

Joyful Noise

JULY 2023

A Message from Your Pastor...

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ at Trinity,

Since Pastor Rinderknecht's retirement in February of this year, Trinity Lutheran Church and School has been in the call process for a senior pastor. It is a process that we have agreed to follow as a synod and as a congregation. The call process takes time. A few of the major steps in the process include the board of elders selecting a call committee; completing a congregational self-study; receiving names of pastors from the congregation and the district president; the call committee and congregation having opportunities to learn about each candidate; and the call committee completing interviews.

Though there are many people and steps involved, it is a process that is encompassed with prayer and trust in the Holy Spirit to lead and guide. The process certainly does take time. But it is also good when a congregation follows the process to which she agrees and does not compromise the teachings/doctrine to which she adheres in order to save a little time.

With that in mind, as many of you know, at the Call Meeting on June 7, the congregation extended a call for me to serve as senior pastor at Trinity Lutheran Church and School. I am both humbled and honored to have received the call to serve as senior pastor, which I readily accepted. I think the words of Isaiah 43:1-3(a) capture what I mean:

But now thus says the Lord, he who created you, O Jacob, he who formed you, O Israel: "Fear not, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine. When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you; when you walk through fire you shall not be burned, and the flame shall not consume you. For I am the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Savior."

These words of Scripture are a promise of what God the Father has done for us in Christ. He has redeemed us by Jesus' death and resurrection. He has called us by name through the waters of baptism. God promises in these words that nothing we face in this world will be stronger than Him. It is a sure promise we have because of Jesus.

As we consider these powerful promises of God, I also think about the role of a pastor. A pastor is often invited into very tender moments of people's lives. Think of the birth of a child and baptism. Confirmation. A wedding. Pastors are invited to the bedside of people in the hospital, or because of surgery, or because death is drawing nearer. At funerals. There are other moments for sure. Isaiah calls these moments "passing through the waters... through the rivers... through fire."

Having served as associate pastor at Trinity for the last eight years, you have invited me into many moments of your lives. It is a privilege to have shared those moments with you. I am also humbled and honored that you are inviting me to share more of those moments with you as senior pastor.

But in all reality, it's not about me being with you in those moments; it's about Jesus being with us in those moments. God says it this way through Isaiah, "For I am the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Savior." God our Heavenly Father is the One who carries us through and promises to take care of us through all the different moments of our lives. As a pastor, I'm there to direct you to the promises of God: Promises that are recorded in Scripture, offered at the Lord's Table, assured in the death and resurrection of Jesus.

It is faith in these promises of our God that we continue to walk together and move forward in ministry at Trinity Lutheran Church and School. Exactly what is in store for us down the road? I have no idea. But what I do know – no matter what moment of life we may be in as individuals or a congregation – the Lord our God promises to be with us and take care of us. And being in the presence and protection of God is always a good place to be. I am looking forward to walking with you as pastor through the moments and in the promises of our God.

In Christ, Pastor Keinath

School NEWS



Richard Thomas Principal of Trinity Lutheran School

WHAT'S THE PLAN?

Greetings from school. Summer is our time of planning. This summer, it seems like we have a lot of planning. The church and school are taking steps to replace different positions. A person can get a little nervous with these changes. This is when we remind ourselves that the Lord has everything already planned out for us. Our role is to remember His promises and to follow His path that He has laid out for us to follow. It is a time of excitement to faithfully listen to His words. May the Lord bless all of us as we seek His will. Enjoy the summer.





Vacation Bible School 2023

Directors:

Cameron Heiliger

KidVid:

Tanya Hensel

Preschool Directors:

Laura McCoy

Galactic Snacks:

Debbie Patterson

Jennifer Boll

Preschool Pastor Chat:

Samantha Duncan

Music:

Samie Keller

Preschool Craft:

Tim Keller

Liam Kerns

Claire Kinsfater

Pastor Keinath Ashley Speed

Opening & Closing: Imagination Station: Nick Harding Cameron Heiliger

Preschool Bible Story:

Ashley Ehrlick Megan Keinath

Stellar Bible Adventures:

Ted Loomans Andrea Heiliger **Preschool Games: Preschool Snack:**

Katie Winden

All-Star Games:

Tom Kosche

Colleen Whitbeck

Haddon Benson Rocky Benson Paula Baker Andrew Barndt Micah Boll Noah Boll Jonathon Boll Brianna Brindle

Clay Crusch

Bergan Duncan

Matthew Emerling

Serena Edgell

Chloe Emery

Makenna Hall Debbie Hartford Beth Heiliger Landon Heiliger Kaci Hensel Kobe Hill

Nettie Joyce

Amy Keinath

Grace Keller

Kenzie Keller

David Keinath

Raleigh Kinsfater Connie Klundt Bonnie Koch Caitlin Holzheimer Kody Koeppel **Bridger Horton** Ryder Koeppel Tyler Horton Teddi Humphrey Ellie Jackson

Abbie Kosche Ruth Kosche Autumn Krivonen Avery Mahn Carleigh Mahn

Ella McCoy Heidi Morgan

Emily Ostermiller Marley Reintsma

Sam Reintsma Krystal Reynolds Lynette Rudio Amy Schmidt Debbie Schmidt Kari Schoening Joesi Schumaker Stacie Shaw Landon Speed KK Strobel Brenda Thornton

Jazmine Villanueva Luke Wagner Will Warner Will Wetzell Bennett Williams

Jamie Farnsworth Leah Fenno Thelma Grove

Ramsey Erickson

We had an exciting week this Stellar VBS!

We were blessed with up to 226 kiddos and lots of helpers and support. We couldn't have had such a wonderful VBS week without all of these willing servants listed above!!!!!

Thank you to all who brought in cookies, prayed for us throughout the week and joined us at the ice cream social! We praise God for you and your commitment to sharing the Gospel message through this Christ-filled week!

SATURDAY	1 Proverbs 5 5pm Worship w/Communion	8 Proverbs 6 5pm Worship	15 Proverbs 7 5pm Worship w/Communion		22 Proverbs 8 5pm Worship		29 Proverbs 9 5pm Worship	245-3984 656-1021
FRIDAY	s on Community 7 m Tuesdays	7 Luke 10	14 Luke 12		21 Luke 14 8pm Movie night @ TLS		28 Luke 16	Church Phone: 245-3984 School Phone: 656-1021
THURSDAY	Y: Shared Duty Trinity Worship Services on Community 7 8am Sundays & 5pm Tuesdays	6 Matt. 10:34-42 10:30am Bible Study	13 <i>Matt. 11:</i> 25-30 10:30am Bible Study		20 Matt. 13:1-9, 18-23 10:30am Bible Study		27 <i>Matt.</i> 13:24-43 10:30am Bible Study	
WEDNESDAY	<u>ALTAR DUTY:</u>	5 Romans 7:1-13	12 Romans 7:14-25a	Trinity Youth Camp in Bigfork, MT	19 Romans 8:12-17 1pm Wrinkled Righteous Game Day	each at Circle of Life	26 Romans 8:18-27	
TUESDAY	<i>.AY MINISTERS:</i> Saturday: Sun., 8:00: Tom Runge Sun., 10:30: Paul Kober	4 Jeremiah 28:5-9 Happy 4th of July! Church Office Closed	11 Zech. 9:9-12 9am Quilting 7pm Bible Study led by Pastor Zagel	Trinity Youth	18 Isaiah 55:10-13 9am Quilting 7pm Bible Study led by Pastor Zagel	Muddy Cluster Mission Outreach at Circle of Life	25 Isaiah 44:6-8 9am Quilting 7pm Elders Meeting 7pm Bible Study led by Pastor Zagel	
MONDAY	<u>LAY MINISTERS:</u> Saturday: Sun., 8:00: Tom Runge Sun., 10:30: Paul Kober	3 Luke 9 Church Office Closed	for the 11 6pm Fellowship Meeting 7pm Adult Class 7pm Women's Bible Study @ TYM Square		17 Luke 13 7pm Adult Class 7pm Women's Bible Study @ TYM Square	Mud	24 Luke 15 7pm Adult Class 7pm Women's Bible Study @ TYM Square	31 Luke 17
SUNDAY	ACOLYTES: See Summer Schedule!	2 Psalm 127 MITE BOX SUNDAY 8 & 10:30am Worship 9:30am Summer Sunday School & Adult Bible Class	9 Psalm 128 8 & 10:30am Worship w/Communion 9:30am Summer Sunday School & Adult Bible Class Daniel and Tom Nelson share	about ministry in India during Bible Study	16 Psalm 129 8 & 10:30am Worship 9:30am Summer Sunday School & Adult Bible Class		23 Psalm 130 8 & 10:30am Worship w/Communion 9:30am Summer Sunday School & Adult Bible Class	30 Psalm 131 8 & 10:30am Worship 9:30am Summer Sunday School & Adult Bible Class

Financial REPORT

May 2023 Finances							
Income			145,473				
Expenses		196,215					
Net Margin		-50,742					
2022-2023 Finances							
		Actual	Target				
Offerings	60,807		73,334				
Total Income	2,384,416		2,204,254				
Total Expenses	2,165,549		2,185,923				
Net Margin	218,867		18,331				



We thank God for bringing the Harding family to Trinity for the past 4 years, and we wish them His abundant blessings at they serve Trinity Lutheran Church and School in Crown Point, Indiana.





LWML NEWS

No Meeting in July

Next meeting is Monday, August 21 at 7:00pm Church Service Greeters for July: Kitchen Guild



Special Events

SUNDAY, JULY 9

India Ministry
Presentation @ 9:30am

MONDAY, JULY 10 – FRIDAY, JULY 14

Trinity Youth Camp in Bigfork, MT

MONDAY, JULY 17 – THURSDAY, JULY 20

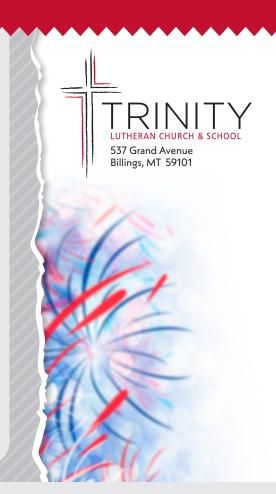
Muddy Cluster Mission

WEDNESDAY, JULY 19

Wrinkled Righteous Game Day @ 1pm

FRIDAY, JULY 21

Family Movie Night @ 8pm



News











MUDDY CLUSTER MISSION: JULY 17-21

Join us the last week of July to serve our Northern Cheyenne neighbors in Muddy Cluster! Muddy is only 90 minutes from Billings (3 miles from Lame Deer), so you can come to serve and share Jesus for a day or the week. We will continue construction on a ministry lodge and each afternoon will lead the *Stellar* Bible School for kids in the community! Whether you enjoy building lodges or building a love for Jesus, join us for this summer's Muddy Cluster Mission. Contact Jonathan Boll at 406-670-0124 or jboll@trinitybillings.org to find out more!