



# Joyful Noise

NOVEMBER 2017

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

Dear Friends in Christ,

Well, it finally happened. For the first time ever, my family saw our first Grizzly Bear in the wild. It was a memorable experience. It happened at the end of October this year when our children were out of school for Family Hunting Day. We had spent the day in Yellowstone Park, and were beginning to head home towards Cody, Wyoming, when we saw it. The bear was just a few miles outside of the park, walking through some brush within 100 yards of the highway, stopping every so often to munch on bugs or roots or something.

It is hard to describe what it's like to watch one of these marvelous creatures in the wild. In fact, that's what made it fun for our family. We've heard stories from folks in Montana about their experiences of seeing a grizzly, or encountering one in the wild, and those stories bolstered our desire to see one. Then it happened, and it was pretty exciting. We now have first-hand experience of seeing a Grizzly Bear in the wild.

Now, seeing a bear may not seem like a big deal. After all, bears are a part of the landscape here in Montana. It's their habitat, and we can almost take it for granted that everyone who lives in this area has seen a bear. But that's not always the case. Some people may have never seen a bear first-hand.

If that's how it is for bears, what's it like for the Christian faith? Sometimes we can take it for granted that everyone we meet or know is a Christian. But that's not always the case. Sure, people may have heard stories about Jesus and what He has done, but they may not have experienced Jesus' love or forgiveness first-hand. They don't know the security of being loved and accepted in who they are as God has

made them. They may not know the peace of being forgiven – by God or by another person – as they wrestle with sin and its burdens. They may not know what true hope is as they see the hopeless things of this world.

That's where you come in. You have more than just knowledge of Jesus, you have first-hand experience of walking with our Lord. You have received God's gifts and blessings, His love and forgiveness, His Word and Sacraments, His comfort and hope. And just like we share our experiences of seeing grizzly bears and other creatures in creation, we share our experiences of being God's child; and we invite others to experience it first-hand. That's what we learn in Jesus' parable in Matthew 22:9. The king of the parable sends his servants with this command, "Go therefore to the main roads and invite to the wedding feast as many as you find."

This command of the king is more than just an announcement that a wedding banquet will be happening. It's an invitation. It's an invitation for people to come and enjoy the banquet. And as Christians, that's what we're called to do. We are called to invite people to follow Jesus, to invite them to experience His gifts and blessings first-hand. It's one thing to hear about something; it's another to experience it.

During this month of November, as we prepare to celebrate Thanksgiving and enter the busy time before Christmas, may we also be prepared to invite people to join us in following and experiencing life with our Savior Jesus Christ.

In His Name,

Pastor Keinath



*Knowing Christ and Making Him Known*

# School and YOUTH NEWS



Rick Thomas

## THE NEW GYM

Do you remember when the new gym looked like this? It seems like yesterday, but it was 22 years ago. Wow, time goes by very quickly. Harley Ketterling was in last week, and he dropped off a VHS tape of our grand opening of the new gym. It was perfect timing because I had just found this photo a few days earlier and I was planning on writing an article about it. Harley and I took the opportunity and walked through the school. It was a honor for me to take Harley through the new addition because he had not seen it yet. Mr. Ketterling was a part of a number of our expansions here at the school. Mr. Al Skaar, who just went home to Jesus, was another person that blessed our school with his talents. The potential danger in mentioning specific people who have contributed their time and talents is that there are so many who have made Trinity what it is today. While I can't even begin to list everyone, each has been used by God to make a difference. God's people will come and go, but their impact will continue to be a blessing. So, to the Trinity family, thank you for serving your Lord and Savior by serving us here at Trinity. YOU are loved and greatly appreciated!!!

– Rick Thomas,  
Principal of Trinity Lutheran School



## GIVE THANKS!

*Help the Youth provide Thanksgiving blessings!* Trinity's Youth Groups will be assembling and distributing Thanksgiving food baskets to families in need this Thanksgiving holiday. Please consider partnering with us in three ways:

### 1) Donate staple items for baskets and the church food pantry

From OCTOBER 15-NOVEMBER 17, please bring non-perishable items and deliver them to their designated area (as outlined below). Additionally, Sunday school students in these classes are encouraged to bring the items as assigned to their grade.

Pre-school: Boxed Stuffing, Boxed Dinners

Kindergarten: Canned Gravy, Gravy Packets, Soup Packets, Juice

1st-2nd: Canned Goods – Cranberries, Vegetables, Sweet Potatoes

3rd-4th: Canned Goods – Soup, Broth, Sweetened Condensed Milk, Dry Milk

5th-6th: Pantry Staples – Flour, Sugar, Baking Soda, Baking Powder

7th-8th: Pantry Staples – Cooking Oil/Spray, Rice, Pasta, Potatoes



2) Provide monetary donations for the purchase of perishable items (turkeys, Cool Whip, pie crusts, etc.), or commit to bringing a turkey. There will be a collections area in the Fellowship Hall for Monetary donations. You can also drop monetary donations off at the office or in the offering plate in a marked envelope.

3) Provide names, addresses and phone numbers of families in need in our congregation, school, and community. If you know of an individual or family who would benefit from receiving a Thanksgiving Basket this year or if you have any other questions, please contact Cameron Heiliger or the church office.

ALL three youth groups (FLICKER, FLAME, and FIRE) will meet at 2:00pm on Saturday, November 18, for basket assembly. FIRE will deliver baskets on Sunday, November 19. The Seniors will have lunch and go shopping at no

*"Give thanks to the Lord,  
for He is good; His love  
endures forever."*

PSALM 107:1

# Trinity Tidbits

## THANK YOU!

Dear Friends and Members of Trinity,

I want to thank you all for the prayer and financial support you provided me as I undertook my journey to Uganda in August/September. Over two and a half weeks, I was able to teach a one-day "Go and Be Reconciled" seminar to approximately 50 seminary students, staff and national church body staff for the Lutheran Church of Uganda; a two-week "Church and Ministry" class to the year two seminary students; a one-week pastors' conference with about 150 people in attendance, also using the "Go and Be Reconciled" material. The pastors' conference was sponsored by 15 True Worship Centers around Jinja, Uganda. My brother-in-law, Rev. Ken Goodfellow from Spokane, Washington, and I also spoke at six local village church conferences in villages north and east of Jinja.

Without your support, this trip would not have been possible. In addition to helping defray the costs of the journey, your donations are also helping to provide much needed library resources for the seminary as well as helping to supply transportation for the seminary principal, Rev. Dr. Enoch Macben.

The Lutheran Church of Uganda is a young church, founded in 1993. It faces many challenges, not the least of which is the need to complete housing, food preparation, library, classroom, and administration facilities for the seminary. Please keep these brothers and sisters in Christ in your prayers.

Thanks, again, for your generous support.

1 John 1:7,

Rev. Bruce Zagel

## QUILTERS NEEDED!

The Quilters need some help! Did you know you don't have to sew to help the quilters? You can cut and arrange fabric, put kits together, help tie quilts, pack boxes, etc. (We can even find things for you to do at home!) The Quilters meet every Tuesday morning around 9 am, work as long as they want, share a little snack, and clean up. Some stay an hour, some stay 2 or 4! Great fellowship while serving at the same time! We'd love for you to join us! No obligation to come every Tuesday either! Just join us any Tuesday and check it out!





SUNDAY		MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<b>ACOLYTES:</b> Saturday: Sun., 8am: Sun., 10:30am:  <b>ALTAR DUTY:</b> Pam Kercher & Stacie Shaw		Melanie Tecca & Marishka Henschel Shaina Klamert Benita Seiffert		<b>1 Romans 3:19-28</b> 1pm Visitation Guild Mtg. 1:30pm Kitchen Guild Mtg. 2:15pm Chapel at TLS 3-6pm TLS Used Book Sale 6:30pm FIRE Youth Group 8 <sup>th</sup> Gr. Confirmation 8:45pm College-Age Bible Study <b>Used Book Sale at TLS</b>	<b>2 John 8:31-36</b> 10:30am Bible Study <b>Noon</b> Dismissal at TLS 12-7pm TLS Used Book Sale 6:30pm Financial Peace Workshop 7pm Choir Practice	<b>3 Luke 6</b>  <b>No School at TLS</b>	<b>4 Proverbs 22</b> 5pm Worship with Communion 7:30-10:30am Jinguji Benefit Breakfast at TLS 11am Jim Oset's Memorial Service
<b>Trinity Worship Services on Community 7</b> 8am Sundays & 5pm Tuesdays							
<b>5 Psalm 53</b> DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME ENDS <b>MITE BOX SUNDAY</b> 8 & 10:30am Worship 9:30am Sunday School & Adult Bible Classes	<b>6 Luke 7</b> 5:30pm Stewardship Mtg. 7pm Adult Class	<b>7 Rev. 7:2-17</b> 6am Men's Bible Study 9am Quilting 6:30pm Christian Ed. Mtg. Properties Mtg. Youth Bd. Mtg. Fellowship Mtg. 7pm Ladies' Small Group	<b>8 1 John 3:1-3</b> 8:30am Chapel at TLS 6:30pm FIRE Youth Group 8 <sup>th</sup> Gr. Confirmation 8:45pm College-Age Bible Study	<b>9 Matt. 5:1-12</b> 10:30am Bible Study 6:30pm Financial Peace Workshop 7pm 7th Grade Family Confirmation Meeting 7pm Choir Practice	<b>10 Luke 8</b> 2pm Veteran's Day Assembly at TLS	<b>11 Proverbs 23</b> 5pm Worship	
<b>12 Psalm 54</b> 8 & 10:30am Worship w/Communion 9:30am Sunday School & Adult Bible Classes	<b>13 Luke 9</b> <i>Pastors' Circuit Meeting</i> 6:30pm Evangelism Mtg. 7pm Adult Class	<b>14 Amos 5:18-24</b> 6am Men's Bible Study 9am Quilting 9:30am Rock of Ages 6pm Parish Planning Council Meeting 6pm Cradle Roll Mtg. 7pm Ladies' Small Group	<b>15 1 Thess. 4:13-18</b> 8:30am Chapel at TLS <b>Noon</b> 'Wrinkled Righteous' Lunch & Games 6:30pm FIRE Youth Group 8 <sup>th</sup> & 9 <sup>th</sup> Grade Confirmation Mtg. 8:45pm College-Age Bible Study	<b>16 Matt. 25:1-13</b> 10:30am Bible Study 7pm Choir Practice	<b>17 Luke 10</b> 5-8pm TLS Book Fair at Barnes & Noble	<b>18 Proverbs 24</b> 5pm Worship with Communion 2-4:30pm ALL Youth Groups Thanksgiving Basket Assembly	
<b>19 Psalm 55</b> 8 & 10:30am Worship 9:30am Sunday School & Adult Bible Classes <b>Noon</b> Senior Youth Lunch & Shopping Trip 2pm FIRE – Turkey Basket Delivery	<b>20 Luke 11</b> 1pm LWML Meeting 7pm Adult Class	<b>21 Zeph. 1:7-16</b> 6am Men's Bible Study 9am Quilting 7pm Ladies' Small Group	<b>22 1 Thess. 5:1-11</b> 8:30am Chapel at TLS <b>Noon</b> Dismissal at TLS 7pm Choir Practice 8:45pm College-Age Bible Study	<b>23 Matt. 25:14-30</b> Thanksgiving Worship 10am	<b>24 Luke 12</b> Church Office Closed	<b>25 Proverbs 25</b> 5pm Worship	Thanksgiving Break at TLS – Nov. 23-26
<b>26 Psalm 56</b> 8 & 10:30am Worship w/Communion 9:30am Sunday School & Adult Bible Classes	<b>27 Luke 13</b> 7pm Adult Class	<b>28 Ezek. 34:11-16,20-24</b> 6am Men's Bible Study 9am Quilting 9:30am Rock of Ages at Home 7pm Lay Ministry Meeting Ladies' Small Group	<b>29 1 Cor. 15:20-28</b> 8:30am Chapel at TLS 5pm Advent Dinner 6:30pm Advent Worship 7:15pm FIRE Youth Group 8:45pm College-Age Bible Study	<b>30 Matt. 25:31-46</b> 10:30am Bible Study 7pm Choir Practice			
						<b>LAY MINISTERS:</b> Saturday: Neal Wagenman Sun., 8:00: Keith Meier Sun., 10:30: Paul Kober	



## 5TH ANNUAL LADIES' CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON & ORNAMENT EXCHANGE!

*It's not too early to mark your calendars!*

**Sunday, December 10th, at Noon | Fellowship Hall**

Watch for the sign-up sheet in the narthex, and watch the bulletin for more details! Bring your wrapped ornament to exchange, and a salad to share at the luncheon! This year, we will be decorating Christmas cupcakes...and eating them!! Join us for all the Christmas fun and fellowship!

## TRINITY'S CHURCH DIRECTORY

Thank you to everyone who had pictures taken for the new Church Directory! You will love the smaller 5½" x 11" updateable format! We will receive the new directories in 6-8 weeks. If you had your picture taken or submitted a picture, your free copy of the directory will be in the narthex with your name on it as soon as we receive them! And a special 'Thank you' to those who worked at the registration table those 8 days! We so appreciate you!

## ADDRESS CHANGES

**Jae Hatzell**  
2222 Poly Drive  
Billings, MT 59102

**Chris & June Kazarian**  
710 Barnwood Place  
Billings, MT 59102

**Matt & Allie Hein**  
48 Lakewood Lane  
Billings, MT 59105

**Megan Lind**  
5236 Golden Hollow Road  
Billings, MT 59101

**Bruce & Claudette Howick**  
8 Harbor View Lane  
Federal Dam, MN 56641

**Jennifer & Jahzarra Scheafer**  
2330 Avenue C, #4  
Billings, MT 59102

**Brandon & Marie Jones**  
915 Elk Drive  
Riverton, WY 82501

**Albert VanLuchene**  
2422 Juniper Lane  
Sheridan, WY 82801

## MEMBERSHIP ADDITIONS

*Through Transfer:*

**John & Caroline Boll**  
**Kevin & Tamara Roche**  
**Arica Wendland**

## MEMBERSHIP LOSSES

*Through Transfer:* **Bruce & Claudette Howick**

## BAPTISMS

**Bennett Callaway Arneson**..... 10/28/17

## FUNERALS / MEMORIALS

**Sean Kober**..... 9/28/17  
**Dean Elliott** ..... 10/11/17  
**Dorothy Leikam** ..... 10/18/17  
**Albert Skaar**..... 10/25/17

## FUNDRAISERS FOR THE TRINITY SCHOOL LIBRARY



### USED BOOK SALE

Trinity Lutheran School

Wed., Nov. 1 (3-6pm) & Thurs., Nov. 2 (12-7pm)

### Trinity Lutheran School Book Fair

Barnes & Noble | Nov. 17, 5-8pm

## LWML MEETING



**Monday, November 20, 7:00 pm**

**Trinity Fellowship Hall**

*Pastor Rinderknecht will be leading us in our Bible Study:  
"A Man Called Martin," Part 2: The Moment, session 3.*

## Financial REPORT

September Financials		
Income		115,983
Expenses		129,910
<b>Net Margin</b>		<b>-13,927</b>
2017-2018 Financials		
	<i>Actual</i>	<i>Target</i>
Offerings	211,506	230,321
Total Income	458,180	453,884
Total Expenses	394,740	453,383
<b>Net Margin</b>	<b>63,440</b>	<b>500</b>
Expansion Project Contributions		
Sept. 2017 Gifts		3,778
July 2017 – Sept. 2017 Gifts		17,947

# Special Events

**NOV 1 (3-6PM) & NOV 7 (NOON-7PM)**  
Used Book Sale at Trinity School

**SATURDAY, NOV 4, 7:30-10:30AM**  
Jinguji Benefit Breakfast at Trinity School

**THURSDAY, NOV 9, 7:00PM**  
7th Grade Family Confirmation Meeting

**FRIDAY, NOV 10, 2:00PM**  
Veteran's Day Assembly @ Trinity School

**WEDNESDAY, NOV 15, NOON**  
"Wrinkled Righteous" Lunch & Games

**FRIDAY, NOV 17, 5:00-8:00PM**  
TLS Book Fair at Barnes & Noble

**SATURDAY, NOV 18, 2:00PM**  
Basket Assembly by All Youth Groups

**THURSDAY, NOV 23, 10:00AM**  
Thanksgiving Day Worship Service



## News

*Jinguji Benefit*

# Pancake Breakfast

**Saturday, November 4**  
**7:30-10:30am**

**Trinity School**  
**2802 Belvedere Dr.**  
**Billings, MT 59102**

*\$5 Min. Suggested  
Donation*

*All Proceeds  
Benefit the  
Jinguji Cancer Fight*



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