



Joyful Noise

MARCH 2017

A Message from Your Pastor...

Dear Friends in Christ,

"When will it stop?" That question is asked in countless places about countless things. Maybe you've asked it, or at least heard someone ask it. "When will the weather stop?" "When will my cold stop?" "When will my grief stop?" "When will...my schedule...slanted news reports...political bantering...stop?" "When will the ...school year...sports season... bad habit...suffering...needs of people... heartache ...stop?" "When will it stop!?"

That question captures the struggle of enduring something painful or unpleasant. Knowing when something will stop is not only helpful, it's hope-filled. It gives a timeframe to endure or persevere knowing that the hurt and the pain will eventually come to an end. If the recovery from surgery is 4 weeks, I can do it. If there's 2 and a half months left in the school year, I can hang in there. I know that when the weather changes, my cold will go away, so I will persevere. The struggle will not be fun, and certainly not enjoyable, but knowing that the pain and suffering will stop, gives a person the strength to endure.

That's what the season of Lent does for us. Lent brings all of our pain and suffering, all of our hurt and brokenness into perspective.

Lent brings us to the perspective of seeing our life through the cross of Jesus. It is on the cross that Jesus' life stopped for you. On the cross, Jesus endured the pain and suffering, the hurt and brokenness that sin causes in this world and in our lives. Because Jesus' life stopped, you have the promise that your pain and your suffering will stop for eternity. That promise gives us hope to endure. The promise that Jesus not only died, but also rose again as the victor over everything, gives us the strength to endure the suffering of our lives.

"When will it stop?" In this body and life, we will always face sin, and pain, and suffering. But as a Christians, we have the promise that all of our hurt will stop when Christ returns or calls us home to eternity. That promise, that hope, fills us with the strength we need to endure.

So I invite you to join us for Lenten Worship services on Wednesday evenings at 6:30. The focus of these services will be on the cross of Jesus – and seeing our brokenness healed through Jesus' death and resurrection.

In Christ our Savior,

Pastor Keinath

PS: Be sure to come early.
Lenten suppers are served
from 5-6pm.



Knowing Christ and Making Him Known

School and YOUTH NEWS



Rick Thomas

2017-2018 ENROLLMENTS

Greetings! It is true. Yes, it is true. We are beginning the process of 2017-2018 enrollments. Hard to imagine, but time just keeps moving. This means that it is time to really prayerfully consider if a Christ-centered education is right for your family. The sixth grade students just led us in chapel this week, and their focus was on 62 years of Christian education. They gave a nice history on how Trinity got to where it is today. They also did a nice job explaining how important our volunteers are to the school. Trinity has been blessed during the first 62 years and will continue to be blessed as long as we stay true to His word. May the Lord give you His guidance as you seek His will.

– Rick Thomas,
Principal of Trinity Lutheran School

MATCHBOX MATTERS (Flicker, Flame, and Fire Youth Groups)



FIRE youth will be selling Butter Braids again in preparation for our Servant Event this summer. Sales will take place March 3-26 with delivery Tuesday, April 4. Once again, we ask you to prayerfully consider purchasing an extra Butter Braid to send along with the Manitoba Mission Trip! Thank you for your continued prayers and support as we prepare for this opportunity!

IMPORTANT DATES FOR MARCH

March 1, 5:30-6:15 pm
Servant Event Meeting at TYM Square

March 3-26
Butter Braid Sales

March 17, 6:00-9:00 pm
FIRE Special Event; Mystery Dinner!

March 18, 2:00-4:30 pm
FLICKER and FLAME Combined Event



There's snow doubt about it, FLICKER's sledding day in January was a hit!

**"GOD IS FAITHFUL,
BY WHOM YOU WERE
CALLED INTO THE FELLO-
WSHIP OF HIS SON, JESUS
CHRIST OUR LORD."**

-1 CORINTHIANS 1:9



upon this
ROCK

**2017 NATIONAL
LUTHERAN SCHOOLS WEEK
March 5-11, 2017**

Monday, March 6

8:30 am – Opening Worship at Trinity School
12:30 pm – SPEAK UP Tournament with Mount Olive,
Miles City, and Sheridan Schools

Tuesday, March 7

2:00 pm – Spelling Bee

Wednesday, March 8

8:30 am Chapel led by School Staff (Lenten Dinner
also served by Staff that evening)

LaVie Baby Bottle Change Drive All Week!

Pennies on Tuesday, Nickels on Wednesday, Dimes on
Thursday, and Quarters on Friday

FEBRUARY BLESSINGS



Trinity's 8th grade class enjoyed a wonderful (and safe) week in Yellowstone!

Pastor Dennis Ouellette and the Halcrow family visited us as part of our LAMP Weekend.

One of our members stepped forward to lead Financial Peace University at Trinity.

Our Properties' Board worked hard to finish

a number of wonderful improvements at TYM Square and the School.

Qualified individuals have stepped forward to fill the (big) hole in staffing our church office while Connie Klundt is recovering from her broken leg.

The Evangelism Board began a new outreach program by mailing out hand-written notes to 100 of our neighbors.



Our members generously donated funds and furnishings to help a family move out of the Rescue Mission and into an apartment.

People at Trinity are serving one another and sharing Jesus in so many ways, giving glory to our Father in heaven!

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
PRAYER CHAIN: Donna Michel (656-6637) Connie Dunning wyoconniek@gmail.com 8:00: Seth Seymanski 10:30: Emily Anderson ALTAR DUTY: Donna Hertz, Pam Kercher Trinity Worship Services on Community 7 8am Sundays & 5pm Tuesdays						
ACOLYTES: Sat.: Emmalyn Aley, Caydence Wohlschlag 8:00: Seth Seymanski 10:30: Emily Anderson ALTAR DUTY: Donna Hertz, Pam Kercher Trinity Worship Services on Community 7 8am Sundays & 5pm Tuesdays						
5 Psalm 18 MITE BOX SUNDAY 8 & 10:30am Worship 9:30am Sunday School & Adult Bible Classes <i>New Adult Studies Begin!</i> 8pm Men's Basketball at TLS	6 Mark 15 5:30pm Stewardship Mtg. 6:30pm Fellowship Mtg. 7pm Adult Class 7pm Financial Peace Workshop – at TYM	7 Genesis 3:1-21 9am Quilting 6:30pm Christian Ed. Mtg. 6:30pm Properties Mtg. 6:30pm Youth Bd. Mtg. 7pm Ladies' Bible Study	8 Romans 5:12-19 8:30am Chapel at TLS 9:30am Rock of Ages 5pm Lenten Soup Supper 5:30pm FIRE Youth Group 6:30pm Lenten Worship 7:15pm 1 st -Year Confirmation	9 Matt. 4:1-11 10:30am Bible Study 7pm Adult Choir	10 Mark 16	11 Proverbs 19 5pm Worship
<i>National Lutheran Schools Week</i>						
12 Psalm 19 <i>Daylight Savings Time Begins!</i> <i>(move clocks ahead 1 hour)</i> 8 & 10:30am Worship w/ Communion 9:30am Sunday School & Adult Bible Class 12:00pm Kitchen Shower 8pm Men's Basketball at TLS	13 Luke 1 <i>Circuit Pastors' Meeting</i> 6:30pm Evangelism Mtg. 7pm Adult Class 7pm Financial Peace Workshop – at TYM	14 Genesis 12:1-9 9am Quilting 6pm Parish Planning Council Meeting 6:15pm Cradle Roll Mtg. 7pm Ladies' Bible Study	15 Romans 4:1-8, 13-17 8:30am Chapel at TLS 5pm Lenten Soup Supper 5:30pm FIRE Youth Group 6:30pm Lenten Worship 7:15pm 1 st -Year Confirmation	16 John 3:1-17 10:30am Bible Study 7pm Adult Choir	17 Luke 2 9am Play Group 6-9pm FIRE Special Mystery Dinner Event	18 Proverbs 20 St. Patrick's Day Parade 2-4:30pm FLICKER and FLAME combined Event 5pm Worship with Communion
19 Psalm 20 8 & 10:30am Worship 9:30am Sunday School & Adult Bible Class 8pm Men's Basketball at TLS	20 Luke 3 7pm Adult Class 7pm LWML 7pm Financial Peace Workshop – at TYM	21 Exodus 17:1-7 9am Quilting 7pm Ladies' Bible Study	22 Romans 5:1-8 8:30am Chapel at TLS 5pm Lenten Soup Supper 5:30pm FIRE Youth Group 6:30pm Lenten Worship 7:15pm 1 st -Year Confirmation	23 John 4:5-42 10:30am Bible Study 7pm Adult Choir	24 Luke 4	25 Proverbs 21 5pm Worship 6pm Manitoba Mission Trip Meeting at TYM
26 Psalm 21 8 & 10:30am Worship w/ Communion 9:30am Sunday School & Adult Bible Class 8pm Men's Basketball at TLS	27 Luke 5 7pm Adult Class 7pm Financial Peace Workshop – at TYM	28 Isaiah 42:14-21 9am Quilting 9:30am Rock of Ages at home 7pm Ladies' Bible Study 7pm Lay Ministry Mtg.	29 Ephesians 5:8-14 8:30am Chapel at TLS 5pm Lenten Soup Supper 5:30pm FIRE Youth Group 6:30pm Lenten Worship 7:15pm 1 st -Year Confirmation	30 John 9:1-41 10:30am Bible Study 7pm Adult Choir	31 Luke 6	Church: 245-3984 School: 656-1021

Dear Trinity Lutheran Church,

I want to begin by thanking you all for the tremendous financial, emotional, and spiritual support that both Trinity Lutheran Church and School have given me over the last five years. I am in my final semester [at Concordia University, Nebraska] and am currently student teaching. In February, I will enter the mission field as a Lutheran Teacher as that is when the call process begins. I ask for one final thing, prayer, from my home church. I need prayer for guidance on my first call, prayer for strength as a first year teacher, prayer for wisdom in entering adulthood, and prayer for my witness to reflect God's love to each person I meet.



Trinity Church will always be home to me, even though God may call me far away to spread

His Word. Thank you for your overwhelming love, support, and prayer.

In Him,
Liz King



LWML MEETING

Monday, March 20
7:00 pm

ADDRESS CHANGES

Jeff & Deanna Leffers
5303 Canvasback Drive
Billings, MT 59106

MEMBERSHIP ADDITIONS

Transfers: Emily Logan
Rebecca Cedel

FUNERALS / MEMORIALS

Lois Schlecht2/1/17

KITCHEN SHOWER

You are invited to a kitchen shower to help replace worn out items in our kitchen. The shower will be on Sunday, March 12, at 12:00. A light lunch will also be offered. There are two ways that you can help. If you are unable to attend but would like to help, there are envelopes marked kitchen shower in the narthex for your donation. The other way is to sign up and join us for the shower. There will be an opportunity for you to purchase items for the kitchen while enjoying a fun time with others in the congregation. Thank you for your help in refreshing our kitchen items. If you have any questions please call Pam at 259-1820.

LENTEN DINNERS

Our first Lenten Dinner will be hosted by the Fellowship Board at 5:00 pm on Wednesday, March 1. We have two dates left to fill, March 15 and 22, so if you know of a group that would like to host, please call Pam Kercher at 259-1820. Please watch the bulletin board in the narthex for the menu and which mission your free willing offering will assist. A free will offering is taken at the dinners to cover the cost of preparation of the meal and to help the hosting groups with their mission project. Thank you.

Financial REPORT

January Financials		
Income		168,402
Expenses		142,086
Net Margin		26,316
2016-2017 Financials		
	<i>Actual</i>	<i>Target</i>
Offerings	505,079	516,425
Total Income	1,028,584	1,019,771
Total Expenses	988,903	985,624
Net Margin	39,681	34,047
Expansion Project Contributions		
January 2017 Gifts		4,597
July 2016 - Jan. 2017 Gifts		53,541

Special Events

ASH WEDNESDAY (MARCH 1)

Soup Supper at 5:00 pm
Worship & Communion at 6:30 pm

SUNDAY, MARCH 4

Scrapbooking from 10am-4pm

MARCH 5-11

National Lutheran Schools' Week

SUNDAY, MARCH 12, NOON

Kitchen Shower and Luncheon

FRIDAY, MARCH 17, 6:00 PM

FIRE Special Mystery Dinner

SATURDAY, MARCH 18, 2:00 PM

FLICKER & FLAME Combined Event



News



Wednesdays, March 1-April 5

5:00 pm Lenten Dinner, 6:30 pm Worship

Sunday, April 9, 8:00 and 10:30 am

Palm Sunday Worship

Thursday, April 13, 6:30 pm

Maundy Thursday Worship

Friday, April 14, 6:30 pm

Good Friday Worship

Saturday, April 15, 5:00 pm

Easter Celebration Worship

Sunday, April 16, 6:30 am

Outdoor Sunrise Service

(1416 Canyon Trail Road in Lockwood)

Easter Worship, 8:00 and 10:30 am

Easter Breakfast at 9:00 am in the Church Fellowship Hall

(served by High School Youth)

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