



Joyful Noise

MAY 2021

A Message from Your Pastor...

Dear Friends of Trinity,

It is an exciting time at Trinity. Within the next month, there are two important events that you need to know about, and plan to attend.

First, we will be having a Voters' Meeting on Sunday, May 16, at noon. I know, it doesn't sound very "exciting" to attend a Voters' Meeting, but this meeting will have a significant impact on how we are structured to do the ministry God has given us at Trinity. At this meeting, we will be voting on adopting a new constitution and bylaws for Trinity Lutheran Church and School. For the last 30-some years, Trinity Lutheran Church and School has been doing ministry with a structure that has served well to accomplish our mission of "Knowing Christ and Making Him Known." But as God has caused and blessed the ministry with growth, coupled with the changes of staffing and cultural shifts, the need for a new structure of ministry is evident.

We don't need to have a Voters' Meeting to determine if we should pay the electric and water bills (Voters' Meetings used to do that,) because we have staff members to take care of these responsibilities. We need people to serve and use their God-given talents to share God's Word. Schedules today don't easily allow people to make 2-3 year commitments to serve on a board and meet monthly to discuss or plan ministry as our current constitution requires. However, providing opportunities for God's people to be able to serve and actively participate in ministry through specific events and activities, according to individual interests and availability, is much more practical and rewarding for everyone. These are a few examples of the need for a new constitution with a new structure. More information about the new constitution and bylaws is available in the back of church or electronically. (If you still need a copy, please contact the church office).

This is what we will be discussing and voting on at the Voters' Meeting on May 16th at noon. Please join us.

The second exciting event is happening on Sunday, June 6, at noon at the school. This gathering is a time of celebration and thanksgiving for God's continued provision and blessings. Specifically, we are celebrating the completion of Phase 1 of our expansion and having the loan paid off in full! In May of 2015, we broke ground for Phase 1 of our addition at the church and school. It was a \$2.7 million expansion that added early childhood classrooms, the library, music room, and a flex-classroom to the school. It also expanded the church parking lot after acquiring two properties between the church and TYM Square. In January of 2016, the school addition was complete. Now, five and a half years later, through the continuous and generous contributions of God's people, the expansion is completely paid for.

This is a reason to celebrate and thank God for His continued blessings and provisions. That's what we will be doing on June 6th at noon at the school. There will be a meal, an open house, a time of fellowship. In general, it will be a time to celebrate God's continued blessings on Trinity Lutheran Church and School.

The theme verse for Trinity's 100th Anniversary in 2019 continues to ring true: "The Lord has done great things for us, and we are filled with joy." (Psalm 126:3)

I look forward to seeing you at each of these exciting and important events.

In Christ,
Pastor Keinath



Knowing Christ and Making Him Known

School and YOUTH NEWS



CELEBRATION

The greatest celebration is Easter. I do have another one to celebrate. Our most recent building program is paid in full! The Lord has blessed us with such a great gift, so we will celebrate! The church will be planning a time to come together and praise the Lord for His blessings. It will be exciting to see what the church has in store for the next expansion and improvements. This congregation has so much to be thankful for. Don't miss out on the celebrations. Praise the Lord!

-Richard Thomas, *Principal of Trinity Lutheran School*



YOUTH NEWS

He has done marvelous things! This summer, we're excited to share that good news with kids as they join us in *God's Wonder Lab* for Vacation Bible School! We deeply missed the opportunity to gather in person for VBS last summer, so we are thrilled to bring it back this year. It seems very appropriate that our theme for this year focuses on Jesus doing the impossible for us! So many things about the past year have seemed unbelievable, not necessarily in a positive way. How refreshing to hear some impossibly good news about the love and care that Jesus has for us!



In the coming weeks, we will be accepting registrations for participants and seeking volunteers. VBS is open to children who are 4 years old and up. Our goal is to be as normal as possible with large group openings and smaller, mixed age-group teams moving around the school to the different stations. If you're still not sure about the social nature of VBS but want to be involved, we will be posting daily videos much like we did last year, and you can contact Mr. Heiliger to find out about getting some materials to do with your kids at home.

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Students who have completed 5th grade and up are eligible to help out as volunteers! We also need parents and other adults to help out in various areas. If you have any questions about volunteering for VBS, you can contact Mr. Heiliger!

Finally, keep an eye out for donation lists during the month of May as there will be a number of things we will need to help VBS be successful again this year!

REGISTER TODAY AT - <https://vbsmate.com/events/trinitybillings/19956>

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



*Congratulations,
Class of 2021!*

YOUTH GROUP DATES:

May 1

Registration Opens
for VBS

May 19, 5:30 PM

Youth Trip Meeting
at TYM Square

May 22, Noon-2 PM

Flicker

May 22, 2:30-4:30 PM

Flame

May 26, 6:00 PM

Senior Celebration!

MUDDY CLUSTER MISSION

JUNE 27 - JULY 1

Join us this summer for a week of ministry to our Northern Cheyenne neighbors in Muddy Cluster! Muddy is only 90 minutes from Billings, so you can come to serve and share Jesus for a day, or the week. We will continue construction on a ministry lodge and each afternoon also plan to lead the God's Wonder Lab Vacation Bible School for kids in the community! Whether you enjoy building lodges or building a love for Jesus, join us for this summer's Muddy Cluster Mission. Contact Jonathan Boll at 670-0124 or jboll@trinitybillings.org to find out more!



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
ACOLYTES: Saturday: Avery Mahn Sun., 8:00: Cassidy Loughridge Sun., 10:30: Makenna Peters						
ALTAR DUTY: Stacie Shaw & Cam Browne						
LAY MINISTERS: Saturday: Roger Kesler Sun 8:00: David Jinguji Sun 10:30: Ed Livingston						
2 <i>Psalm 131</i> MITE BOX WEEKEND 8 & 10:30am Worship 9:30am Sunday School & Adult Bible Class	3 <i>Mark 14</i> 7pm Adult Class	4 <i>Acts 8:26-40</i> 9am Quilting 6:30pm Youth Bd. Mtg Properties Bd. Mtg. 7pm Bible Study led by Rev. Zigel	5 <i>1 John 4:1-21</i> 1pm Visitation Guild Kitchen Guild 2:15pm Chapel at TLS 6:30pm FIRE Youth Group 8pm Men's B-Ball at TLS	6 <i>John 15:1-8</i> 10:30am Bible Study 7pm Choir Rehearsal	7 <i>Mark 15</i>	8 <i>Psalm 132</i> 5pm Worship
9 <i>Psalm 133</i> Mother's Day 8 & 10:30am Worship w/Communion 9:30am Sunday School & Adult Bible Class	10 <i>Mark 16</i> 5:30pm Stewardship Mtg 6:30pm Evangelism Mtg. 7pm Adult Class	11 <i>Acts 10:34-48</i> 9am Quilting 6pm Cradle Roll Mtg. 6:30pm Fellowship Mtg. 7pm Bible Study led by Rev. Zigel	12 <i>1 John 5:1-8</i> 8:30am Chapel at TLS 6:30pm FIRE Youth Group 8pm Men's B-Ball at TLS	13 <i>John 15:9-17</i> 10:30am Bible Study 7pm Choir Rehearsal	14 <i>Luke 1</i>	15 <i>Psalm 134</i> 5pm Worship w/Communion
16 <i>Psalm 135</i> 8 & 10:30am Worship 9:30am Sunday School, Toddler SS & Adult Bible Class Noon Voters' Meeting with light lunch provided	17 <i>Luke 2</i> 7pm LWML Meeting 7pm Adult Class	18 <i>Acts 1:12-26</i> 9am Quilting 7pm Bible Study led by Rev. Zigel	19 <i>1 John 5:9-15</i> 8:30am Chapel at TLS 5:30pm Youth Trip Meeting at TYM 6:30pm FIRE Youth Group 8pm Men's B-Ball at TLS	20 <i>John 17:11b-19</i> 10:30am Bible Study 7pm Choir Rehearsal	21 <i>Luke 3</i>	22 <i>Psalm 136</i> Noon-2pm Flicker 2:30-4:30pm Flame 5pm Worship
23 <i>Psalm 137</i> Pentecost 8 & 10:30am Worship w/Communion 9:30am Sunday School & Adult Bible Class	24 <i>Luke 4</i> 7pm Adult Class	25 <i>Ezekiel 37:1-14</i> 9am Quilting 4pm LFL at Mount Olive 6:30pm Bd. of Education 7pm Lay Ministry Mtg 7pm Bible Study led by Rev. Zigel	26 <i>Acts 2:1-21</i> 8:30am Chapel at TLS 6pm FIRE Senior Celebration! 6:30pm FIRE Youth Group 8pm Men's B-Ball at TLS	27 <i>John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15</i> 10:30am Bible Study 6:30pm TLS Band & Bell Choir Concert	28 <i>Luke 5</i> 12:15 - 3pm Field of Fun Day at TLS	29 <i>Psalm 138</i> 5pm Worship
30 <i>Psalm 139</i> 8 & 10:30am Worship 9:30am Sunday School & Adult Bible Class	31 <i>Luke 6</i> Memorial Day -No School- -Church Office Closed-	Church: 245-3984 School: 656-1021 Website: www.trinitybillings.org				



Financial REPORT

March Finances		
Income		206,874
Expenses		172,261
Net Margin		34,613
2020-2021 Finances		
	<i>Actual</i>	<i>Target</i>
Offerings	755,855	738,728
Total Income	1,665,265	1,509,070
Total Expenses	1,506,350	1,509,070
Net Margin	158,915	0
Phase I Completion Drive (Goal of \$325,000 to Pay Off Loan)		
Gifts and Pledges (through May)		\$325,000
Remaining Needed to Complete	\$	0

As Pastor noted in his article, our Phase 1 projects are completely paid off! A number of our members have already asked what this means for moving forward with our Phase 2 Expansion. We certainly have a number of facility needs at the church that we want to address, but first we want to revisit our mission and long-range plans before finalizing our Phase 2 plans. The congregation will be asked to provide input as we go through the planning process. Please join us in prayer as we seek the Lord's direction and guidance regarding the many ministry opportunities that He has given us. Thank you to those of you who continue to give to the Expansion Fund. Even though we have not finalized our Phase 2 plans, it will be a blessing to have seed money available whenever that time comes!



LWML NEWS

Monday, May 17 | 7:00pm

Opening Devotion: Cradle Roll

Program: To Be Determined

Church Service Greeters for May: Cradle Roll

The Lord has blessed us during this unsettled time, so it is wonderful to see our group together again in fellowship with one another!

LWML members are invited to pick up their Summer issue of the *Lutheran Women's Quarterly* found in the boxes in the narthex.

ADDRESS CHANGES:

Jason and Alicia McKittrick

Tyler & Ashley

3149 Golden Acres Dr.

Billings, MT 59106

BAPTISMS

Ramzess Rybalka, son of Vladyslav Rybalka and Sierra Kuhn, was born on February 18, 2020, and baptized on Sunday, April 11, by Rev. Daniel Rinderknecht.

Myles Paul Hatzell, son of Eric and Lillie Hatzell, was born on December 20, 2020, and baptized on Sunday, April 25, by Rev. Daniel Rinderknecht.

FUNERALS

Donald Black passed away on April 7. His Memorial service was held on Saturday, April 24, with Rev. Daniel Rinderknecht presiding.

Special Events

SATURDAY, MAY 1

Spring Clean-Up at Church
8:00am

SATURDAY & SUNDAY, MAY 1 & 2

Mite Box Weekend
(bring your mites)

SUNDAY, MAY 16

Voters' Meeting (lunch provided)
Noon

WEDNESDAY, MAY 26

FIRE Senior Celebration
6:00 pm

THURSDAY, MAY 27

Trinity School Band &
Bell Choir Concert
6:30 pm



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Phase 1 Completion Celebration
Sunday, June 6, @ Noon - Trinity School

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