



# Joyful Noise

JUNE 2020

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

Dear Friends of Trinity,

In James 4:13-15 we read, "Come now, you who say, 'Today or tomorrow we will go into such and such a town and spend a year there and trade and make a profit'— yet you do not know what tomorrow will bring. What is your life? For you are a mist that appears for a little time and then vanishes. Instead you ought to say, 'If the Lord wills, we will live and do this or that.'" God would have these words bring us back to humble faith and a realization that in every moment of our lives we are completely dependent upon Him.

We have our plans, we have our ideas and goals that we eagerly pursue. We move forward "full steam ahead"... and we forget how dependent we are on the Lord's will and blessing until something suddenly comes along and changes everything. That is what the Covid-19 Pandemic has done. It changes our plans and goals: we can't visit loved ones, vacations are cancelled, businesses are closed, church services are suspended, and so on!

I don't know anyone personally who is sick or has died from the Coronavirus. We are blessed to be in Montana where the numbers are comparatively low. But still we are affected in some way and the Lord would use this time and His Word to bring us back to humble faith in Him. But I do know a family who has experienced the sudden, life changing event of an accident that God has been using to bring them and many others to a deeper, humble faith.

With permission from our Executive Director, Mike Larson, I share the story of his wife, Tami. Mike and Tami are avid cyclists. Just a few weeks ago on a vigorous ride, the front wheel of Tami's bike suddenly locked up causing her to fly over the handle bars and suffer life-threatening injuries. Bones were broken, including her neck. There was a spinal cord injury which caused her to lose the ability to breathe. It happened right in front of the VA hospital at shift change so within seconds there was a gathering of medical professionals to assist which certainly saved her life. Tami's life was in the balance and her future was in grave doubt.

Miracle after miracle has followed this tragic accident as witnessed by Mike. "It happened at a place and time that Tami received immediate medical attention. While the first impressions were that Tami would be completely paralyzed and bound to a respirator for the rest of her life, now in a Denver hospital, she is talking, moving her feet and hands more and more, and will probably be off the respirator by Memorial Day." This sudden change in the Larson family has blessed them with humble faith in the Lord who has used this to draw them closer to Him and to realize anew that they can always depend on Him. Another significant blessing is that this sudden change has given them a renewed perspective on what truly matters in life - our relationship with God who gives life and the blessings of family and loving ones.

May the Lord continue to draw them and us closer to Him and the great gift of Jesus, our Savior and Lord.

In His service and yours,

Pastor Dan Rinderknecht



*Knowing Christ and Making Him Known*

# School and YOUTH NEWS



## EVERY DAY CHANGES

Greetings to our members. Life is a little different from the last article I wrote. People get in their routines and think they have everything planned out. Then BAM! What happened to our normal life? Where did it go? When I visit with people, I keep hearing that you can't plan on anything. That is one opening that I can't ignore. The door is open for sharing the one certain thing in our life, Jesus Christ. He is the One absolute that can be relied on for life. I have seen His love for His people during the craziness. I have seen so many of His people reach out to help those that are struggling. Families have reached out to me to financially help people they don't even know. They say they don't need to know. They just want to serve His people. Yes, one thing is for certain. Jesus Christ loves us and cares for us. Enjoy serving Him.

– Richard Thomas, *Principal of Trinity Lutheran School*



## YOUTH NEWS

Dear friends! Blessings to you as we make our way into summer! Throughout the spring, I have been monitoring the situations in Montana and Indiana, as we still hope to have our youth servant trip to Camp Lutherhaven in Indiana this July. As I'm writing this (May 20), Montana is preparing to enter Phase 2 on June 1, and the governor of Indiana has announced plans to have the state "reopened" by July 4. Both of these things bode well for our ability to travel this summer, but we need your help. Since our spring fundraising activities were interrupted, we are asking if you'd take some time to pray about partnering with us financially to help us get to Indiana. Please designate your donation as "youth trip" if you would like to support the youth in this way. Thank you in advance for prayerfully considering a financial gift to make this trip possible.

God's blessings,

– Cameron Heiliger, *Director of Youth & Parish Education*







## This summer, it's STAY-cation Bible School at Trinity!

Trinity will still be hosting Vacation Bible School June 15-19, but this year, we're asking YOU to provide the location and pick the time! We'll provide activities, games, videos, music, craft directions, snack recipes, and some supplies for you to follow along with us as we explore God's Word together as Rainforest Explorers! We encourage you to partner with other families, as you're comfortable, to share the load, but there's also flexibility to take VBS with you on vacation, or camping, or even to wait until later in the summer!

Packets will be limited and will be available for pick up beginning June 6, so please sign up by following this link: <https://forms.gle/zpMutpkzXNe8vnsL9>

You can also connect with us and other families by joining our private Facebook Group at [facebook.com/groups/trinityvbs2020](https://www.facebook.com/groups/trinityvbs2020)

While it's not how we planned to have VBS this summer, we're excited to take this adventure with you as Jesus leads the way! For more information, visit [www.trinitybillings.org/vbs](http://www.trinitybillings.org/vbs)



## **Muddy Cluster Mission** **June 28 - July 2**

Join us later this month for a week of ministry to our Northern Cheyenne neighbors in Muddy Cluster! Muddy is only 90 minutes from Billings, so you can come to serve and share Jesus for a day, or the week. We will definitely be working on the youth lodge construction, and we also hope to host a *Rainforest Explorers* VBS each afternoon for kids in the community! Whether you enjoy building lodges or building a love for Jesus, join us for this summer's Muddy Cluster Mission. Contact Jonathan Boll at 670-0124 or [jboll@trinitybillings.org](mailto:jboll@trinitybillings.org) to find out more!



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	
<p>Church: 245-3984 School: 656-1021</p>	<p><b>1</b> <i>Mark 7</i> Noon P.A.R. at TYM 7pm Adult Class</p>	<p><b>2</b> <i>Numbers 11:24-30</i> 9am Quilting 6:30pm Youth Bd. Mtg. Properties Mtg.</p>	<p><b>3</b> <i>Acts 2:1-21</i> Noon P.A.R. at TYM 1pm Visitation Guild Mtg. Kitchen Guild Mtg.</p>	<p><b>4</b> <i>John 7:37-39</i>  <b>School Staff Planning Retreat</b></p>	<p><b>5</b> <i>Mark 8</i></p>	<p><b>6</b> <i>Psalms 36</i> 5pm Worship with Communion</p>	
<p><b>7</b> <i>Psalms 37</i> <b>MITE BOX SUNDAY</b> 8 &amp; 10:30am Worship</p>	<p><b>8</b> <i>Mark 9</i> Noon P.A.R. at TYM 6:30pm Evangelism Mtg. 7pm Fellowship Mtg 7pm Adult Class</p>	<p><b>9</b> <i>Genesis 1:1-2:4a</i> 9am Quilting 6:30pm Board of Ed. Mtg.</p>	<p><b>10</b> <i>Acts 2:14a, 22-36</i> Noon P.A.R. at TYM</p>	<p><b>11</b> <i>Matthew 28:16-20</i></p>	<p><b>12</b> <i>Mark 10</i></p>	<p><b>13</b> <i>Psalms 38</i> 5pm Worship</p>	
<p><b>14</b> <i>Psalms 39</i> 8 &amp; 10:30am Worship w/Communion 11:30am Church-Wide BBQ (RSVP) NOON Voters' Meeting</p>	<p><b>15</b> <i>Mark 11</i> Noon P.A.R. at TYM 7pm Adult Class</p>	<p><b>16</b> <i>Exodus 19:2-8</i> 9am Quilting</p>	<p><b>17</b> <i>Romans 5:6-15</i> Noon P.A.R. at TYM 1pm Wrinkled Righteous Game Day</p>	<p><b>18</b> <i>Matt. 9:35 -10:20</i></p>	<p><b>19</b> <i>Mark 12</i></p>	<p><b>20</b> <i>Psalms 40</i> 5pm Worship with Communion</p>	
<p><b>STAY-cation Bible School June 15 - 19</b> Please sign up by following this link: <a href="https://forms.gle/zpMupkzXNe8vnsL9">https://forms.gle/zpMupkzXNe8vnsL9</a></p>							
<p><b>21</b> <i>Psalms 41</i> <b>Father's Day</b> 8 &amp; 10:30am Worship</p>	<p><b>22</b> <i>Mark 13</i> Noon P.A.R. at TYM 7pm Adult Class</p>	<p><b>23</b> <i>Jeremiah 20:7-13</i> 9am Quilting 4pm LFL Mtg at Mount Olive</p>	<p><b>24</b> <i>Romans 6:12-23</i> Noon P.A.R. at TYM</p>	<p><b>25</b> <i>Matt. 10:5a, 21-33</i></p>	<p><b>26</b> <i>Mark 14</i></p>	<p><b>27</b> <i>Psalms 41</i> 5pm Worship</p>	
<p><b>28</b> <i>Psalms 43</i> 8 &amp; 10:30am Worship w/Communion</p>	<p><b>29</b> <i>Mark 15</i> Noon P.A.R. at TYM 7pm Adult Class</p>	<p><b>30</b> <i>Jeremiah 28:5-9</i> 9am Quilting 7pm Lay Ministry Mtg.</p>	<p><b>LAY MINISTERS:</b> Saturday: Ron Kesler Sun. 8:00: Mark Wollenburg Sun. 10:30: Ray Smith</p>	<p><b>ACOLYTES:</b> As Scheduled  <b>Trinity Worship Services on Community 7</b> 8am Sundays &amp; 5pm Tuesdays</p>			
<p><b>Muddy Cluster Mission VBS and Lodge Construction June 28-July 2</b></p>							





## LWML MEETINGS

The Executive Board for Trinity LWML met on May 19th to discuss up-coming meetings in light of the COVID-19 outbreak and rules for gatherings. After discussion about the impact the current rules would have on our meetings, the decision was made to cancel LWML meeting for June, and there is no meeting scheduled for July.

The Executive Board also reviewed the Treasurer's Reports for March and April. LWML members are encouraged to prayerfully consider continuing Mite and Regular donations throughout the summer. Please mail your donations to Treasurer Deb White, 123 So. 28th St. West, Billings, MT 59102. Additionally, the mite box will continue to be available in the narthex for your convenience.

At this time, the Montana District LWML Convention is scheduled for July 17-19, 2020. The Executive Committee will have a Zoom meeting on June 20th to make a final decision about plans for the convention in light of the situation at that time.

## ADDRESS CHANGE

**Scott and Caitlin Magnuson**  
3079 Hunters Ridge Loop  
Billings, MT 59102

## BAPTISMS

**Lincoln Harlan Pust**, son of Noah and Mary Pust, was baptized on April 5, 2020 by Rev. Daniel Rinderknecht.

## DEATHS

**Eugenia Rongholt** passed away on December of 2019. The memorial service is pending.

**Michael Munsell** (son of Neil and Carolyn Munsell) passed away on May 1, 2020. The memorial service is pending.

**David Brown** (former member) passed away on February 12, 2020. Services at Trinity Lutheran Church are pending.

**Ronald Kaneski** passed away on May 14, 2020. A graveside service is planned for June 6, 2020.

## Financial REPORT

April Finances		
Income		178,380
Expenses		157,390
<b>Net Margin</b>		<b>20,990</b>
2019-2020 Finances		
	Actual	Target
Offerings	890,286	840,751
Total Income	1,735,397	1,627,901
Total Expenses	1,607,622	1,627,901
<b>Net Margin</b>	<b>127,775</b>	<b>0</b>
Phase I Completion Drive (Goal of \$325,000 to Pay Off Loan)		
Gifts and Pledges (through April)		\$235,000
Remaining Needed to Complete		\$ 90,000

We thank God for the amazing financial support of the congregation over the past two months! Despite not being able to meet together for worship in April, it was our largest April for offerings on record! God's provision has been evident in so many ways, including qualifying for CARES Act small business funding, which has put us in a very strong financial position as we look ahead to the summer. To hear about more of the blessings we have been experiencing, visit <https://youtu.be/wyzGH8InsM>.

# Special Events

**THURSDAY & FRIDAY,  
JUNE 4 & 5**

School Staff Planning Retreat

**SUNDAY, JUNE 14**

Church-Wide BBQ @ 11:30am  
Voters' Meeting @ Noon

**MONDAY, JUNE 15 –  
FRIDAY, JUNE 19**

STAY-cation Bible School  
Register at

<https://forms.gle/zpMutpkzXNe8vnsL9>

**WEDNESDAY, JUNE 17**

Wrinkled Righteous  
Game Day @ 1pm

**SUNDAY, JUNE 28 –  
THURSDAY, JULY 2**

Muddy Cluster Mission



## News

### BBQ AND BUDGET DISCUSSION!

On Sunday, June 14, we will have a church-wide parking lot BBQ at 11:30 am. Please let us know if you plan to join us with an RSVP to the church office at [church@trinitybillings.org](mailto:church@trinitybillings.org) or 245-3984. Then at noon we will have a Voters' Meeting to approve our 2020-2021 Budget. Please plan on joining us!

### WHAT ABOUT THE CONSTITUTION REVISION???

On Sunday, March 22, we were scheduled to have a meeting to vote on the new constitution and bylaws, but that was the first weekend that gatherings at Trinity were cancelled. Even though we are having a Voters' Meeting in June, we have decided to wait until this fall to bring the constitution and bylaw revision before the Voters. We must have a minimum of 50 voting members in attendance to revise our constitution, and we want wait to have the meeting at a time when everyone can be comfortable attending group gatherings. In the meantime, feel free to contact the church office if you would like a copy of the proposed constitution and bylaws.



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