



Joyful Noise

AUGUST 2022

A Message from Your Pastor...

Dear Friends of Trinity,

I invite you to try something right now. On the back of this newsletter or on a scrap piece of paper, write your first name 5 times. Ready? Go! Now, do that again—but this time, write your name five times with your other hand. Are you ready? Give it a try!

How did that go? Obviously, it is easier and your name is probably more legible on the first list as compared to the second list. I remember doing that exercise as a group activity many years ago, and when I did that again today, not much has changed – my left-handed writing still isn't very good. When I participated in that exercise a while back, our group facilitator pointed out that it is easier, more efficient, and actually very enjoyable to use our strengths when we are given a task to complete. The point being that we need to focus on our strengths more than our weaknesses.

Yet it seems commonplace for us, and sometimes others, to notice our weaknesses rather than our strengths. That's part of our sinful nature. We readily see what we are not able to do, or we easily remember our failures, or we compare ourselves with others and find we don't live up to the expectations. But when is the last time you considered the things that you do well? If someone were to ask you, "What are your strengths," how would you answer?

God has given you gifts and abilities to use in various areas of life. That's the promise of Romans 12:4-6: *"For as in one body we have many members, and the members do not all have the same function, so we, though many, are one body in Christ, and individually members one of another. Having gifts that differ according to the grace given to us."* The talents and abilities that you have are gifts from God: gifts that God desires you to use for His glory. Using your gifts for God's glory means that you use them in service to Him and others. It also means that when you must do or accomplish something that you don't have the ability to do, asking others to help is a good thing. That's what Paul is talking about in verse 4 of Romans 12—that we are "one body" with "many members." God has given each of us different gifts and abilities to support and help each other, and together we make up the body of Christ with all of its members.

In the early part of September, we will be celebrating Rally Day at the school. I know this is only August and Rally Day is more than a month away, but I would invite you to plan to attend now. It will be Sunday, September 11, at 10am. But don't "just attend." Come prepared to sign up and use your gifts. Why? Because during Rally Day we will have a ministry fair that highlights many of the different ways Trinity Lutheran Church and School shares God's Word and serves people in our community of Billings and beyond. It will be a time to not only learn about the opportunities Trinity has for ministry, but also a time for you to sign up to utilize your gifts for ministry.

There are so many ways to serve the Lord at and through Trinity. You'll have to come to the ministry fair to see all the different opportunities. Until then, be thinking about your strengths. Be thinking about what you do well and how your strength could be used to help proclaim God's Word and serve His people. Be also in prayer. Pray for God's continued blessing on the work and ministry of Trinity Lutheran Church and School. And be praying about how God could use you and your gifts to serve in His Kingdom.

In Christ,
Pastor Keinath



Knowing Christ and Making Him Known

School NEWS



Richard Thomas
*Principal of Trinity
Lutheran School*

1955 TO 2022

Greetings from school. July is here and things are slowing down a bit. Soon, it will be back to crazy speeds. The title shows the dates of the school's life. The world has changed a lot during the last 67 years. Education has also changed during this time. We have always changed when the change is good. Trinity has a reputation for providing a quality, Christ-centered education to the Billings community. We are excited to begin the new school year. It will be interesting to see what the Lord has planned for us this year. One thing I can promise to our families is that we will stay true to His Word. We will love and lead His children and help them to find ways to use His blessings. Thank you for providing a school where His Word shines.

Youth NEWS



Cameron Heiliger
*Director of Youth and
Parish Education*

AUGUST YOUTH EVENT DATES:

Wednesday, August 3
Flicker and Flame at the
Mustangs game;
6:00 pm

Wednesday, August 10
Fire at the Heiligers'
S'mores and a Movie;
8:00 pm

Wednesday, August 17
Wednesday Night Youth
Group resumes;
6:30-8:00 pm at
TYM Square



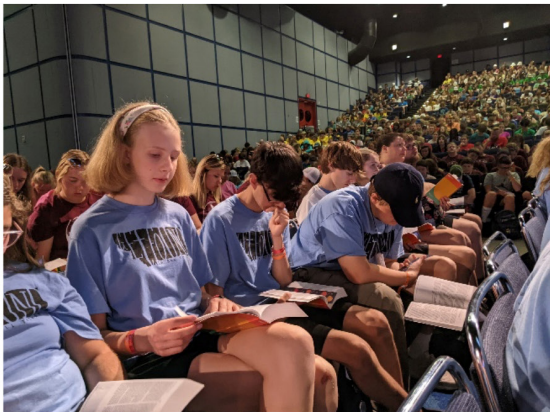
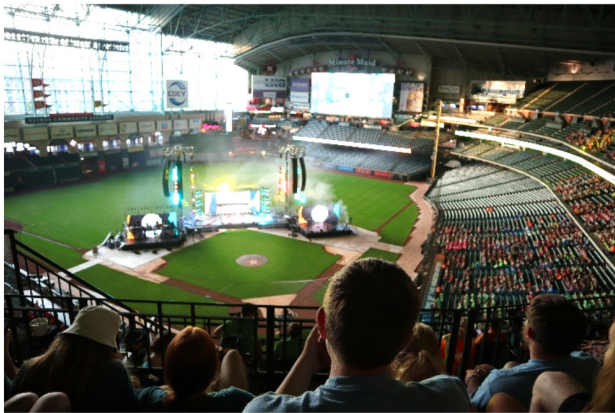
THANK YOU!! For all of your prayers and support as we spent 7 days in Houston experiencing our God who is at work IN ALL THINGS! We can't wait to tell you more about our experience on Rally Day - September 11, at the school!!



in all things

JULY 9-13, 2022

LCMS YOUTH GATHERING



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
ALTAR DUTY: <i>Shared Duty</i> Church: 245-3984 School: 656-1021 Website: www.trinitybillings.org	1 <i>Mark 11</i> 5:30pm Stewardship Mtg	2 <i>Eccl. 1:2, 12:14, 2:18-26</i> 9am Quilting 7pm Bible Study led by Rev. Zigel	3 <i>Colossians 3:1-11</i> 1pm Kitchen Guild Meeting 6pm Flicker and Flame at the Mustangs game	4 <i>Luke 12:13-21</i>	5 <i>Mark 12</i>	6 <i>Proverbs 1</i> 5pm Worship with Communion
7 <i>Psalms 80</i> MITE BOX SUNDAY 8 & 10:30am Worship 9:30am Summer Sunday School & Adult Bible Class	8 <i>Mark 13</i> 6pm Fellowship Meeting	9 <i>Genesis 15:1-6</i> 9am Quilting 7pm Bible Study led by Rev. Zigel	10 <i>Hebrews 11:1-16</i> 8pm Fire Youth Group at the Heiligers' – S'Mores and a Movie	11 <i>Luke 12:22-40</i>	12 <i>Mark 14</i>	13 <i>Proverbs 2</i> 5pm Worship
14 <i>Psalms 81</i> 8 & 10:30am Worship w/Communion 9:30am Summer Sunday School & Adult Bible Class	15 <i>Mark 15</i> 7pm LWML Meeting	16 <i>Jeremiah 23:16-29</i> 9am Quilting 7pm Bible Study led by Rev. Zigel Trinity School Registration 9am – 11:30 am & 5pm – 7:30pm	17 <i>Hebrews 11:17-40, 12:1-3</i> 1pm Wrinkled Righteous Game Day 6:30pm FIRE Youth Group	18 <i>Luke 12:49-56</i>	19 <i>Mark 16</i>	20 <i>Proverbs 3</i> 5pm Worship with Communion
21 <i>Psalms 82</i> 8 & 10:30am Worship Consecration of TLS Staff at 8:00am 9:30am Summer Sunday School & Adult Bible Class	22 <i>John 1</i>	23 <i>Isaiah 66:18-23</i> First Day of School at TLS 9am Quilting 7pm Bible Study led by Rev. Zigel	24 <i>Hebrews 12:4-29</i> 6:30pm FIRE Youth Group	25 <i>Luke 13:22-30</i>	26 <i>John 2</i>	27 <i>Proverbs 4</i> 5pm Worship
28 <i>Psalms 83</i> 8 & 10:30am Worship w/Communion 9:30am Sunday School & Adult Bible Class	29 <i>John 3</i>	30 <i>Proverbs 25:2-10</i> 9am Quilting 7pm Elders' Meeting 7pm Bible Study led by Rev. Zigel	31 <i>Hebrews 13:1-17</i> 8:30am Chapel at TLS 6:30pm FIRE Youth Group	ELDERS: Saturday: Neal Wagenman Sun., 8:00: Tom Runge Sun., 10:30: Ted Loomans ACOLYTES: See Summer Schedule		

Trinity Worship Services on Community 7
8am Sundays & 5pm Tuesdays

Financial REPORT

June 2022 Finances		
Income		121,870
Expenses		188,251
<i>Net Margin</i>		<i>-66,381</i>
2021-2022 Finances		
	<i>Actual</i>	<i>Target</i>
Offerings	1,052,527	984,971
Total Income	2,351,424	2,108,716
Total Expenses	2,200,291	2,108,716
<i>Net Margin</i>	<i>151,133</i>	<i>0</i>

FUNERALS/MEMORIALS

Lewin Solomon “Sonny” Kober passed away on July 12. His memorial service was held at Trinity Lutheran Church on Thursday, July 21, with Rev. Daniel Rinderknecht presiding.

BAPTISMS

Hazel Lee Jore, daughter of Ryan and Brittany (Larson) Jore, and Adlin Jane Smelser, daughter of Nathan and Nicole Smelser of Glendive, MT, were baptized by Rev. Daniel Rinderknecht on Sunday, July 24. They are the great-granddaughters of Lucile Smelser.



LWML NEWS

Meeting on August 15 | 7:00 pm

Opening Devotion: Caroline Boll

Program: Lutherans for Life

Meeting Hostesses: Visitation Guild

Church Service Greeters for August: Visitation Guild



On Sunday, June 26, we welcomed 15 new members into our family at Trinity!

Special Events

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 3

6:00 PM

Flicker and Flame at the Mustangs

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 10

8:00 PM

Fire Youth Group at Heiligers'

TUESDAY, AUGUST 16

9:00-11:30 AM & 5:00-7:30 PM

Trinity School Registration

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 17

1:00 PM

Wrinkled Righteous Game Day

SUNDAY, AUGUST 21

TLS Staff Consecration @ 8am

TUESDAY, AUGUST 23

First Day of School at Trinity!



News



SAVE THE DATE: RALLY DAY AND MINISTRY FAIR!



When? Sunday, September 11, right after the 10am church-wide worship service at Trinity School (2802 Belvedere Drive)

Why? To celebrate our Lord and serve together as we seek to fulfill our mission of *Knowing Christ and Making Him Known*

Who? YOU and everyone who is part of the Trinity family!

(Boards, LWML, Mission Teams, Choirs, Sound Techs, Altar Guild, etc.)

Knowing Christ and Making Him Known