



Joyful Noise

SEPTEMBER 2017

A Message from Your Pastor...

Dear Friends in Christ,

I recently finished *Not A Fan* by Kyle Idleman. (This book was recommended to me by Cameron Heiliger about a year ago. He used it with part of the Youth Group at church.) In the book, Kyle Idleman talks about the differences between people who are “fans” of Jesus, and people who “follow Jesus.” He talks about fans who want to be a part of something, but are not committed. He talks about followers who are completely focused on and immersed in what they are following. Kyle makes some good points in the book, and he also says some things that we would say or understand differently within the LCMS. But overall, I think he raises a question for people to consider, “What’s my relationship with Jesus like?”

How would you answer that question? Maybe your relationship with Jesus is strong. That’s great. I’d invite you to join us in worship, in Bible Study, in small groups - to keep you grounded in the faith and strong in the Lord. Or maybe your relationship with Jesus needs to be strengthened. That’s fine. I’d invite you to join us in worship, in Bible Study, in small groups - so your relationship with Jesus can grow and be strengthened.

That’s why Trinity is here. We are here for people to grow in their relationship with Jesus. Our brief mission statement says it this way, “Knowing Christ and Making Him Known.”

In this month of September, Trinity celebrates Rally Day. A day that officially kicks-off another year of Bible Study, Sunday School, and Small Groups. It’s a day that reminds us of the importance of being in God’s Word and getting to know Jesus more. It’s a day that reminds us of the importance of sharing the good news of Jesus Christ with others so that they too may know Jesus and his forgiveness.

This year we celebrate Rally Day on Sunday, September 10th. More details about Rally Day and the activities planned are included in this newsletter, and I encourage you to read through it. Even more, I encourage you to think about the valuable relationship you have with Jesus. He is your Lord and Savior. He is your Redeemer. He knows you very well – He even knows the number of hairs on your head (see Matt. 10:30) – and He invites you to follow Him. He invites you into a relationship with Him.

So let’s go! Let’s follow Jesus together. Let’s grow in our relationship with Him and with each other as we walk together in worship, in Bible study, and in small groups. Let’s get to know more about Jesus, so that our relationship with Him may be strengthened, and we may be equipped to help others get to know Jesus.

In Christ,
Pastor Keinath



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School and YOUTH NEWS



WHAT A BLESSING!

Greetings to the new school year! The eighth grade class chose Psalm 24:1 as the theme verse for this coming year: "The earth is the Lord's, and everything in it, the world, and all who live in it." We will focus on this verse and celebrate His love throughout the year. The Lord works through His people. We are blessed by Mrs. Erger, Mrs. Michel, and Mrs. Speed. They have been in Christian ministry 35 years. We thank the Lord for their dedication to His Word and for serving His children. We also thank the Lord for a congregation that has provided quality, Christ-focused education to the Billings community for over 60 years. We are in a society that wants to change our values, but we have a Lord that does not change. We will continue to stay true to His Word and to reach out to our neighbors with His love.

– Rick Thomas,
Principal of Trinity Lutheran School

DIVE INTO GOD'S WORD TOGETHER!

Parents,
Allow me to set the scene....

INTERIOR – THE FAMILY CAR

The family fastens their seat belts as dad begins backing the car out of the parking space. As they exit onto the busy street dad glances in the rearview mirror and says;

DAD: So, tell us something you learned in Sunday School today?

CHILD 1: That my teacher can read lips...

CHILD 2: Something about Jesus.

MOM: C'mon, we know every week you study a story from the Bible – what was it about this week?

CHILD 2: I told you, Jesus and stuff...

CHILD 1: I forgot.

Mom and dad give up. As they continue on their drive toward brunch, dad turns the radio up and the family bobs their heads to the music.

FADE OUT

Is that scene familiar? If you answered "yes," have no fear! This year we will be offering the opportunity for families to Dive into God's Word TOGETHER!! Starting with Rally Day at 9:30 AM on September 10, all preschool age children through adults will have the opportunity to learn how God works through prophets and kings through Sunday School and adult Bible study. Join us for Rally Day as we open our Sunday School year in the sanctuary. We'll sing, get to know Sunday School teachers, and discuss the upcoming program year! From there, Sunday School groups will divide up and head to their classrooms and adults will stay in the sanctuary. Sundays after that, children will meet in their Sunday School rooms and an adult study led by Pastor Keinath will continue to meet in the Sanctuary.

UPCOMING EVENTS FOR TYM

5th Grade-High School Youth...MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

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| Friday, September 15: | FIRE (high school) @ Diamond Paintball 6:00-9:00 PM |
| Saturday, September 16: | FLICKER (5th-6th) AND FLAME (7th-8th) @ TYM Square 2:00-4:30 |
| Sunday, October 1: | FLAME and FIRE; Youth AND Parent meeting for ALL 7th and Up @ TYM Square @ Noon |

Manitoba Mission 2017



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
ACOLYTES: Saturday: Gracie Busby Sun. 8:00: Joseph Stewart Sun. 10:30: Donovan McGraw		LAY MINISTERS: Saturday: Brent Carstens Sun. 8:00: Tim Grove Sun. 10:30: Ed Livingston			1 Mark 5	2 Proverbs 13 5pm Worship with Communion
ALTAR DUTY: Rosemary Kosche & Deb White		Trinity Worship Services on Community 7 8am Sundays & 5pm Tuesdays				
3 Psalm 44 MITE BOX SUNDAY 8 & 10:30am Worship 9:30am Summer Sunday School & Adult Bible Class	4 Mark 6 <i>Labor Day</i> <i>Church Office Closed</i> <i>No School at TLS</i>	5 Jer. 15:15-21 6am Men's Bible Study 9am Quilting 6:30pm Christian Ed. Mtg. Properties Mtg. Fellowship Mtg. Youth Bd. Mtg. 7pm Ladies' Small Group	6 Romans 12:9-21 1pm Visitation Guild Mtg. 1:30pm Kitchen Guild Mtg. 2:15pm Chapel at TLS 6:30pm FIRE Youth Group	7 Matt. 16:21-28 10:30am Bible Study	8 Mark 7 5:45pm Wedding Rehearsal	9 Proverbs 14 2pm Magnuson/Hannah Wedding 5pm Worship
10 Psalm 45 Rally Day 8 & 10:30am Worship w/Communion 9:30am Sunday School & Adult Bible Class Noon Car Show with Sandees' Lunch 2pm Trinity Senior Group to Billings Studio Theater - Dinner following	11 Mark 8 6:30pm Evangelism Mtg.	12 Ezek. 33:7-9 <i>Pastors' Circuit Meeting</i> 6am Men's Bible Study 9am Quilting 6:15pm Cradle Roll Mtg. 7pm Ladies' Small Group	13 Romans 13:1-10 8:30am Chapel at TLS 6:30pm FIRE Youth Group 8 th Gr. Confirmation	14 Matt. 18:1-20 10:30am Bible Study	15 Mark 9 6-9pm FIRE at Diamond Paintball	16 Proverbs 15 2-4:30pm FLICKER & FLAME at TYM Square 5pm Worship with Communion
17 Psalm 46 8 & 10:30am Worship 9:30am Sunday School & Adult Bible Class	18 Mark 10 7pm LWML Meeting 7pm Adult Class Begins!	19 Gen. 50:15-21 6am Men's Bible Study 9am Quilting 6pm Parish Planning Council Meeting 7pm Ladies' Small Group	20 Romans 14:1-12 8:30am Chapel at TLS 6:30pm FIRE - Bring-a-Friend Night 6:30pm 8 th Gr. Confirmation	21 Matt. 18:21-35 10:30am Bible Study 7pm Choir Practice	22 Mark 11	23 Proverbs 16 5pm Worship
24 Psalm 47 8 & 10:30am Worship w/Communion 9:30am Sunday School & Adult Bible Class 1pm Trinity Tee-Off at Pryor Creek	25 Mark 12 7pm Adult Class	26 Isaiah 55:6-9 6am Men's Bible Study 9am Quilting 9:30am Rock of Ages at Home 7pm Lay Ministry Mtg. 7pm Ladies' Small Group	27 Phil. 1:12-14, 19-30 8:30am Chapel at TLS 6:30pm FIRE Youth Group Altar Guild Mtg. 8 th Gr. Confirmation	28 Matt. 20:1-16 10:30am Bible Study 7pm Choir Practice	29 Mark 13	30 Proverbs 17 5pm Worship



A NEW LAY MINISTER...

If you haven't already met him, meet Nathan Thompson, who recently became a member of the Lay Ministry Board. Nathan tells us a little about himself:

"My wife, Johanna, and I have been members at Trinity since 2007. We love the church, and both of our children, Zachary & Hattie, have been baptized here. I was raised, for the most part, in Great Falls. After college, I worked for many years with emotionally

disturbed children. I met my wife through work, and she introduced me to the church. I was baptized in Arizona in 2007; my faith has continued to grow ever since. After moving to Billings, I went back to school to be a Registered Nurse. I have now worked at the Billings Clinic for the past seven years. My family and I feel blessed for all that we have received. I enjoy spending time with my family - enjoying the outdoors. I am greatly honored to serve as a Lay Minister at Trinity."

~Johanna & Nathan Thompson



Congratulations to our own Josh Schmitt and his wife, Ellen, as Josh was commissioned and installed as DCE at St. John's Lutheran Church in Yankton, South Dakota on August 13th! God's blessings to Josh's ministry at St. John's!

SMALL GROUPS

Small groups will once again be kicking off on Rally Day. If you are interested in finding a group to join or interested in starting a group of your own, please contact Cameron Heiliger at the church office. Be sure to check the bulletin board in the Narthex for information about groups that are currently meeting!

ADDRESS CHANGES

Steve & Richelle Colclasure

3835 Avenue D
Billings, MT 59102

Joe & Katy Magnuson

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MEMBERSHIP LOSSES

Transferring to Immanuel, Sheridan, WY:

Renee, Matthew, Rebecca & Avalena Young

MARRIAGES

Caleb Bruski & Megan Molodecki..... 8/12/17

FUNERALS / MEMORIALS

Fran Schiefelbein 7/27/17

Financial REPORT

July Financials		
Income		92,766
Expenses		137,692
Net Margin		(44,926)
2017-2018 Financials		
	<i>Actual</i>	<i>Target</i>
Offerings	85,237	76,773
Total Income	92,766	151,295
Total Expenses	137,692	151,128
Net Margin	(44,926)	168
Expansion Project Contributions		
July 2017 Gifts		4,422
July 2017 – July 2017 Gifts		4,422

Financial Update: The numbers above might appear dismal, but they are to be expected as we receive very little school revenue in July. We praise God that July was a very strong month for general fund offerings. School revenue will increase in August and our income will quickly catch up with our expenses for the year. Please continue to participate in the Lord's work at Trinity through your prayers, service, and financial gifts!

Special Events

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 10

Rally Day – new classes begin!
Got Wheels!?! Car Show @ Noon
Senior Group BST Event @ 2pm

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 6:30PM

8th Grade Confirmation Classes Begin

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 6:00PM

FIRE Event at Diamond Paintball

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 2:00PM

FLICKER & FLAME Event at TYM

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 7:00PM

New Adult Instruction Class Begins

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 1:00PM

Trinity Tee-Off Golf Tournament @ Pryor



News

GOT WHEELS!?!

The Trinity Lutheran Church 'Wheels of Transportation Parking-Lot Extravaganza' is coming Sunday, September 10th. Last year a grandma in our congregation showed up with a 1967 Camaro RS with a 327 and a 4 speed – now how cool is that! This year's show is open to most anything with wheels – from cars n' tractors to little red wagons. No casseroles this year – the Sandees' Food Truck will be there – and the Fellowship Board will be handing out free tickets for lunch! Line up at the ticket table with all the members of your family to get your free lunch tickets. It all happens at noon on Rally Day Sunday! See you there!



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