



# Joyful Noise

MARCH 2018

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

Dear Friends of Trinity,

By the time you read this, I expect that the weather forecast is looking a little brighter. Right now it is still very WINTER!! They say this is Montana's hardest winter in 40 years, especially as far as the snow in concerned. Most of the people that I talk to are getting weary of the weather and are tired of snow removal and the difficulty of travel. We have hit some very low temperatures as well, starting at Christmas time, and it seems that we have been cold ever since. We certainly are looking forward to spring and more favorable forecasts! But what about the forecast for Trinity Lutheran Church and School?

I bring this point to have you think and pray about some changes that we are going to face soon. I am not talking about the weather now, but about something that we have been announcing for a few months already. On May 1, Connie Klundt will be retiring from her position as Church Secretary and in August Beth Heiliger will also be retiring from being School Secretary. We have been accepting applications for the Church Secretary and, in a couple of months, we will open up applications for the School Secretary.

Only God knows who will fill both of these positions and with His help, we will make a decision for their replacements. I ask you to keep this matter in your prayers. I also offer some thoughts for you to consider as well. First of all, we give thanks to God for placing these two capable servants in these offices for the many years that they have used their God-given gifts to bless the church and school. In my view, they are retiring with the highest honor and record of excellent service! We all have been blessed by their dedication and service! Thank you, Connie and Beth!

Second, in the above paragraph I used the word "replacements." Maybe that is not the best word to use. Let's try not to think of the new people to come as "replacements." Instead, let's look at them as the Lord's gifts to His church and school, too. They will bring special gifts and abilities to these offices that will definitely enhance the work that God has given us to do through our church and school.

Third, there is always the tendency and temptation to make comparisons between those who have a long history of service and those who are new. With God's help, I encourage you to resist this! Give thanks to God for His blessings in the past and for what He is doing now and into the future. When we make comparisons and voice them at times, it only makes it more difficult for the person that God has placed into these positions of service. We want to do everything we can to affirm and encourage our new workers so that their labor with us will be joyful and blessed for many years to come!

What about the forecast for Trinity? The weather service bases its forecasts on many factors that are tested by scientific instruments. Their predictions are more or less accurate. As we look to the future changes that I am highlighting here, we don't rely on human data and science, but on the promises and "track record" of the Lord. We look to His Word and have confidence that He will work all things out for our good and to His glory. I leave you with His Word to us in Jeremiah 29:11 to ponder and receive with thanks: "For I know the plans I have for you," declares the LORD, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future."

In His service and yours,  
Pastor Dan Rinderknecht



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# School and YOUTH NEWS



Rick Thomas

## THE TRINITY FAMILY

Do the following names ring a bell? Matt Speed, Jason Tapp, Michelle Crago, Phil Root, and Adam Hatzell, they were part of our first trip to Yellowstone. The first trip was 1994. We just returned from our 23rd trip. Trinity is blessed in so many different ways. One blessing is that we have families that go over and beyond the call of duty for their children. This year, we were blessed with 12 adults that helped make our trip a success. Trinity has a proud history of supportive families since its beginning in 1955. His Creation is one blessing that we need to enjoy and praise Him for on a daily basis. Parents, THANK YOU for being there for His children.

– Rick Thomas,  
Principal of Trinity Lutheran School

## 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!!

**Sunday, March 11, @ Noon: FLAME and FIRE meeting.**  
**Butter Braid forms are due!**



*Sledding fun with  
FLICKER and FLAME  
on February 18!*



## NEW MEMBERS WELCOMED ON JANUARY 28, 2018!



**Back Row:** John & Tammie Kesler, Tom & Marge Hunt, Robert & Judy Drinkwalter, Kevin & Tamara Roche, Robert Weathermon, Jeff Hall

**Front Row:** Ronda Gale, Arica & Brandon & McKenna Wendland, Hazel Moore, MaryJane Weathermon

**Not Pictured:** Derek Berube, John & Caroline Boll, Deja Feedback, Peter & Renee Hofacker, Molly Lundby, JoAnn Ostermiller

## IT'S STILL ALL ABOUT JESUS

2018 NATIONAL LUTHERAN SCHOOLS WEEK

March 4-9, 2018

*"Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today and forever." Hebrews 13:8*

Sunday, March 4 @ 10:30am – School Choirs sing at Trinity's Worship Service

Monday, March 5 @ 12:30pm – Speech Meet with Mount Olive, Miles City, and Sheridan Schools

Tuesday, March 6 @ 2:00pm – Upper Grades Spelling Bee

Wednesday, March 7 @ 2:15pm – Chapel led by School Staff

Friday, March 9 @ 2:00pm – Lower Grades Spelling Bee



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<div><div><div><b>ACOLYTES:</b> Saturday: Rose Liwosz &amp; Karlie Blomberg Sun., 8:00: Seth Seymanski Sun., 10:30: Kelsey Belcourt &amp; Grace Schallenberger</div><div><b>ALTAR DUTY:</b> Shared Duty</div></div><div><div><b>LAY MINISTERS:</b> Saturday: Brent Carstens Sun., 8:00: Keith Meier Sun., 10:30: Rob Reeves</div><div><b>Trinity Worship Services on Community 7</b> 8am Sundays &amp; 5pm Tuesdays</div></div></div>						
<b>4</b> <i>Psalms 70</i> <b>MITE BOX SUNDAY</b> 8 & 10:30am Worship <b>TLS All-School Choir at 10:30!</b> 9:30am Sunday School & Adult Bible Classes 6:30pm FIRE Youth Group 7pm Financial Peace	<b>5</b> <i>Matthew 17</i> 5:30pm Stewardship Mtg. 7pm Adult Class	<b>6</b> <i>Ex. 20:1-17</i> 6am Men's Bible Study 9am Quilting 6:30pm Christian Ed. Mtg. Properties Mtg. Fellowship Mtg. Youth Bd. Mtg. 7pm Ladies' Small Group	<b>7</b> <i>1 Cor. 1:18-31</i> 1pm Visitation Guild Mtg. Kitchen Guild Mtg. 2:15pm Chapel at TLS 5pm Lenten Dinner 6:30pm Lenten Service 7:15pm Confirmation	<b>8</b> <i>John 2:13-25</i> 10:30am Bible Study 6pm Parish Planning Council Meeting 7pm Adult Choir Practice	<b>9</b> <i>Matthew 18</i>	<b>10</b> <i>Proverbs 9</i> 5pm Worship
National Lutheran Schools Week						
<b>11</b> <i>Psalms 71</i> 8 & 10:30am Worship w/Communion 9:30am Sunday School & Adult Bible Classes Noon FLAME and FIRE Meeting 6:30pm FIRE Youth Group 7pm Financial Peace	<b>12</b> <i>Matthew 19</i> 6:30pm Evangelism Mtg. 7pm Adult Class	<b>13</b> <i>Num. 21:4-9</i> 9am Quilting 9:30am Rock of Ages Story Hour 6pm Cradle Roll Mtg. 7pm Ladies' Small Group	<b>14</b> <i>Eph. 2:1-10</i> 8:30am Chapel at TLS 5pm Lenten Dinner 6:30pm Lenten Service 7:15pm Confirmation	<b>15</b> <i>John 3:14-21</i> 10:30am Bible Study 7pm Adult Choir Practice  Science Fair at Trinity School 6:30pm	<b>16</b> <i>Matthew 20</i>	<b>17</b> <i>Proverbs 10</i> 5pm Worship with Communion
<b>18</b> <i>Psalms 72</i> 8 & 10:30am Worship 9:30am Sunday School & Adult Bible Classes 6:30pm FIRE Youth Group 7pm Financial Peace	<b>19</b> <i>Matthew 21</i> 5:30pm Manitoba Mission Meeting @ TYM 7pm LWML Meeting 7pm Adult Class	<b>20</b> <i>Jer. 31:31-34</i> 9am Quilting 7pm Ladies' Small Group	<b>21</b> <i>Heb. 5:1-10</i> 8:30am Chapel at TLS 5pm Lenten Dinner 6:30pm Lenten Service 7:15pm Confirmation	<b>22</b> <i>Mark 10:32-45</i> 10:30am Bible Study 7pm Adult Choir Practice	<b>23</b> <i>Matthew 22</i>	<b>24</b> <i>Proverbs 11</i> 9-10am Cradle Roll Easter Party 5pm Worship
<b>25</b> <i>Psalms 73</i> <b>Palm Sunday</b> 8 & 10:30am Worship w/Communion 9:30am Adult Bible Classes Sunday School Palm Sunday Party 6:30pm FIRE Youth Group 7pm Financial Peace	<b>26</b> <i>Matthew 23</i> 7pm Adult Class	<b>27</b> <i>Zech. 9:9-12</i> 9am Quilting 9:30am Rock of Ages at Home 7pm Lay Ministry Meeting Ladies' Small Group	<b>28</b> <i>Phil. 2:5-11</i> 8:30am Chapel at TLS Noon Dismissal at TLS	<b>29</b> <i>Mark 14:1-15,47</i> Maundy Thursday Worship With Communion 6:30pm	<b>30</b> <i>Matthew 24</i> Tre Ore Service at Mt. Olive Noon-3pm Good Friday Worship 6:30pm	<b>31</b> <i>Proverbs 12</i> 5pm Worship with Communion
Easter Break at Trinity School – March 29 thru April 2						

## 5 YEAR STAFF MEMBERS

**WE ARE PLEASED TO RECOGNIZE THE FOLLOWING STAFF MEMBERS** who have reached 5-year increments of their service to Him and to us at Trinity Lutheran Church and School:

**Kathy Teachout (5 years)**  
**Laura McCoy (15 years)**  
**Deanna Lenz (20 years)**  
**Lynne Erger (35 years)**  
**Karole Michel (35 years)**  
**Cindy Speed (35 years)**  
**Richard Thomas (35 years)**

*We thank you for your years of service!*

## LENTEN DINNERS

March Lenten Dinners will be held at 5:00 pm on Wednesday, March 7, 14 & 21. We have two dates left to fill, March 7 and 14, so if you know of a group that would like to host, please call Pam Kercher at 259-1820.

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. Come and enjoy a good meal and some great fellowship before Lenten service at 6:30 pm. Thank you!



## ADDRESS CHANGES

**Mark Zagel**  
 5440 Vardon Place  
 Billings, MT 59106

## BAPTISMS

**Adelaide Gertrude Kesler**..... 2/24/18

## MEMBERSHIP ADDITIONS

**Fred Pierce**..... 2/27/18



## LWML MEETING

**Monday, March 19, 7:00 pm**

The special program includes a visit with Billings Police Department Chaplain, Steve Hamilton

## Financial REPORT

January Financials		
Income		120,170
Expenses		140,496
<b>Net Margin</b>		<b>-20,326</b>
2017-2018 Financials		
	<i>Actual</i>	<i>Target</i>
Offerings	552,321	537,410
Total Income	1,010,700	1,059,061
Total Expenses	985,327	1,057,895
<b>Net Margin</b>	<b>25,373</b>	<b>1,166</b>
Expansion Project Contributions		
January 2018 Gifts		4,041
July 2017 – Jan. 2018 Gifts		39,757

We all know that snow and cold make travel more difficult, but did you know that it also makes meeting our church budget more difficult? All this winter weather means more heating and snow removal costs for our church and school. Adverse weather also negatively impacts church attendance and offerings. When you miss a worship service, please consider watching it on Community 7 (see calendar) or utilizing our online sermons at [www.trinitybillings.org](http://www.trinitybillings.org). When weather keeps you home, please also consider adding your missed offering the following week, or donating online under the "More" tab on the home page. Your faithful support keeps ministry moving, even when you can't!



# Special Events

**SUNDAY, MARCH 4,  
10:30 AM SERVICE**  
Trinity School Kids Sing

**MARCH 5-9**  
National Lutheran Schools Week

**SUNDAY, MARCH 11, NOON**  
FLAME & FIRE Meeting

**THURSDAY, MARCH 15,  
6:30 PM**  
Science Fair at Trinity School

**SATURDAY, MARCH 24,  
9:00 AM**  
Cradle Roll Easter Party

**FRIDAY, MARCH 30,  
12:00-3:00 PM**  
Tre Ore Service at Mount Olive



# News

**Wednesdays, March 7, 14, & 21**  
*5:00pm Lenten Dinner, 6:30pm Worship*

**Sunday, March 25**  
*Palm Sunday Worship at 8am and 10:30am*

**Thursday, March 29**  
*Maundy Thursday Worship at 6:30pm*

**Friday, March 30**  
*Good Friday Worship at 6:30pm*

**Saturday, March 31**  
*Easter Celebration Worship at 5:00pm*

**Sunday, April 1**  
*Outdoor Sunrise Service at 6:30am (1416 Canyon Trail Rd. in Lockwood)*  
*Easter Worship at 8am and 10:30am*  
*Easter Breakfast at 9am in the Church Fellowship Hall (served by H.S. Youth)*



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