

# Trinity Tidings

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## RETIRING OR RE-PURPOSING?

I have been thinking about this article for some time. When I made out the schedule for Staff devotions and Tidings Articles for 2018 I purposely gave myself April knowing I was retiring at the end of that month.

I wondered what I would write after 29 years of being a Pastor here at Trinity: first as an Associate with Warren Schumacher, and Dave Crisi; and now as the Minister of Worship and Spiritual Care with Clint, Josh, Rene', Kelly, Ryan, and Sandy. And in between, 12 other staffing combinations. I could easily fill this newsletter with the memories.

But as I write this, I'm 32,000 feet in the air heading to an Operation Barnabas Conference in St. Louis, MO. And the words of the title of this article are rolling around in my head. From way up here in the air, as many of Trinity's leadership will tell you, I do some of my best thinking. It's as if I get a whole new perspective on things, and they would always wonder what I would come home with next. : )

Well, here is what has been becoming clearer and clearer to me – in serving the Lord, no one retires, they are just re-purposed. So what am I being re-purposed to do?

After a somewhat lengthy break Carol and I hope to return to Trinity to worship and help where we can, without being a distraction or detriment to the ministry of Trinity's new Pastor. He will be our Pastor too. We plan to do some traveling around the United States; spend time visiting our kids and grandkids, making sure we don't visit too often; I want to get back involved in hobbies I love that have been very sporadic at best; we plan to stay right here in Hillsboro and take care of our home and yard, visit the beach, enjoy getting together with friends; join the retired Pastor's Bible study; continue to work with the Center for Prayer and Renewal and prayer ministry/retreats in the District; continue to work with Operation Barnabas and ministry to military connected people >>

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>> and veterans; and maybe even occasionally get involved with the downtown Hillsboro coffee group. :) And yet, knowing all the time that I'm not sure what the Lord has in store for Carol and myself. As I search the Scriptures, God is always calling His people to new adventures and ministries: Moses, Abraham and Sarah, Joshua, Zechariah and Elizabeth, Joseph and Mary, Paul, Lydia, Peter, John, Stephen, Philip, and on and on. Once God has called someone to serve Him, the call never ends until He gives that final call to join with Him in paradise (I have to say one of the most rewarding times I've had over these 29 years has been leading the Revelation study this past year).

There are so many memories over 40 years of ministry, but I'm coming to realize that I am not retiring, I'm just being re-purposed for God's service. The verse that has been so significant for me over those years seems even more fitting now: "but they who wait for the LORD shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings like eagles; they shall run and not be weary; they shall walk and not faint." (Isaiah 40:31 ESV)

I can never express how special it has been to be in ministry with you here at Trinity; thank you, and may the peace of Christ always fill our hearts (John 14:27).

Peace;

Bruce and Carol Rumsch



# YOU'RE INVITED!



## To Bruce's Retirement Celebration

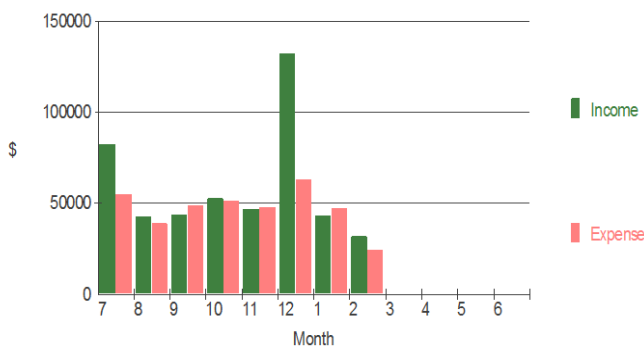
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## TRINITY FINANCIALS

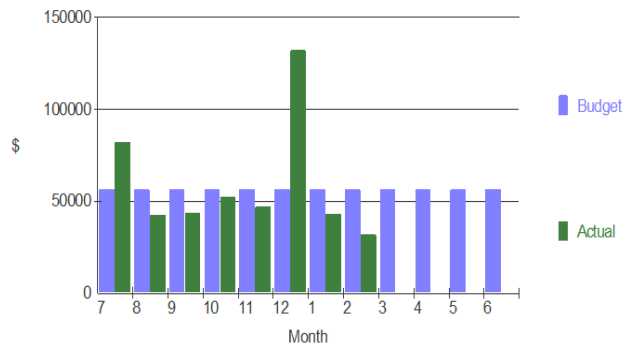
### By the Numbers - Year to Date

July 1 thru Jan. 31 - Year to Date Budget.....	\$383,701
July 1 thru Jan. 31 - Year to Date Giving to General Fund.....	\$356,211
July 1 thru Jan. 31 - Year to Date Expenses.....	\$351,613
July 1 thru Jan. 31 - Year to Date Restricted/Designated Gifts.....	\$51,980

**Income vs. Expenses—Year to Date**



**Offerings Income—Actual vs. Budget Year to Date**



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## YOU'RE INVITED!

To Bethesda Lutheran Communities Auxiliary  
(BLCA) – Oregon Unit's 61<sup>st</sup> Annual Celebration

Hosted this year by Trinity Lutheran Church  
Saturday, April 21<sup>st</sup>, 2018 from 9:00 am – 2:30 pm

Join us for a fun day and  
learn about this Trinity Outreach!



Pictured Below is the Church Council on March 8, 2018 when Congregational President Martin Granum signed the official loan papers to LCEF for approval to accomplish our CrossRoads goals!



## BETHESDA AUXILIARY'S IN-GATHERING

April 8th–April 21st, 2018

We prayerfully request donations for Bethesda  
Communities programs.

**Items Needed:**

Bath, hand and Kitchen Towels  
Sheet sets (twin or full/double sized)  
Pots and Pans  
Toilet Paper; Paper Towels  
Kleenex; Wipes

You may deposit your donated items in the BLCA  
designated boxes in the narthex beginning  
Sunday, April 8th. All items will be distributed at  
the BLCA Annual Celebration event  
on April 21, 2018

Question? See or Call Lindy Tysor or Lila Young



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## STUDENTS GOT TALENT, AMIRITE?

By Josh Nix

As I mentioned in my article last week, Lent kills youth group. So I am relieved that Easter is finally upon us! Not just because it is Christ's victory over the grave, but because we as a youth group finally get to reclaim Wednesday nights as our night once again. Wednesday nights have just been different this year than they have been in the past. It's like the stakes or higher or maybe, the students are finally getting it. I've tried to build a culture here in the student ministries that fosters friendships, grows their relationship with Jesus, and challenging them to make a difference in the world. This year, we have done this better than we have in the past. A lot of this is reflected in our wonderful pastor Bruce. He's allowed this student ministries to just take off, to seek the Holy Spirit, and use him as a guide on where to go. For all your years here and the support you've given us Bruce, we thank you. You will be greatly missed by each and every one of the youth.

### Upcoming Things:

**April 29: Children/  
Youth-led Service**

**May 6: Confirmation**

**July 8-15: New Orleans  
HS Mission Trip**

Now this past month has been wonderfully awesome. We got to serve at HomePlate (*pictured above*), cook the Lenten meal (*hey, we didn't burn the mac & cheese like last year!*), and lead the Lenten service that night too (*shout out to the youth band!*). That night was just a big reminder of all the talent our young people have here at Trinity. From Becca and Oliver conquering fears of public speaking reading the Word of God (*and reading quite well considering all those crazy names!*) to Julia, Emily,



Nick, Trevor, and guitarist Ivan rocking the house with worship (*How Great is Our God, anyone?*) it was a night to celebrate just how amazing our students are here at Trinity. I prayed for this night and God showed up in a big way. Thank you to all who were there to participate in worship with us.

The next big thing is we are going to New Orleans, LA this summer for our High School Mission Trip! If you are a high schooler, let Josh know if you want to go! Sign-ups are open now! We'll be serving at Camp Restore.

Amazing things are happening in our student ministries here at Trinity. God is working through our leaders and young people!

Talk to Josh to get plugged in or if you just want to connect more with the students here! >> 253.882.9541 or [family@trinityhillsboro.com](mailto:family@trinityhillsboro.com)



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## FAMILY MINISTRY By René Barringer

*Partnering with parents to guide children towards a HEART for God.*

Please mark your calendars for Sunday April 29, 2018. The preschool through 12<sup>th</sup> grade will be leading the 10:30am service. We have already begun working on a skit, readings and music during the education hour to prepare. Please plan to have your child attend Sunday school between now and then as well as the 10:30 service that Sunday. We hope all the children can participate.

Trinity's 2018 Vacation Bible School is planned for during the week of June 25-30 from 9a.m.-12p.m. Many volunteers are needed! Sign-up begin on April 29th. Contact Rene Barringer or Sandy Wilson if you have any questions.

### Upcoming Events/ Announcements:

**Apr. 5 & 19: JAM 6:30-8pm**

**Apr. 1: No Sunday School**

**Apr. 29: Youth-Led Service**





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## TRINITY LUTHERAN PRESCHOOL



In February, Mrs. Wilson's classes enjoyed a month-long pet theme. Students enjoyed learning about different pets and how to care for them and had the opportunity to bring their pets from home to share. We met many interesting pets, including several breeds of dogs, some guinea pigs, a goat, and a chicken. Our dramatic play area was devoted to our Preschool Pet Shop where students pretended to buy and sell and care for different pets, and our three-year-old classes visited a real pet store. Some of our favorite books about pets were Harry the Dirty Dog by Gene Zion, Dear Zoo by Rod Campbell, and Cookie's Week by Cindy Ward. Four-year-old classes also learned about healthy eating and food groups and had a fun restaurant day in class and took a trip to New Seasons Market. All classes enjoyed Valentine's Day activities and parties, and learned about our Bible verse, "Love the Lord your God with all your heart". We learned what that means through Bible stories about people who followed God even when it was not easy, such as Daniel being thrown to the lions for praying to God, and Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego who chose to be thrown into a furnace rather than bow down to a statue. In March we heard the story of St. Patrick and learned that Jesus is our Shepherd through the story of the Lost Sheep and read the story of the real meaning of Easter. We are looking forward to some fun outdoor themes and activities once we return from Spring break.

Trinity Lutheran Preschool is selling a variety of plants including; vegetables and herbs, annual and pre-annual flowers, planters and flower baskets. Stop by our table in the narthex on April 8<sup>th</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup> to learn more about these plants and pick up an order form. Order forms are also available now on the preschool page at [Trinityhillsboro.org](http://Trinityhillsboro.org) and at the information center.



You may drop off your order and check payable to Trinity Lutheran Preschool in the church office or the information center in the narthex thru April 22<sup>nd</sup>. All plants will be available to pick up on Thursday, May 3<sup>rd</sup> from 1:30pm-6:00pm outside the east end of the church building.

Trinity Lutheran Preschool is enrolling Pre3 & Pre4 for the 2018-19 school year. Brochures and registration forms are available at the information center and online at [www.trinityhillsboro.org](http://www.trinityhillsboro.org).

**Trinity Preschool is hiring a 3's teacher for the 2018-19 school year. If you want to learn more about this position, please contact Rene Barringer at [preschool@trinityhillsboro.com](mailto:preschool@trinityhillsboro.com).**

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## APRIL BIRTHDAYS

- |     |                   |     |                    |
|-----|-------------------|-----|--------------------|
| 1-  | Ella Gustafson    | 17- | Velma Elmore       |
| 2-  | Connie Taylor     |     | Reid McClain       |
| 3-  | Phyllis Alexander |     | Kaden Mudder       |
|     | Janine Heikes     |     | Christopher Schamp |
|     | Donald Kurth      | 18- | Pat Whited         |
|     | Chad Williamson   | 19- | Lois Bernhardt     |
| 4-  | Grady Anderson    |     | Mark Joachim       |
|     | Sharon Earhart    |     | Justin McIvor      |
|     | Shannon Hilfer    |     | Lily-Rose Warren   |
|     | Nancy Mock        | 20- | Reed Cunningham    |
| 5-  | Lois Braze        |     | Emily Reberry      |
|     | JoAnn Dixon       | 24- | Joan Hais          |
|     | Nikki Goettle     |     | Janice Sticka      |
| 6-  | Susannah Zentz    | 25- | Gene Landreville   |
| 7-  | Ryan Carpenter    |     | Janet Spain        |
|     | Rex Hoyt          | 26- | Rhonda Powell      |
|     | Devin Hunt        |     | Bruce Rumsch       |
| 8-  | Jerry DeShazo     |     | Marcus Wolkenhauer |
|     | Vernon Mock       | 27- | Darlene Schnoor    |
| 9-  | Amanda Colter     | 28- | Kathy Colter       |
|     | Julie McClain     |     | Martin Johnson     |
| 10- | Linda McCoy       |     | Colleen Hoyt       |
|     | Caleb Nichols     | 29- | Judy Angevine      |
|     | Cindy Peterson    |     | Kyle White         |
|     | Keith Tucker      | 30- | Dale Helmricks     |
| 12- | Matt Bell         |     | Debbie Hochstein   |
|     | Marilyn Duvall    |     | Patrick Ott        |
|     | J'Lee Rubin       |     |                    |
| 13- | Elam Gillespie    |     |                    |
| 15- | Judy Korynasz     |     |                    |
|     | Beverly Ruecker   |     |                    |
| 16- | Connie Jolley     |     |                    |
|     | Mike Zentz        |     |                    |

## APRIL ANNIVERSARIES

- 8- Paul and Cathy Heinrich



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### SERVICE ROSTER FOR APRIL 2018

	April 1	April 8	April 15	April 22	April 29
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Patty Goldhammer Jeralyn Henson Bette Holscher		Patty Goldhammer Jeralyn Henson Bette Holscher		Patty Goldhammer Jeralyn Henson Bette Holscher
<b>Chair Team</b>	Gene Landreville George Waldron Gary & Sue Gallino	David Buck Brian Meyer Josh Nix	Rodney Langbehn Paul Burkhardt Evan, Victor & Martin Johnson	Matt Merten Ev Pies Darrell Tanke Dave Holscher John Tysor	Jerry Maasdam George Waldron Todd Humphrey Gail Humphrey
<b>Children's Message</b>	Josh Nix	Stan Nichols	Elizabeth Hofrichter	Polly Merten	Rene Barringer
<b>Counters</b>	Astri Bragstad Harold Baesler Roger Langbehn George Waldron	Bette Holscher Jane Rosato Jeryl Whipple	Carol Flemmer Crystal & Doug Nunnenkamp Helen Infausto	John Duvall Todd Humphrey Annette Michelsen	Stewardship Ministry Team
<b>Flowers</b>	Easter Lilies	Rumsch Family Birthdays		Wayne & Carol Warren	
<b>Lector</b>	No Reader	David Mock	Ben Manny	Norma Tucker	Youth-Led Service
<b>Organist</b>	Carol Freudenthal Diane Gatke	Carol Freudenthal	Carol Freudenthal	Diane Gatke	Diane Gatke
<b>Elders 8AM</b>	John Goldhammer	Ben Manny	Paul Andersen John Goldhammer		
<b>Elders 10:30AM</b>	Joe Noffsinger	Karen Kenyon	Karen Kenyon Dave Holscher Joe Noffsinger Don Suhrbier Zach Anderson Joash Farlow	Dave Holscher Elizabeth Hofrichter Ben Manny Dave Buck Zach Anderson Rodney Langbehn	
<b>Ushers 8AM</b>	John Goldhammer John Everingham George Waldron Jerry Maasdam	John Goldhammer Victor Johnson Ken Bellamy Nick VanDyke	John Goldhammer John Everingham George Waldron Tom Nygren	John Goldhammer Victor Johnson Ken Bellamy Nick VanDyke	John Goldhammer John Everingham George Waldron Jerry Maasdam
<b>Head Usher 10:30AM</b>	Dave Gillespie	Dave Gillespie	Dave Gillespie	Dave Gillespie	Dave Gillespie



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Easter Sunday 6:30AM Sunrise Service 8AM Festival Service 10:30AM Festival Service	2 Easter Monday 8AM Community Action 9AM Exercise/CC 6PM Cub Scouts/210 6PM HS Bible Study 6:30PM MMT/CC	3 9:30AM Staff Meeting 4PM Basketball/CC 6:30PM Elders Meeting 7PM Scouts/CC	4 9AM Prayer Chapel Open 9AM WM Quilters/212 10AM Library Ministry 7PM Youth Group/CC 7PM Choir Rehearsal 7PM BSA Committee/206	5 9AM Exercise/CC 10AM Pastor's Study/206 4PM Basketball/CC 6:30PM JAM/CC	6	7 8AM Beekeepers/206 8AM Men's Fellowship Breakfast
8 8AM Traditional Worship 9:15AM Education Hour 10:30AM Contemporary Worship 12PM Special Congrega- tional Meeting 12:30PM Confirmation/206	9 Staff Ministers Family Day 9AM Exercise/CC 11:15AM Soccer Shots 6PM Girl Scouts/210 6PM HS Bible Study 6:30PM MMT/CC	10 9:30AM Staff Meeting 11AM Sr. Lunch/Games 11:15AM Soccer Shots 4PM Basketball/CC 6:30PM Stewardship Meeting 7PM Joy Circle/212 7PM Scouts/CC	11 9AM Prayer Chapel Open 9AM WM Quilters/212 7PM Youth Group/CC 7PM Choir Rehearsal	12 9AM Exercise/CC 10AM Pastor's Study/206 4PM Basketball/CC 6:30PM Beekeeper's/211	13	14
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22 8AM Traditional Worship 9:15AM Education Hour 10:30AM Contemporary Worship 12:30PM Confirmation/206 3PM Bruce's Retirement Celebration/CC	23 Staff Ministers Family Day 9AM Exercise/CC 6PM Girl Scouts/210 6PM HS Bible Study 6:30PM MMT/CC	24 9AM Tidings Assembly 9:30AM Staff Meeting 11AM Sr. Lunch/Games 11:15AM Soccer Shots 4PM Basketball/CC 7PM Scouts/CC	25 9AM Prayer Chapel Open 9AM WM Quilters/212 7PM Youth Group/CC 7PM Choir Rehearsal	26 9AM Exercise/CC 10AM Pastor's Study/206 3PM HomePlate/Kit. 4PM Basketball/CC 6PM Stephen Leaders 7PM Stephen Ministers	27	28
29 Fifth Sunday 9:15AM Education Hour 10:30AM Youth-Led Ser- vice	30 Staff Ministers Family Day 9AM Exercise/CC 6PM HS Bible Study 6:30PM MMT/CC					

## STAFF TO SERVE YOU

**Pastor Bruce Rumsch**, Minister of Worship & Spiritual Care

**Clint Souigny**, Minister of Outreach & Congregational Life

**Josh Nix**, Minister of Youth & Young Adults

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**Kelly Dobbin**, Minister of Music

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