



Joyful Noise

AUGUST 2021

A Message from Your Pastor...

Dear Friends of Trinity,

As I write this message to you in these very hot days of summer, I am encouraged by a mild rain shower that just started. It is rapidly cooling down the air, settling the dust, and giving a measure of relief to the land. For this, it is fitting to breathe a prayer of thanks to the Lord! It has certainly been a hot and dry summer. We get one of these every so often here in Montana. This wonderful rain shower reminds me of a very encouraging message from the Lord from Isaiah 55:10 & 11:

“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 thing for which I sent it.”

Certainly in these hot and dry days, we come to appreciate the value of moisture from heaven. How we depend upon our God for the moisture that is vital for the welfare of every living thing. We see in this verse that God sends the rain and the snow (in its season) for a purpose. It provides food and nourishment. It provides more seed for sowing more crop to provide more and more sustenance.

Of course these verses are getting to something that is even more important than rain. It is the Word of God that goes forth from God's mouth. It is good to remember that the Word of God – spoken, read, written – is coming from the very mouth of God! This alone should move us to devote ourselves to it daily. As I said above, this is a very encouraging message from the Lord. God promises that His Word will not return empty.

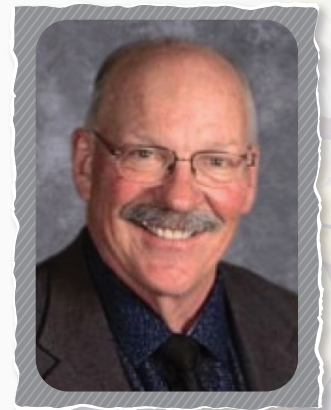
God's Word will accomplish His purposes. That is what happened in the beginning. God sent forth His Word: “Let there be light!” and BAM! there was light and the world was created as He continued to proclaim His Word.

God's Word goes forth to expose sin and to call people to repentance. God's Word goes forth to comfort and lift up the sinner. God's Word goes forth to assure His people that they are not alone. God's Word goes forth, and it creates faith and nourishes and nurtures that faith. God's Word goes forth, and lives are changed for time and eternity!

I particularly cherish these words from Isaiah because it gives me confidence and assurance that God's Word is going to do its work even when I fall short as a pastor. It is a true joy when God blesses us with the privilege of seeing the results of His Word at work. Oftentimes we don't see the effects, but we still know that His Word is working. But there are plenty of times that we see evidence of the power of His Word in the lives of people. For this, it is fitting to breathe a prayer of thanks to the Lord!

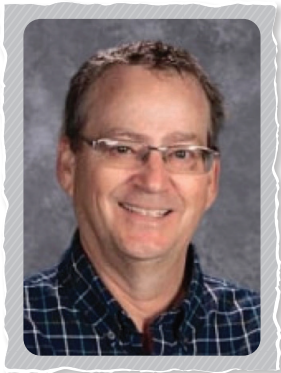
In His Service and Yours,

Pastor Dan Rinderknecht



Knowing Christ and Making Him Known

School NEWS



TIME DOESN'T CHANGE TRUTH

Greetings from school. Time is flying by very quickly. The 2021-2022 school year will be up and running before you know it. People always ask, what do you do all summer? Well, the office never seems to be quiet. It is very active as we prepare for the new school year. Our daycare program has our building sounding like a normal school day. Our Properties Ministry Team is busy making repairs and improvements. The Lord's people are busy using their gifts to His glory. Speaking of the Lord, His words have not changed. Our path has been made clear by our Lord and Savior. Trinity Lutheran Church and School will keep following the path that He puts before us. Our numbers reflect that families also want to be surrounded by His true Word. Please keep our church and school in your prayers. Together, we can provide our families with a God-pleasing education. This is our 66th year in this mission. Praise God!

-Richard Thomas, Principal of Trinity Lutheran School

Youth NEWS

Thank you for your prayers and support for our high school youth trip to Trinity Camp in Bigfork! We can't wait to tell you ALL ABOUT IT at Rally Day on September 12.



Cameron Heiliger
Director of Youth
& Parish Education



AUGUST YOUTH EVENTS:

Tuesday, August 3

Flame Day Hike with CLDI

Thursday, August 5

Flicker at the Mustangs Game

Friday, August 6

Fire Senior Send Off at the Heiligers

Saturday, August 14

Youth and Family Float Trip



Welcome to the Trinity Family!



WE ARE BLESSED TO WELCOME the following new members to the Trinity family through transfer, adult confirmation, or affirmation of faith in the last few months:

Tim Biondich

Deb Black

Wendy Frank and her son, Caleb Romero

Jan Hollingworth

Kierra Hoots

Amanda Kobelt

Sierra Kuhn

Julie Methot

Ray & Kendra Munsterman

Kara Ouzts

Zane & Jessica Pepos

Diane Watson

It is our prayer that we will be able to help them continue to grow in their relationship with our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, as we serve Him together.

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 <i>Proverbs 7</i> Mite Box Sunday 8 & 10:30am Worship 9:30am Summer Sunday School & Adult Bible Class	2 <i>Luke 24</i>	3 <i>Exodus 16:2-15</i> FLAME Day Hike with CLDI 9am Quilting 6:30pm Youth Bd. Mtg Properties Mtg. 7pm Bible Study led by Rev. Zigel	4 <i>Ephesians 4:1-16</i> 1pm Kitchen Guild Mtg.	5 <i>John 6:22-35</i> 6pm FLICKER at the Mustangs Game	6 <i>John 1</i> FIRE Senior Send-off at the Heiligers'	7 <i>Proverbs 8</i> 5pm Worship w/Communion
8 <i>Proverbs 9</i> 8 & 10:30am Worship w/Communion 9:30am Summer Sunday School & Adult Bible Class	9 <i>John 2</i> 5:30pm Stewardship Mtg. 6pm Fellowship Meeting	10 <i>1 Kings 19:1-8</i> 9am Quilting 7pm Bible Study led by Rev. Zigel	11 <i>Ephesians 4:17-5:2</i>	12 <i>John 6:35-51</i> 6pm Council Meeting	13 <i>John 3</i>	14 <i>Proverbs 10</i> Youth and Family Float Trip 5pm Worship
15 <i>Proverbs 11</i> 8 & 10:30am Worship 9:30am Summer Sunday School & Adult Bible Class	16 <i>John 4</i> 5:30pm Evangelism Mtg. 7 pm LWML Meeting	17 <i>Proverbs 9:1-10</i> 9am Quilting 7pm Bible Study led by Rev. Zigel Trinity School Registration 9am – 11:30 am & 5pm - 7:30pm	18 <i>Ephesians 5:6-21</i> 1pm Wrinkled Righteous Game Day	19 <i>John 6:51-69</i>	20 <i>John 5</i>	21 <i>Proverbs 12</i> 5pm Worship w/Communion & TLS Staff Consecration
22 <i>Proverbs 13</i> 8 & 10:30am Worship w/Communion 9:30am Summer Sunday School & Adult Bible Classes	23 <i>John 6</i>	24 <i>Isaiah 29:11-19</i> 9am Quilting 4pm LFL at Mount Olive 7pm Bible Study led by Rev. Zigel	25 <i>Ephesians 5:22-33</i> First Day of School At TLS	26 <i>Mark 7:1-13</i>	27 <i>John 7</i>	28 <i>Proverbs 14</i> 5pm Worship
29 <i>Proverbs 15</i> 8 & 10:30am Worship 9:30am Summer Sunday School & Adult Bible Class	30 <i>John 8</i>	31 <i>Deut. 4:1-2, 6-9</i> 9am Quilting 7pm Elders Meeting 7pm Bible Study led by Rev. Zigel	ACOLYTES: See Summer Schedule ALTAR DUTY: Sheryl Scheafer Church: 245-3984 School: 656-1021 Website: www.trinitybillings.org	Elders: Saturday: Clayton Scheafer Sunday 8:00: Derek Vetch Sunday 10:30: Paul Kober Trinity Worship Services on Community 7 8am Sundays & 5pm Tuesdays		

Financial REPORT

May 2021 Finances		
Income		141,287
Expenses		161,431
Net Margin		-20,144
2020-2021 Finances		
	<i>Actual</i>	<i>Target</i>
Offerings	909,426	915,399
Total Income	1,958,509	1,844,419
Total Expenses	1,834,505	1,844,419
Net Margin	124,001	0
Phase I Completion Drive (Goal of \$325,000 to Pay Off Loan)		
Gifts and Pledges (through May)	\$325,000	
Remaining Needed to Complete	\$	0

We are grateful to end the 2020-2021 fiscal year in the black. Thank you to all of those who have committed to generous, first-fruits giving to make this possible!

WEDDINGS

Alex Michaelson and Kelly Thomas were joined in marriage by Rev. Daniel Rinderknecht on July 17, 2021, in Livingston, MT.

BAPTISMS

Sullivan Michael Thomas, son of Michael & Megan Thomas, was born on February 26, 2021, and baptized at Trinity Lutheran Church on June 26, 2021, by Rev. Daniel Rinderknecht.

Kollins Quinn Thomas, daughter of Jonathan & Garrett Thomas, was born on September 25, 2020, and baptized at Trinity Lutheran Church on July 11, 2021, by Rev. Daniel Rinderknecht.



LWML NEWS

Meeting on August 16 at 7:00pm

Opening Devotion: Kitchen Guild

Program: LWML Convention

Meeting Hostesses: Kitchen Guild

Church Service Greeters for July: Kitchen Guild

We are excited to be meeting once again! LWML will be meeting on August 16th at 7:00 in the Fellowship Hall. We invite you to come a little early and enjoy fellowship and treats. Our program will be sharing reports from the June 24-27 LWML National Convention in Lexington, Kentucky, by the Southeastern Zone delegate and other attendees. Some of our attendees visited Noah's Ark, which is close to Lexington, and will be sharing a video presentation, "Ark Encounter", about the building of the Ark. We hope to see many of our members and, of course, guests are invited to join us.

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:

- Ruler
- 70 pg Spiral Notebooks (or one 150 pg)
- Pencil Sharpener
- Scissors (blunt)
- Ballpoint Pens (no gel ink)
- Crayons (16 or 24 count)
- 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!

ADDRESS CHANGES

Derek and Stephanie Vetch

615 Spring Circle
Billings, MT 59101

Special Events

SUNDAY, AUGUST 1
Mite Box Sunday

TUESDAY, AUGUST 3
FLAME Day Hike with CLDI

THURSDAY, AUGUST 5, 6PM
FLICKER at the Mustangs Game

FRIDAY, AUGUST 6
FIRE Senior Send-Off

SATURDAY, AUGUST 14
Youth and Family Float Trip

TUESDAY, AUGUST 17
Trinity School Registration

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 18, 1PM
Wrinkled Righteous Game Day

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 25
First Day of School at Trinity



News

MUDDY CLUSTER MISSION

Thank you, Muddy Cluster Mission volunteers! We praise God for a great week of worship, fellowship, sharing Jesus, and service!



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