



# Joyful Noise

JANUARY 2018

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

Dear Friends of Trinity,

**Quiz question:** What is significant about January 1st?

**Answer:** It is New Year's Day! Correct. But is there more to it?

Ok, let's see...it is a Day that we have off! This is true for most people, but is there more?

Hmm... it is a Day that we traditionally start our New Year's RESOLUTIONS! Very good!

*What resolutions are you working on? If you are reading this after January 1st, have you been able to stick to your resolve, or don't you want to think about it? So what went wrong? You just couldn't keep your promise to exercise 20 minutes a day, and since you missed a day or two, you have given up? You made the resolve to lose those extra stubborn pounds, but they were more stubborn than you thought they would be, so you just threw in the towel and picked up the snack instead. You have that old bad habit that you have been trying to get rid of, but after a few days, it showed up on your doorstep again! You were hoping that this would be the year that you would start anew, begin a better habit, get things together. But already you can see that hope evaporating fast! Oh, well, there is always next January 1st, isn't there? I've been making New Year's resolutions for years, and for the most part, I can summarize the outcomes with one word: **FAILURE!** Because this is true for so many of us, we may have given up on making New Year's resolutions all together!*

Let's go back to the original question, because it has not been fully answered yet!

What is significant about January 1st? Luke 2:21 will help us with the answer: "On the eighth day, when it was time to circumcise the child, he was named Jesus, the name the angel had given him before he was conceived."

Just count the days from Christmas... the 8th day happens to be January 1st! This is the day in which Jesus was circumcised according to the Law of the Old Testament, but the main point is this is the day in which He was officially given His name: Jesus. The Name that God had chosen!

My friends, we begin the New Year with the Name of Jesus, which means "Savior." We begin the year and live every day under the saving and gracious Name of Jesus! He gives us grace and forgiveness for all of our failures. He helps us to want to improve our lives for His glory and for our good. We have encouragement and strength through this Name which is above all others. We have hope along with St. Paul who declares: "I can do all things through Him (Jesus) who strengthens me!" (Philippians 4:13)

Yes, we begin this New Year in the Name of Jesus, and we live every day of 2018 under this gracious and powerful Name! We can begin each day with a new resolve. We don't have to wait until next January 1st! As Martin Luther stated in the first of his 95 Theses that got the Reformation started: "When our Lord Jesus said, 'Repent,' He meant that every day in the life of a Christian is a day of repentance." Every day in Jesus' Name is a new day of His mercies for us. "The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases; his mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness." (Lamentations 3:22,23)

God's richest blessing to you as we begin and continue this New Year in Jesus' Name!

In His service and Yours,  
Pastor Dan Rinderknecht



## *Knowing Christ and Making Him Known*

# School and YOUTH NEWS

## KURL RADIO



Rick Thomas

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year! 2018....it seems like yesterday we were preparing for what was going to happen in 2000. Time just flies! I wanted to share with you what happened with my KURL ad. I put out an ad asking for help to cover our band program while Mrs. Speed gained her strength back. Our hope was to be ready for the Christmas program. The Christian community really stepped up to help! I had five people contact me to offer their help and support. What a blessing to hear the music coming from the band room. I am happy to report Mrs. Speed is slowly getting back into her old form. We look forward to her being in the halls after the Christmas break. May the Lord bless your family in the coming year.

– Rick Thomas,  
*Principal of Trinity Lutheran School*

## FLICKER AND FLAME'S COOKIE BAKING PARTY / WHITE ELEPHANT GIFT EXCHANGE IN DECEMBER



## EVENTS FOR JANUARY

**January 20, 10:00 am-1:00 pm**

FLICKER and FLAME Progressive Brunch; Drivers and hosts needed!

**January 21, Noon**

National Youth Gathering Planning Meeting for 7th grade and above!!

**January 26, 6:00-9:00 pm**

FIRE, Luau Mystery Dinner!

SIGN UP for text reminders! Text @flickryout, @flameyout, or @fireyout to 81010!!

# Financial Peace University



## FINANCIAL PEACE UNIVERSITY IS STARTING ITS SECOND YEAR AT TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH!

The classes have been a partnership between the Board of Stewardship and the Board of Evangelism because it is open to Trinity Lutheran Church and School families as well as the Billings Community.

The rich rules over the poor, and the borrower is slave to the lender. ~ Proverbs 22:7 ~

Everything in today's culture tells you that having debt is normal...but not that long ago it wasn't normal. Debt is not biblical and it's not necessary. Through the nine weeks of Financial Peace University, you will learn how to control your money rather than letting your money control you.

Here are the Financial Peace University Facts for 2017:

- **Number of Sessions at Trinity: 3 Sessions each 9 weeks long**
- **Number of Families in FPU: 19 Total (17 – TLC/TLS, 2 – Billings)**
- **Total Debt Paid Off: \$47,210.00**
- **Total Increased Savings: \$43,148.00**
- **Number of Credit Cards Cut Up: 19**
- **Percentage Increase of Tithing: 50%**

The Financial Peace University nine week course covers the following topics: Saving, Relating With Money, Cash Flow Planning, Dumping Debt, How to Be Wise When Buying, Role of Insurance, Retirement & College Planning, Real Estate and Mortgages, and The Great Misunderstanding.

Here's what Financial Peace University Alumni say about the class.

*"I'm so thankful for this class. I have learned so much and it exceeded my expectations!"*

*"I was stressed and always worried about money. Now I can see how to take charge of our money and what options I have."*

*"We have paid over 50% of our debt in the last six months since taking the course. We've done more in paying off debt in the past six months than in the last 20 years."*

For those of you who are interested in knowing more, there will be a Preview Class on January 21st so email or call the church to sign up for the preview.

For those of you who are ready to start NOW... email or call the church to get signed up for Session 1 starting on Sunday, January 28th, and concluding Sunday, March 25th.

The only cost for the course are the materials which is \$99.00 for a lifetime membership to the Financial Peace University. You will always have access to the online materials, downloads, and videos.

There are scholarships available to family units who want to take the class but need some assistance!



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<b>Church: 245-3984</b> <b>School: 656-1021</b>  <b>ALTAR DUTY:</b> Sheryl Scheafer	<b>1 Luke 23</b> New Year's Day Church Office Closed	<b>2 Isaiah 61:10-62:3</b> 6:30pm Christian Ed. Mtg. Properties Mtg. Youth Bd. Mtg. Fellowship Mtg.	<b>3 Galatians 4:4-7</b> <b>Classes Resume at TLS</b> 1pm Visitation Guild Mtg. Kitchen Guild Mtg. 2:15pm Chapel at TLS	<b>4 Luke 2:22-40</b> 10:30 Bible Class 7pm Adult Choir  <div>Manitoba Mission Winter Trip – Jan. 4-9</div>	<b>5 Luke 24</b>	<b>6 Proverbs 31</b> 5pm Worship with Communion
<b>7 Psalm 62</b> <b>MITE BOX SUNDAY</b> 8 & 10:30am Worship 9:30am Sunday School & Adult Bible Classes	<b>8 Matthew 1</b> <i>Pastors' Circuit Meeting</i> 5:30pm Stewardship Mtg. 7pm Adult Class	<b>9 Isaiah 60:1-6</b> 6am Men's Bible Study 9am Quilting 9:30am Rock of Ages Story Hour 6pm Cradle Roll Meeting 7pm Ladies' Small Group	<b>10 Ephesians 3:1-12</b> 8:30am Chapel at TLS 6:30pm FIRE Youth Group 7th Gr. Confirmation	<b>11 Matthew 2:1-12</b> 10:30 Bible Class 6pm Parish Planning Council Meeting 7pm Adult Choir	<b>12 Matthew 2</b>	<b>13 Proverbs 1</b> 8am-6pm <sup>1st Year</sup> Confirmation Retreat At TYM Square 5pm Worship
<b>14 Psalm 63</b> 8 & 10:30am Worship w/Communion 9:30am Sunday School & Adult Bible Classes 1pm Church Christmas De-decorating	<b>15 Matthew 3</b> 1pm LWML Meeting 6:30pm Evangelism Mtg. 7pm Adult Class	<b>16 Genesis 1:1-5</b> 6am Men's Bible Study 9am Quilting 7pm Ladies' Small Group	<b>17 Romans 6:1-11</b> 10am Chapel & 'Thank You, Trinity Church' Event at Trinity School 6:30pm FIRE Youth Group 7th Gr. Confirmation	<b>18 Mark 1:4-11</b> 10:30 Bible Class 7pm Adult Choir	<b>19 Matthew 4</b>	<b>20 Proverbs 2</b> 10am-1pm FLICKER/ FLAME Progressive Brunch 5pm Worship with Communion
<b>21 Psalm 64</b> 8 & 10:30am Worship 9:30am Sunday School & Adult Bible Classes Noon FLAME & FIRE - Youth Gathering Meeting	<b>22 Matthew 5</b>	<b>23 Jonah 3:1-5,10</b> 6am Men's Bible Study 9am Quilting 9:30am Rock of Ages at Home 7pm Ladies' Small Group	<b>24 1 Corinthians 7:29-35</b> 8:30am Chapel at TLS 6:30pm FIRE Youth Group 7th Gr. Confirmation	<b>25 Mark 1:14-20</b> 10:30 Bible Class 7pm Adult Choir  <div>Boys' Basketball Tournament at Elder Grove</div>	<b>26 Matthew 6</b> 6pm FIRE Luau Mystery Dinner	<b>27 Proverbs 3</b> 5pm Worship
<b>28 Psalm 65</b> 8 & 10:30am Worship w/Communion <b>New Member Recognition at 10:30</b> 9:30am Sunday School & Bible Class 9:30am Brief Voters' Mtg at beginning of Bible Class 1pm Financial Peace Reunion/ Checkup at TYM Square 7pm New Financial Peace Session Begins!	<b>29 Matthew 7</b>	<b>30 Deut. 18:15-20</b> 6am Men's Bible Study 9am Quilting 7pm Ladies' Small Group Lay Ministry Bd. Mtg.	<b>31 1 Corinthians 8:1-13</b> 8:30am Chapel at TLS 6:30pm FIRE Youth Group 7th Gr. Confirmation	<b>LAY MINISTERS:</b> Saturday: Clayton Scheafer Sun., 8:00: Neil Munsell Sun., 10:30: Ted Loomans  <b>ACOLYTES:</b> Saturday: Gracie Busby & Emmalyn Aley Sun., 8:00: Alexis Hoke Sun., 10:30: Joelle Loomans  <u>Trinity Worship Services on Community 7</u> 8am Sundays & 5pm Tuesdays		

## ANNUAL LADIES' CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON & ORNAMENT EXCHANGE!

The Annual Ladies' Christmas Luncheon and Ornament Exchange on December 10th was enjoyed by all! And we gathered many items for the Food Pantry! The ladies all did a great job decorating their tables!



### LWML MEETING

**Monday, January 15th | 1:00 pm**

Pastor Rinderknecht will be leading the Bible Study: *'A Man Called Martin,' Part 3: The Movement (Session 1)*

### ADDRESS CHANGES

**Lisa Anderson**  
3760 Vista View Road  
Billings, MT 59101

**John Kesler**  
1131 El Rancho Drive  
Billings, MT 59105

**Stephanie Eddy**  
2203 Icewine Drive  
Billings, MT 59102

**Rebecca & Andrew Occhipinti**  
3418 Gallatin Place  
Billings, MT 59102

**Blair & Alix Johnson**  
1002 Cruiser Lane, Apt. D  
Belgrade, MT 59714

### BAPTISMS

Cecilia James Jares ..... 12/9/17

### FUNERALS / MEMORIALS / DEATHS

Wardeen Kuenzel ..... 12/10/17

## Financial REPORT

### November Financials

Income	116,638
Expenses	140,072
<b>Net Margin</b>	<b>-23,434</b>

### 2017-2018 Financials

	<i>Actual</i>	<i>Target</i>
Offerings	367,360	383,865
Total Income	726,161	756,473
Total Expenses	683,538	755,639
<b>Net Margin</b>	<b>42,623</b>	<b>833</b>

### Expansion Project Contributions

November 2017 Gifts	3,493
July 2017 – Nov. 2017 Gifts	27,875

# Special Events

**JANUARY 4-9**

Manitoba Mission Winter Trip

**SATURDAY, JANUARY 13**

**8:00 AM-6:30 PM**

1st Year Confirmation Retreat @ TYM

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 14, 1:00 PM**

Christmas De-Decorating @ TLC

**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 17, 10:00 AM**

Special "Thank You, Trinity Church"

Event @ TLS Gym

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 21, NOON**

FLAME & FIRE Youth Gathering Meeting

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 28**

Brief Voters' Meeting, 9:30 am

New Member Recognition, 10:30 am

FPU Alumni Reunion, 1:00 pm

New Financial Peace Session Begins, 7:00 pm



# News



We want to thank all of the members of Trinity Church for their amazing support of the school ministry. Please join us for chapel led by President Forke, a fun scavenger hunt, and a tasty lunch!

**Wednesday, January 17 | 10:00 am-Noon**  
**Trinity Lutheran School Gym | 2802 Belvedere Drive**

*Please come and be our special guest!*

*Knowing Christ and Making Him Known*