



# Joyful Noise

SEPTEMBER 2023

## *A Message from Your Pastor...*

Dear Friends in Christ,

Please take a look at this picture below. I took that picture several weeks ago when I went to visit Alberta (on right). I had scheduled to bring her communion when she was living at her daughter's house, but some things changed and she moved into a care center the same day I was scheduled to visit. Much to her surprise (and joy!) she was living in the same building as her dear friend Darlene (on left).

These two ladies know each other because of Trinity. They used to serve together through Trinity's LWML, and their husbands used to serve as ushers. It had been several years since they had seen each other and they were absolutely delighted to catch up with one another. The conversation carried itself as they both shared memories and things going on in their lives and their families. When it came time for a devotion and communion, Darlene said, "This is great! It reminds me of the verse 'Where two or three are gathered in Jesus' name, He is there!'"



Indeed, that is exactly what it is like! These two ladies are a part of God's family and connected through Trinity Lutheran Church and School. They had not seen each other for quite some time, but when they did, it was joyful and energizing. It reminded me of what's happening this month on September 10th.

On the 10th, we're going to celebrate Rally Day with one worship service at the school. Normally we have three different worship services each weekend, which is good—but it's also easy to miss people who may worship at a different service. Kind of like Alberta and Darlene who hadn't seen each other for quite a while. But also like Alberta and Darlene reconnecting, Rally Day is an opportunity for us to intentionally "rally together" as the Body of Christ at Trinity.

There are more details about Rally Day in this newsletter – like the pancake breakfast, ministry fair, and pictures for the church directory. I encourage you to read about all that is going on, and join us at the school on September 10th.

On a different note, I want to briefly speak about where we are in the call process for an associate pastor and music director; and how we are preparing for Mr. Thomas' retirement as principal at the end of this school year. At the heart of it, we will be having three different call committees working simultaneously. At the end of August, these three committees met for an organizational meeting. They looked at the responsibilities these three positions have individually, but also how they need to complement each other. Next, the committees will meet and consider their specific position responsibilities and next steps. In October or November we plan to have a Congregational Town Hall meeting to share information about the call processes and overall ministry at Trinity. There are a lot of moving parts.

At the same time, we trust what Jesus said in Matthew 18:20: "For where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I among them." Whether we are meeting as a whole congregation in worship or as a smaller group on boards and committees, we do not meet alone. Jesus is present. It is His Church, and we follow Him. Together. Supporting, encouraging, and walking together as friends in Christ.

In Him, Pastor Keinath

*Knowing Christ and Making Him Known*

# School NEWS



**Richard Thomas**  
Principal of Trinity  
Lutheran School

## TRADITION LIVES ON

Greetings from Trinity Lutheran School. As I write this, we are preparing for our 68th year as a school. The teachers are making their final home visits. Lutheran schools have a long tradition that before school begins, teachers go and visit their students at their homes. This is a very time-consuming adventure, but it is very rewarding. Relationships begin forming even before the first day of school. We want to thank our congregation for their amazing support over all these years. We are humbled and honored to be able to share His message every day to His children. Please keep us in your prayers as together we share the love of Jesus.

# Youth NEWS



**Cameron Heiliger**  
Director of Youth and  
Parish Education

## *The God of "whatever..."*

*... whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things.*

Philippians 4:8 will serve not only as the theme verse for Trinity School this year, but it will also be guiding our devotions and Bible study throughout the year in youth group. Each month we will be focusing on a different aspect of this verse, and for the month of September our focus will be **TRUTH**. Truth has become a loaded word in our society, but we have the benefit of knowing the God of TRUTH who sent His Son to be the Way, the TRUTH, and the Life for us, and that good news is the TRUTH we get to share! Please pray with me that our youth will be encouraged, edified, and engaged in their faith as we focus on God's truth for us in September.

## A NEW LOOK FOR WEDNESDAY NIGHTS!

As we begin thinking about Philippians 4:8 and the God who is with us in whatever circumstance, I am excited that we will be welcoming more youth to share in our study of God's truth and our time enjoying being brothers and sisters in Christ each and every week! Over the summer, the youth ministry team and staff took some time to assess our current practice for youth ministry, and, after receiving feedback from parents and families, we have made the decision to extend Wednesday night youth group by half an hour (now meeting from 6-8pm) AND to invite our 7th-8th grade students to join us every week. This extended time will allow for more time in God's word, more connection through fellowship and games, and will also allow middle school confirmands to join us before their classroom time with pastor when they meet in the fall and winter.

# WELCOME TO THE TRINITY FAMILY!



On Sunday, August 6, we welcomed the following new members into our midst...

BACK ROW (L-R): Robbin & Sandy Hagen, Ruth Terry, Danielle Gulbrandson  
FRONT ROW (L-R): Caitlin & Seth Hotzheimer Family, Callie Reintsma, Esther Roth,  
Joey Zarnick, Randi & Shawn Gaalswyk Family  
*Not pictured: Rosemary Hatzell*

## See you at Rally Day!



### Pancake Breakfast

Pancakes and Sausage will be provided.

Sign up in the Narthex to bring an egg bake. Or, bring fruit, juice, or muffins to share.

**SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 10  
@ TRINITY LUTHERAN SCHOOL**

**8 AM - PANCAKE BREAKFAST**

**10 AM - WORSHIP**

**11:15 AM - MINISTRY FAIR AND  
SUNDAY SCHOOL KICKOFF!**

Rally Day is Sunday, September 10, at Trinity Lutheran School. Please join us for breakfast, worship, a Ministry Fair, and our Sunday School kickoff! *Please note that there will be no worship services held at the church on September 9 & 10.*

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p><b>ACOLYTES:</b> Saturday: Grace Keller Sun. 8:00: Ryder Koepfel Sun. 10:30: Ella McCoy</p> <p><b>ELDERs:</b> Saturday: Dion Campbell Sun. 8:00: Travis Kern Sun. 10:30: Keith Schmidt</p> <p><b>ALTAR DUTY:</b> Cam Browne &amp; Stacie Shaw <b>Trinity Worship Services on Community 7</b> Website: <a href="http://www.trinitybillings.org">www.trinitybillings.org</a> 8am Sundays &amp; 5pm Tuesdays</p> <p><b>Church: 245-3984 School: 656-1021</b></p>						
<p><b>3 Psalm 136</b> <b>MITE BOX SUNDAY</b> 8 &amp; 10:30am Worship w/ Communion 9:30am Sunday School &amp; Adult Bible Class</p>	<p><b>4 Mark 2</b> <b>Labor Day</b> Church Office Closed No School at TLS</p>	<p><b>5 Jer. 15:15-21</b> 9am Quilting 6:30pm Properties Mtg. 7pm Bible Study led by Pastor Zigel</p>	<p><b>6 Romans 12:9-21</b> 1pm Kitchen Guild Mtg. 2:15pm Chapel at TLS 6pm Youth Group @ TYM 2<sup>nd</sup> Year Confirmation</p>	<p><b>7 Matt. 16:21-28</b> 10:30am Bible Study</p>	<p><b>8 Mark 3</b></p>	<p><b>9 Proverbs 15</b> 2pm Caregivers Group Meeting at TYM</p>
<p><b>10 Psalm 137</b> <b>Rally Day @ TLS</b> 8am Breakfast 10am Church-wide Worship 11:15am Ministry Fair</p>	<p><b>11 Mark 4</b> 6pm Fellowship Mtg. 7pm Women's Bible Study @ TYM</p>	<p><b>12 Ezek. 33:7-9</b> 6am Men's Bible Study 9am Quilting 6:15pm Cradle Roll Mtg. 7pm Bible Study led by Pastor Zigel</p>	<p><b>13 Romans 13:1-10</b> 8:30am Chapel at TLS 5:30pm 3<sup>rd</sup> Year Confirmation 6pm Youth Group @ TYM 2<sup>nd</sup> Year Confirmation</p>	<p><b>14 Matt. 18:1-20</b> 10:30am Bible Study 7pm Choir Practice</p>	<p><b>15 Mark 5</b> 5pm Senior vs. West Tailgate @ TYM Square</p>	<p><b>16 Proverbs 16</b> NOON-2 pm FLICKER at TYM Square 2:30-4:30pm FLAME at TYM Square 5pm Worship with Communion</p>
<p><b>17 Psalm 138</b> 8 &amp; 10:30am Worship 9:30am Sunday School &amp; Adult Bible Class 1pm Trinity Tee-Off @ Pryor Creek</p>	<p><b>18 Mark 6</b> 7pm LWML Meeting 7pm Women's Bible Study @ TYM</p>	<p><b>19 Gen. 50:15-21</b> 6am Men's Bible Study 9am Quilting 7pm Bible Study led by Pastor Zigel</p>	<p><b>20 Romans 14:1-12</b> 8:30am Chapel at TLS 6pm Youth Group @ TYM 2<sup>nd</sup> Year Confirmation</p>	<p><b>21 Matt. 18:21-35</b> 10:30am Bible Study 6pm Council Mtg. 7pm Choir Practice</p>	<p><b>22 Mark 7</b></p>	<p><b>23 Proverbs 17</b> 5pm Worship 5-8pm 3<sup>rd</sup> Year Confirmation Activity</p>
<p><b>24 Psalm 139</b> 8 &amp; 10:30am Worship w/Communion 9:30am Sunday School &amp; Adult Bible Class</p>	<p><b>25 Mark 8</b> 7pm Women's Bible Study @ TYM</p>	<p><b>26 Isaiah 55:6-9</b> 6am Men's Bible Study 9am Quilting 5:30pm YVLF @ Christ the King Lutheran Church 7pm Elders Mtg. 7pm Bible Study led by Pastor Zigel</p>	<p><b>27 Phil. 1:12-14,19-30</b> 8:30am Chapel at TLS 5:30pm 3<sup>rd</sup> Year Confirmation 6pm Youth Group @ TYM 2<sup>nd</sup> Year Confirmation</p>	<p><b>28 Matt. 20:1-16</b> 10:30am Bible Study 7pm Choir Practice</p>	<p><b>29 Mark 9</b></p>	<p><b>30 Proverbs 18</b> 5pm Worship</p>

# Financial REPORT

July 2023 Finances		
Income		173,295
Expenses		190,535
<b>Net Margin</b>		<b>-17,240</b>
2022-2023 Finances		
	Actual	Target
Offerings	73,018	83,723
Total Income	173,295	219,343
Total Expenses	190,535	219,343
<b>Net Margin</b>	<b>-17,240</b>	<b>0</b>

## DEATHS

**Harley Ketterling** passed away on July 26. His funeral was held at Trinity on Thursday, August 3, with Pastor Keinath presiding.

**Miranda Cichosz** (daughter of Bill and Althea Farley) passed away on August 18. Her memorial service was held at Trinity on Saturday, August 26, with Pastor Keinath presiding.

## BAPTISMS

**Azilea Eileen Sano** was born on February 26, 2023, to Zane Sano and Jessica Ingold. She was baptized by Rev. Daniel Keinath on August 6.

**Noah Ekak** was baptized by Rev. Daniel Keinath on August 26, 2023. He is the foster son of Paul and Alicia Wold.

## TRANSFERS OUT

**Dawn Chesarak** to Mt. Olive, Billings

**Arlene Entzel** to St. John, Laurel

**Paul & Lynn Shafer**, released

**Nicolas & Rebecca Harding** to Trinity, Crown Point, IN



## LWML NEWS

**Southeast Montana Fall Retreat** is Sept. 15-17 at the Mountain Top Retreat in Bozeman, MT.

**Western Montana Fall Retreat** is Sept. 15-17 at Trinity Lutheran Camp in Big Fork, MT.

*Registration forms are available in the narthex.*

### Meeting on September 18 at 7:00 pm

**Opening Devotion:** Kitchen Guild

**Program:** Bible Study from "Chosen"

**Meeting Hostesses:** Altar Guild

**Church Service Greeters for September:** Altar Guild

*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
- Blunt scissors
- 16-24 count crayon boxes

*Please put donations in the designated drop off boxes at church.*

## HELP US UPDATE THE CHURCH DIRECTORY!

We are updating the church directory this fall and need your help! If your family information has changed since 2017, when our last printed directory was completed, please let Angie know in the church office. We will have a printed directory for you to check what we have on file. Also, if you have a recent photo for us to add, you can email it to [church@trinitybillings.org](mailto:church@trinitybillings.org). A photo update opportunity will be available at Rally Sunday on September 10th at Trinity School. There will also be a photographer available before/after services on a weekend later this fall for updating family photos. Thank you for helping us with this project!

# Special Events

## SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 10 RALLY DAY AT TRINITY SCHOOL

Pancake Breakfast @ 8am  
Church-Wide Worship @ 10am  
Ministry Fair @ 11:15am

## THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 7PM

Choir Practice Begins

## FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 5PM

Senior vs. West Tailgate

## SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 16

Flicker @ Noon  
Flame @ 2:30pm

## SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 1PM

Trinity Tee-Off at Pryor Creek

## SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 5PM

3rd Year Confirmation Activity

## SUNDAY, OCTOBER 1, 2PM

7th Grade and older at Diamond Paintball



# News



*How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him who brings good news, who publishes peace, who brings good news of happiness, who publishes salvation, who says to Zion, 'Your God reigns.'*

ISAIAH 52:7

**On Sunday, August 6, Rev. Daniel Keinath was installed as Senior Pastor at Trinity.**  
Pastor Keinath is the ninth Senior Pastor at Trinity Lutheran Church since our founding in 1919.

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