



Joyful Noise

OCTOBER 2019

A Message from Your Pastor...

Dear Friends of Trinity,

We're all familiar with blueprints. Those important pieces of paper that describe how a building should be built. The various contractors – the construction, plumbing, electrical crews, and others – need those blueprints in order to know what to build where so the building looks and works like it's supposed to. Without blueprints, a building could be constructed, but its usefulness would be diminished. It would certainly lack organization and effectiveness. Yes, we are familiar with blueprints. We know they are important.

Just as blueprints are important to the construction of a building, so also a constitution is important in how an organization operates to accomplish its mission. Without organization and structure, a group of people could gather to do something, but – like a building built without blueprints – their usefulness and effectiveness would be diminished. That's why people at Trinity Lutheran Church and School have been working for the past several years to develop a new constitution and bylaws. Perhaps you have heard about this work.

Some of that work included Bible Studies and a seminar back in January of 2016, which talked about our need to update and change our constitution that was written more than 35 years ago – back when Trinity had one pastor and a part-time secretary. Much of this work became the responsibility of the Constitution Committee, and many thanks to Ted Kober who helped develop the draft for the new constitution. This work included committees and boards evaluating their roles and responsibilities to further the ministry of Trinity. In response to the feedback of committees and boards, adjustments were made to the constitution. Then there was the All Boards Meeting in May of this year, and through that discussion, further changes were made that clarified concerns and helped develop a document that board leaders and members were comfortable with in moving forward with ministry at Trinity.

Although writing a constitution and working through the bylaws is not fun and exciting work, it is important work. It is in this tedious work that I have appreciated the lively conversations, the visioning and sharing of ideas, the sorting through of the details by many people, and having Jonathan Boll keep track of it all so that the process would keep moving forward. Those have been good things. But what I have appreciated the most about this process is the willingness of people to work together for the good of Trinity Lutheran Church and School in proclaiming God's Word. That cooperation, that "working togetherness" became a key aspect of the new constitution. Whether that working together will be with and through staff members, or Boards or Ministry Teams, or Town Hall Meetings – all new things in the new constitution – it is important for our church and school and all her members to work together to further God's Kingdom.

Isn't that what a constitution – just like a set of blueprints – is supposed to do? It helps organize everyone to work together to accomplish a common goal. It is our hope that this new constitution will help us work together to share Jesus with people. It's not official yet, the new constitution still needs to be approved by our District; that's where it's at now. Then it will come before the congregation for review, discussion, and hopefully approval at a Voter's Meeting. More information should be coming soon; please be looking for that.

When it comes to structure and constitution and bylaws, those things can look different from congregation to congregation. They don't specifically matter. What does matter, though, is that "God so loved the world, that He gave His only Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life." That message is what Trinity Lutheran Church and School is here to proclaim, as faithfully and clearly as possible.

In Christ's Service and Yours,

Pastor Dan Keinath



Knowing Christ and Making Him Known

School and YOUTH NEWS



WHAT WE OFFER?

Greetings to Fall. Hard to believe, but the school year is in full speed ahead mode. Each year, we get new students whose families are searching for just the right fit for their child. I always enjoy sharing the right fit. Jesus Christ is the right fit. Students are coming from places that deal with sex problems, violence, drugs, and secular views. Keep in mind, we are talking kindergarten through only eighth grade, not high school. Is Trinity the perfect school? No, but we serve the One who is perfect. Trinity is over 60 years old in this mission field. I believe the need is greater now than ever before. Our goal is to prepare His children with the foundation to stand up for their Lord and Savior. The excellent results in academics are just the fruits of their walk with Jesus. The whole staff here at the school want the members of Trinity to know how important this mission outreach

is here in Billings. We want you to know how blessed we feel to have such a dedicated congregation supporting the school. We get the honor of sharing His love every day with His children. THANK YOU!

– Richard Thomas, *Principal of Trinity Lutheran School*



THANK YOU, RHONDA!!

Rhonda Bruski has been involved with Youth Group at Trinity as a part of youth board and/or an adult volunteer for over 30 years! Heading into this fall, she decided it was time to retire. And while she said she's available from time to time to fill in, the Fire Youth are going to miss having her around a couple of times each month. When you see Rhonda, thank her for all she's done to make Christ known in the lives of youth these past 30 years!!

YOUTH EVENTS FOR OCTOBER

Join Fire youth as we tailgate for the Senior-West football game on **Friday, October 4!** Come enjoy a burger or hot dog on your way to the game. The grill will start up at 5:00pm, and Fire Youth are invited to stay for some late-night activities after the game and wrapping up at midnight.



Flicker: Saturday, October 19, Noon-2:00pm
Flag Football at Trinity Lutheran School

Flame: Sunday, October 20, Noon-2:00pm
Flag Football at Trinity Lutheran School

KINDERGARTEN THROUGH 4TH GRADERS!!

Join us on **Wednesday, October 30**, for a new ministry JUST FOR YOU! Our high school youth and youth board will be hosting a fall themed event at TYM Square from 5:30-7:00pm. We hope to see you there!



ALL SAINTS DAY DINNER AND SOCK DRIVE

The Fellowship Board would like to invite you to our first ever All Saints Day Dinner and Sock Drive on Friday, November 1, at 6:30 in the Fellowship Hall at church. We will be serving dinner and having some great music for your enjoyment. We are collecting men's and women's socks. We do not need dress socks, just everyday socks that we can give away to those in need. We plan on distributing them to local agencies that need them, plus keep some here at church to be handed out. If you would like, you can also bring a loaf of your favorite bread, savory or sweet, to share. If you have any questions, please contact Pam Kercher.

THANKSGIVING BASKETS

Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good; His love endures forever. PSALM 107:1

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 helping in three ways:

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

- Boxed Stuffing, Boxed Dinners
- Canned Gravy, Gravy Packets, Soup Packets, Juice
- Cranberries, Vegetables, Canned Pumpkin
- Soup, Broth, Sweetened Condensed Milk, Dry Milk
- Flour, Sugar, Baking Soda, Baking Powder
- Cooking Oil/Spray, Rice, Pasta, Potatoes



2) Provide monetary donations for the purchase of perishable items (turkeys, Cool Whip, pie crusts, etc.)

- 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.

The Youth Group will start collecting items on the weekend of October 12 & 13.

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
LAY MINISTERS: Saturday: Brent Carstens Sun. 8:00: Tim Grove Sun. 10:30: Rob Reeves ACOLYTES: Saturday: Rebecca Nelson Sun. 8:00: Ainslie Hoke Sun. 10:30: ALIAR DUTY: Rosemary Kosche and Cam Browne		1 Daniel 10:10-14; 12:1-3 6am Men's Bible Study 9am Quilting 6:30pm Properties Mtg. Christian Ed. Mtg. Youth Bd. Mtg. Fellowship Mtg. Montana District Pastors' Conference in Laurel, MT	2 Revelation 12:7-12 Noon P.A.R. at TYM 1pm Visitation Guild Mtg. 1pm Kitchen Guild Mtg. 2:15pm Chapel at TLS 6:30pm Altar Guild Meeting 6:30pm FIRE Youth Group 8 th Grade Conf	3 Matthew 18:1-11 10:30am Bible Study 7pm Choir Rehearsal	4 Matthew 27 5pm FIRE Youth Group Tailgate for Senior-West football game	5 Proverbs 29 1pm Pickle Ball 5pm Worship w/Communion
6 Psalm 150 MITE BOX SUNDAY LWML SUNDAY 8 & 10:30am Worship 9:30am Sunday School & Adult Bible Classes	7 Matthew 28 Noon P.A.R. at TYM 7pm Adult Class	8 Habakkuk 1:1-4; 2:1-4 6am Men's Bible Study 9am Quilting 6pm Cradle Roll Mtg	9 2 Timothy 1:1-14 8:30am Chapel at TLS Noon P.A.R. at TYM 1pm Wrinkled Righteous Movie Day 6:30pm FIRE Youth Group 8 th Grade Conf	10 Luke 17:1-10 10:30am Bible Study 6pm PPC Meeting at TLS 7pm Choir Rehearsal	11 Mark 1 5 – 8pm FallFest at TLS	12 Proverbs 30 1pm Pickle Ball 5pm Worship
13 Psalm 1 8 & 10:30am Worship w/Communion 9:30am Sunday School & Adult Bible Classes	14 Mark 2 Noon P.A.R. at TYM 5:30pm Stewardship Mtg. 6:30pm Evangelism Mtg. 7pm Adult Class	15 Ruth 1:1-19a 6am Men's Bible Study 9am Quilting	16 2 Timothy 2:1-13 8:30am Chapel at TLS Noon P.A.R. at TYM 1pm Wrinkled Righteous Game Day 6:30pm FIRE Youth Group 8 th Grade Conf	17 Luke 17:11-19 10:30am Bible Study No School at TLS – Teacher Conferences	18 Mark 3	19 Proverbs 31 Noon FLICKER – Flag Football at TLS 1pm Pickle Ball 5pm Worship w/Communion
20 Psalm 2 8 & 10:30am Worship 9:30am Sunday School & Adult Bible Classes Noon FLAME Flag Football at TLS 3pm Chili Bowl Flag Football at TLS	21 Mark 4 Noon P.A.R. at TYM 7pm LWML Meeting 7pm Adult Class	22 Genesis 32:22-30 6am Men's Bible Study 9am Quilting 4pm Lutherans for Life Meeting at Mount Olive 6pm Medicare Information Meeting - Fellowship Hall	23 2 Timothy 3:14-4:5 8:30am Chapel at TLS Noon P.A.R. at TYM 5:30 pm FIRE Servant Event 2020 Info Mtg. 6:30pm FIRE Youth Group 8 th Grade Conf	24 Luke 18:1-8 10:30am Bible Study 7pm Choir Rehearsal 7pm LWML Conv. Committee at TYM	25 Mark 5	26 Proverbs 1 1pm Pickle Ball 5pm Worship
27 Psalm 3 REFORMATION SUNDAY 8 & 10:30am Worship w/Communion Confirmation at 10:30 Service 9:30am Sunday School Confirmation Reception & Adult Bible Classes	28 Mark 6 Noon P.A.R. at TYM 7pm Adult Class NO School at TLS – Family Hunting Day	29 Revelation 14:6-7 6am Men's Bible Study 9am Quilting 7pm Lay Ministry Mtg	30 Romans 3:19-28 8:30am Chapel at TLS Noon P.A.R. at TYM 5:30pm K-4 Fall Event at TYM Square 6:30pm FIRE Youth Group 8 th Grade Conf	31 John 8:31-36 10:30am Bible Study	Trinity Worship Services on Community 7 8am Sundays & 5pm Tuesdays CHURCH: 245-3984 SCHOOL: 656-1021	

ADDRESS CHANGES

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Mary Uecker

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Carolyn Rukavina

New Phone: 406-661-1701

BAPTISMS

Kai Lucas Merback, son of Ira and Andrea Merback, was baptized on Saturday, September 7, with Rev. Daniel Rinderknecht presiding.

Financial REPORT

August Finances		
Income		263,512
Expenses		156,556
Net Margin		106,956
2019-2020 Finances		
	<i>Actual</i>	<i>Target</i>
Offerings	130,779	153,948
Total Income	359,904	325,580
Total Expenses	307,703	325,580
Net Margin	52,201	0
Phase I Completion Drive (Goal of \$325,000 to Pay Off Loan)		
Gifts and Pledges (through August)		\$145,000
Remaining Needed to Complete		\$180,000



LWML Sunday is October 6

LWML MEETING

October 21 | 7:00 pm

Program: "Witness, Mercy, Life Together," Lesson 3 "Mercy"

Meeting Hostesses are Donna Lance & Deb White



THANKS TO EVERYONE WHO PARTICIPATED IN THE WRINKLED RIGHTEOUS CHOO-CHEW TRIP ON SEPTEMBER 7-8!

"WHO BROKE THE BABY?"

Dr. Jean Garton, Co-founder and past president of Lutherans for Life, turned to see her 3-year-old son who came in quietly as she watched a video about abortion. Even a three-year-old could see the 'product of abortion' was a baby!

Lutherans for Life is not just about abortion but includes life created by God in every stage and condition. The concern is also for end-of-life issues and problems of the handicapped.

Our chapter, Yellowstone Valley LFL, participates in these activities and more: Life March, Life Sunday, LaVie fundraisers, Memorial for Life Service, Memorial for Life Cross Display, Life Chain, and fundraisers with educational outreach.

We typically meet on the 4th Tuesday at 4 p.m., at Mt. Olive Lutheran Church, 2336 St. Johns Ave. Contact Cheryl Forke at 245-0152 or tcforke@gmail.com. **We need YOU!**

Special Events

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 4, 5PM
Senior-West Tailgate Party

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 9, 1PM
Wrinkled Righteous Movie Day

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 16, 1PM
Wrinkled Righteous Game Day

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 20, 3PM
Chili Bowl at Trinity School

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 23, 5:30PM
FIRE 2020 Servant Event Meeting

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 27
Reformation Sunday
Confirmation @ 10:30am Worship Service

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 6:30PM
All Saints Day Dinner & Sock Drive



Friday, October 11, from 5-8pm
Trinity Lutheran School
2802 Belvedere Drive

Tickets are only \$5 and include dinner!
On sale at the school office, or can be purchased at the event!

A night for our kids...

...fun for the whole family!

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