



Joyful Noise

FEBRUARY 2018

A Message from Your Pastor...

Dear Friends of Trinity,

Valentine's Day is right around the corner. February 14th is a day for people to express and show their love towards one another. But how far do you have to go to show someone how much you love them? Are a nice card and a dozen red roses enough? Are a candlelight dinner and a movie an accurate expression of a person's love? Does a box of chocolates really say, "I love you"? Though these gifts are often exchanged on Valentine's Day, they really don't go far enough to show how much a person loves someone else.

The challenge with trying to express and show your love on Valentine's Day is that love isn't something you can buy. Love isn't something that can be expressed just one day a year. It's something that needs to be expressed continually. Love needs to be nurtured, received, given. Love needs time to grow. Love, come to think about it, needs a lot of hard work. Love isn't easy. Consider for a moment how Scripture talks about love in 1 Corinthians 13:4-8...

"Love is patient and kind; love does not envy or boast; it is not arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice at wrongdoing, but rejoices with the truth. Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. Love never ends."

That kind of love is perfect. That kind of love isn't easy. But it's that kind of love that has been shown to each of us by

Jesus. In fact, this year, when the world will be celebrating love on Valentine's Day, Christians around the world will be celebrating Jesus' love on Ash Wednesday. Yes, this year, Ash Wednesday is on February 14th, Valentine's Day. And how far was Jesus willing to go to show you how much He loves you? Jesus says it this way in John 15:13: *"Greater love has no one than this, that someone lay down his life for his friends."*

Jesus loves you so much that He was willing to lay down His life for you. Jesus' love is perfect. Jesus' love is the kind of love described in 1 Corinthians 13. Yes, Jesus' love is greater than our own.

It is Jesus' love that will be the focus of our Mid-week Lenten services this year. I invite you to join us for these Wednesday services as we meditate again on the passion of our Lord and focus on His love for us. They begin, as I mentioned, with Ash Wednesday on February 14th. Supper will be served at 5:00 pm, with worship at 6:30 pm. I hope you will join us this Lenten Season as we focus on Jesus' love that is greater than our own.

In Him,

Pastor Keinath



Knowing Christ and Making Him Known

School and YOUTH NEWS



Rick Thomas

HIS WORKERS

The Lord blesses us in so many different ways. He sends us the right workers at the right time. We have two of His workers who are retiring this year: our church secretary, Connie Klundt, and our school secretary, Beth Heiliger. These ladies have dedicated their time to serving the church. Now the Lord will bless us with two new people to share their blessings with us. Mrs. Heiliger has been at Trinity for 24 years. When she took the position, she told me she would serve for one year. Needless to say, the Lord had different plans for her. She now feels the Lord is leading her in the direction of her grandchildren. We will begin the process of putting our needs together so that we can find the right person to serve the Lord through the school. It might be you! Please keep us in your prayers. We would also appreciate it if you have a person in mind, to share that with us. Mrs. Heiliger would be happy to share with you what caused her to stay those 23 extra years. Thank you in advance for your help with the search.

– Rick Thomas,
Principal of Trinity Lutheran School

FEBRUARY YOUTH MINISTRY EVENTS!

FLICKER and FLAME - Sunday February 18; Noon-2 PM - Sledding, weather permitting

5th-8th graders, if there's snow, we'll head to Pioneer to go sledding! If not, we will let you know about a back-up plan.

FIRE - Sunday February 18; 6:00-9:00 PM - Lenten Study kick-off and potluck dinner

High school youth, **FIRE** will be meeting on Sundays through Lent! Let's kick off this new night with a potluck dinner. All other nights during Lent (February 25-March 25) will be at our regular time, 6:30-8:00 PM, but still on Sundays!

FAMILIES, JOIN US FOR FAMILY SUNDAY SCHOOL!

A reminder for all families that we have Family Sunday School every Sunday morning from 9:30-10:15. Come dive into God's word with us as we study the same topics from Preschool-Adult. This spring, we will be focusing on the Acts of the Holy Spirit as He worked through the apostles!

BUTTER BRAIDS ARE BACK!

From February 4-March 11, Trinity's youth will be selling butter braids in preparation for the next youth gathering in summer of 2019. Stop by and see us in the Fellowship Hall on the weekends after worship services or on Wednesdays during Lenten dinners. Butter Braids will be delivered to church on Thursday, March 22, in the late afternoon. Consider supporting the Manitoba Mission trip by purchasing a Butter Braid or two to be sent along with the mission team! Thank you!!



GET SHIPWRECKED THIS SUMMER!



Help with one of the three VBS programs Trinity is leading!

Trinity Lutheran School VBS

June 18-22, 2018

For Children Ages 4-12

Volunteers needed for
planning and serving.

More info coming soon!

Muddy Cluster Ministry!

July 9-13, 2018

Partner with members from
First Lutheran Church, Rice
Lake, WI, to lead a VBS and
help build a youth lodge.
Serve a day, or all week!

***Kick-Off Meeting on Sunday,
February 18, at 1:00pm!***

Manitoba Mission Trip

Our 10th Year of Ministry!

July 26-August 5, 2018

Vacation Bible School
Teen Ministry
Women's Tea and Study
Fishers of Men Ministry

***Kick-Off Meeting on Sunday,
February 18, at Noon!***



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
ACOLYTES: Saturday: Emma & Kate Cochran Sun., 8:00: Emilia Ford Sun., 10:30: Samuel McCoy LAY MINISTERS: Saturday: Ray Koschel Sun., 8:00: Tim Grove Sun., 10:30: Ray Smith						
ALTAR DUTY: Donna Hertz & Pam Kercher						
4 <i>Psalms 66</i> Mite Box Sunday 8 & 10:30am Worship 9:30am Sunday School & Adult Bible Classes	5 <i>Matthew 9</i> 5:30pm Stewardship Mtg. 7pm Financial Peace	6 <i>Isaiah 40:21-31</i> 6am Men's Bible Study 9am Quilting 6:30pm Properties Mtg. Fellowship Mtg. Youth Bd. Mtg. 7pm Ladies' Small Group	7 <i>1 Cor. 9:16-27</i> 10am Kitchen Guild Mtg. 1pm Visitation Guild Mtg. 2:15pm Chapel at TLS 6:30pm FIRE Youth Group 1 st Yr. Confirmation	8 <i>Mark 1:29-39</i> 10:30 Bible Study 6pm Parish Planning Council Meeting 7pm Adult Choir Practice	9 <i>Matthew 10</i>	10 <i>Proverbs 5</i> 5pm Worship
8th Grade Trip to Yellowstone National Park						
11 <i>Psalms 67</i> 8 & 10:30am Worship w/Communion 9:30am Sunday School & Adult Bible Classes 7pm Financial Peace	12 <i>Matthew 11</i> <i>Pastors' Circuit Meeting</i> 6:30pm Evangelism Mtg. Christian Ed. Mtg. 7pm Adult Class Begins! No School at TLS	13 <i>2 Kings 2:1-12</i> 6am Men's Bible Study 9am Quilting 9:30am Rock of Ages Story Hour 6pm Cradle Roll Meeting 6:30pm Altar Guild Mtg. 7pm Ladies' Small Group	14 <i>2 Cor. 3:12-18; 4:1-6</i> Ash Wednesday 8:30am Chapel at TLS 5pm Lenten Dinner 6:30pm Ash Wed. Service with Communion	15 <i>Mark 9:2-9</i> 10:30 Bible Study 7pm Adult Choir Practice	16 <i>Matthew 12</i>	17 <i>Proverbs 6</i> 5pm Worship with Communion
Wrinkled Righteous Yellowstone Coach Trip						
18 <i>Psalms 68</i> 8 & 10:30am Worship Staff Recognition at 8:00 Service! 9:30am Sunday School & Adult Study Noon Flicker and Flame Event Noon Manitoba Mission Kick-Off Mtg. 1pm Muddy Cluster Kick-Off Mtg. 6-9pm FIRE Youth Group 7pm Financial Peace	19 <i>Matthew 13</i> 1pm LWML Meeting 7pm Adult Class	20 <i>Gen. 22:1-18</i> 6am Men's Bible Study 9am Quilting 7pm Ladies' Small Group	21 <i>James 1:12-18</i> 8:30am Chapel at TLS 5pm Lenten Dinner 6:30pm Lenten Service 7:15pm 1 st Yr. Confirmation	22 <i>Mark 1:9-15</i> 10:30 Bible Study 7pm Adult Choir Practice	23 <i>Matthew 14</i>	24 <i>Proverbs 7</i> 5pm Worship
Girls' Volleyball Tournament at YBGR						
25 <i>Psalms 69</i> 8 & 10:30am Worship w/Communion 9:30am Sunday School & Adult Bible Classes 6:30pm FIRE Youth Group 7pm Financial Peace	26 <i>Matthew 15</i> 7pm Adult Class	27 <i>Gen. 17:1-7, 15-16</i> 6am Men's Bible Study 9am Quilting 9:30am Rock of Ages at Home 7pm Ladies' Small Group Lay Ministry Mtg.	28 <i>Romans 5:1-11</i> 8:30am Chapel at TLS 5pm Lenten Dinner 6:30pm Lenten Service 7:15pm 1 st Yr. Confirmation	CHURCH: 245-3984 SCHOOL: 656-1021 Trinity Worship Services on Community 7 8am Sundays & 5pm Tuesdays		



OFFERING ENVELOPES

Offering envelopes for 2018 are ready for pick-up down in the Fellowship Hall. Please ask an usher to retrieve your box if you are unable to go downstairs to get them. Thank you!

NEW CHURCH DIRECTORIES

If you had your picture taken (or submitted a picture) for the Church Directory, your copy can be found in the Fellowship Hall – on the tables with the 2018 offering envelopes. Please pick up your copy when you get a chance. And if you didn't have a picture taken or submit one and would like a directory, we do have some extra copies in the church office you can get for \$5. (If you don't have your name on a copy in the boxes in the Fellowship Hall and you did get your picture taken or submit one, please let Connie know in the church office, and we'll fix that!)



LWML MEETING

February 19, 1:00 pm
Trinity Fellowship Hall

ADDRESS CHANGES

Mary Jalbert

2826 Oakland, Unit 15
Billings, MT 59102

Bailey & Macy Lehenbauer

2003 Elm Street
Billings, MT 59101

Tammy Von Feldt

4663 Cave Road
Billings, MT 59101

Rev. Bruce & Kathy Zagel

*(While serving their Interim
Pastor Call for the next year)*
34 S. Elm Street
Kekoskee, WI 53050

BAPTISMS

Jaxon Adam Hatzell..... 12/31/17
Morgan Raewin Stevens 1/2/18
Blake Harper Berube..... 1/21/18
Henry William Pust 1/21/18
Emma Noelle Shaw 1/27/18

MEMBERSHIP ADDITIONS

Through Adult Confirmation:

Deja Feeback
Jeffrey Hall
Tamara Kesler
Molly Lundby
Robert Weathermon
Brandon Wendland

Through Affirmation of Faith:

Robert & Judy Drinkwalter
Tom & Marge Hunt
Hazel Moore

Through Transfer:

Peter & Renee Hofacker

Financial REPORT

December Financials		
Income		164,369
Expenses		161,293
Net Margin		3,076
2017-2018 Financials		
	Actual	Target
Offerings	489,738	491,772
Total Income	890,529	878,679
Total Expenses	844,831	877,679
Net Margin	45,698	1,000
Expansion Project Contributions		
December 2017 Gifts		7,841
July 2017 – Dec. 2017 Gifts		35,716

Special Events

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 12

New Adult Instruction Class Begins @ 7pm

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 14

Ash Wednesday Lenten Dinner @ 5pm

Ash Wednesday Worship @ 6:30pm

WEDNESDAY, FEB 14 – FRIDAY, FEB 16

Wrinkled Righteous Yellowstone Coach Trip

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 18

Manitoba Mission Kick-Off Meeting @ Noon

Muddy Cluster Kick-Off Meeting @ 1pm

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 21

Lenten Dinner @ 5pm

Lenten Worship @ 6:30pm

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 28

Lenten Dinner @ 5pm

Lenten Worship @ 6:30pm



News



Thank you to everyone who sent Hope Notes and other gifts to Cross Lake in January. Your kindness greatly encouraged our friends in Cross Lake and helped them to know that Jesus loves them!

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