



Joyful Noise

JULY 2021

A Message from Your Pastor...

Dear Friends in Christ,

There are a lot of runners in the summer. Or, at least, there are many more runners *outside* during the summer. I'm sure many of the runners we see outside have some sort of workout regimen during the snowy months, only their workouts are hidden inside a club, fitness center, home, or some other warm place. Regardless of the location, the goal for the runner remains the same no matter if it's winter or summer or any other season.

Scripture speaks of the Christian life like that of a runner. Paul says in 1 Corinthians 9:24-25 *"Do you not know that in a race all the runners run, but only one receives the prize? So run that you may obtain it. Every athlete exercises self-control in all things. They do it to receive a perishable wreath, but we an imperishable."*

We also read in Hebrews 12:1-2 *"Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God."*

This second reading from Hebrews served as the theme verse for the 2021 LWML National Convention in Lexington, Kentucky, during the last week of June. Along with several women from Trinity and the Montana District, I attended the convention as the Junior Pastoral Counselor for the Montana District LWML. The verse was summarized as "Running the Race...Looking to Jesus." The idea being, looking to Jesus, we faithfully run the race set before us and proclaim the joy we have in the Lord. Just like a dedicated runner finds a place to run in the summer or winter, we also as Christians continue to follow Jesus, regardless of what we are facing in life. Whatever may come our way, we continue to run faithfully, looking to Jesus.

Even more, just like we see more runners outside during the summer months, so also the ministry of Trinity seems to move outside more during the summer months. For example, we have Vacation Bible School that reaches families who otherwise don't have a direct connection with our church and school. There was a group from Trinity who spent a week in Muddy Cluster helping Pastor Bauer and Circle of Life Lutheran Church continue building a youth lodge and leading Vacation Bible School there. Several women were in Lexington, Kentucky, doing various servant projects. We helped provide Bibles to a school in Pakistan. The Fire Youth Group will be heading to Bigfork, Montana, to serve at Trinity (Kalispell) Lutheran Camp for a week in July. Normally we have a group going to Manitoba, Canada, in July and August to share the good news of Jesus, but due to restrictions, that will not take place this year.

Yes, there are a lot of runners in the summer. Or, at least, there are many more runners *outside* during the summer. That seems to be true for ministry at Trinity. But regardless of the season, we are called to run faithfully, looking to Jesus. As you "run" faithfully this summer (and every season), may God use you to carry His Word to people in your life, that they too may look to Jesus as their Lord and Savior.

In Christ,

Pastor Keinath



Knowing Christ and Making Him Known

School NEWS



2021-2022 PLANNING BEGINS

Greetings from school. It was very nice to celebrate our debt-free expansion on June 6! The 2020-2021 school year is over, but now we begin work on what comes next. In June, our Staff were involved in an Autism workshop and also a Dyslexia workshop. Our families' needs keep changing and we are always looking at ways to be prepared to meet their needs. The Lord protected us and allowed us to be in school. Our prayer is that next year, we will be fully back to normal. I also want to give you an update on our letters and coffee cards. The 300 letters and coffee cards (\$20 each!) were delivered to all of our law enforcement officers! A huge thank you to our church and school families. The photo is of Highway Patrol Officer, Eric Gardner. He graduated from Trinity in 2010.

-Richard Thomas, *Principal of Trinity Lutheran School*



Youth NEWS

JULY YOUTH EVENTS:

Tuesday, July 20

FLICKER Day Hike in Red Lodge
(Parents/Drivers Needed!)

Wednesday, July 21, 6-9pm

FIRE @ Diamond Paintball

Thursday, July 22, 6pm

FLAME @ The Mustangs Game



Summer



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
ALTAR DUTY: Deb White ACOLYTES: Summer Schedule ELDERS: Saturday.: Nathan Thompson Sun., 8:00: Arnie Schultz Sun., 10:30: Ted Loomans		Church: 245-3984 School: 656-1021 Website: www.trinitybillings.org <u>Trinity Worship Services on Community 7</u> 8am Sundays & 5pm Tuesday		1 Mark 5:21-43	2 Luke 15	3 Psalm 148 5pm Worship with Communion
4 Psalm 149 Happy 4th of July! MITE BOX SUNDAY 8 & 10:30am Worship 9:30am Summer Sunday School & Adult Bible Class	5 Luke 16 Church Office Closed	6 Ezekiel 2:1-5 9am Quilting 6:30pm Youth Board Mtg. 7pm Bible Study led by Rev. Zigel	7 2 Corinthians 12:1-10	8 Mark 6:1-13	9 Luke 17	10 Psalm 150 5pm Worship
11 Proverbs 1 8 & 10:30am Worship w/ Communion 8am Youth Sending 9:30am Summer Sunday School & Adult Bible Class	12 Luke 18	13 Amos 7:7-15 9am Quilting 7pm Bible Study led by Rev. Zigel	14 Ephesians 1:3-14	15 Mark 6:14-29	16 Luke 19	17 Proverbs 2 5pm Worship with Communion
Youth Trip to Big Fork, Montana, July 11 - 16						
18 Proverbs 3 8 & 10:30am Worship 9:30am Summer Sunday School & Adult Bible Class	19 Luke 20	20 Jeremiah 23:1-6 FLICKER Day Hike 9am Quilting 7pm Bible Study led by Rev. Zigel	21 Ephesians 2:11-22 1pm Wrinkled Righteous Game Day 6-9pm FIRE Activity at Diamond Paintball	22 Mark 6:30-44 6pm FLAME at the Mustangs Game	23 Luke 21	24 Proverbs 4 5pm Worship
25 Proverbs 5 8 & 10:30am Worship w/ Communion 9:30am Summer Sunday School & Adult Bible Class	26 Luke 22	27 Genesis 9:8-17 9am Quilting 4pm LFL at Mount Olive 7pm Bible Study led by Rev. Zigel	28 Ephesians 3:14-21	29 Mark 6:45-56	30 Luke 23	31 Proverbs 6 5pm Worship

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

As we head into a new fiscal year, we do so with thanksgiving to God for His amazing provision. This past year we were able to meet all of our financial obligations and pay off our Phase 1 Expansion loan.

Our offering goal for the coming year will remain the same as 2020-2021 (0% change). We are grateful for the first-fruits generosity of our members, and ask for your continued support of Trinity's ministry and mission. We will be revisiting our Phase 2 Expansion plans in the coming year, and any gifts to that fund will be seed money for our Phase 2 projects.



Lutheran
Women
in Mission

LWML NEWS

No Meeting in July

Church Service Greeters for July:
World Friendship Guild

ADDRESS CHANGES

Alberta Hofferber
Bella Terra
1807 24th St. W #205
Billings, MT 59102
406-651-1539

WEDDINGS

Dalton Green and Hailey Shaw were joined in marriage by Rev. Daniel Keinath on June 12, 2021, in Ennis, MT.

FUNERALS

June Ottolino passed away on May 25. The memorial service was held on June 10, with Rev. Daniel Rinderknecht presiding.



Summer Night #2

presented by



Join us Friday July 9
8:30 PM at
Trinity Lutheran School

ALL ARE
WELCOME!

Bring chairs,
blankets for the
outdoor movie.



MOVIE NIGHT

CVLI License No.: 504273301

Kid's Outdoor Movie:

Raya
and the
Last Dragon



Adult's Indoor Movie

Paul
Apostle of
Christ



Special Events

**SUNDAY, JULY 11 –
FRIDAY, JULY 16**

FIRE Youth Trip to
Big Fork, Montana

TUESDAY, JULY 21

FLICKER Day Hike
at Red Lodge

WEDNESDAY, JULY 21

Wrinkled Righteous
Game Day, 1:00pm

FIRE at Diamond
Paintball, 6-9:00pm

THURSDAY, JULY 22

FLAME Mustangs
Game, 6:00pm



News

GOD'S WORD GOES TO PAKISTAN!

Earlier this summer, we had the privilege of purchasing Bibles for a small church and school in Pakistan with the help of the Pakistan Bible Society. Trinity's Vacation Bible School children raised funds to send 40 Urdu Bibles, 25 Urdu Children's Bibles, and 3 English ESV Bibles to New Hope Church and School in Gujranwala, Pakistan. The leader at the school, Afia Mehak, was so excited to receive the Bibles for New Hope that she couldn't even sleep. It is inspiring to see how God's Word is received with such enthusiasm and joy!



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