



Joyful Noise

SEPTEMBER 2018

A Message from Your Pastor...

Dear Friends of Trinity,

About a year ago, something happened to me that took me by surprise. I can't say that it was a pleasant surprise, but it made me re-evaluate something about myself. (Now that I got your attention, read on...)

One day after shopping, I picked up an awkward package from a cart to put into my car. A "kind" stranger half my age ran up to me and asked if he could help! He snatched the package out of my hand and placed it gently in my trunk with a big smile that said, "There, I have done my good deed for the day!" A bit irritated, I thought to myself, "I was handling this just fine! I'm not helpless!"

A similar occurrence happened again this summer! I was at the Denver airport walking on one of those moving sidewalks. When I got close to the end with my suitcase in tow, a "kind" stranger lurched forward as if to save me from wiping out at the end where the moving sidewalk hits the stationary floor. "Be careful, let me help you!" He grabbed my arm like he was helping some old cripple guy land safely.

Both of these events caused me to ask the question, "Do I really look that old and helpless? I'm only 63!" (There, now you know how old I am!) I have been a capable person all of my life. I know what hard physical labor is all about. I worked on construction since I was 18. In those days, I could run up the stairs of a ten story building in less than one minute without breathing hard! Even as a pastor, I am still active on my acreage, always building something, carrying hay bales, and maintaining the property!

Actually, the real issue was my bruised pride! I have to look in the mirror, really look, and realize that yes, I am getting older! I don't have the energy I used to have. I experience some aches and pains that I never knew in my youth. With God's help, I need to set aside my pride and accept the changes that time always brings. (I can almost hear what some of my older friends and members are thinking, "Pastor, you are still young, you have a long way to go yet." Thanks, folks, but I can accept the truth that I am getting older.)

I also can learn to receive help from others. I think this is a lesson that we all need to learn no matter what our physical condition or age. Doesn't God intend that we help one another? That means that we are to offer help to those in need and that we ought to receive help from others graciously.

At the end of Paul's letter to the Philippians he speaks graciously of receiving help from others. **"...I rejoiced greatly in the Lord that at last you renewed your concern for me. Indeed, you were concerned, but you had no opportunity to show it...you sent me aid more than once when I was in need."** (Philippians 4:10&16)

I'm writing on this subject of receiving help because of some conversations I have had recently with one of our members whom you may or may not know: Linda Flechsig. Linda was born with the condition called Cerebral Palsy. This condition affects the physical function primarily. Linda's mind is sharp, but she has difficulties in movement and speech. Linda was expressing some of the frustrations that I spoke about above where people "jump in" to help when help was not necessarily needed. I have expressed to Linda the importance of receiving help graciously from those who care. She also expressed to me that it would be helpful to her to have people ask if she needed help and be patient with her because she is a bit slow to answer.

May the Lord help us to love and serve one another!

In His service and yours,

Pastor Dan Rinderknecht



Knowing Christ and Making Him Known

School and YOUTH NEWS



A NEW SCHOOL YEAR...

Greetings from school! The Lord has blessed us with another year to share His Word with His children. The eighth grade class chose Revelation 1:8 as our theme verse for this year: "I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, "who is, and who was, and who is to come, the Almighty." Throughout the year, we will focus on this verse. The world is changing every day. Our society seems to be changing every day also. The students hear God's Word and how He doesn't change. His Word was true before, is true today, and will be true tomorrow. Our comfort, our peace of mind, comes in His strength and truth. The Staff here at Trinity Lutheran School are committed to sharing that saving message from our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. We are so blessed to have people committed to serving their Lord through His children here at the school. We would appreciate your prayers again this year as we begin our 64th year at Trinity.

– Richard Thomas,
Principal of Trinity Lutheran School

NATIONAL YOUTH GATHERING UPDATE

There is still time to commit to joining high school youth next summer for the youth gathering! Registration paperwork is available NOW and is due back to Cameron by September 30. Remember, the National Youth Gathering is for youth currently enrolled in 8th-12th grade, but we are also looking for adult leaders (members over the age of 21) and the gathering is seeking Young Adult Volunteers (between the ages of 18 and 25). Contact Cameron with any questions, and be on the lookout for the return of the envelopes in October!



SEPTEMBER ACTIVITIES

Flicker (5th-6th): Saturday, September 15; 2:30-4:30 at TYM Square

Flame (7th-8th): Friday, September 14; 6:00-8:00 at TYM Square

Fire (high school): Wednesday, September 19 - Game Night with Wrinkled Righteous! 6 PM in the Fellowship Hall



FIRE

FIRE gathered at the Heiligers' house on Friday, August 10, to send-off the class of 2018. Five graduated seniors were able to attend, so to the rest of the class - congratulations and God's blessings!!

Rally Day

RALLY DAY IS SEPTEMBER 9!

Join us as we kick-off another year of Sunday School on Sunday, September 9, with Rally Day! Parents and kids will meet together in the Sanctuary for opening and then split up into their classes. We will again be offering an "Adult Sunday School," to provide the opportunity for parents and other interested adults in the congregation to connect with the same Bible accounts as the kids. This fall, we will be walking together through portions of Genesis and Exodus as we study how God protected his people in Egypt and through the Exodus!

We will kick off our main Adult Bible Study in the Fellowship Hall by showing a short video highlighting our summer ministries that took place. After Sunday School and worship, don't forget to have a burger and check out the car and quilt shows!!

RALLY DAY FUN!



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SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, AT NOON

TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH - 537 GRAND AVENUE

LUNCH FROM THE SANDEE'S FOOD TRUCK (\$2 SINGLE OR \$3 DOUBLE)

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
ACOLYTES: Saturday: Karlie Blomberg Sun. 8:00: Brooklyn Baker & Taylor Martell Sun. 10:30: Kyle Winchell						
ALTAR DUTY: Pam Kercher Cam Browne		LAY MINISTERS: Saturday: Brent Carstens Sun. 8:00: Arnie Schultz Sun. 10:30: Ray Smith				
2 Psalm 96 MITE BOX SUNDAY 8 & 10:30am Worship 9:30am Sunday School & Adult Bible Class	3 Luke 3 Labor Day Church Office Closed No School at TLS	4 Deut. 4:1-2, 6-9 6am Men's Bible Study 9am Quilting 6:30pm Christian Ed Mtg Properties Mtg. Fellowship Mtg. 7pm Ladies' Small Grp	5 Ephesians 6:10-20 1pm Visitation Guild Mtg Kitchen Guild Mtg 2:15pm Chapel at TLS 5:30pm Youth Bd. Mtg. 6:30pm FIRE Youth Group	6 Mark 7:14-23 10:30am Bible Study	7 Luke 4	8 Proverbs 4 1pm Pickle Ball 5pm Worship
9 Psalm 97 RALLY DAY! 8 & 10:30am Worship w/Communion 9:30am Sunday School & Adult Bible Classes Noon - Car & Quilt Show with Sandees' Lunch	10 Luke 5 5:30pm Stewardship Mtg 6:30 pm Evangelism Mtg 7pm Adult Class Begins!	11 Isaiah 35:4-7a 6am Men's Bible Study 9am Quilting 10am Pastors Circuit Mtg in Bridger, MT 6pm Cradle Roll Guild 7pm Ladies' Small Grp	12 James 2:1-10, 14-18 8:30am Chapel at TLS 6:30pm FIRE Youth Group 6:30-8pm 8 th Grade Confirmation Begins	13 Mark 7:(24-30), 31-37 10:30am Bible Study 6pm PPC Meeting	14 Luke 6 6-8pm FLAME @ TYM Square	15 Proverbs 5 1pm Pickle Ball 2:30pm FLICKER @ TYM Square 5pm Worship w/Communion
16 Psalm 98 8 & 10:30am Worship 9:30am Sunday School & Adult Bible Classes	17 Luke 7 7pm LWML Meeting 7pm Adult Class	18 Isaiah 50:4-10 6am Men's Bible Study 9am Quilting 7pm Ladies' Small Grp	19 James 3:1-12 8:30am Chapel at TLS 6pm Wrinkled Righteous & FIRE Youth Group Game Night in Fellowship Hall 6:30pm 8 th Grade Conf.	20 Mark 9:14-29 10:30am Bible Study 6pm Beth Heiliger's Retirement Party and Potluck at Trinity School	21 Luke 8	22 Proverbs 6 1pm Pickle Ball 5pm Worship 10am-6pm 8 th Grade Confirmation Retreat
23 Psalm 99 8 & 10:30am Worship w/Communion 9:30am Sunday School & Adult Bible Classes 1pm - 10 th Annual Trinity Tee-Off at Pryor Creek Golf Course	24 Luke 9 7pm Adult Class	25 Jeremiah 11:18-20 6am Men's Bible Study 9am Quilting 9:30am Rock of Ages at Teccas' 7pm Ladies' Small Grp 7pm Lay Ministry Mtg	26 James 3:13-4:10 8:30am Chapel at TLS 6:30pm FIRE Youth Group 8 th Grade Conf.	27 Mark 9:30-37 10:30am Bible Study	28 Luke 10	29 Proverbs 7 1pm Pickle Ball 5pm Worship 6pm 7 th Grade Confirmation Orientation Meeting
30 Psalm 100 8 & 10:30am Worship 9:30am S.S. & Adult Bible Classes NOON - NYG Meeting - Registration and Deposit Due NOON - 7 th Grade Confirmation Orientation Meeting	Trinity Worship Services on Community 7 8am Sundays & 5pm Tuesdays					
Church Phone: 245-3984 School Phone: 656-1021						

SCHOOL KITS FOR WORLD RELIEF

Now is the time to gather our supplies for the School Kits for the 2018 World Relief Drive while school supplies are on sale! These are the items needed:

- Rulers
- Pencil Sharpeners
- Scissors (blunt)
- #2 Pencils
- Ballpoint Pens (no gel ink)
- Crayons (16 or 24 count)
- Erasers (2 1/2 inch)
- 70-pg Spiral Notebooks (or one 150 pg)

Patterns for the School Kit Bags are also available - and they're easy!! (Check with Betty Kober.) ***Look for containers in the basement and church entrances to place your donations! Thank you!***



LWML MEETING

September 17

Executive Board at 6:30 pm

Meeting at 7:00 pm

Opening Devotion: John Boll

Program: Gideon Bibles
Presentation

ADDRESS CHANGES

Mike Webb

46 29th St. West

Billings, MT 59102

Steve & Richelle Colclasure

4225 Long Beach Way #5

Billings, MT 59106

Kelly & Janine Liwosz

1141 Hardrock Lane

Billings, MT 59105

Financial REPORT

July Financials		
Income		118,489
Expenses		142,708
Net Margin		(24,219)
2017-2018 Financial Recap		
	<i>Actual</i>	<i>Target</i>
Offerings	907,308	921,275
Total Income	1,692,825	1,815,534
Total Expenses	1,706,430	1,813,534
Net Margin	(13,605)	2,000

FINANCIAL UPDATE: We finished our 2017-2018 fiscal year with an overall net loss of \$13,605. While we kept expenses under budget, we received less school revenue than we had projected. July was the start of our new fiscal year and, as expected, we spent more than we brought in during the month. The good news is that we did not need to use our line of credit to get us through what is traditionally our leanest month of the year. We receive a large amount of school revenue in August and our financial picture improves dramatically. This year's budget calls for a modest 3% increase in general fund contributions. Please prayerfully consider how God is calling you to help meet our ongoing ministry obligations. In the coming months we will also be making a concerted push to pay off our Phase 1 Expansion project, so please consider being a part of this as you consider your giving this fiscal year.

FUNERALS / MEMORIALS

Al & Jeannine Larson

(Mike Larson's Father & Mother)

Pastor Rinderknecht held a Memorial service for them on Saturday, August 11, at Mike & Tammy Larson's home.

Special Events

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 9

Rally Day Kick-Off @ 9:30 am
Hot Wheels & Cool Quilts @ Noon

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 7:00 PM

New Adult Instruction Class Begins

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 6:30 PM

8th Grade Confirmation Begins

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 6:00 PM

Wrinkled Righteous & FIRE Game Night

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 6:00 PM

Beth Heiliger's Retirement Party at TLS

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 10:00 AM

8th Grade Confirmation Retreat

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 1:00 PM

10th Annual Trinity Tee-Off at Pryor

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 30, NOON

National Youth Gathering Meeting



News



WELL DONE, GOOD AND FAITHFUL SERVANT!

August 17th was Beth Heiliger's final day as secretary at Trinity School. For 24 years she has served us extremely well, and we want to celebrate her contributions and say thank you! On Thursday, September 20, we will have a retirement party and potluck in honor of Beth at 6:00 pm at Trinity School. Attendees should bring a main dish and either a side or a dessert to share at the gathering. Also, if you'd like to give a gift, we suggest a gift card to a local eatery or entertainment so Beth and Ed can enjoy some fun in their retirement. Beth, God has used you to bless all of us! Well done, good and faithful servant!

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