

From the
Pastor's
Desk

Trinity Trumpet

October 2020

Won't You Be My Neighbor?

"And you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength." The second is this: "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." There is no other commandment greater than these. — Mark 12:30-31

A few weeks ago, many of us had the joy of going door-to-door to pass out invitations to our neighbors near our church building. It was great to visit with many of these neighbors. The ones I spoke with were thrilled to be invited to a free picnic at our church. It let them know that we cared about them. Many of the ones I spoke with had fond memories of their children or grandchildren going to our school.

I even got to speak to one woman who currently lives in one of the two houses near our church that Tawn and I lived in 33 years ago.

On the day of the BBQ, we had about 100 members and guests show up, including about a dozen families or individuals from the neighborhood. Besides enjoying hamburgers and mini-golf, they also got to hear barbershop songs from the Flathead Valleyaires and praise songs from two of our praise teams. Thank you to all who helped make this a special day!

When Jesus was asked, "Who is my neighbor?" He answered by telling the story of the Good Samaritan. When Jesus asked the man, "Who proved to be the neighbor in this story?" He replied, "The one who showed him mercy."

Martin Luther once said: "God does not need our good works but our neighbor does." We serve our neighbors as we carry out our daily callings and vocations. Most of the Ten Commandments tell us how to love our neighbors. We love our neighbors as ourselves not just by internal feelings, but by the things we do for them.

The ordinary tasks of a congregation —serving on committees, organizing fellowship dinners, teaching Sunday school, visiting shut-ins, setting up chairs, passing out bulletins, making small talk over coffee after the service — may seem mundane, but they are ways members express their love for each other.

We all have broken God's commandments. We have fallen short of the perfection that God demands. We can't earn eternal life by our good works. It is a free gift from God by faith in Jesus Christ. Jesus sacrificed His life on the cross. His love for you and me is overwhelming. God has shown us mercy.

The point of the parable of the Good Samaritan is not only that we should be like the Samaritan, but to remind us that in the story we are the person beat up and left for dead. Helpless. Jesus, the Good Samaritan, has stopped to rescue us. This is what Jesus did when He went to the cross. We've received mercy and care that we don't deserve. What a joy it is to pass that on -- to do things for others to show our love and care and also God's love and care for them! What can we do next?

Pastor Kevin Bueltmann

Nominations for Senior Pastor Position

As with the most recent efforts to Call a second pastor for Trinity Lutheran Church, you again have the opportunity to nominate a pastor to be considered by the Call Committee and ultimately the congregation as a whole. You may request a Pastor Nomination Form from the parish office if you know of an LCMS rostered pastor that you feel would be a good fit for our church. The deadline to submit forms is Sunday, October 11. If you have any questions, please call Jeff Carlson at 253-7060.

LWML - Connecting Women Notes and News

LWML SUNDAY: October 11 — Keep filling your mite boxes with pennies, nickels, dimes, etc. and bring them to church on the 11th and let's make a NOISE for Jesus. If you don't have a Mite Box they are available in the church office. LWML MITES support many missions throughout Montana, the United States and the world.

The LWML (Lutheran Women Missionary League) Montana District delegates voted to support ten mission grants during the 2020-2022 biennium, a total of \$56,000. Following is information on Grant #1.

MANITOBA MISSION – SENDING THE GOSPEL NORTH: \$2,000

Trinity Lutheran Church in Billings concluded its five-year commitment to the Lutheran Association of Missionaries and Pilots (LAMP) in 2013, but they believe their work in Cross Lake, Manitoba has just begun. Many children who came in 2013 are now teens and adults. Much of the ministry has been focused on offering a weeklong VBS for the children in the community. This has grown to the point through the years that more than 300 children gather to learn about Jesus. Friendships and seeds of faith have been planted and are growing strong.

The specific goal of this grant is to be used to help fund a new missionary scholarship fund, so potential new missionaries are not deterred by costs to join the Manitoba mission team, whose overall goal is to share the life-giving truth of Jesus with every person in the Cross Lake community.

And Jesus went throughout all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the gospel of the kingdom and healing every disease and every affliction. When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. Then he said to his disciples, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest." — Matthew 9:35-38

All thanks and praise to You, O Lord. You have sent workers into the harvest field in Manitoba. Bless the efforts of the Manitoba mission team as they continue to share the life-giving truth of Jesus. Bless the mite offerings gathered in support of this ministry that they may be used to spread the Gospel message. In Jesus' name we ask it. Amen



Family Life Ministry

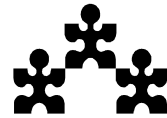
I love you Lord; you are my strength. The Lord is my rock, my fortress, and my savior; my God is my rock in whom I find protection. He is my shield, the power that saves me, and my place of safety. I called on the Lord, who is worthy of praise, and he saved me from my enemies. — Psalm 18:1-3

Let all that I am wait quietly before God, for my hope is in Him. He alone is my rock and my salvation, my fortress where I will not be shaken. My victory and honor come from God alone. He is my refuge, a rock where no enemy can reach me. O, my people, trust in him at all times. Pour out your heart to him, for God is our refuge. — Psalm 62:5-8

I love that in these Psalms we hear David cry out to God during troubling times and he declares who God is: My Strength, my Rock, my Fortress, my Savior, my Protection, my Shield, my Place of safety, my Salvation, my Victory, my Honor, and my Refuge. He encourages us to trust in God at all times and to pour out our hearts to Him.

Who do you need God to be for you today? Call on the Lord and worship Him for He has saved you and will continue to keep and protect you in these uncertain times.

Dear Lord, thank you for being my place of safety during this pandemic...
Dear Lord, thank you for being my salvation and rescuing me from my sins...
Dear Lord, thank you for being my refuge in times of chaos and unrest...
Dear Lord, thank you for being my fortress and protection from the evil in the world...
I love you Lord...




Family Ministries

Wait quietly before God. Pause and rest. Draw near and listen to His voice. Let Him delight in singing over you when you are with Him. Let God's voice and His words of truth be the loudest and most replayed in your mind.

Shannon Ritter, Family Life Ministry

Family Life Sunday School Class

Join us any Sunday! We will be gathering in the school seventh grade homeroom together to encourage, uplift and grow together in God's truth for our marriage and family relationships. Check the News & Announcements for updated topics each week.

	<p>BAPTISM Reese Yvonne Morton Daughter of Nicholas & Nicole Morton</p>
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Senior Dinners Resuming



Senior Dinners will resume the second Monday of each month beginning October 12. Details regarding Covid-19 guidelines have been worked out. For more information contact Sam or Ann Middleton at 250-1903.

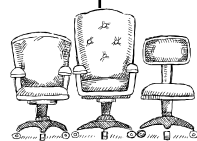
Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes



Even amid a global pandemic, we want to collect more shoeboxes than ever before, because now more than ever, children need hope! Will you partner with us to share that glorious hope with boys and girls around the world — many of whom have never heard the name of Jesus? Check out these links at samaritanaspurse.org/occ: [creative ways to pack shoeboxes](#) during COVID-19. There is opportunity for packing [traditional boxes](#), [building a shoebox online](#), or both. National Collection Week will be November 16-23.

Parish Staff Update

We are sad to say that after much deliberation, reflection and prayer, Brooke Montaño has decided that it is time to retire from her position in our parish office here at Trinity. In her retirement, Brooke plans to spend more time with her family, to devote more time to her work as a Stephen Minister and hopes to start volunteering with hospice, which is a cause that has been near and dear to her heart. Brooke has joyfully served in her position here at Trinity and has done a wonderful job. She will be greatly missed, but we are excited for her as she starts this next chapter and we pray God's blessings on her. While we are sad to see Brooke go, we know that God has a plan and will provide just the right person to fill our open position in the church office.



Seeking Part-Time Parish Office Worker

Trinity is now accepting applications for the part time position of Parish Membership and Office Administrator. This position is scheduled for 24 hours per week and works Monday-Thursday. In addition to general office duties, this position is primarily responsible for maintaining and updating our church membership database, scheduling shut-in visits with Pastor, coordinating volunteers, and creating our media presentations for worship services. For more details about the position, a job description is available in the church office and Amy Glimm would be happy to answer any questions about the position. To apply, please send a resume and cover letter to Amy at: aglimm@trinitykalispell.org.

STAFF CHANGES

Trinity Lutheran School News

School Library News



Our school library is looking better than ever before. Mrs. Wirth and Mrs. Maestas have been busy getting new books on the shelves and pulling old ones off and making the picture books for the younger children more accessible.

Through a survey we learned that our students really love non-fiction books. They love learning facts about animals, insects and bugs, and space.

We are also growing our young adult section. There will soon be books that are appealing to children from pre-k all the way through middle school.

Air Filtration

We are pleased to be able to put HALO air filtration on the entire school building. This new system:

- Kills bacteria, mold and viruses
- Reduces odors, particulate, and smoke
- Kills 99% of sneeze germs within 3 feet.
- New Zinc ions kills 99% of viruses on surfaces.

This sounds pretty fancy...how are we paying for this you might ask.

This will be paid for in full with Covid grant money. This is something that will bless students and families for many years to come.

Life Notes from Lutherans for Life

Life Chain

This annual event is sponsored by Flathead Pro-Life and will be held on Sunday, October 4 from 2 to 3 pm at the intersection of Highways 93 and 2 (Main and Idaho Streets). Everyone is invited to come and pray for an end to legalized abortion and that life will be held sacred in our country from conception to natural death.

Pro-Life Signs

If you would like a pro-life sign on your fence or in your yard, contact Linda Jackson, 756-8344. You can choose from several designs with either a 3'x5' or 4'x8' sign. Lutherans for Life will put it up for you.



Russell & Angela Dose	10/1	Richard & Pamala Kaspersen	10/16
Mark & Traci Waugh	10/2	Charles & Eleanor Billheimer	10/19
Jonathan & Nichole Burns	10/3	Ted & JoAnn Lunde	10/19
Kristen & Jeff Van Fleet	10/3	Janice & Brent Johnson	10/20
Hank & Judy Lucian	10/4	Dennis & Emma Jane Wutke	10/21
Duane & Pam Wendt	10/4	Eric & Tristan Wutke	10/22
Timothy & Judy Rowland	10/8	Joseph & Kristie Adney	10/24
Grant & Rebecca Kerley	10/11	Earl & Sheila Applekamp	10/27
David & Arlette McFadyean	10/11	Judith & Roy Kidder	10/29
Lonnie & Heidi Kincel	10/13		

Malby, Lisa	10/1	Adney, Kristie	10/12	Driear, Lesile	10/21
O'Brien, Shirley	10/1	Griffiths, Luke	10/12	Kienas, William	10/21
Anderson, Ronald	10/2	Holste, Madelyn	10/12	Kis, Eileen	10/21
Hellmann, Gloria	10/2	Hanson, Elijah	10/13	Roberts, Mahala	10/22
Monen, Kim	10/2	Romine, John	10/13	Evans, Gary	10/23
Anderson, Reni	10/3	Zizz, Bill	10/13	Klug, Timothy	10/23
Bryer, Adam	10/3	Potter, Grant	10/14	Roberts, Noah	10/23
Grau, Johnathon	10/3	Roberson, Kiera	10/15	Denning, Kaleen	10/24
Larsen, Jeff	10/3	Welty, Brian	10/15	Faris, Colton	10/24
McFadyean, David	10/3	Burns, Nichole	10/16	Griffiths, Chris	10/25
Williams, Kenzie	10/3	Hindman, Reese	10/16	Sayre, Roger	10/25
Wutke, Jarrod	10/3	Lang, Amber	10/16	Turner, John	10/25
Hall, Zachary	10/4	Maestas, Isabella	10/16	Darling, Johnathan	10/26
Thatcher, Lucas	10/4	Modie, Toni	10/16	Ernsperger, Connor	10/26
Holste, Keelia	10/5	Avery, Charlene	10/17	Miller, Susan	10/27
Eckert, Laurie	10/6	Conrad, Alyssa	10/17	Rambo, Aidan	10/27
Guier, Amanda	10/6	Dregne, Lukas	10/17	Sliter, Andrew	10/27
Hedges, Sandra	10/6	Massey, Lainey	10/17	Warberg, William	10/27
Lasa, Dominic	10/6	Mengwasser, Linda	10/17	Wutke, Jacob	10/27
Brosten, Sonya	10/7	Montaño, Aubrey	10/17	Grame, Llonda	10/28
Portanova, Phil	10/7	Dukeman, Remi	10/18	Stark, Michael	10/28
Rasmussen, Teresa	10/7	Lucian, Hank	10/18	Bardwell, Allen	10/29
Siderius, Joseph	10/7	Portanova, Joseph	10/18	Massey, John	10/29
Vessar, Jill	10/7	Holste, Maura	10/19	Matumeak, Jeremy	10/29
Carmichael, William	10/8	Iverson, Hannah	10/19	Dunkin, Bradley	10/30
Hedges, Kendra	10/8	Jensen, Jack	10/19	Linrude, Taylor	10/30
Kaspersen, Richard	10/8	Koenig, Ann	10/19	Bardwell, Casey	10/31
Stark, William	10/9	Monen, Lyle	10/19	Brosten, Carolyn	10/31
Johnson, Boston	10/11	Clare, Emeral	10/20	Heuscher, Laikin	10/31
Jones, Rodger	10/11	St. Marie, Amanda	10/20	Heuscher, Lynden	10/31
Ryan, Christa	10/11	Tritten, Jett	10/20	Portanova, Salvatore	10/31

Trinity Lutheran Church Calendar – October 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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4 8 am WORSHIP 9:30 am Educa. Hr. 10:45 am WRSHP	5 6 pm WORSHIP	6 7 pm Board Mtgs.	7 8:20 am TLS Chapel 2 pm FIT 3:45 pm Confirma.	8	9	10
11 8 am WORSHIP 9:30 am Educa. Hr. 10:45 am WRSHP	12 Columbus Day 10:30 am Altar Gld. 12:30 pm Sr.Dinner 6 pm WORSHIP	13 6:30 pm BOD Mtg.	14 8:20 am TLS Chapel 2 pm FIT 3:45 pm Confirma.	15	16	17
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Pastor Appreciation Month



October is Pastor Appreciation Month, so don't forget to show Pastor Kevin your gratitude for all his efforts on behalf of the family of Trinity, especially these past eight months serving as the sole pastor and with all the changes due to the pandemic.

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