



Joyful Noise

OCTOBER 2020

A Message from Your Pastor...

Dear Friends of Trinity,

During the month of October, I think it is safe to say that we will hear a lot about the impending elections! We have been bombarded by the campaigning already, but it will probably get even more intense in the last weeks before the historic day. I bring this up to you not to upset you, but to encourage you. I've come up with three "P's" for you to consider. But before I name them, I want you to know that none of the "P's" stands for "politics"! In fact, you might be thinking that the pastor shouldn't even go there. After all we have this thing called "separation of church and state." Indeed we do have this important factor in our country. But that idea doesn't mean that we can't discuss the important issue of government and the dealings we have every day as citizens of the state.

It is not appropriate for a pastor to stump from the pulpit for a particular candidate. We don't stand for a particular party as a congregation. As pastors, we minister to the members of our church, and even people who are not members, regardless of their political views or commitments. With all of this said, here are my three "P's" for you as we consider the coming elections.

The first "P" is PRAY. Of course! That is a good start! I encourage you to pray to our Lord that He would bless our nation as we go through our American process of voting. Remember the citizens of our country decide who will be in office. This is a precious gift and blessing for which many gave the ultimate sacrifice to safeguard. Specifically, we can pray that the voting process will be fair and clear. We pray that we can avoid controversy over the results of the election.

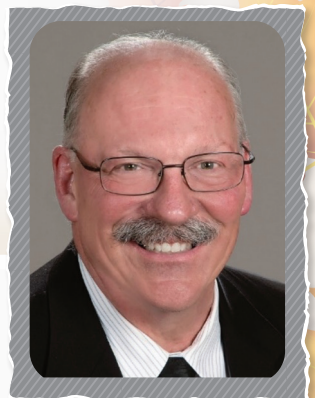
The second "P" is PARTICIPATE. This is something that the church can say to her members. We have the privilege to vote and participate. It is also a civic duty. God's Word teaches us that we are to be faithful in our callings in life, whether that be as a parent, spouse, child, or worker. This also includes being a faithful and responsible citizen! So check out the facts, do some research, and vote for the candidate that aligns best with your God-given perspective.

The last "P" is PRAISE! Yes, we can praise our Lord for blessing us with so many gifts in our nation. We can praise Him because no matter who is elected on any level, we remember that Christ is our true and eternal King. In Jesus, we always win the victory!

Finally, I leave you with His Word: Romans 8:37-39: "... we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord."

In His Service and yours,

Pastor Dan Rinderknecht



Knowing Christ and Making Him Known

School and YOUTH NEWS



NEW STUDENT UPDATE

Greetings from school. The Lord has blessed us with 27 new students in grades 1 to 8 (plus many, many more in our Early Childhood Program!). Pictured is new student Erin working with Kate. The Lord is giving us all kinds of opportunities in sharing His love with His children. We are so blessed to share the Cross with all the children.

– Richard Thomas,
Principal of Trinity Lutheran School



YOUTH NEWS

I recently received a gift in the mail – a small devotional book from the company Sunday Cool called, *The Word According to Gen Z*. Officially, Sunday Cool is a t-shirt company that specializes in designing and printing t-shirts for churches, youth groups, and Christian camps, but over the past couple of years they have built an entertaining YouTube channel around “Cool Carll,” a character played (I believe) by the company founder’s son. Every week, Carll, with

the help of some other characters and Sunday Cool employees, stumbles through sharing God’s Word with this generation of youth; hence, *The Word According to Gen Z* was born.

Let’s see if you can guess this verse...

*Big props to you. You built me on fleek. Your moves
are dope, and my body brain knows it.*

Any guesses? No? Maybe you’re saying, “Is that even English?!” Don’t worry, we’ll get back to that in a minute, but before we do, I wanted to share a little bit about Sunday school (I promise, this is all related and will make much more sense shortly).

This year in Sunday School, we are trying to be more intentional about memorizing God’s Word together. Each week there is a memory verse we encourage the kids to work on so that they can say it to their teacher the following week. Students who memorize

the verse receive a star that they get to add to the bulletin board with each star being a step toward earning a prize at the end of the session. Here’s where Sunday School memorization meets Sunday Cool Gen Z lingo; the verse above is actually supposed to be a Gen Z interpretation of our first memory verse which we learned on Rally Day...

*I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully
made. Wonderful are your works, my soul
knows it very well. Psalm 139:14*

On our first week of Sunday School, we focused on creation and looked at God’s plan for mankind; how He built us to be in relationship and community with one another and how His plans for us are perfect. In the coming weeks, we’ll continue to memorize more verses, and I’d invite you to stop and take a look at the bulletin board downstairs to find out more about what the kids are learning and memorizing each week in Sunday school.

As the youth would say, “that’s the tea.”

– Cameron Heiliger, Director of Youth & Parish Education

YOUTH EVENT DATES

Flicker – Saturday, October 17 | Noon-2pm

Flame – Saturday, October 17 | 2:30-4:30pm

Fire (Special Event) – Friday, October 30 | 6-9pm

Trinity Tee-Off

THANK YOU

GOLFERS + SPONSORS!



The 12th Annual Trinity Tee-Off was a fantastic day of golf and fundraising. More than \$10,000 was raised to support the Manitoba Mission and Trinity School. Thank you to all of the teams and sponsors who made this a great event!

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
ALTAR DUTY: Sheryl Scheafer CHURCH: 245-3984 SCHOOL: 656-1021 WEBSITE: www.trinitybillings.org						
LAY MINISTERS: Sat.: Brent Carstens Sun. 8:00: Tom Runge Sun. 10:30: Ted Loomans						
ACOLYTES: Sat.: Garrett Watts Sun. 8:00: Megan Keinath Sun. 10:30: Cody Allard						
Trinity Worship Services on Community 7 8am Sundays & 5pm Tuesdays						
4 <i>Psalm 71</i> LWML SUNDAY MITE BOX SUNDAY 8 & 10:30am Worship 9:30am Sunday School & Adult Bible Class	5 <i>John 3</i> Noon P.A.R. at TYM 7pm Adult Class	6 <i>Isaiah 5:1-7</i> 9am Quilting 6:30pm Youth Bd. Mtg. Properties Bd. Mtg. 7pm Bible Study led by Rev. Zagel	7 <i>Philippians 3:4b-14</i> Noon P.A.R. at TYM 1pm Visitation Guild Mtg. Kitchen Guild Mtg. 2:15pm Chapel at TLS 6:30pm FIRE Youth Group 6:30pm 2 nd -Year Conf.	8 <i>Matthew 21:33-46</i> 10:30am Bible Study 6pm Parish Planning Council Mtg. 7pm Choir Rehearsal	9 <i>John 4</i>	10 <i>Psalm 72</i> 1pm Pickle Ball 5pm Worship
11 <i>Psalm 73</i> 8 & 10:30am Worship w/ Communion 9:30am Sunday School & Adult Bible Class 2pm Trinity Blast at Rod and Gun Club	12 <i>John 5</i> Noon P.A.R. at TYM 5:30pm Stewardship Mtg 6:30pm Evangelism Mtg. 6:30pm Fellowship Bd. Mtg. 7pm Adult Class	13 <i>Isaiah 25:6-9</i> 9am Quilting 6pm Cradle Roll Mtg. 6:30pm Bd. of Ed. Mtg 7pm Bible Study led by Rev. Zagel	14 <i>Philippians 4:4-13</i> 8:30am Chapel at TLS Noon P.A.R. at TYM 6:30pm Fire Youth Group	15 <i>Matthew 22:1-14</i> 10:30am Bible Study <div>No School at TLS – Teacher Conferences</div>	16 <i>John 6</i>	17 <i>Psalm 74</i> 1pm Pickle Ball Noon-2pm Flicker Youth Group 2:30pm-4:30pm Flame Youth Group 5pm Worship with Communion
18 <i>Psalm 75</i> 8 & 10:30am Worship 9:30am Sunday School, Toddler SS & Adult Bible Class	19 <i>John 7</i> Noon P.A.R. at TYM 7pm Adult Class	20 <i>Isaiah 45:1-7</i> 9am Quilting 7pm Bible Study led by Rev. Zagel	21 <i>1 Thessalonians 1:1-10</i> 8:30am Chapel at TLS Noon P.A.R. at TYM 1pm Winkled Righteous Game Day 6:30pm Fire Youth Group 6:30pm 2 nd -Year Conf.	22 <i>Matthew 22:15-22</i> 10:30am Bible Study 7pm Choir Rehearsal	23 <i>John 8</i>	24 <i>Psalm 76</i> 1pm Pickle Ball 5pm Worship with Communion and Rite of Confirmation
25 <i>Psalm 77</i> REFORMATION DAY - OBSERVED 8 & 10:30am Worship w/ Communion and Rite of Confirmation 9:30am Sunday School & Adult Bible Class	26 <i>John 9</i> Noon P.A.R. at TYM 7pm Adult Class <div>No School at TLS – Family Hunting Day</div>	27 <i>Revelation 14:6-7</i> 9am Quilting 9:30-11am Rock of Ages at Home at Tecca's 4pm LFL at Mount Olive 7pm Bible Study led by Rev. Zagel 7pm Lay Ministry Mtg.	28 <i>Romans 3:19-28</i> 8:30am Chapel at TLS Noon P.A.R. at TYM 6:30pm Fire Youth Group 6:30pm 2 nd -Year Conf.	29 <i>Matthew 11:12-19</i> 10:30am Bible Study 7pm Choir Rehearsal	30 <i>John 10</i> 6-9pm Fire Youth Group	31 <i>Psalm 78</i> Reformation Day 1pm Pickle Ball 5pm Worship

Financial REPORT

August Finances		
Income		280,409
Expenses		165,533
Net Margin		114,876
2020-2021 Finances		
	<i>Actual</i>	<i>Target</i>
Offerings	126,792	149,048
Total Income	365,019	335,349
Total Expenses	330,010	335,349
Net Margin	35,008	0
Phase I Completion Drive		
(Goal of \$325,000 to Pay Off Loan)		
Gifts and Pledges (through May)		\$270,000
Remaining Needed to Complete		\$ 55,000

Through the first two months of our 2020-2021 fiscal year, we have received 17% less than our offering goal. We typically receive a large portion of our school revenue in August, so our cash flow position is solid and we are current on all of our financial obligations. Thank you for your first-fruit stewardship during these challenging times!

FUNERALS

Ronald Schlecht passed away on September 5. Services are pending.

Fred Sielbach passed away on September 18. Services are pending.

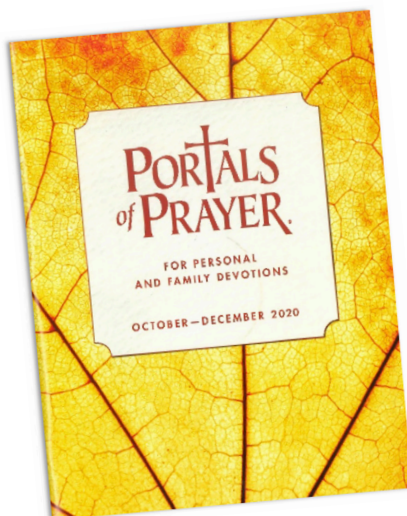


Lutheran
Women
in Mission

No LWML meeting in October.

BUSINESS DIRECTORY

The Trinity Business Directory has recently been updated and is available on our website at <https://www.trinitybillings.org/business-directory.html>. If you would prefer a paper copy you can pick one up at the church office!



PORTALS OF PRAYER

The October-December Portals of Prayer devotion booklet is now available. You can pick up a copy at the church, or let us know you need one and we will gladly bring one to you.

Special Events

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 4
LWML Mite Box Sunday

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 11, 2:00 PM
Trinity Blast

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 17
Flicker @ Noon
Flame @ 2:30 pm

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 21, 1:00 PM
Wrinkled Righteous Game Day

**SATURDAY & SUNDAY,
OCTOBER 24 & 25**
Reformation Observed
Confirmation @ all three
Worship Services

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 30, 6:00 PM
Fire



News

Trinity Blast

Sporting Clays Shoot

Sunday, Oct. 11, @ 2pm
Rod and Gun Club

The Only Cost Is Your Clays
(about \$30 for the afternoon)

Please bring 5 boxes of 1 ounce shells (size 7.5 or 8)

To register, call 670-0124 or
email jboll@trinitybillings.org



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