



Joyful Noise

OCTOBER 2018

A Message from Your Pastor...

Dear Friends in Christ,

During the middle of June this year, Trinity Lutheran Church and School hosted the Montana District Convention. The theme of that convention was “The Truth Came Through Jesus Christ,” based on John 1:17. I was reminded of the convention theme towards the end of September when President Forke did a devotion for the District Committees. His text was 2 Corinthians 6:1-7 with a focus on verse 7 that talks about “truthful speech and the power of God.” President Forke was encouraging the District Committees (and individual Christians) to speak the truth of God’s Word in scripture. He emphasized that people need to hear the truth that only comes “Through Jesus Christ.”

Jesus says in John 14:6, “I am the way, and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.” As Christians, we know that. By faith, we trust these words, but the world does not. The world wants to make its own truth. The world, even our American culture wants to determine what is right or wrong or true based on transitory passions, cravings, and ideas. In our post-modern culture where personal perspectives define an individual’s truth, the mere idea of having absolute truth is considered foreign and absurd. But in reality, speaking the truth of scripture to people who have their own ideas of things is nothing new.

Just go back 501 years ago, when Martin Luther nailed the 95 Theses on the Castle Church door in Wittenberg Germany. The church in Luther’s time was, in essence,

making up its own truth about salvation; it was not following the teachings of Holy Scripture with the selling of indulgences and doing penance for sin. Luther’s 95 Theses was to help the church see that “The Truth Came Through Jesus Christ.” Luther spoke the truth, but it wasn’t by Luther’s power that things began to change, it was by the power of God. God used His Word, spoken through Luther, to bring people to know the truth. The truth about sin, forgiveness, salvation is that it’s all about Jesus. It’s all about Jesus’ death and resurrection. Luther made it clear, “Truth Came Through Jesus Christ.”

At the end of this month, on October 28, we will celebrate the Reformation. It’s the day when the church remembers Luther’s work that began on October 31, 1517, when he posted his 95 Theses. It’s a day that we remember Luther, yes, but even more, it’s a day that we celebrate God’s power working through His Word of Truth. God’s Word of truth brings us life and salvation through Jesus Christ. It is God’s Word of Truth that is needed in our lives today. It is God’s Word of truth that our world, our culture, our neighbor needs to hear. It is God’s Word of truth that we as Christians we are called to speak. So let’s speak the truth of God’s Word, but let’s also speak it in love (Eph. 4:15).

In Christ,
Pastor Dan Keinath



Knowing Christ and Making Him Known

School and YOUTH NEWS



“WHAT MAKES UP TRINITY?”

Greetings from school. We get asked from time to time if Trinity is a real school? Do we have real teachers? How do we compare to the public schools? Trinity has a strong academic tradition. We have many Trinity alumni who are then valedictorians in the area high schools. We have students who have government appointments to West Point and the Naval Academy. We have students who play varsity sports. We have students who lead roles in plays and musicals. The list goes on and on.

Let me tell you what I think makes up Trinity. Trinity is family. Trinity's main focus is the Cross. Here are three stories that are going on right now at Trinity. We are celebrating the retirement of Mrs. Beth Heiliger. She served our church and school for 24 years. When she first came, her goal was to be here for 1 year. While she was here, she felt the Call from the Lord to stay here and serve. Mrs. Cindy Speed served here her whole career. She loved her students and shared her faith daily with them. She was a great witness right up to the moment that the Lord called her home. Her impact was evident on Facebook. Facebook blew up with messages after the news was out about her passing. The messages all focused on the Cross. Her witness continued even after her passing. Recently a young student came up to me to see if we could get her baptized. She was studying her memory work which dealt with baptism and she wanted that blessing. Is Trinity a perfect place? No, it is not. Mrs. Speed can tell you what a perfect place is all about. Hopefully I have helped you to understand Trinity a little better. Students at Trinity cover so many areas during their stay here. When I am asked what our main area of focus is, the answer is simple: The Cross.

– Richard Thomas,
Principal of Trinity Lutheran School



NATIONAL YOUTH GATHERING ONLY NINE MONTHS AWAY!

Registration forms were due at the end of September, meaning that by the time you read this, we will have a much clearer picture of our

group for next year's National Youth Gathering in Minneapolis. At this time, our group looks to be in the range of 25-30 people including adult leaders. As this group of young people and adults prepares to experience our Real. Present. God. with thousands of others from all over the globe, would you prayerfully consider how you can partner with us?

During the month of October, there will be an opportunity to once again “Adopt the Envelope.” Envelopes marked from \$1 to \$150 will be available in the narthex. If you are able, simply take the envelope (or envelopes) that best fit your budget, put in the dollar amount on the outside, and drop it off in either the offering plate or the box in the narthex. It may not seem like much, but as more and more envelopes are taken, the funds raised will rise exponentially! And, if all \$150 envelopes are adopted, we will have raised over \$11,000 toward the trip! Not only that, but with each column of envelopes that is emptied, the youth are prepared to perform a service project for the congregation or community. Thanks!

THANKSGIVING IS RIGHT AROUND THE CORNER!

Be on the lookout in October for how you can help the youth reach out to our community by donating items for Thanksgiving Baskets!

OCTOBER YOUTH EVENTS

FLICKER

Saturday, October 13
2:30-4:30PM
@ TYM Square

FLAME

Saturday, October 13
6:30-8:30PM
@ TYM Square

FIRE

Friday, October 26
4:00PM – Midnight
Senior-West Tailgate
@ TYM Square

NYG MEETING

Wednesday, October 24
5:30PM @ TYM Square

Tee-Off & Fall Fest



Our 10th annual Trinity Tee-Off was another spectacular day of golf and fellowship! Over the past 10 years this tournament has raised nearly \$100,000 to support Trinity School and the Manitoba Mission. Thank you to our sponsors and golfers for their participation and generosity!



Friday, October 12, @ 5pm
Trinity Lutheran School

Join us for Fall Fest!

Fall Fest is a family-friendly evening that includes dozens of exciting carnival games for kids and more than 50 silent auction items for adults. Admission is only \$5 and includes dinner, so join us for a wonderful evening of fun, food, and fellowship. Tickets are available in advance through the school office or at the door the night of the event!



Lutheran
Women
in Mission

LWML MEETING

October 15

Executive Board at 6:30pm

Meeting at 7:00pm

Opening Devotion:

Pastor Daniel Keinath

Program: "A Man Called Martin,"
Part 3, Session 5

ADDRESS CHANGES

Dorothy Podoll

Cell phone # 406-696-3183

Landline no longer in service

Chris & June Kazarian

710 (not 740) Barnwood Place

Billings, MT 59102

Josh Nichols

4005 Pine Cove Rd.

Billings, MT 59106

MEMBERSHIP ADDITIONS

Affirmation of Faith:

Harry Bauer

Frank Borman

MEMBERSHIP LOSSES

Transfer Out:

Aaron & Stephanie Edgar to Grace

Lutheran Church - Jacksonville, FL

FUNERALS / MEMORIALS

Cindy Speed

Passed away on September 12th

Memorial Service was held on

September 19th

Financial REPORT

August Finances

Income	228,846
Expenses	150,589
Net Margin	78,257

2018-2019 Finances

	<i>Actual</i>	<i>Target</i>
Offerings	148,408	158,152
Total Income	347,334	313,424
Total Expenses	293,297	310,061
Net Margin	54,037	3,368

Expansion Project Contributions

August 2018 Gifts	4,400
July 2017–August 2018 Gifts	71,205

Special Events

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 6

Youth Lodge Work Day
at Muddy Cluster

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 7

LWML Sunday

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 12, 5:00PM

Fall Fest at Trinity School

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 24, @ 5:30PM

National Youth Gathering Meeting

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 26, 4:00PM-MIDNIGHT

Senior/West Tailgate Party at TYM

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 27, 8:00AM

Fall Clean-Up Day at Trinity Church

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 28

Reformation Sunday

Confirmation @ 10:30am Worship Service



News



MUDDY CLUSTER SERVICE DAY ON OCTOBER 6

For the past three years, Trinity has been helping build a youth lodge at Circle of Life Lutheran in Muddy Cluster (Lame Deer). It is a BIG project, but thanks to many helpers, progress is being made! Please consider giving a day of your time to come and help out. We will be leaving from church around 7:00am on Saturday, October 6, and plan to return by early evening. Please sign up in the church narthex or contact the church office if you are able to join the team. No experience is needed – just a servant heart!

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