

A Message from your Pastor...

Dear Friends of Trinity,

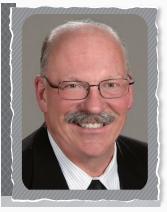
HAPPY NEW YEAR! I pray a very blessed New Year for all! So, we wonder, what will this New Year bring to us? Allow me to make some predictions. For some of you, your family will grow in number. There are babies coming in 2020! What a blessing! For others, there will be a big move to a new place. Along with that, there will be opportunities to be enriched with new friends, new beginnings, and new places to serve. What a blessing! Some will take a very significant step in life. There will be a major graduation, a wedding, a beginning of a career. What blessings! There will be growth for many in this coming year. Some will have a big "growth spurt" as they change from adolescence into adulthood. You will hardly recognize them! Others will grow significantly in knowledge, but more importantly, they will have a growth spurt in wisdom and maturity. Again, what blessings! There will be growth for many in their faith and trust in our God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit... we can make this prediction for all those who continue to be faithful in hearing, reading and using God's Word and are actively involved in the Sacraments. Blessings!

Allow me to make some other predictions. There will be challenges and troubles. This prediction is easy to make because we live in a world affected by sin. We are familiar with trials and temptations, so we know that they will come, too. We will know that hardships, loss and sadness can come in this New Year. But we can, through the eyes of faith, see these things as opportunities to trust the Lord in even deeper ways than before. We can predict that God will use whatever problems we face and turn them for good in our lives. We can expect that because that is God's track-record of grace and blessings for us!

As we look to our Lord in this New Year, we can predict many blessings for us personally and also as a congregation. In our congregation, we will experience the blessing of new people who will join our family of faith. We will be blessed with new opportunities for reaching out with God's grace and forgiveness. We will see growth in faith and commitment to get the work done that God puts before us. We can expect that God will supply all of our needs! As Paul says to the

Philippians in chapter 4: "And my God <u>will</u> 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."

In His service and yours, Pastor Dan Rinderknecht



Knowing Christ and Making Him Known

# School and YOUTH NEWS



#### **BOBCAT POWER!**

Greetings from School. 'Tis the Season to celebrate our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. I also have something else to celebrate with you. The following Alumni of the Trinity class of 2016 were inducted into Billings West High's National Honor Society: Maddie Albrecht, Willa Albrecht, Emily Fink, Olivia Kusek, Jasmine Patrick, Sarah Shenk, Lauryn Tecca, and Crystal Wagenman. We also had Emily Agar from Laurel and Addie Mattson from Senior High. It is always a pleasure to see our students using their blessings from the Lord. Congratulations to our seniors. Once a Bobcat, always a Bobcat! Now, let's get back to our main celebration.

- Richard Thomas, Principal of Trinity Lutheran School

#### **DECEMBER FUN!**

In December, Flame (7th-8th grade youth) gathered to make cookies for the congregation to enjoy after the children's service. Later in the month, Fire (High School) met to decorate and deliver plates of cookies to shutins and other members and then had a potluck at the Heiligers'. *See the newsletter insert page for some fun photos of the festivities!* 

#### JANUARY YOUTH EVENTS!!

**Wednesday, January 15** @ **5:30 PM** – Servant Event Information Meeting for all 8th graders and up!

Flicker – Saturday, January 18, from Noon-2 PM @ TYM Square

Flame – Saturday, January 18, from 2:30-4:30 PM @ TYM Square

Fire - Friday, January 24, from 6-9 PM @ TYM Square

**TRIVIA Saturday February 1** 6:30 PM Fellowship Hall FOOD PRIZES FUN

### TRINITY'S YOUTH CELEBRATE JESUS!

Celebrating Jesus!



JANUARY

Monthly Calendar

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SATURDAY	<b>4</b> Proverbs 11 1pm Pickle Ball 5pm Worship with Communion	January 2	<b>11</b> <i>Proverbs</i> 12 <b>1pm</b> Pickle Ball <b>1:30-4pm</b> Baby shower for Rebecca Harding <b>5pm</b> Worship		18 <i>Proverbs</i> 13 Noon Flicker at TYM 1pm Pickle Ball 2pm Wedding 2:30pm Flame at TYM 5pm Worship with Communion	<b>25</b> Proverbs 14 1pm Pickle Ball 5pm Worship	<b>Church:</b> 245-3984 <b>School:</b> 656-1021
FRIDAY	3 Luke 9	Manitoba Mission Winter Trip:	<b>10</b> Luke 11		<b>17</b> Luke 13 4pm Wedding Rehearsal	<b>24</b> Luke 15 6pm Fire Youth Group at TYM	<b>31</b> Luke 17
THURSDAY	<ul> <li>Matthew 2:13-23</li> <li>10:30am Bible Study</li> <li>6pm Worship Teams</li> <li>3 &amp; 4 practice</li> <li>7pm Choir Rehearsal</li> </ul>	Manitoba Miss	<ul> <li>9 Luke 2:40-52</li> <li>10:30am Bible Study Noon Love INC. lunch 6pm Parish Planning Council Meeting 6pm Worship Teams 3 &amp; 4 practice</li> </ul>	<b>7pm</b> Choir Rehearsal	16 Matthew 3:13-17 10:30am Bible Study 6pm Worship Teams 3 & 4 practice 7pm Choir Rehearsal	<b>23</b> John 1:29-42a 10:30am Bible Study 6pm Worship Teams 3 & 4 practice 7pm Choir Rehearsal	30 Matthew 4:12-25 10:30am Bible Study 6pm Worship Teams 3 & 4 practice 7pm Choir Rehearsal
WEDNESDAY	1 Galatians 4:4-7 Church Office Closed - No School at TLS		<ul> <li><b>B</b> Ephesians 1:3-14</li> <li>Noon P.A.R. at TYM</li> <li>1pm Visitation Guild</li> <li>Kitchen Guild</li> <li>Kitchen Guild</li> <li>2:15pm Chapel at TLS</li> <li>6:30pm Christian Ed Mtg</li> <li>FIRE Youth Group</li> </ul>	First Year Conf.	<ol> <li>Romans 6:1-11</li> <li>Romans 6:1-11</li> <li>8:30am Chapel at TLS</li> <li>Noon P.A.R. at TYM</li> <li>5:30pm Servant Event Info Mtg. 8th grade &amp; up</li> <li>6:30pm FIRE Youth Group</li> <li>First Year Conf.</li> </ol>	<b>22</b> 1 Corinthians 1:1-9 8:30am Chapel at TLS Noon P.A.R. at TYM 1pm Wrinkled Righteous Game Day 6:30pm FIRE Youth Group First Year Conf	<b>29</b> <i>1 Corinthians 1:10-18</i> 8:30am Chapel at TLS Noon P.A.R. at TYM 6:30pm FIRE Youth Group First Year Conf.
TUESDAY	<u>ACOL YTES:</u> Saturday: Alyssa Meyer Sunday 8am: James-Jeffrey Stewart	n: Josian Loomans	<b>7</b> <i>1 Kings 3:4-15</i> 6am Men's Bible Study 9am Quilting 6:30pm Youth Bd. Mtg. 7pm Worship Team 2 8pm Worship Team 1	ry 2-7	<ul> <li><b>14</b> <i>Isaiah 42:1-9</i></li> <li>6am Men's Bible Study</li> <li>9am Quilting</li> <li>6pm Cradle Roll Guild</li> <li>6:30pm Properties Mtg.</li> <li>7pm Worship Team 2</li> <li>8pm Worship Team 1</li> </ul>	<b>21</b> <i>Isaiah</i> 49:1-7 6am Men's Bible Study 9am Quilting 7pm Worship Team 2 8pm Worship Team 1	28 Isaiah 9:1-4 6am Men's Bible Study 9am Quilting 9am Rock of Ages at Home at Teccas 4pm LFL Mtg at Mount Olive
MONDAY		sunday iu:suar munity 7 vs	pm Ac	Winter Trip: January 2-7	<ol> <li>Luke 12</li> <li>Noon P.A.R. at TYM</li> <li>Pastors' Circuit Meeting</li> <li>5:30pm Stewardship Mtg.</li> <li>6:30pm Evangelism Mtg.</li> <li>Fellowship Mtg.</li> <li>7pm Adult Class</li> </ol>	20 Luke 14 Noon P.A.R. at TYM 1pm LWML Meeting 7pm Adult Class	<b>27</b> Luke 16 Noon P.A.R. at TYM 7pm Adult Class
SUNDAY	ALTAR DUTY: Shared Duty LAY MINISTERS: Saturday: Neal Wagenman Sunday 8am: Mark Wollenburg	Sunday TU:SUam: Kay Smith Sunday TU:SUam: Kay Smith Trinity Worship Services on Community 7 8am Sundays & 5pm Tuesdays	<ul> <li>5 Psalm 13</li> <li>Celebration of Epiphany</li> <li>MITE BOX SUNDAY</li> <li>8 &amp; 10:30am Worship</li> <li>9:30am Sunday School &amp; Adult Bible Classes</li> </ul>	Manitoba Mission W	<b>12</b> <i>Psalm 14</i> 8 & 10:30am Worship w/Communion 9:30am Sunday School & Adult Bible Classes	<b>19</b> <i>Psalm 15</i> 8 & 10:30am Worship 9:30am Sunday School, Toddler Sunday School & Adult Bible Classes	<b>26</b> <i>Psalm 16</i> 8 & 10:30am Worship w/Communion 9:30am Sunday School & Adult Bible Classes

2020

## Financial REPORT

#### **November Finances**

Expenses	163,105
Net Margin	-11,151

#### 2019-2020 Finances

	Actual	Target
Offerings	345,349	384,346
Total Income	800,758	813,950
Total Expenses	787,346	813,950
Net Margin	13,412	0

#### Phase I Completion Drive

(Goal of \$325,000 to Pay Off Loan)

Gifts and Pledges (through Sept)	\$155,000
Remaining Needed to Complete	\$170,000

Through November, our general fund offerings are nearly \$40,000 behind our year-to-date goal. Please prayerfully consider this as you review your offering commitment for the coming year.



### LWML MEETING

**Executive Board Meeting** Saturday, January 4, at 10am

#### January 20th at 1:00pm

Opening Devotion: Pastor Daniel Rinderknecht Program: "Witness, Mercy, Life Together," Lesson 4 "Life Together"

#### BAPTISMS

**Karsyn Myron Berube,** daughter of Derek and Kayla Berube, was born on October 10, 2019. She was baptized by Rev. Daniel Rinderknecht on Sunday, December 8, at the 10:30 service.

William Alan Mohr, son of Ryan and Katie Mohr, was born on October 19, 2019. He was baptized by Rev. Daniel Rinderknecht on Sunday, December 15, at the 10:30 service.

### Special Events

JANUARY 2-7 Manitoba Mission Winter Trip

SATURDAY, JANUARY 11 1:30PM Rebecca Harding Baby Shower

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 15 5:30PM Servant Event Info Meeting (8th Grade and Up)

TUESDAY, JANUARY 28 9:00AM Rock of Ages at Tecca's

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 1 6:30PM Church-wide Trivia Night

## News



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