



Joyful Noise

MARCH 2020

A Message from Your Pastor...

Dear Friends of Trinity,

There is a lot about being a pastor that I enjoy. One of the things that is high on the list of favorite ministry duties is teaching what I call the "ADULT INSTRUCTION CLASS." There are a number of different names for this class among churches, like Adult Confirmation, New Member Class, Information Class, Adult Inquirers Class and the like. This class is for people who are interested in membership at Trinity and have not been members of another Church in our Synod. I always point out to these people that this class will help them to make an informed decision about joining our congregation. This class will help answer the question, "Is this the right church for me?"

The Adult Instruction Class is also for people who want a review of the teachings of our church. Quite a number of Trinity members have gone through the class to review what they learned "way back in junior confirmation days." They usually report back to me about how much they learned by such a review and how it helped to make what they had learned earlier in their life "all fall in place."

My practice has been to conduct an Adult Instruction Class twice a year. One running from mid-September to mid-January and the other mid-January or February to May or early June. Usually the class is about 16 weeks long. The class that finished this past January had 20 people in attendance, made up of a nice mixture of members and non-members. At the end of that class, as usual there were a number of people who were sorry to see the class end. I always stress the fact that the study of God's Word never ends and urged them to take the opportunities that we have for continued growth. This class is not only great for learning God's Word, but for building relationships that last!

With these regular classes, God provides growth. Certainly growth in knowledge and faith, but also growth in membership at our church. On Sunday, February 9, we had another reception of new members. I always follow the end of each class with this reception which includes people from this group and also others who throughout the year have joined by Transfer or Profession of Faith.

I share this for your information, but I also have an invitation and request: I invite you to consider coming to a class sometime for your own benefit. I just started a new class on Monday, February 17 (7:00-8:30pm in the church fellowship hall.) You can still come! This is a great place to invite a non-churched friend to come too!

I ask that you would reach out to our new members and welcome them to our family. Their pictures are displayed in the Church and there is also a group photo in this newsletter. Greet them, give them a call, or write them a letter... let's make them feel at home and let's rejoice in the growth with which God is blessing our church!

*"I planted, Apollos watered,
but God gave the growth"
1 Corinthians 3:6*

In His service and yours,
Pastor Dan Rinderknecht



Knowing Christ and Making Him Known

School and YOUTH NEWS



THE HALFWAY MARK

Greetings from school. Yes, it is true. We just hit the halfway point of the school year. Yes, we are already making plans for the 2020-2021 school year. Our goal each year is to reach as many of our families as possible. Maybe your family will join us here at Trinity. We will work side by side with you. We will assist you with sharing Jesus with your family every day. We will help your children discover their gifts and to use those gifts to God's glory. If you are interested, let's visit. Together, we can find a plan that will help you to join our family here at TLS.

– Richard Thomas, *Principal of Trinity Lutheran School*



JOIN US FOR MARCH EVENTS!

Saturday, March 14, is FAMILY GAME NIGHT! Bring dinner for your family, a snack or dessert to share, a game your family loves, and the WHOLE FAMILY and join us in the Fellowship Hall, starting after church and going until we can't play any more games!

And be on the lookout for more information about our Escape Room event coming the end of March!!

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

TRIVIA NIGHT

Thank you to everyone who joined us for this year's Trivia Night and *congratulations to the winners!*



2nd Place: Red Hot Trivia Peppers



1st Place: Ski Bums



Last Place (Cheese Ball Winners):
Striking Titans



BUTTER BRAIDS ARE BACK!!

Be sure to get your Butter Braids ordered between February 29 and March 22. Check the Friday email or the church website to order online!

JOIN THE CONVERSATION!

Trinity Youth Ministry's Facebook presence is shifting from a "page" to a "group" to provide more opportunity for connection, better communication, and a safer way to share information about events involving youth. Join the conversation and find out how you can get involved with Youth Ministry at facebook.com/groups/tymbillings.

Upcoming Meetings

PROPOSED CONSTITUTION AND BYLAW REVISION

For the past four years, we have been gathering input, seeking counsel, and having ongoing discussions regarding updating our constitution and bylaws. These have included extensive meetings with our existing boards and leadership, review and feedback from a local attorney and from our District Constitution Committee, and input from other LCMS churches who have made this type of transition. Our existing constitution and bylaws were drafted nearly 40 years ago, and do not address many of the realities of current and future ministry. On February 14 & 15, our Executive Director, Mike Larson, gave a brief talk after each service about this process. Mike outlined a number of reasons why we are making this transition and what ministry will look like going forward. You can watch a video of his talk here: <https://youtu.be/B7t1i3NhWIE>

We are now at a point where we would like our members to take a final look at the proposed constitution and bylaws, ask any remaining questions, and consider adopting the new version. An electronic copy of the proposed Constitution and Bylaws was sent out with the Friday email on February 21. Paper copies of this document are also available in the narthex and at the church office. We will also have a couple of Open Forums to briefly walk through this document, answer questions, and provide input about the new draft. These meetings will be as follows:

- **Sunday, March 1, at Noon in the Fellowship Hall (a light lunch will be provided)**
- **Wednesday, March 4, at 7:30pm in the Sanctuary (following Lenten worship)**

We have also scheduled a **Voters' Meeting for Sunday, March 22, at Noon**. A light lunch will also be provided for this meeting. The main agenda item for this meeting will be to vote on the proposed constitution and bylaws, adopt an implementation plan, and address a few of the administrative details related to this transition. We are required to have a minimum of 50 voting members present to adopt any changes to our constitution and bylaws, and are asking ALL of our members to be involved in this important matter! Please take some time to review the proposed edition and join us for these discussions.



NATIONAL LUTHERAN SCHOOLS WEEK
**JOY:FULLY
LUTHERAN**
1 THESS 5:16-24

Join us as we celebrate on March 1-7

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 <i>Psalm 21</i> MITE BOX SUNDAY 8 & 10:30am Worship Trinity Students Sing at 10:30am 9:30am Sunday School & Adult Bible Classes Noon Constitution Meeting 6:30pm FPU class	2 <i>John 2</i> Noon P.A.R. at TYM 7 pm Adult Class	3 <i>Genesis 3:1-21</i> 9am Quilting 6:30pm Properties Mtg Youth Bd. Mtg. 7pm Worship Team 2 8pm Worship Team 1	4 <i>Romans 5:12-19</i> Noon P.A.R. at TYM 1pm Visitation Guild Kitchen Guild 2:15pm Chapel at TLS 5pm Lenten Dinner 6:30pm Lenten Worship 7:15pm Constitution Mtg. First Year Conf. FIRE Youth Group	5 <i>Matthew 4:1-11</i> 10:30 am Bible Study 6pm Worship Teams 3 & 4 practice 7pm Choir Rehearsal	6 <i>John 3</i>	7 <i>Proverbs 20</i> 5 pm Worship with Communion 6:15pm Manitoba Mission Meeting
<div> <div>National</div> <div>Schools</div> <div>Week</div> </div>						
8 <i>Psalm 22</i> 8 & 10:30am Worship w/Communion 9:30am Sunday School & Adult Bible Classes 6:30pm FPU class at TYM Daylight Saving Time Begins – Turn clocks ahead 1 hour	9 <i>John 4</i> Circuit Pastors' Meeting at TLC, Billings Noon P.A.R. at TYM 5:30pm Stewardship Mtg. 6:30pm Evangelism Mtg. 7 pm Adult Class	10 <i>Genesis 12:1-9</i> 9am Quilting 6pm Cradle Roll Mtg 6:30pm Altar Guild Mtg Christian Ed. Mtg 7pm Worship Team 2 8pm Worship Team	11 <i>Romans 4:1-8, 13-17</i> 8:30am Chapel at TLS Noon P.A.R. at TYM 5pm Lenten Dinner – Love INC 6:30pm Lenten Worship 7:15pm First Year Conf. FIRE Youth Group	12 <i>John 3:1-17</i> 10:30 am Bible Study 6pm Parish Planning Council Meeting 6pm Worship Teams 3 & 4 practice 7pm Choir Rehearsal	13 <i>John 5</i>	14 <i>Proverbs 21</i> 5 pm Worship 6:15pm Family Game Night– Hosted by the Youth
15 <i>Psalm 23</i> 8 & 10:30am Worship 9:30am Sunday School, Toddler SS & Adult Bible Classes 6:30pm FPU class at TYM	16 <i>John 6</i> Noon P.A.R. at TYM 7pm LWML Meeting 7 pm Adult Class	17 <i>Exodus 17:1-7</i> 9am Quilting 7pm Worship Team 2 8pm Worship Team 1	18 <i>Romans 5:1-8</i> 8:30am Chapel at TLS Noon P.A.R. at TYM 5pm Lenten Dinner 6:30pm Lenten Worship 7:15pm First Year Conf. FIRE Youth Group	19 <i>John 4:5-26</i> 10:30 am Bible Study 6pm Worship Teams 3 & 4 practice 7pm Choir Rehearsal Home School Speech & Debate	20 <i>John 7</i>	21 <i>Proverbs 22</i> 5 pm Worship with Communion Escape Room at TYM
22 <i>Psalm 24</i> 8 & 10:30 am Worship w/Communion 9:30 am Sunday School & Adult Bible Classes 12pm Voters' Meeting 6:30pm FPU class at church Escape Room at TYM	23 <i>John 8</i> Noon P.A.R. at TYM 6:30pm Youth Board Mtg. 7 pm Adult Class	24 <i>Isaiah 42:14-21</i> 9 am Quilting 9am Rock of Ages at Home at Tecca's 4pm Lutherans for Life Meeting at Mount Olive 7pm Worship Team 2 8pm Worship Team 1	25 <i>Ephesians 5:8-14</i> 8:30am Chapel at TLS Noon P.A.R. at TYM 5pm Lenten Dinner 6:30pm Lenten Worship 7:15pm First Year Conf. FIRE Youth Group	26 <i>John 9:1-41</i> 10:30 am Bible Study 6pm Worship Teams 3 & 4 practice 7pm Choir Rehearsal	27 <i>John 9</i> Escape Room at TYM	28 <i>Proverbs 23</i> 5 pm Worship Escape Room at TYM
29 <i>Psalm 25</i> 8 & 10:30 am Worship 9:30 am Sunday School & Adult Bible Classes 6:30pm FPU class at church Escape Room at TYM	30 <i>John 10</i> Noon P.A.R. at TYM 7 pm Adult Class	31 <i>Ezekiel 37:1-14</i> 9 am Quilting 7pm Worship Team 2 8pm Worship Team 1 7pm Lay Ministry Mtg.	ACOLYTES: Saturday: Austin Blomberg Sun. 8:00: Logan Bohnet Sun. 10:30: Isaac Webb ALTAR DUTY: Shared Duty	LAY MINISTERS: Saturday: Clayton Schaefer Sun. 8:00: Tim Grove Sun. 10:30: Rob Reeves Trinity Worship Services on Community 7 8am Sundays & 5pm Tuesday		



WELCOME TO THE TRINITY FAMILY!

On Sunday, February 9, we welcomed the following people into our midst:

FRONT ROW (L-R): Shalene & Felix Ward, Sandi Ward, Jerry Asleson, Janna Arend, Barry Patterson, Kay Koch, Ramsey Erickson, Beverly Hoose **BACK ROW (L-R):** Noah, Lincoln, Henry and Mary Pust, Kayla Wittman, Rod & Debbie Dunker, Doug & Maria Erickson, Beverly Schock **NOT PICTURED:** William & Althea Farley



LWML MEETING

March 16 at 7:00 pm

Opening Devotion: Pastor Daniel Keinath

Program: "Witness, Mercy, Life Together"

Lesson 5, Pastor Daniel Keinath

Meeting Hostesses: Barb Nies & Myrt White

Church Service Greeters for March: Kitchen Guild

PHONE NUMBER CHANGE

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BAPTISMS

Felix Micheal Kennard was baptized on February 9.

Shalene Ward was baptized on February 9.

Financial REPORT

January Finances		
Income		150,197
Expenses		148,892
Net Margin		1,305
2019-2020 Finances		
	<i>Actual</i>	<i>Target</i>
Offerings	585,242	599,262
Total Income	1,179,875	1,139,530
Total Expenses	1,125,442	1,139,530
Net Margin	54,432	0
Phase I Completion Drive		
(Goal of \$325,000 to Pay Off Loan)		
Gifts and Pledges (through Feb)		\$208,630
Remaining Needed to Complete		\$116,370

Special Events

MARCH 1-7

National Lutheran Schools Week

**EVERY WEDNESDAY
MARCH 4 - APRIL 1**

Lenten Dinner @ 5pm
Lenten Worship @ 6:30pm

SUNDAY, MARCH 8

Daylight Savings Time Begins

SUNDAY, MARCH 22

Voters' Meeting @ Noon



News



LOVE INC LENTEN DINNER | MARCH 11 | 5:00 PM

Our partnership with Love INC continues to impact more and more lives in the Billings community. Join us for the Lenten Dinner on Wednesday, March 11, at 5:00 pm, and hear an update from Love INC's Executive Director, Tom Bonner. You will also hear from our Church Ministry Coordinators, Lindsey Carter and Reid Bullock, and learn more about how you can get involved in this life-changing ministry!

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