



Joyful Noise

AUGUST 2023

A Message from Your Pastor...

Dear Friends in Christ,

It's rather remarkable how quickly things can change. Just consider our springtime weather. The area around Billings had more than seasonable showers this spring, and June brought some record-breaking rainfall. Along with the moisture, the temperatures were much cooler than normal. If you traveled around the area, things were looking green and healthy—not a typical sight for us at the end of June.

In July, however, the rain was not nearly as frequent and abundant, and the daily temperatures were much warmer. These factors caused creation to dry out rather quickly: evidenced by the tan hues that intersperse yards and hillsides. It's remarkable how quickly things can change.

Life is a lot like that, isn't it? Things can change rather quickly. Sometimes the change is good, like the springtime rain that brought healthy growth and life to creation. Sometimes the change causes life to be more uncomfortable and challenging, like enduring hotter temperatures and working to make sure everything has enough water. During times of change, oftentimes our routines are adjusted and our responsibilities get rearranged. As we make those adjustments, let us also remember the promises of God's Word.

God spoke these words through His servant Isaiah: *"For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven and do not return there but water the earth, making it bring forth and sprout, giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater, so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose, and shall succeed in the things for which I sent it."* (5:10-11)

Just as the rain waters creation and brings life, so also God's Word waters our faith, and nourishes our life. In fact, God's Word brings us life. *"Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life"* (John 6:68). As we adjust to all the changes of life, and routines and responsibilities get rearranged, one priority should never change: listening to Jesus. Listening to God's Word.

August often brings a season of change: the realization that summer is wrapping up and there are still many things we want to do before school starts. Fall activities and commitments often begin in August. School and work schedules usually get us back to normal." As we make all these adjustments, it changes our routine. In the midst of these and all changes of life, I encourage you to prioritize time in God's Word. To prioritize time in worship. To be intentional about gathering with brothers and sisters in Christ around God's Word.

Just like the plants of creation that need water for health and life, so also does your faith. Your life and faith need God's Word to bring nourishment – to bring peace, forgiveness, hope, strength, perseverance, and perspective. God gives these and more through His word. But unlike the timing of rain that we cannot control, we can control the priorities we have. Let us prioritize time listening to Jesus, by gathering together in Bible Study and worship. And in so doing—like plants nourished by the rain—our spiritual health, both individually and corporately, will continue to grow and thrive by the sustenance of God's Word.

In Christ,
Pastor Keinath



Knowing Christ and Making Him Known

School NEWS



Richard Thomas
Principal of Trinity
Lutheran School

ONE STEP AT A TIME

Greetings as we are in the midst of summer. Congratulations to Pastor Keinath. Our church and school are blessed to have you leading us. Now, we begin the process to fill our other positions at church and school. During these transitional times, it is always humbling to watch the Lord lead us. We realize that yes, He does have a plan and we just need to follow it. When needs arise, His people step up and get the needs covered. We are reminded during these times how blessed we are through the work of His people. May we begin each day with Him and observe what He has for us. Enjoy the rest of your summer and continue to be a blessing to those around you.

Youth NEWS



Cameron Heiliger
Director of Youth and
Parish Education

AUGUST YOUTH EVENTS

Sunday, August 13

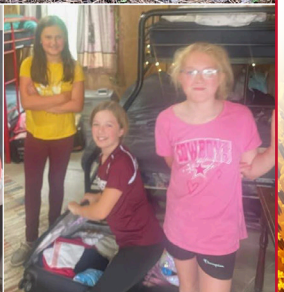
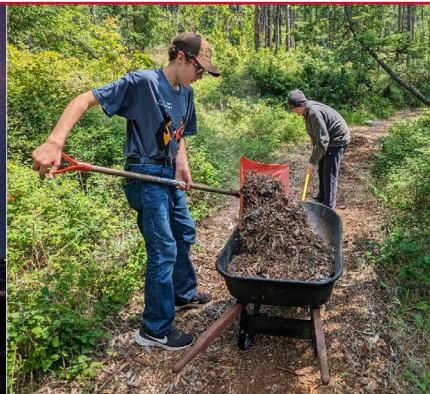
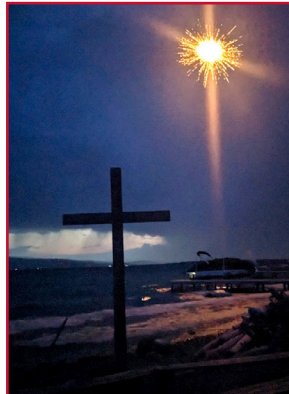
Trinity Night at Oasis!
Join us from 5-8:30pm
*Just say, "I'm here
with Trinity."*

Wednesday, August 16

Farewell Summer!
Fire (high school)
from 6-9pm

Saturday, August 19

Farewell Summer!
Flicker (5th-6th) from
Noon-2pm and Flame
(7th-8th) from 2:30-4:30pm



*Trinity youth
had a great time
at Trinity Camp,
Bigfork, in July!*

THANKS TO ALL WHO SERVED ON THE MUDDY CLUSTER MINISTRY TEAM!



You are amazing



UPCOMING EVENTS AT TRINITY!

SUNDAY AUGUST 13
FREE
5:00-8:30 PM

TRINITY NIGHT @
OASIS WATERPARK

Just say, "We're here with Trinity" to get in FREE!

EVERYONE IS WELCOME!
 543 ARONSON AVE - BILLINGS

Save the Date.

RALLY DAY 2023
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 10,
AT
TRINITY LUTHERAN
SCHOOL

8 AM - PANCAKE BREAKFAST
 10 AM - WORSHIP
 MINISTRY FAIR BEFORE
 AND AFTER WORSHIP

15th Annual
TRINITY TEE OFF

Sunday, September 17
 Pryor Creek Golf Course

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p>ELDERS: Saturday: Brent Carstens Sun. 8:00: Arnie Schultz Sun. 10:30: Rob Reeves</p> <p>Church: 245-3984 Website: www.trinitybillings.org</p> <p>Trinity Worship Services on Community 7 8am Sundays & 5pm Tuesday</p>	<p>School: 656-1021</p>	<p>1 Deuteronomy 7:6-9 9am Quilting 7pm Bible Study led by Pastor Zagel</p>	<p>2 Romans 8:28-39 1pm Kitchen Guild Mtg.</p>	<p>3 Matt. 13:44-52 10:30am Bible Study</p>	<p>4 Luke 18</p>	<p>5 Proverbs 10 5pm Worship with Communion</p>
<p>6 Psalm 132 MITE BOX SUNDAY 8 & 10:30am Worship 9:30am Sunday School & Adult Bible Class 10:30am Receiving New Members 4:00pm Installation Service for Pastor Keinath</p>	<p>7 Luke 19</p>	<p>8 Isaiah 55:1-5 9am Quilting 6:30pm Properties Mtg. 7pm Bible Study led by Pastor Zagel</p>	<p>9 Romans 9:1-5 (6-13)</p>	<p>10 Matt. 14:13-21 10:30am Bible Study 6pm Council Meeting</p>	<p>11 Luke 19</p>	<p>12 Proverbs 11 5pm Worship</p>
<p>13 Psalm 133 8 & 10:30am Worship w/Communion 9:30am Sunday School & Adult Bible Class 5-8:30pm Trinity Night at Oasis</p>	<p>14 Luke 20 6pm Fellowship Mtg. 6:30pm Women's Bible Study and Potluck Dinner @ TYM Square</p>	<p>15 Job 38:4-18 6am Men's Bible Study 9am Quilting 9-11:30am Registration @ Trinity School 5-7:30pm Reg. Day @ Trinity School 7pm Bible Study led by Pastor Zagel</p>	<p>16 Romans 10:5-17 1pm Wrinkled Righteous Game Day 6pm FIRE Farewell Summer Gathering @ TYM</p>	<p>17 Matt. 14:22-33 10:30am Bible Study</p>	<p>18 Luke 21</p>	<p>19 Proverbs 12 Noon Flicker Youth 2:30pm Flame Youth 5pm Worship with Communion</p>
<p>20 Psalm 134 8 & 10:30am Worship 9:30am Sunday School & Adult Bible Class 10:30am TLS Staff Consecration</p>	<p>21 Luke 22 7pm LWML Meeting 7pm Women's Bible Study at TYM Square</p>	<p>22 Isaiah 56:1,6-8 6am Men's Bible Study 9am Quilting 7pm Bible Study led by Pastor Zagel</p>	<p>23 Rom. 11:1-2a, 13-15, 28-32 First Day of School at TLS! 8:30am Chapel at TLS 6:30pm FIRE Youth @ TYM</p>	<p>24 Matt. 15:21-28 10:30am Bible Study</p>	<p>25 Luke 23 6-8pm "Issues as We Age" LFL event @ Christ the King</p>	<p>26 Proverbs 13 9am-Noon "Issues as We Age" LFL event @ Christ the King 5pm Worship - Rev. Salemink preaching</p>
<p>27 Psalm 135 8 & 10:30am Worship w/Communion 9:30am Sunday School & Adult Bible Class Rev. Michael Salemink, Exec. Dir. Of Lutherans for Life, will preach and lead Bible Class</p>	<p>28 Luke 24 7pm Women's Bible Study at TYM Square</p>	<p>29 Isaiah 51:1-6 6am Men's Bible Study 9am Quilting 7pm Bible Study led by Pastor Zagel 7pm Elders Meeting</p>	<p>30 Romans 11:33-12:8 8:30am Chapel at TLS 6:30pm FIRE Youth @ TYM</p>	<p>31 Matt. 16:13-20 10:30am Bible Study 6pm TLS Family Cookout</p>	<p>ACOLYTES: See Summer Schedule! ALTAR DUTY: Deb White</p>	

Financial REPORT

June 2023 Finances		
Income		105,021
Expenses		204,180
Net Margin		-99,159
2022-2023 Finances		
	<i>Actual</i>	<i>Target</i>
Offerings	1,001,883	1,004,671
Total Income	2,487,961	2,404,641
Total Expenses	2,369,355	2,384,643
Net Margin	118,606	19,998

GREETINGS, TRINITY CHOIR!

Our first choir rehearsal of the fall will be on Thursday, September 14, in the church choir loft from 7-8:15pm. I promise it will be interesting for you and worth your while. Also, I pledge to start on time and *end* on time. Potentially we will sing twice a month but that may vary according to the needs of the church and of the choir members. If you haven't been in a choir for a while, give it a try! New and returning members, please let me know that you are coming (email kkosche@hotmail.com or call the church office) so that I may plan ahead. Thanks! K. Kosche



Lutheran
Women
in Mission

LWML NEWS

Next Meeting: Monday, August 21 | 7:00pm

Church Service Greeters for August: National LWML Convention Attendees

We are collecting the following items for the World Friendship Guild School Kits:

- 70 or 80 count spiral notebooks
- Black and blue ballpoint pens
- 12-inch rulers with cm noted on one side
- Pencil sharpeners
- 16-24 count crayon boxes

Please put them in the designated drop off boxes at church.



SENIOR PASTOR
INSTALLATION SERVICE

REV. DANIEL KEINATH

SUNDAY, AUGUST 6, @ 4PM

RECEPTION TO FOLLOW
WITH HORS D'OEUVRES AND CAKE

Special Events

SUNDAY, AUGUST 6

Receiving of New Members @ 10:30am
Installation Service for Pastor Keinath @ 4pm

SUNDAY, AUGUST 13, 5-8:30PM

Trinity Night at Oasis

MONDAY, AUGUST 14, 6:30PM

Women's Bible Study & Potluck Dinner

TUESDAY, AUGUST 15, 9-11:30AM & 5-7:30PM

Trinity School Registration

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 16, 1PM

Wrinkled Righteous Game Day

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 23

First Day of School at Trinity!

AUGUST 25 & 26

"Issues as We Age" Conference at
Christ the King

AUGUST 26 & 27

Rev. Salemink Preaches and
Leads Bible Study at Trinity



News

ISSUES AS WE AGE CONFERENCE: BEHOLDING THE GOSPEL IN LIFE'S TWILIGHT

The joy of the Christian Gospel enables us to welcome God's blessings even as life is ending. Hear and learn how advance directives, family conversations, and funeral preparations can courageously and compassionately affirm the sanctity of life even in situations of pain, impairment, and advancing age. We'll also consider the benefits and drawbacks of hospice care and organ donation as opportunities for confessing the faith. Finally, we'll explore suggestions for upholding life in our congregations and communities.



Guest keynote speaker: Rev. Michael Salemink
Executive Director of Lutherans for Life

Friday, August 25, from 6-8pm

Saturday, August 26, from 9am-noon

Christ the King Lutheran Church
709 Newman Lane – Billings, MT

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