



Joyful Noise

AUGUST 2020

A Message from Your Pastor...

Dear Friends of Trinity,

I usually think of August as the time for just a little more relaxing and a lot more planning. The summer schedule is a tad lighter. School doesn't open until the very end of the month. My Adult Instruction Class begins in September. This year I don't have any weddings scheduled for August. So it is a time for relaxing and planning. Maybe that is how it is for some of you.

When it comes to planning our Fall Schedule, there are still some uncertainties. At the present time, our Governor has directed people to be wearing masks in public. There are questions about the certainty of schools opening. There are talks about more lay-offs. There are rising numbers of people infected by Covid-19, many who don't have symptoms. Yes there are uncertainties indeed! Like a friend of mine said, "I have two feet firmly planted in mid-air!"

What do we do? We plan! We prepare for the work that God puts before us as we always do. I will be planning on gathering people for my Adult Class. I will be planning for Bible Studies and membership care. I will be thinking about services and developing plans to help our church and school move forward in mission. I think I can speak for our staff when I say that this is what we all will be doing!

Martin Luther said, "If I knew that Jesus was coming again this afternoon, I would still plant the apple tree this morning." I take that to mean that we continue to do the work that God has given us day-by-day. So we look forward to another "Fall Start Up" with eagerness and hope. I am excited about the new people and opportunities that the Lord will bring to us. He always has blessed us in this way, so why would He stop now?!

There are a couple of Bible verses that I believe are fitting during this time of uncertainty. Jesus said this in His Sermon on the Mount: **"Therefore do not be anxious about tomorrow, for tomorrow will be anxious for itself. Sufficient for the day is its own trouble"** (Matthew 6:34). The emphasis is not to be anxious about tomorrow or next week or next month!

Also consider the theme verse of Trinity Lutheran School this year: **"Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding."** (Proverbs 3:5) We can trust the Lord as we plan and move forward in faith and service!

In His service and yours,

Pastor Dan
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Knowing Christ and Making Him Known

School and YOUTH NEWS



NOT YOUR NORMAL RETIREMENT

Greetings from school. Mrs. Lynne Erger is officially retired. Wow! She was in Lutheran education for 38 years. I don't think she would say she ended her career the way she intended. The hardest part for her was she wasn't able to finish with her students. We also had planned a school party for her. We even had a nice dinner planned for her and guests. We had to postpone the dinner in May, but we were able to have some of her family and staff together for a dinner in July. We also were able to present her with a gift to go on a trip. This gift was a result of our school and church families helping to make it a reality. She will be able to plan a trip when she feels comfortable to travel. I'm sure she will be seen this year at school because she is on my sub list. A person can retire from Trinity, but you can't hide. Let the retirement begin!

– Richard Thomas, *Principal of Trinity Lutheran School*



YOUTH NEWS

For the past few months, I have shared Proverbs 16:9 with our youth on multiple occasions: "A man's heart plans his way, but the Lord establishes his steps." We have had many opportunities to be reminded of this truth, but none more than the first few weeks of July as the decision was finally made to postpone our servant event trip to next summer. Instead, we moved to plan B and still had opportunity to serve, spend time in fellowship, and get away for a night.

On Tuesday, July 14, we spent time at the school pulling weeds and moving furniture. In the evening, two groups of youth and adults tried to escape from the Billings Escape Room. Both teams were successful! On Wednesday morning, we met at church and headed toward Martinsdale, taking a tour of the Bair Family Museum and spending the night next to the Musselshell River at the Selkirk Campground.

In the end, we trust and remember that this wasn't what WE had planned, but certainly what God had in store for us this summer! And now we get to look ahead with excitement to next year!

– Cameron Heiliger, *Director of Youth & Parish Education*

Be looking for more information about the all youth Tube Trip and BBQ on Saturday, August 22!



LWML Convention

The 39th Biennial Convention of the Montana District Lutheran Women's Missionary League was hosted July 17 and 18 by the Trinity LWML and the societies of the SouthEastern Zone. Sixty three sisters and brothers in Christ met under the theme, "Victory Through Christ." The weekend included a worship service, Bible study, speakers that have received mission grants, as well as keynote Donna Snow Pyle, who presented virtually from her home in Texas.

The Gifts from the Heart ingathering included 36 quilts and personal items for the veterans at Independence Hall and \$825.00 in gift cards for the High School Homeless Teen program. The truck from Orphan Grain Train arrived Friday afternoon and was the recipient of 87 Layettes, 20+ school kits, 90+ quilts and 40 boxes of clothing and lots of miscellaneous items. A servant event was held earlier in the week where 40 backpacks were filled with full size essential items and bus passes for men and women who are being released from incarceration. This program is administered by Adullam House.

An offering was taken at the Friday evening worship service to support the 4 Montana missionaries. We were blessed with \$1550.00 to send to them. Our district mites box was set out during the convention and the \$1680.00 given will be a great start to our 2020-2022 Mission Goal.

Two of our own members were elected to the District Board of Directors: Rev. Keinath was elected as Junior Pastoral Counselor, and Pam Kercher was elected as the new District President. Grace Swift and Barbara Nies were appointed to positions on the BOD, and Sherrie Murray will continue as Recording Secretary.

If you would like to view the convention you can see it on our website in the near future. We want to thank the staff and members of Trinity for their help and support of this convention.



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
CHURCH: 245-3984 SCHOOL: 656-1021 WEBSITE: trinitybillings.org						
Trinity Worship Services on Community 7 8am Sundays & 5pm Tuesdays						
2 <i>Psalms 53</i> MITE BOX SUNDAY 8 & 10:30am Worship 9:30am Summer Sunday School & Adult Bible Classes	3 <i>Luke 9</i> Noon P.A.R. at TYM	4 <i>Isaiah 55:1-5</i> 9am Quilting 6:30pm Youth Bd. Mtg. Properties Bd. Mtg. 7pm Bible Study led by Rev. Zager	5 <i>Romans 9:1-13</i> Noon P.A.R. at TYM 1pm Visitation Guild Mtg. Kitchen Guild Mtg.	6 <i>Matt. 14:13-21</i>	7 <i>Luke 10</i>	1 <i>Psalms 52</i> 1pm Pickle Ball 5pm Worship with Communion
9 <i>Psalms 55</i> 8 & 10:30am Worship w/Communion 9:30am Summer Sunday School & Bible Classes	10 <i>Luke 11</i> Noon P.A.R. at TYM 5:30pm Stewardship Mtg. 6:30pm Evangelism Bd. Mtg 7pm Fellowship Bd. Mtg.	11 <i>Job 38:4-18</i> 9am Quilting 6:30pm Bd. of Ed Mtg. 7pm Bible Study led by Rev. Zager	12 <i>Romans 10:5-17</i> Noon P.A.R. at TYM	13 <i>Matt. 14:22-33</i> 6pm Parish Planning Council Mtg	14 <i>Luke 12</i>	15 <i>Psalms 56</i> 1pm Pickle Ball 5pm Worship with Communion
16 <i>Psalms 57</i> 8 & 10:30am Worship 9:30am Summer Sunday School & Adult Bible Classes	17 <i>Luke 13</i> Noon P.A.R. at TYM	18 <i>Isaiah 56:1, 6-8</i> 9am Quilting 7pm Bible Study led by Rev. Zager	19 <i>Romans 11:1-2a, 13-15, 28-32</i> Noon P.A.R. at TYM	20 <i>Matt. 15:21-28</i>	21 <i>Luke 14</i>	22 <i>Psalms 58</i> 1pm Pickle Ball 5pm Worship <i>All Youth Tube Trip and BBQ</i>
23 <i>Psalms 59</i> 8 & 10:30am Worship w/Communion 10:30am Consecration of School Staff 9:30am Summer Sunday School & Adult Bible Classes	24 <i>Luke 15</i> Noon P.A.R. at TYM	25 <i>Isaiah 51:1-6</i> 9am Quilting 4pm LFL at Mount Olive 7pm Lay Ministry Mtg. 7pm Bible Study led by Rev. Zager	26 <i>Romans 11:33-12:8</i> 8:30am Chapel at TLS Noon P.A.R. at TYM First Day of School At TLS	27 <i>Matt. 16:13-20</i>	28 <i>Luke 16</i>	29 <i>Psalms 60</i> 1pm Pickle Ball 5pm Worship
30 <i>Psalms 61</i> 8 & 10:30am Worship 9:30am Summer Sunday School & Adult Bible Classes	31 <i>Luke 17</i> Noon P.A.R. at TYM	LAY MINISTERS: Saturday: Nathan Thompson 8am: Tim Grove 10:30am: Rob Reeves		ALTAR DUTY: Shared Duty		

Financial REPORT

June Finances		
Income		85,102
Expenses		173,298
Net Margin		-88,196
2019-2020 Finances		
	<i>Actual</i>	<i>Target</i>
Offerings	1,033,384	984,971
Total Income	1,979,854	1,953,487
Total Expenses	1,945,044	1,953,487
Net Margin	34,810	0
Phase I Completion Drive (Goal of \$325,000 to Pay Off Loan)		
Gifts and Pledges (through June)		\$240,000
Remaining Needed to Complete		\$ 85,000

We are humbled by the generous, first-fruits giving of our members. Because of your generosity, we exceeded our offering goal in the 2019-2020 fiscal year, which ended on June 30. We also finished the fiscal year in the black. Praise God from Whom all blessings flow!

BAPTISMS

Brody Allan Johnson, son of Tanner and Alyssa Johnson, was baptized on July 19th.

WEDDINGS

Shannon Marie Hatzell and Reilly Cole Spence were joined in marriage by Rev. Daniel Rinderknecht on July 18th in Bozeman, MT.

DEATHS

Hilda Huber passed away on July 8, 2020. Her memorial service is pending.



Lutheran
Women
in Mission

LWML UPDATE

With the rise of COVID cases, Trinity's LWML Executive Committee has decided to cancel our meeting scheduled for August 17th. We are hopeful that we will be able to resume regular meetings soon. In the meantime, please prayerfully consider continuing your MITE and regular donations which can be mailed to Deb White, 123 S 38th Street W, Billings, MT 59102. May the Lord continue to bless each of you.

SCHOOL KITS FOR WORLD RELIEF

Now is the time to gather our supplies for the School Kits for the 2021 World Relief Drive while school supplies are on sale! These are the items needed:

- Rulers
- 70 page Spiral Notebooks (or one 150 page)
- Pencil Sharpeners
- Scissors (blunt)
- Ballpoint Pens (no gel ink)

Patterns for the School Kit Bags are also available - and they're easy!! (Check with Betty Kober.) Look for containers in the basement and church entrances to place your donations! Thank you!



THANK YOU!

It was in 1960 that I first entered the hallways of Trinity Lutheran School as a first-grade student. Now, 60 years later it is 2020, and after teaching at Trinity for 32 of my 38 years, the time has come for me to retire. Trinity has truly been the most constant thing in my life, and I will sorely miss all of you, especially the devoted colleagues that it has been my privilege to work with.

I would like to express my deepest gratitude to all of you who donated to my retirement gift. Your generosity made it possible for me to enjoy a lovely meal with my beloved fellow teachers and staff members! I looking forward to the day when the Lord puts Covid-19 in our rearview mirror and we are able to use your gift to enjoy the travels that I am so looking forward to. I thank God for the Blessing you have all been to me! ~ Lynne Erger

Special Events

EVERY TUESDAY
7:00 PM

Bible Study at Zage's

SUNDAY, AUGUST 2
Mite Box Sunday

SATURDAY, AUGUST 22
Youth Group Tube Trip
& BBQ

SUNDAY, AUGUST 23
10:30 AM
Consecration of
School Staff



News

IT'S TEE-OFF TIME!

The 12th Annual Trinity Tee-Off Golf Tournament is coming up on Sunday, September 22. This day of smiles and shanks supports Trinity School and the Manitoba Mission trip and is an event you don't want to miss. Get your team registered today at www.trinity-billings.org/upcoming-events.

12th Annual



Sunday, September 20
Pryor Creek Golf Course

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