



Joyful Noise

MAY 2017

A Message from Your Pastor...

Dear Friends of Trinity,

It is hard to believe that May is here. When you think of the activities of May, what comes to mind? There are many activities in this month. Schools are wrapping up the year. There are graduations. College students are moving home or to careers. It is a month where people transition from spring to summer, typically over the Memorial Day weekend. Summer vacation and plans begin to commence. I'm sure the list could go on.

One thing I think of during the month of May is racing. Allow me to explain. I grew up in a small Southern Indiana town called Seymour. Seymour is about an hour away from two big races in May. The first race happens on the first weekend of May about an hour south of Seymour in Louisville, Kentucky. It's the Kentucky Derby, and people begin to celebrate this 2-minute horse race two weeks beforehand. It kicks off with "Thunder Over Louisville" – an air show during the day and a 30-minute fireworks show set to music at night (check out "Thunder Over Louisville" on youtube.com if you're curious). Then, of course, race day, locally known as Derby Day.

The second race I always look forward to in May is about an hour north of Seymour in Indianapolis. It's the Indianapolis 500 which takes place on Memorial Day weekend. Much like the Kentucky Derby, almost every day for two weeks before the green flag drops, there is activity at the track. The excitement builds as teams arrive, drivers and cars sometimes change, practice times begin to roll in, and finally the field is set after qualifying. Then it's race day!

Race day is certainly exciting as thousands of fans gather to watch the race. But for most of those fans, it's only one day: Race Day. But for those who are competing, it's more than one day. For the horse trainers and jockeys, for the drivers and crew teams, they have been focused on one thing -

winning the race. They have put in the time in practice and preparation for Race Day. Why? So they can win the prize.

It's the same for us as Christians. In Holy Scripture, specifically in the New Testament, the life of a Christian is described as a race. 1 Corinthians 9:24 says, "Do you not know that in a race all the runners run but only one gets the prize? Run in such a way as to get the prize." Or 2 Timothy 4:7, "I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith." Lastly in Hebrews 12:1, "Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us."

God's Word not only encourages us, but also strengthens us to "run the race" with faith, and endurance and "in such a way as to get the prize." To do that, to "run in a way that gets the prize" takes time and practice and focus. Just like the teams and people who compete in the Derby or the 500, so also we as Christians need to be focused on the prize: eternal life with Jesus. That prize has been won for us by Jesus' death and resurrection. We need to be focused on faithfully following Him as we spend time in God's Word every day. We should be spending time together in worship, with brothers and sisters in Christ who are running the race with us, being refreshed and strengthened with God's Word and Sacrament. These are the gifts that prepare us for "Race Day."

That day, "Race Day," could be any day our faith is challenged, or any day we face a struggle. That day could be the day God calls us home for eternity. May the Holy Spirit empower and strengthen us to "run with endurance the race that is set before us," no matter what day it is.

In Christ,

Pastor Keinath



Knowing Christ and Making Him Known

School and YOUTH NEWS



Rick Thomas

GREETING TO SPRING!

The Lord's Plan - We are so blessed to have a Lord that has everything planned out for us. Our task is to rely on our faith to follow that path. Each year that I teach, I understand it more and more. It seems too often we worry about things that we can't control. We try to fix things that we believe need fixing. We focus on our own ways instead of His way. In my 35 years of teaching, my greatest moments come when I just rely on faith and watch Him do His thing. Our numbers in Kindergarten are down for next year. I could do my usual thing and stress and worry. My years of experience remind me to stay the course and see what He has planned for us. In my wisdom, I notice that His plans are always better than mine. Let's enjoy the walk together. He Is Risen!

- Rick Thomas,
Principal of Trinity Lutheran School

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



CONGRATULATIONS CLASS OF 2017!

Senior night at Youth Group
is Wednesday, May 10
from 6:00-9:00 pm.



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Vacation Bible School is June 12-16. Visit the bulletin board in the Narthex for more information about registering your child and signing up to volunteer - we could always use more crew leaders and station helpers! Also, watch for donation lists coming soon!



GET FOUND T-SHIRTS

Get your 2017 Get Found T-shirts now! FIRE Youth will be taking orders for this year's Get Found t-shirt through Sunday, May 21. This year's shirt will come in navy blue and encourages us to Get Found Following HIS Lead, like the disciples who dropped everything when Christ called them. Styles and pricing information available on the bulletin board in the Fellowship Hall.

MAY EVENTS:

Wednesday, May 10
6:00-9:00 pm
FIRE: Senior Night

Saturday, May 13
2:00-4:30 pm
FLICKER: End-of-school-year celebration, Fourth Grade Preview!

Saturday, May 13
6:00-8:30 pm
FLAME: End-of-school-year celebration

Meet the Member

LEW & ROSEMARY LEHMAN

Lew Lehman was born December 11, 1924 in Garland, Wyoming. He was raised in 'Lockwood Flats' where his parents farmed. He attended 8 years of school at the Lockwood 'Pine Hill' School, then attended Senior High School. Rosemary was born December 1, 1929 in Fromberg, MT, and attended school in that area.

A special memory Lew had from school was a snowball fight. "One warm winter day all the kids – about 16 or 18 kids, were out throwing snowballs at the girls who were shielded behind a snow fort with the teacher....who stuck her head out from behind the fort in time to get hit in the eye with a snowball that broke her glasses! Luckily there was no serious damage to the eye, and no punishment was given to the guy who threw the snowball."

Lew shared that his parents were born in Russia. His father was about twelve years old when the family came to America. After working for the Ford car factory a number of years, his parents moved west and farmed. Lew's father and mother began their life together in Wyoming – then moved to Montana when Lew was about 1 year old.

Lew and Rosemary were married November 4, 1949 at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Bridger, MT, where Rosemary was confirmed in 1945. Rosemary was a teacher during her working career. She was affectionately referred to as one of the best dressed teachers in the District. Lew worked in banks most of the time – for over 30 years.

Except for a 3-year period when Lew worked at a bank out of town, the Lehmans have been active members of Trinity. Both have served in many church positions. Lew was a long-time Lay Minister and was always available to serve at funerals after his retirement. He also picked up the church's recycling for many years. Lew has many



relatives at Trinity: John Michel, Mary Essman, Olga Fox, Paul Kober, Polly Vernes, Dennis Emmerick & Errol Seiffert.

Lew & Rosemary enjoy visiting friends and relatives and playing bridge. They have also enjoyed traveling through the years. Their favorite sound is polka music and little kids playing. Their least favorite chore is vacuuming. When asked what one word describes him best, Lew responded, "Depends on who you ask!"

Lew said he couldn't pick a favorite verse because he loves them all, but his favorite hymns include: "I Know That My Redeemer Lives," "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God," and many others! He recently picked up the hymnal at home, paged through all the hymns he recognized, and remembered the melodies to them all!

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*Lew & Rosemary recently moved to Denver, CO, to be near family. (Their new address is: 1001 Yale Ave., Apt. 230, Denver, CO 80210-5885.) On his note to the church, Lew said, "We miss Trinity Lutheran Church and pray our Lord continues to bless Trinity's pastors, members and all our friends."*



| SUNDAY                                                                                                                                                                                                               | MONDAY                                                                                                 | TUESDAY                                                                                                                                                                       | WEDNESDAY                                                                                                                      | THURSDAY                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | FRIDAY                                                                                                                                   | SATURDAY                                                                                    |
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| <b>ALTAR DUTY:</b><br>Cam Browne & Deb White<br><br><b>PRAYER CHAIN:</b><br>Donna Michel (656-6637)<br>Connie Dunning<br><a href="mailto:wyoconniek@gmail.com">wyoconniek@gmail.com</a>                              | <b>1 Luke 15</b><br>6:30pm Fellowship Mtg.<br>7pm Adult Class                                          | <b>2 Acts 2:14, 36-41</b><br>6am Men's Bible Study<br>9am Quilting<br>6:30pm Christian Ed. Mtg.<br>6:30pm Properties Mtg.<br>6:30pm Youth Bd. Mtg.<br>7pm Ladies' Small Group | <b>3 1 Peter 1:17-25</b><br>2:15pm Chapel at TLS<br>6:30pm FIRE Youth Group                                                    | <b>4 Luke 24:13-35</b><br>10:30am Bible Study<br>7pm Financial Peace Workshop – at TYM                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | <b>5 Luke 16</b><br>County Track Meet<br>Grades 5-8<br><br>Noon Dismissal<br>Grades K-4                                                  | <b>6 Proverbs 27</b><br>5pm Worship<br>With Communion                                       |
| <b>7 Psalm 27</b><br><b>MITE BOX SUNDAY</b><br>8 & 10:30am Worship<br>9:30am Sunday School & Adult Bible Classes                                                                                                     | <b>8 Luke 17</b><br>5:30pm Stewardship Mtg.<br>6:15pm Evangelism Mtg. at TYM Square<br>7pm Adult Class | <b>9 Acts 2:42-47</b><br>6am Men's Bible Study<br>9am Quilting<br>6pm Parish Planning Council Meeting<br>7pm Ladies' Small Group                                              | <b>10 1 Peter 2:19-25</b><br>8:30am Chapel at TLS<br>9:30am Rock of Ages<br>6pm FIRE - Senior Night<br>6:30pm Children's Choir | <b>11 John 10:1-10</b><br>10:30am Bible Study<br>7pm Financial Peace Workshop – at TYM                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | <b>12 Luke 18</b>                                                                                                                        | <b>13 Proverbs 28</b><br>2-4:30pm FLICKER<br>5pm Worship<br>6-8:30 FLAME                    |
| <b>14 Psalm 28</b><br><b>Happy Mother's Day!</b><br>8 & 10:30am Worship w/Communion<br>9:30am Sunday School & Adult Bible Classes                                                                                    | <b>15 Luke 19</b><br>7pm LWML Meeting<br>7pm Adult Class                                               | <b>16 Acts 6:1-9, 7:2, 51-60</b><br>6am Men's Bible Study<br>9am Quilting<br>7pm Ladies' Small Group                                                                          | <b>17 1 Peter 2:2-10</b><br>8:30am Chapel at TLS<br>6:30pm FIRE Youth Group                                                    | <b>18 John 14:1-14</b><br>10:30am Bible Study<br>7pm Financial Peace Workshop – at TYM                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | <b>19 Luke 20</b><br>1:30-3pm Awards Assembly at TLS                                                                                     | <b>20 Proverbs 29</b><br>8am Church Spring Clean-up Day!!!<br>5pm Worship<br>With Communion |
| Pastors' Dual Circuit Meeting                                                                                                                                                                                        |                                                                                                        |                                                                                                                                                                               |                                                                                                                                | <b>25 John 14:15-21</b><br>10:30am Bible Study<br>6:30pm Spring Musical Event at TLS<br>7pm Financial Peace Workshop – at TYM                                                                                                                                                                                   | <b>26 Luke 22</b><br>Last Day of School At TLS<br>8:30am Chapel at TLS<br>Noon Dismissal at TLS<br>6pm 8th Grade Grad. at Trinity Church | <b>27 Proverbs 30</b><br>5pm Worship                                                        |
| <b>21 Psalm 29</b><br>8 & 10:30am Worship<br>9:30am Sunday School & Adult Bible Classes<br>2pm "Say 'Yes' to His Dress" (Wedding Dress Style Show)<br>2pm Trinity Blast & BBQ Sporting Clays Shoot at Rod & Gun Club | <b>22 Luke 21</b><br>7pm Adult Class                                                                   | <b>23 Acts 17:16-31</b><br>6am Men's Bible Study<br>9am Quilting<br>7pm Ladies' Small Group                                                                                   | <b>24 1 Peter 3:13-22</b><br>6:30pm FIRE Youth Group Altar Guild Mtg.                                                          | <b>LAY MINISTERS:</b> Saturday: Ron Kesler<br>Sun., 8:00: Neil Munsell<br>Sun., 10:30: Mark Zigel<br><br><b>ACOLYTES:</b> Saturday: Monae Harris & Melanie Tecca<br>Sun., 8:00: Shaina Klamert<br>Sun., 10:30: Colter Watts<br><br><b>Trinity Worship Services on Community 7</b><br>8am Sundays & 5pm Tuesdays |                                                                                                                                          |                                                                                             |
| <b>28 Psalm 30</b><br>8 & 10:30am Worship w/Communion<br>9:30am Sunday School & Adult Bible Classes                                                                                                                  | <b>29 Luke 23</b><br><b>Memorial Day</b><br><br>Church Office Closed                                   | <b>30 Acts 1:12-26</b><br>6am Men's Bible Study<br>9am Quilting<br>7pm Ladies' Small Group                                                                                    | <b>31 1 Peter 4:12-19; 5:6-11</b><br>6:30pm FIRE Youth Group                                                                   |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |                                                                                                                                          |                                                                                             |

## A MESSAGE FROM SCHOOL....

The Campbell's Soup Label Program has ended after 42 years. Here at Trinity, **we will not be collecting soup labels anymore.** Thanks to everyone who faithfully clipped the UPS code or sent us the entire label. For the past 10 years, the 5th grade class has been organizing, sorting and counting the labels, and we bought some wonderful things - art supplies, projectors and books. Thank you for your support!



**Box Tops are still being collected!** We receive 10 cents or more for each Box Top.

Twice a year the fifth grade processes the Box Tops and sends them in for cash. We usually send in about \$200 worth of Box Tops, and the money goes to purchasing art supplies. Please continue to save Box Tops for our school! There is a collection box in the narthex. Thank you for your continued support.

~Lisa Ullman, Coordinator

## ADDRESS CHANGES

**Travis & Melissa Garcia**  
141 Avenue E  
Billings, MT 59101

**Aaron & Amanda Kobelt**  
409 Durland Avenue  
Laurel, MT 59044

**Dorothy Podoll**  
Hunter's Point  
3040 Central Avenue, Box 67  
Billings, MT 59102

## MEMBERSHIP ADDITIONS

**Courtney Arneson**  
*Transfer from Trinity Lutheran, Miles City, MT*  
**Justin Arneson**  
*Transfer from Trinity Lutheran, Hysham, MT*

## BAPTISMS

**Brynn Leona Leland** ..... 4/14/17  
**Everly Marie Magnuson**..... 4/23/17

## FUNERALS / MEMORIALS

**Jean Ketterling** ..... 3/25/17  
**Dick Shotwell** ..... 3/30/17  
(Service held at Smith's West Chapel)

## THANK YOU!

A big **'Thank You'** to everyone who helped make the church *Kitchen Shower* a great success. We appreciate your generosity! Please check out the new items we were able to purchase in the kitchen!

~The Fellowship Board



## LWML MEETING

**Monday, May 15 at 7:00 pm**

Kaleb Perdew will give a presentation on *InterVarsity Christian Fellowship*.

## Financial REPORT

| March Financials                |               |                |
|---------------------------------|---------------|----------------|
| Income                          |               | 128,520        |
| Expenses                        |               | 134,502        |
| <b>Net Margin</b>               |               | <b>(5,982)</b> |
| 2016-2017 Financials            |               |                |
|                                 | <i>Actual</i> | <i>Target</i>  |
| Offerings                       | 634,172       | 639,774        |
| Total Income                    | 1,300,186     | 1,311,134      |
| Total Expenses                  | 1,270,708     | 1,310,939      |
| <b>Net Margin</b>               | <b>29,478</b> | <b>195</b>     |
| Expansion Project Contributions |               |                |
| March 2017 Gifts                |               | 4,006          |
| July 2016 - Jan. 2017 Gifts     |               | 61,605         |

# Special Events

**THURSDAY, MAY 4, 7:00 PM**

New Financial Peace Series Begins

**WEDNESDAY, MAY 10, 6:00 PM**

FIRE Senior Night

**SATURDAY, MAY 20, 8:00 AM**

Spring Clean-Up Day at Church

**SUNDAY, MAY 21, 2:00 PM**

"Say 'Yes' to His Dress" at Church  
Trinity Blast & BBQ at Rod & Gun Club

**THURSDAY, MAY 25, 6:30 PM**

Spring Musical Event at School

**FRIDAY, MAY 26, 6:00 PM**

8th Grade Graduation at Church



# News

## Trinity Blast & BBQ Sporting Clays Shoot



**Sunday, May 21**

**2:00pm**

**Rod and Gun Club**

Call 245-3984 or visit

[www.trinitybillings.org](http://www.trinitybillings.org)

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