



# TRINITY TAPESTRY

During this month of May we continue our celebration of the 50 days of the Easter season. This holy and joyous time culminates in the Day of Pentecost on May 15<sup>th</sup>. On that day we will hear the dramatic story from the book of Acts during which the Holy Spirit is poured out upon the apostles and followers of Jesus. As they wait in that upper room in Jerusalem for “power from on high” a sudden, powerful wind blows through their gathering. Flames like fire rest on their heads. They testify to the saving power of the risen Christ... and they speak in many languages so that the people who have come to Jerusalem from all over the Mediterranean world for the festival of Pentecost can understand their message.

As part of our Day of Pentecost celebration we will hear the holy scriptures read in various languages. The worship space will brim with color—red, orange, yellow. And through water and the power of the Holy Spirit another little one will be claimed as a child of God and welcomed into our Christian community. Westen Garson, son of Molly and James Garson, will be baptized on this festive day.

On May 22 we will celebrate the Rite of Confirmation. Eight of our young people will make public profession of their faith through the Affirmation of Baptism liturgy. This group is completing two years of faith formation that includes study, worship and service. They are: Marygrace Buckner, Nicolas Ferris, Connor Frick, Eli Jablin, Madie Jablin, Ian Meyer, Marlana Meyer, and Makayla Renneisen. Please pray for them as they prepare to make a commitment for continuing growth and service in the church. May God’s Spirit surround them with joyous hope and guide them in their walk of faith.

Every time we have baptisms and confirmations I am reminded what a joy it is that God entrusts our congregation with the gift of children. How we steward this gift is vitally important for the growth of our faith community. All of us, not just the parents and sponsors, make promises to those who are baptized in our midst. I encourage you to lend your support and prayers to parents, teachers and mentors who so faithfully nurture our youth.

Grace and peace, *Pastor Rachel*



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## AN INTERN'S INSIGHTS...



### HELP INTERFAITH

Our local Interfaith Good Samaritan can always use your help!

There are plenty of ways to help our local neighbors, including volunteering and donating!

Visit  
[interfaithgoodsam.com](http://interfaithgoodsam.com)  
for more info!

### PRAYER REQUESTS FOR MAY...

Please keep the following in your prayers this month: Rohr Family and all of those suffering due to the loss of Pastor Rohr; Pete Dana; Nathan Largent; Pam Bowers; the Garson Family; and all of our confirmands.

Please inform Jennie Lawrence of any prayer requests you may have.

This past week I have been working on a sermon based on John 13:31-35. Jesus has just told the disciples that he will soon be going to the Father and that they cannot follow him. But then he gives a new commandment...

*"I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."* (John 13:34-35)

our love. We have gone out into the Laramie community to pick up trash. We have rallied to deliver a huge meal in celebration of a life of service. We have joined with other faiths to pray for the healing of the nations. All of these actions and so many more are true evidence that we are Christians by our love.

But as the months turn us toward summer—with vacations, sunny days, and "time-off" from the everyday routine—let us not forget how we can show love. We may not have those more organized

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One theologian poses this question in response to this passage. He says, "I find it striking that these are the words Jesus' leaves with his disciples. I mean, he could have said, 'Go out and die with me.' Or, 'keep the faith.' Or, 'when I am gone, go out and teach and preach to all the world.' Or, well, any number of things. But instead he offered this simple and challenging word, 'love another.' Why? Because this kind of love is the hallmark not just of God and Jesus but also of the Christian church. As in the old camp song, Jesus agrees that the whole world will know we are Christians not by our sermons or our sacraments or our festivals or our buildings or our crucifixes or our family values ... but by our love. It's just that important."

And I think here at Trinity in this past month, we have shown how we truly are Christ's disciples by

options to reach out into the community during these summer months, but we can still choose love in our day to day lives.

Perhaps it will be looking out for the interests of a colleague, or overlooking the slight of a friend, or putting aside your own goals to help someone else achieve theirs. Maybe it will be a large act of love, or maybe it will be much smaller. But each of us, I'd wager, will have the opportunity to "love one another" in the coming months in some way.

"By this everyone will know that you are my disciples..." It's just that important!

Peace,





# God's work. Our hands.

## LARAMIE COMMUNITY CLEAN-UP DAY A SUCCESS!

At the recent “God’s Work. Our Hands.” Service Project, Trinity members helped clean-up Downtown Laramie. Thirteen volunteers collected 14 bags of trash and one shopping cart from Ridley’s as part of the Laramie Community Clean-Up Day! They also helped take down all the remaining Christmas lights that were on the downtown trees, which garnered about 4 bags of lights that will be recycled through UWyo E-Waste Recycle.

**A huge THANK YOU to all of those who participated!**



## GRADUATING?

Are you graduating from high school or college this year?

If so, send a picture and a short paragraph about yourself to the church office. Include what you've enjoyed doing and a preview of your future plans.

We will post your picture and paragraph on the bulletin board in the Gruver Room and in future issues of the newsletter. You will also be included in the intercessory prayers on Sunday, May 22.

## NEW MEMBERS!

If you or someone you know is interested in making the commitment to become a part of Trinity's congregation, please let Pastor Rachel or Intern Jennifer know soon! New members will be received on May 15th! at both Sunday services!

## THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE...

By Stephen Boss

To keep the congregation up to date on the current initiatives within the church, the Council wanted to provide this article for the newsletter. If you have any further questions on any of the following projects, or would like to help, please just let me or any other Council Member know. On behalf of all Council Members, we thank you for the opportunity to serve Trinity!

### Online Giving

Council is looking into a way for members of Trinity to give online. The online giving software application would be tied to our church webpage applications. An online giving program gives churches and non-profit organizations the ability to easily accept online giving. Churches can also take payments for church camp, conferences, building programs and other pre-configured accounts. Trinity could also setup a way for members (within minutes) to respond to special giving initiatives such as providing for people who are victims of natural disasters nationally or in the case locally, of fire or flood that may impact people in Wyoming or within our own local community. We could also use the software to setup online giving for specific fund raising initiatives at Trinity such as a fund for an expanded sound system as an example.

### Family Promise

Trinity has been working with Family Council representative

Mike Nutter and with the Family Promise organization along with other church organizations in Laramie to setup the Family Promise Program here in Laramie. Family Promise is a community-based approach, engaging both the local community, as well as houses of faith in the effort to combat family homelessness. Guests in our program receive a full complement of resources, support and training as they work towards their own stability and self-reliance. We will publish more news regarding this initiative as the larger organization gets closer to rolling out the program in Laramie.

### Spring/Summer Projects

We have several initiatives to enhance or repair property issues at church. We are currently getting cost estimates for providing new railings outside of the north door. These railings, like the ones outside of the south doors will enhance safety for members entering the building during the snowy/icy months. Another project is to replace the backsplash behind the sink in the kitchen. The old one has pulled away from the wall.

### Sound System

Council will be looking into expanding our current sanctuary sound system. What we have now is temporary but we can use many of the components already purchased in a new and expanded system. More on this topic will follow.

## CURRENT FISCAL STATUS...

As of April 26th, 2016, Trinity's fiscal status is:

<b>April Income:</b>	\$18,655.00	<b>YTD Income:</b>	\$73,872.94
<b>April Expenses:</b>	<u>\$24,583.00</u>	<b>YTD Expenses:</b>	<u>\$84,822.20</u>
<b>Net Income/Loss:</b>	<b>-\$5,928.00</b>	<b>YTD Inc/Loss:</b>	<b>-\$10,949.26</b>

Please keep Trinity's finances in your daily prayers and offerings!

*Do you have pictures, a story, an event your hosting, or an article to share with the rest of the congregation? Send it to James, and he will include it in the monthly Trinity Tapestry and the weekly Trinity Trumpet!*

## 2016 TRINITY CHURCH COUNCIL!

**Y**our Trinity Church Council is here to serve you! Please feel free to contact them or to attend a committee meeting to let them know what you think Trinity needs!

The following is the list of Council Members and Committee Assignments:



**Margot Birkholz**—Fellowship  
**Steve Boss**—President/Property  
**Lindsay Conyers**—V.P./Worship & Music  
**Edward Hiller**—Stewardship  
**Diahann Jablin**—Evangelism/Youth  
**Rachel Larson**—Pastor/Vision  
**Sharon Leder**—Social Ministry  
**Mark Lyford**—Finance/Stewardship  
**Jennifer Michael**—Campus Ministry  
**Judy Moline**—Christian Education  
**Charles Nye**—Property/Youth  
**Kris Oolman**—Secretary/Fellowship  
**Mark Stayton**—Mutual Ministries

# TRINITY CLASSIFIEDS...

Things are always happening around here!

Take a look at the many opportunities available, get involved, thank someone, make an announcement, or send an invitation to your fellow members!

## HELP WANTED

The Property Committee will be painting this spring, so if you would like to help spruce up the interior of the church as the flowers brighten the exterior, just let Steve Boss or Charles Nye know!

## SKYRANCH CAMP

The dates for the confirmation -age summer camp options at Sky Ranch are the following two weeks:

**July 10-15, 2016 or**

**July 17-22, 2016**

Last call is soon, so be sure to speak with Intern Jennifer and let her know you are interested!

## CONFIRMATION

Confirmation Sunday is **May 22nd!** So, please keep all of our confirmands in your prayers!

## VBS

Vacation Bible School will be **June 6-10, 2016** from 9 am to 12 pm at the First Baptist Church. It is open to children 3 years old to those entering 6th grade.

We need volunteers for teachers, youth helpers, music leader and donation of Rice Krispy bars. Please contact Judy Moline at [j.kmoline@outlook.com](mailto:j.kmoline@outlook.com) or 760-7560. Thank you for your support.

## THANK YOU!

The Rohr Family would like to thank all of you so very much for the cards, flowers, food, memorial donations, and, most of all, for your love and support shown to us during this most difficult time of losing Ralph.

He held this church, and all of our churches, close to his heart. We are grateful for all of you. We thank God that we had, and always will have, Ralph in our lives.

Sincerely,

Judy, Amy, Lee, Declan, Wyatt,  
Garland, Eric, Lara, Jonas,  
Isabelle  
...and all of our family

## OBITUARY

### Ken G. Schlatter

Kenneth George was born February 14, 1929 in Hawkeye, Iowa. He passed away April 20, 2016 at Covenant Hospice in Pensacola, FL. Ken, and his wife, Lois, were members here at Trinity.

He served 26 years in the United States Air Force before retiring and continuing his education at the University of Wyoming where he obtained his bachelor's degree in Art Education.

There will a Celebration of Life memorial service at St. Paul Lutheran Church on Thursday, May 5, 2016, visitation at 12-1, service at 1:00 p.m. In lieu of flowers the family asks that you give a donation in Ken's name to St. Paul Lutheran Church or Covenant Hospice.

All correspondence can be directly sent to Lois Schlatter:

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Gulf Breeze, FL 32561

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[loisschlatter@gmail.com](mailto:loisschlatter@gmail.com)

# MINISTRY THROUGH FOOD...

**Sharon Leder discusses the Laramie Soup Kitchen in this month's Social Ministry column.**

Thank you to those who contributed to Interfaith-Good Samaritan in the month of April. The monthly focus for May contributions will be canned protein (tuna, sardines, chicken, Spam, ham, salmon, etc.). Other food and non-food items on the list included in the April newsletter are also welcome at any time.

Another opportunity for members and friends of Trinity to serve the Laramie community is through volunteering time at the Laramie Soup Kitchen. The Soup Kitchen, located in the lower level of St. Matthew's Cathedral, provides nutritious meals for members of the community at no cost. These meals are served during lunch time Monday through Friday. The Soup Kitchen is always in need of volunteers to make the preparation and serving of these meals possible. In the past individuals from Trinity have volunteered in the Soup Kitchen, and the Social Ministry Committee would like to resume this involvement of interested members.

The Soup Kitchen is in need of volunteers from 8 am until 2 pm with meal service time from 10:30

am until 1:30 pm. Volunteers typically work two hour shifts. The morning shift, 8 am to 10 am, involves preparing the meal for the day, prepping desserts and salads, and setting up the dining room. The middle shift, from 10 am to 12 noon, primarily involves serving the meal as well as some preparation that may need to be done for the following day. The last shift, from 12 noon to 2 pm, includes all of the cleaning tasks for the end of day and some preparation for the following day. The Soup Kitchen needs about 3 volunteers during each of these shifts for things to run smoothly. Volunteers of any age are welcome, although children under 12 years of age must be accompanied by an adult. Individual volunteers are welcome, or Sarah Carroll (Volunteer Coordinator for the Soup Kitchen) can set up a service day for a group from Trinity to come in and volunteer.

If you have any questions about the Soup Kitchen or are interested in forming a group from Trinity to volunteer one day a month, please contact Sharon Leder (Social Ministry Committee) at 307-399-5836 or [leders@gvsu.edu](mailto:leders@gvsu.edu). There also will be a signup list at Trinity to indicate your interest. If you prefer to volunteer on an individual basis, you may call Sarah Carroll at 307-460-1609.

For more information about the Soup Kitchen and its opportunities for volunteers and contributions of food/cleaning supplies, see the following website:

<http://www.laramiesoupkitchen.com/>

## Family Promise & Trinity Lutheran Church

Did you know that families with children make up the fastest growing segment of the homeless population? Over half of the homeless guests at Family Promise are under the age of six. Nationally, more than 6,000 congregations participate in a Family Promise affiliate, with tens of thousands of volunteers who help families regain their independence.

We can truly make a difference in the lives of families who have suffered the ordeal of losing their home!

Family Promise of Albany County will provide a way for churches and support organizations to work together to help local homeless families. Each congregation participating in the Affiliate provides overnight lodging and meals for up to 4 families (up

to 14 people) for one week every 3 months on a rotating basis. Affiliate "guests" stay in each congregation from 5:30 p.m. to 7:00 a.m. daily. Each morning guests are taken to the day center where they meet with the Director, care for pre-school children, make phone calls and seek housing and employment.

Volunteers are the foundation of the Affiliate. There are many ways that we at Trinity could help. You could do any of the following: Supper/Evening volunteer, overnight volunteer, breakfast volunteer, meal prep and serving, Sunday afternoon setup, Sunday cleanup, help with weekly cleanup, help with laundry, donate non-perishable food items, or become a TELC Coordinator.

On **May 8th** and **15th**, Sharon Leder, Denja Pommarane, and Mike Nutter will be available between services to answer questions and talk with anyone wanting more information. Please be sure to attend!



## MAY BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS!

David Brinkman	1	Wyatt Shaver	14	Carol Frost	23
Nick Moline	1	Glenna Talbott	15	Eric Wright	23
Toni Passow	3	Jonathan Dalby	17	Kalli Koepke	24
Philip Henry	4	Aletha Garson	19	Ian Marshall	26
Karen Pilgrim	4	Mark Jablin	19	Mackenzie Muhsman	26
Doris Eyestone	5	Murdick Matheson	19	Ilona Reif	26
Nicolas Boss	7	Brianna Wright	19	Dan Nachtigal	27
Jan Nachtigal	7	Denise Bock	20	Judy Sutherland	27
Jennifer Zenor	7	Carl Buckner	20	David Thompson	27
Becky Maddox	8	Hanna Heggie	20	Mary Brinkman	28
Nicholas Brande	12	Alex Lewis	21	Shane Renniesen	28
Cassidy Shaver	14	Maia Anderson	22	Rachel Larson	29

## SERVING THE CHURCH—MAY 2016

	May 1	May 8	May 15	May 22	May 29
<b>Lector – 8:00AM</b>	Steve Boss	Laura Buckner	Don Holmstrom	Bobbie Schimek	Maia Anderson
<b>Lector – 10:30AM</b>	Trey Sherwood	Mark Lyford	Sharon Leder	Terri Rittenburg	N/A
<b>Acolyte – 8:00AM</b>	Eli Jablin	Connor Frick	Marygrace Buckner	Rylie Heggie	Rebecca Lyford
<b>Acolyte – 10:30AM</b>	Nick Ferris	Kent Henry	Makayla Renneisen	Silja Alexander	N/A
<b>Usher(s) – 8:00AM</b>	Laura Buckner Marie Frick	The Anderson Family	Jennie Lawrence Mark Rehwaldt	The Jablin Family	Bobbie Schimek Al Schimek
<b>Usher(s) – 10:30AM</b>	Georgia Mitchell Barb Rouse	Bob Campbell Mike Smith	Shirley Heggie Morgan Mathison	Debbe, Lindsay, & Lily Conyers	N/A
<b>Greeter(s) – 8:00AM</b>	The Anderson Family	Bobbie Schimek Al Schimek	Tracy Bennett Betty Carstens	Sara & Den'ja Pommarane	Marie Frick Judi Weatherwax
<b>Greeter(s) – 10:30AM</b>	Lois Hiller Edward Hiller	Sharon Leder Iris Brunett	Wendy Bredehoft Roger Bredehoft	Amy Wright Eric Wright	N/A
<b>Nursery Attendant – 8:00AM</b>	Hailey Anderson	Rosalind Kidwell	Kelcey Anderson	Katherine Jablin	Hailey Anderson
<b>Nursery Attendant – 10:30AM</b>	Kate Jablin	Chris Henry	Tracy Kidwell	Rosalind Kidwell	N/A
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Judi Weatherwax	Judi Weatherwax	Judi Weatherwax	Judi Weatherwax	Judi Weatherwax
<b>Stewards</b>	Sharon Leder Mark Lyford	Sharon Leder Mark Lyford	Sharon Leder Mark Lyford	Sharon Leder Mark Lyford	Sharon Leder Mark Lyford

Trinity Lutheran Church

May 2016 (Mountain Time)

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>1</p> <p>Pr. Rachel Larson - Vacation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>8am - Worship</li> <li>9:15am - Sun School &amp; Worship</li> <li>10:30am - Worship</li> <li>11:30am - W&amp;M Comm</li> <li>5pm - TLCM Meeting</li> <li>6:30pm - Al-Anon Family</li> </ul>	<p>2</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>7pm - AA Meeting</li> <li>7pm - NA Meeting</li> </ul>	<p>3</p>	<p>4</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>10am - Women's Study</li> <li>7pm - Chancel Choir</li> <li>7pm - Confirmation Class</li> </ul>	<p>5</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1:30pm - Laramie Mini.</li> <li>5:30pm - Al-Anon Family</li> <li>7pm - NA Meeting</li> </ul>	<p>6</p>	<p>7</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>7pm - NA Meeting</li> </ul>
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<p>15</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>New Members</li> <li>8am - Worship</li> <li>9:15am - Sun School &amp; Worship</li> <li>10:30am - Worship</li> <li>6:30pm - Al-Anon Family</li> </ul>	<p>16</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>5:45pm - 4H Club</li> <li>7pm - AA Meeting</li> <li>7pm - NA Meeting</li> </ul>	<p>17</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>9:30am - Staff Meeting</li> <li>11am - Pastor/Intern</li> </ul>	<p>18</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>10am - Women's Study</li> <li>7pm - Confirmation Class</li> </ul>	<p>19</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>5:30pm - Al-Anon Family</li> <li>7pm - NA Meeting</li> </ul>	<p>20</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Newsletter Deadline</li> </ul>	<p>21</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>7pm - NA Meeting</li> </ul>
<p>22</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Confirmation Sunday</li> <li>8am - Worship</li> <li>9:15am - Sun School &amp; Worship</li> <li>10:30am - Worship</li> <li>11:30am - Internship</li> <li>6:30pm - Al-Anon Family</li> </ul>	<p>23</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>7pm - AA Meeting</li> <li>7pm - NA Meeting</li> </ul>	<p>24</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>9:30am - Staff Meeting</li> <li>11am - Pastor/Intern</li> <li>7pm - Campus Ministry</li> </ul>	<p>25</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>10am - Women's Study</li> </ul>	<p>26</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>5:30pm - Al-Anon Family</li> <li>7pm - NA Meeting</li> </ul>	<p>27</p>	<p>28</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>7pm - NA Meeting</li> </ul>
<p>29</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>9am - Worship</li> <li>10:15am - Coffee</li> <li>6:30pm - Al-Anon Family</li> </ul>	<p>30</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>7pm - AA Meeting</li> <li>7pm - NA Meeting</li> </ul>	<p>31</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>9:30am - Staff Meeting</li> <li>11am - Pastor/Intern</li> </ul>	<p>1</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>10am - Women's Study</li> </ul>	<p>2</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Pastor Rachel vacation</li> <li>5:30pm - Al-Anon Family</li> <li>7pm - NA Meeting</li> </ul>	<p>3</p>	<p>4</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>7pm - NA Meeting</li> </ul>

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