



# Joyful Noise

MAY 2018

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

Dear Friends of Trinity,

During these weeks after Easter, we have been focusing on our personal witness of Jesus, our Resurrected Savior, to others. We have been following this theme in our Worship services, and I have been leading Sunday morning Bible Study with this topic before us. One thing that we need to remember is that it is not a matter of when or if we will be a witness for the Lord, but that we are witnesses of our Lord all the time! Look at Acts 1:8: "But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth." The issue is not that we should be witnesses, but what kind of witness are we?

Of course all of us are imperfect witnesses. We all sin and we all are dependent on Christ's forgiveness every day. His grace and mercy is what motivates us to strive to give a positive witness for our Lord to others. During these weeks, I have been encouraged by other people who have told me their own personal stories as to how God has helped them. Often God's people are surprised by the opportunities that He places before them. I'd like to share an experience that one of our members had a couple of years ago. Our member is Linda Flechsig who was traveling back from Europe after a visit to Poland and a tour of Auschwitz. You might know Linda, but if you don't, she has dealt with Cerebral Palsy her whole life which has made speaking and walking difficult for her. Here is what she writes:

"When I boarded, I found myself sitting next to a young Oriental man who noticed my ring (a cross between two fishes) and commented that he liked it. He thought the fish are symbols of Jesus, but he wasn't sure, so I said that they are. Well, I couldn't just let it go at that, so I got out my trusty notebook and pen and wrote in a simple way what I believe: 'I believe that because all of mankind is sinful, we all need a Savior from eternal hell. I believe that Jesus

Christ is God's only Son and that He came to earth to die on the cross to save all who have faith in Him as their only Lord and Savior from eternal damnation. We don't have to work or earn our way to Heaven!! All we have to do is believe in Jesus as our Savior, and Jesus will welcome us into Heaven!!'

He read it, then asked if he could respond, so I said, yes, of course!!

'I am going home to Columbus, OH, to organize my father's funeral. He passed away 3 days ago in Prague, Czech Republic. He was healthy and happy, and his death is a sudden shock. He was only 55 years old. My family is Muslim by blood. Our ancestors and extended family in China practice Islam, and I am now to organize a Muslim funeral for my father. I am a man of science and so was my father before me. Religion is foreign to me, but in these past few days, I have been wondering more about spirituality and where my father is now. I can't say that I'm particularly committed to forming religious devotions, but I so admire your adherence to your beliefs. Thank you for your words. They're very comforting, and I sincerely believe you. Thank You.' He signed his name, Arthur."

Linda was surprised with this opportunity to witness to a Muslim at least in name. She knew that it was the Lord that helped her write that simple testimony to Arthur. She continues to pray for him and wonders how God has used her witness for this man.

I share this story with you to encourage you in your role as a witness for our Lord. The response of the man indicates that there was an interesting "timing" in their meeting. She was pleased that his response was respectful and polite. God calls us to witness, not convert. He commands us to love and share, not to change the heart. That is God's work! To God be the glory!

In His service and yours,  
Pastor Dan Rinderknecht



*Knowing Christ and Making Him Known*

# School and YOUTH NEWS



## OVER THE YEARS

Greetings to Spring. I am impressed with the committee that is working on our 100 year celebration. They are really doing a great job! Thank you for your service. They made me stop and reflect on this congregation. I have been here 26 years now. The congregation has been in constant movement. People have come and gone. Many of His servants have gone on to be with Him. The Lord has continued to bless this congregation. The constant movement that I have witnessed is one where His Word is taught in its truth and purity. That constant movement has been a very active force in the Billings community. His command is simple. We are to be His witnesses to everyone we meet. I believe if this congregation continues to remain true to His Word, the next 100 year celebration will be here before you know it. Thank you, Trinity, for letting your light shine!

– Richard Thomas,  
*Principal of Trinity Lutheran School*

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## YOUTH NEWS

May 16, 6:00-9:00 pm ..... FIRE; Senior Night  
May 19, 2:00-4:30 pm ..... FLICKER; End of Year Celebration and Fourth Grade Preview  
May 20, 12:00-2:30 pm ..... FLAME; End of Year Celebration!

**CONGRATULATIONS CLASS OF 2018!** Join us at Youth Group on Wednesday, May 16 from 6:00-9:00 pm for a special night of fellowship with our graduating Seniors!

## REGISTER FOR VBS!

Get Shipwrecked with us this summer!! Vacation Bible School is June 18-22 at Trinity Lutheran School. Visit the bulletin board in the Narthex for more information about how you can be involved! Registration is open now by visiting <https://vbspro.events/p/events/tlcvs2018> or scanning the QR code.



## CONNECT WITH TYM ONLINE:

Did you know Cameron has a YouTube channel and Instagram page for Youth Ministry? Stay connected through Instagram posts and stories and Cameron's weekly Vlog (video blog) by searching "TYM Billings."

## Here to Serve!

***For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many. (Mark 10:45)***

When we follow Christ, it leads us directly toward service. We are so blessed that Trinity is a place filled with Christ-like servants. Have you ever stopped to think about all the ways that people serve at Trinity? Here are some of the ways:

- ✓ Make calls, send cards & visit our shut-ins
- ✓ Be care-givers and loving listeners
- ✓ Make & serve the coffee each Sunday
- ✓ Pick up the donuts on Sunday mornings
- ✓ Pick up our recycling
- ✓ Organize the food pantry
- ✓ Make all the quilts and get them ready to ship
- ✓ Replenish the red Fellowship Books and Color Laptops every week
- ✓ Assemble the bulletins
- ✓ Edit, assemble and mail the newsletter
- ✓ Keep the banners up to date
- ✓ Coordinate and help with weddings and funerals
- ✓ Schedule and train our ushers and acolytes
- ✓ Preparing and serving meals
- ✓ Clean and organize the church library
- ✓ Work the Sound and Video booth
- ✓ Organists, choir members, worship teams and special music leaders
- ✓ Build, improve and maintain all of our facilities and properties
- ✓ Host Bible Studies
- ✓ Be an offering counter
- ✓ Christmas Decorating and De-decorating
- ✓ Prepare for worship, including altar and communion preparations
- ✓ Pick up and distribute food from Lucky's
- ✓ Be on or support one of our mission teams
- ✓ Respond to needs – no matter what they are!

Most of the things above are ***in addition*** to the work that is done by our formal boards! We have approximately 80 people who serve on Boards at Trinity, and are looking for a few more. If you feel called to serve, please consider joining one of the following boards:

- Evangelism (1-2 members needed)
- Young People's Work (4 members needed)
- Public Relations (1-2 members needed)
- Stewardship (1-2 members needed)
- Properties (1-2 members needed)

**We thank God for the many, many servants in our midst!**

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<b>Altar Duty:</b> June Kazarian & Deb White <b>Lay Ministers:</b> Saturday: Neal Wagenman Sun., 8:00: Arnold Schultz Sun., 10:30: David Jinguji <b>Acolytes:</b> Saturday: Marishka Henschel Sun., 8:00: Makenzie Bohnet & Brooklyn Baker Sun., 10:30: Kyralee Jinguji		<b>1 Acts 8:26-40</b> 6am Men's Bible Study 9am Quilting <b>6:30pm</b> Christian Ed. Mtg. Fellowship Mtg. Properties Mtg. Youth Bd. Mtg. 7pm Ladies' Small Group	<b>2 1 John 4:1-21</b> 1pm Visitation Guild Mtg. Kitchen Guild Mtg. <b>2:15pm</b> Chapel at TLS <b>6:30pm</b> FIRE Youth Group	<b>3 John 15:1-8</b> 10:30am Bible Study	<b>4 Mark 6</b> County Track Meet (Grades 5-8) <b>Noon Dismissal at TLS</b>	<b>5 Proverbs 17</b> 8am Work Day at the Church <b>8:30am</b> Noah Oloff's Graduation Party 5pm Worship w/Communion
<b>6 Psalm 79</b> <b>MITE BOX SUNDAY</b> 8 & 10:30am Worship 9:30am Sunday School & Adult Bible Classes 6:30pm Financial Peace at TYM	<b>7 Mark 7</b> 7pm Adult Class	<b>8 Acts 10:34-48</b> 6am Men's Bible Study 9am Quilting <b>9:30am</b> Rock of Ages Story Hour 7pm Ladies' Small Group	<b>9 1 John 5:1-8</b> 8:30am Chapel at TLS <b>6:30pm</b> FIRE Youth Group	<b>10 John 15:9-17</b> 10:30am Bible Study 6pm Parish Planning Council Meeting	<b>11 Mark 8</b>	<b>12 Proverbs 18</b> 5pm Worship <b>6:15pm</b> Manitoba Mission Mtg. at TYM
<b>13 Psalm 80</b> <b>Happy Mothers' Day!</b> 8 & 10:30am Worship w/Communion 9:30am Sunday School & Adult Bible Classes 6:30pm Financial Peace at TYM	<b>14 Mark 9</b> 5:30pm Stewardship Mtg. <b>6:30pm</b> Evangelism Mtg. 7pm Adult Class <b>7:30pm</b> Muddy Cluster Mission Planning Mtg.	<b>15 Acts 1:12-26</b> 6am Men's Bible Study 9am Quilting 7pm Ladies' Small Group	<b>16 1 John 5:9-15</b> 8:30am Chapel at TLS 6pm FIRE Senior Night	<b>17 John 17:11b-19</b> 10:30am Bible Study	<b>18 Mark 10</b>	<b>19 Proverbs 19</b> 2pm FLICKER 5pm Worship w/Communion <b>Simply Giving Weekend</b>
<b>20 Psalm 81</b> 8 & 10:30am Worship <b>Simply Giving Weekend</b> 9:30am Sunday School & Adult Bible Classes <b>Noon-2:30</b> FLAME 6pm Manitoba Mission 'Taste of Asia' Dinner 6:30pm Financial Peace at TYM	<b>21 Mark 11</b> 7pm LWML Meeting Adult Class	<b>22 Isaiah 6:1-8</b> 6am Men's Bible Study 9am Quilting <b>9:30am</b> Rock of Ages at Home 7pm Ladies' Small Group	<b>23 Acts 2:14a, 22-36</b> 8:30am Chapel at TLS <b>6:30pm</b> FIRE Youth Group	<b>24 John 3:1-17</b> 10:30am Bible Study <b>6:30pm</b> Band & Bell Choir Concert	<b>25 Mark 12</b> 1:30-3pm Awards Day for Grades 5-8	<b>26 Proverbs 20</b> 5pm Worship
<b>27 Psalm 82</b> 8 & 10:30am Worship w/Communion 9:30am Sunday School & Adult Bible Classes 6:30pm Financial Peace at TYM	<b>28 Mark 13</b> <b>Memorial Day</b> Church Office Closed No School at TLS	<b>29 Deut. 5:12-15</b> 6am Men's Bible Study 9am Quilting <b>12:15-3pm</b> Field of Fun Day at TLS 7pm Ladies' Small Group Lay Ministers Meeting	<b>30 2 Cor. 4:5-12</b> 1:30pm Spring Musical Matinee at Trinity School <b>6:30pm</b> FIRE Youth Group	<b>31 Mark 2:23-3:6</b> 10:30am Bible Study <b>Spring Musical</b> <b>At Trinity School</b> <b>6:30pm</b>	<b>Trinity Worship Services on Community 7</b> 8am Sundays & 5pm Tuesdays	



## 'WRINKLED RIGHTEOUS' SENIOR GROUP

### Medora Musical Trip - June 26 & 27, 2018

Trip includes transportation, meals, the Musical, hotel, tour of the local Chateau, and the creation museum in Glendive. Total cost of \$350. Contact Bill Crago to reserve your space! (406-248-3867)

## ADDRESS CHANGES

### Loretta Dengel

1715 Central Avenue, #5  
Payette, ID 83661

### Karen Hannah

78 27th St. W, Apt 116  
Billings, MT 59102

### Jason & Alicia McKittrick

1508 Oak Valley Blvd.  
Minneola, FL 34715

### Ron & Cathy Meyer

4205 Wells Place  
Billings, MT 59106

## MEMBERSHIP LOSSES

*Released:* Larry & Kaleb Suek

## GRAVESIDE SERVICES

Mary Jo Schindler ..... 4/18/18

## SCHOOL SECRETARY POSITION AVAILABLE

After 24 years of service at Trinity School, Beth Heiliger will be retiring this August. We have been so blessed by her service to us, and she will be greatly missed! We are beginning the process of hiring a new secretary for our school and will be accepting applications until June 1. For more information, or to apply for this position, please contact Jonathan Boll at [jboll@trinitybillings.org](mailto:jboll@trinitybillings.org).



Lutheran  
Women  
in Mission

## LWML MEETING

**Monday, May 21, 7:00 pm**

*The program will include reports from the District Convention Delegates.*

## Financial REPORT

March Financials		
Income		147,059
Expenses		145,687
<b>Net Margin</b>		<b>1,372</b>
2017-2018 Financials		
	<i>Actual</i>	<i>Target</i>
Offerings	692,997	690,956
Total Income	1,317,829	1,361,650
Total Expenses	1,269,973	1,360,150
<b>Net Margin</b>	<b>47,856</b>	<b>1,500</b>
Expansion Project Contributions		
March 2018 Gifts		3,512
July 2017 – March 2018 Gifts		45,651



# Special Events

**FRIDAY- SUNDAY, MAY 4-6**  
8th and 9th Grade Confirmation Retreat

**TUESDAY, MAY 14, 7:30 PM**  
Muddy Cluster Mission Meeting

**WEDNESDAY, MAY 16, 6:00 PM**  
FIRE Senior Night @ 6pm

**THURSDAY, MAY 24, 6:30 PM**  
Trinity School Band and  
Bell Choir Concert

**THURSDAY, MAY 31, 6:30 PM**  
Trinity School Spring Musical

**FRIDAY, JUNE 1, 6:00 PM**  
Trinity School Graduation at TLC



## News



## CHURCH WORK DAY SCHEDULED!

**Saturday, May 5**

**Starting at 8:00 am...but come any time!**

The Properties Board has scheduled a Work Day for Saturday, May 5, starting at 8:00 am. Please join us for outside spring clean-up, installing air conditioners, window cleaning, etc.! Bring work gloves, yard tools, etc. We will also be replacing the fence between the church and Little Caesar's. Thank you for helping us keep our church looking its best! We appreciate you!

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