Advent Worship Service, 6:30 pm

## SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24

Christmas Eve Services, 2:00 pm, 4:00 pm, & 6:00 pm  
Candlelight Vigil, 11:00 pm

## MONDAY, DECEMBER 25

Christmas Day Service & Communion at 10:00 am

## SUNDAY, DECEMBER 31

New Year's Eve Worship, 6:30 pm



# News

## JINGUJI BREAKFAST BENEFIT

Almost 200 people came out to enjoy a good breakfast and support a great cause on November 4. Over \$5,000 was raised for the Jinguji family through the pancake breakfast benefit. Thank you to everyone who gave of their time and finances to support this effort!



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