



Joyful Noise

JULY 2017

A Message from Your Pastor...

Dear Friends in Christ,

Towards the middle of June, the Gospel reading for one Sunday was these words from Matthew 9:35-36 “And Jesus went throughout all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the gospel of the kingdom and healing every disease and every affliction. When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd.”

God always has a way of connecting His Word with our lives, and one of the connections I noticed in this reading was that we read about Jesus traveling “throughout all the cities and villages” during this season of summer, when many people are traveling and taking vacations. So I wonder, when you travel, or when you go on vacation, what do you intend to do or see? Many people go places where they are able to relax and be refreshed. So people visit family members and friends who live a considerable distance away. Other people enjoy seeing different parts of the world, whether they be different cities or landmarks, or different places of God’s creation.

Notice what Jesus travels to do and see in Matthew 9. Jesus travels to proclaim His Word, and to heal “every disease and every affliction.” But that’s not all. We are told what Jesus saw when he traveled. “When [Jesus] saw the crowds, he had compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd.” When Jesus traveled, He saw people. He saw people who were hurting; He saw people who were helpless; He saw people who were “like sheep without a shepherd.”

What do you see when you travel? Usually we travel to see people we know, or places we think might be interesting. And in between our destinations and the things we want to see, we will also see people. We will see people who are hurting; we will see people who are helpless; we will see people who are “like sheep without a shepherd.” God’s Word in Matthew 9 challenges us in our travels – and even when we’re not traveling – to see people like Jesus does, with compassion.

As we travel – on vacation and through life – may the Holy Spirit move our hearts to have compassion on the people we will see. Maybe that compassion will be shown in a simple smile. Maybe that compassion will be shown in a kind and encouraging word. Maybe your compassion will be shown in helping and caring for that individual in some physical or tangible way. Or maybe just a prayer for that person is the most compassionate thing we are able to give; as we trust in Jesus, who traveled from heaven to earth in-order to heal “every disease and every affliction.”

In Christ,

Pastor Keinath



Knowing Christ and Making Him Known

School and YOUTH NEWS



Rick Thomas

FILL THE SEATS!

Greetings to July. We have plenty of time for families to enroll for the 2017-2018 school year. In fact, we really need our families to spread the word. Our kindergarten numbers are low for this year. The rumor out there is that we are full with a waiting list, so families don't even try. Ouch! We always seem to have room. People hear that there is a waiting list for a particular grade, so they think it is for every grade. We have tried many different ways of advertising to the city of Billings, and, after 25 years, I still say our people are the best advertisers. Mention this to your friends, and tell them they can get \$250 off their tuition for mentioning you. So, go do what you do best! Thank you for helping us to share the love of Jesus with as many of His people as possible!

– Rick Thomas,
Principal of Trinity Lutheran School

JULY YOUTH OPPORTUNITIES



Youth and families! There are two opportunities to join us in July!

First, let's plan to spend the afternoon of July 16th together at the Mustangs game! All eligible youth (5th grade and older) and families are invited to join us for the game! Tickets are \$8 each. Please let the church office know by Wednesday, July 5th, if you plan to attend!

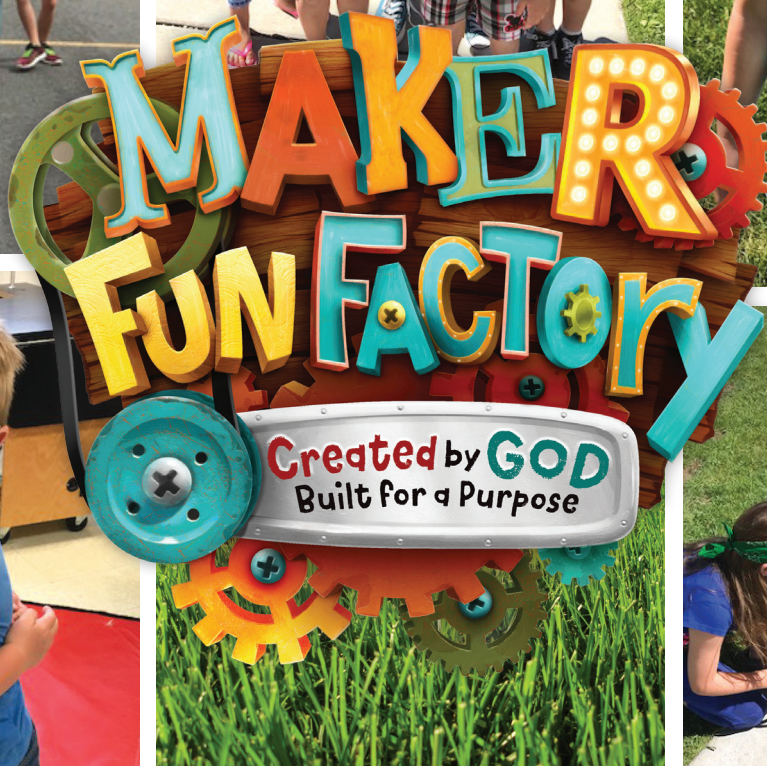
Second, join the Youth Board after church on July 23rd to discuss, plan, and pray about youth ministry for school year 2017-2018!!



ANGOLA YOUTH SERVANT TRIP

The FIRE Youth left for their servant event trip in Angola, NY, on Sunday, June 25. Please keep them in your prayers as they travel and serve!

Trinity VBS 2017



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
ACOLYTES: See Summer Schedule!	LAY MINISTERS: Saturday: Clayton Scheafer Sun., 8:00: Arnold Schultz Sun., 10:30: Ray Smith	ALTAR DUTY: Sheryl Scheafer <u>Trinity Worship Services on Community 7</u> 8am Sundays & 5pm Tuesdays				1 Proverbs 4 5pm Worship With Communion
2 Psalm 35 MITE BOX SUNDAY 8 & 10:30am Worship 9:30am Summer Sunday School & Adult Bible Class FIRE Servant-Event Participants Return	3 John 9	4 Jeremiah 28:5-9 Happy 4th of July! Church Office Closed	5 Romans 7:1-13 1pm Visitation Guild Mtg. 1:30pm Kitchen Guild Mtg. 6:30pm FIRE Youth Group	6 Matt. 10:34-42	7 John 10	8 Proverbs 5 5pm Worship
9 Psalm 36 8 & 10:30am Worship w/Communion 9:30am Summer Sunday School & Adult Bible Class	10 John 11 6:30pm Evangelism Mtg.	11 Zech. 9:9-12 6am Men's Bible Study 9am Quilting 7pm Ladies' Small Group	12 Romans 7:14-25a 6:30pm FIRE Youth Group	13 Matt. 11:25-30 6pm Rehearsal	14 John 12 3-5:30pm Blood Drive at TLC 6:45pm Vigasaa/Lundby Wedding	15 Proverbs 6 8am LED Lighting Project at TLS 5pm Worship With Communion
16 Psalm 37 8 & 10:30am Worship 9:30am Summer Sunday School & Adult Bible Class 1:05pm Youth & Family Event – Mustangs' Game	17 John 13 6:30pm LWML Potluck Picnic at the Fellowship Hall	18 Isaiah 55:10-13 6am Men's Bible Study 9am Quilting 7pm Ladies' Small Group	19 Romans 8:12-17 6:30pm FIRE Youth Group	20 Matt. 13:1-9, 18-23	21 John 14	22 Proverbs 7 5pm Worship with Commissioning of Mission Trip Participants
23 Psalm 38 8 & 10:30am Worship w/Communion 9:30am Summer Sunday School & Adult Bible Class 12-5pm Youth & Youth Bd. Retreat	24 John 15	25 Isaiah 44:6-8 6am Men's Bible Study 9am Quilting 7pm Ladies' Small Group	26 Romans 8:18-27 6:30pm FIRE Youth Group	27 Matt. 13:24-30, 36-43 Manitoba Mission Departure Date (Return August 6)	28 John 16	29 Proverbs 8 2pm Schmidt/Hoffacker Wedding 5pm Worship
30 Psalm 39 8 & 10:30am Worship 9:30am Summer Sunday School & Adult Bible Class	31 John 17	Church Phone: 245-3984 School Phone: 656-1021				

MEMBERSHIP LIST

Please help us keep our membership list up to date. If you have a child who is attending church elsewhere or has lived out of state for some time, please let us know. (Many have been listed under your family membership since their baptism or confirmation.) Please visit with them (or provide contact information so we can visit with them) regarding their membership with Trinity. Thank you! –*The Board of Lay Ministry*

TRINITY BUSINESS DIRECTORY - IT'S TIME TO UPDATE!

We'd like to share information about our church members' businesses! If you would like to participate and be listed in the Trinity Business Directory, please come by (or email us at church@trinitybillings.org) the church office letting us know the type of business you have, the business name, member name, phone number, website and any other information you'd like us to know about your business. We will gather new information and then print a new Trinity Business Directory the end of July! Thank you!



POTLUCK PICNIC

Monday, July 17

6:30 pm

Church Fellowship Hall

*Devotion will be by the
Convention Delegates.
Come and hear about the
Convention in Albuquerque!*

ADDRESS CHANGES

Mike Blatnick
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Wardeen Kuenzel
1142 Parkhill Drive
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MEMBERSHIP ADDITIONS

Through Adult Confirmation:

David Kober

Ira Merback

Through Transfer:

Miranda Cichosz

Through Affirmation of Faith:

Scott Cichosz

Richard Kober

Josh & Wendy Nichols

MEMBERSHIP LOSSES

Transfer to Zion Lutheran, Brighton, CO

Dana, Madonna, Lindsey & Christoph Rau

BAPTISMS

Layne Daniel James Brown 6/3/17

Claire Elizabeth Nichols 6/25/17

Kathryn Harper Nichols 6/25/17

Ella Rose Nichols 6/25/17

MARRIAGES

Rhys Benson & Christina Thomas 6/24/17

Financial REPORT

May Financials		
Income		108,481
Expenses		142,370
Net Margin		(33,889)
2016-2017 Financials		
	<i>Actual</i>	<i>Target</i>
Offerings	776,907	781,946
Total Income	1,550,811	1,602,497
Total Expenses	1,556,489	1,602,259
Net Margin	(5,678)	238
Expansion Project Contributions		
May 2017 Gifts		3,870
July 2016 - May 2017 Gifts		71,961

Special Events

JUNE 25-JULY 2

FIRE Servant Event in Angola, NY

FRIDAY, JULY 14, 3:00-5:30 PM

Blood Drive at Trinity Church

SATURDAY, JULY 15, 8:00 AM

LED Lighting Project at Trinity School

Please join us – no experience necessary!

SUNDAY, JULY 16, 1:05 PM

Youth & Family Mustangs' Game

MONDAY, JULY 17, 6:30 PM

LWML Potluck Picnic – Fellowship Hall

SUNDAY, JULY 25, NOON-5:00 PM

Youth & Youth Board Retreat

JULY 27-AUGUST 6

Manitoba Mission Trip



News



On Sunday, June 25, we welcomed a number of new members into our midst. Pictured above from left to right are Josh, Wendy, Ella, Claire & Kate Nichols; David Kober, Scott & Miranda Cichosz; & Emily Logan.

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