



Joyful Noise

SEPTEMBER 2020

A Message from Your Pastor...

"¹³But we do not want you to be uninformed, brothers, about those who are asleep, that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. ¹⁴For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have fallen asleep. ¹⁵For this we declare to you by a word from the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will not precede those who have fallen asleep. ¹⁶For the Lord himself will descend from heaven with a cry of command, with the voice of an archangel, and with the sound of the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first. ¹⁷Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air, and so we will always be with the Lord. ¹⁸Therefore encourage one another with these words." 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

It is a common practice in our church body (The Lutheran Church Missouri Synod) to read the above passage of Scripture during a funeral service. 1 Thessalonians 4 normally is not read in the church, but at the cemetery, as the family and friends of the individual who died, gather around the casket before it is laid in the grave. These words are read to bring comfort and hope in the resurrection and promised return of Jesus. We need those words of promise today!

We have seen the COVID-19 pandemic affect and change almost every aspect of life. Closings. Wearing masks in public. Social Distancing. Limiting groups of people and capacity in buildings. Affecting employment. Affecting health. Claiming lives. The list could go on. I don't think this page is big enough for me list all the things that this pandemic has changed and affected! But what I am hearing that weighs and wears on most of us is this kind of question: How is this going to end?

Some have predicted that all of the COVID-19 uncertainty will not end until after Election Day on Nov. 3. Some have predicted that the world will be dealing with this virus and its affects for years to come. Still there are some who have made other predictions. As Christians, we know how this is going to end. Just look at 1 Thessalonians 4:16-17! It will end with the return of Jesus. It will end with a resurrection! I was speaking with a pastor friend recently, and talking about the effects of this pandemic where he serves, he made the comment, "I've read the end of the Bible. Jesus will return and bring an end to all of this and it will be perfect!" That's more than a wonderful thought or comment; that's a promise. It's a guarantee. It's the certainty that no matter if we live or die, those who have faith in Jesus, God's Word says, will always be with the Lord.

And how does Paul end this section of Scripture? *"Therefore encourage one another with these words."* We need to continue to encourage each other with God's Word of hope. Yes, it is difficult to do this because of COVID restrictions – which is preventing us from being altogether on Rally Day (Sept. 13) – but it's those same restrictions that remind us of the importance of encouraging one another with the promise of Jesus. So I would encourage you to read these words of Scripture again, and be renewed in the hope of Jesus. I would also encourage you to reach out to someone, with a card, a phone call, an email, a text message, a personal visit, and remind them of the hope we have in the resurrection and promised return of Jesus.

In Christ,
Pastor Keinath



Knowing Christ and Making Him Known

School and YOUTH NEWS



CHALLENGES AND OPPORTUNITIES

Greetings from school. We are beginning another year with over 250 of His children. This new school year has a lot of challenges. We faced many of those challenges when we opened last May. So, I guess you could say we are a step ahead. Enough about challenges; let's talk about opportunities. We have over 20 primary grade students (plus more than 50 in our early childhood program) who are new to our school. We have the awesome task of providing them with a quality Christ-centered education. This is such a great blessing. We get to share the love of Christ with our new families. Yes, we have many challenges, but they don't compare to our opportunities. Also, was that a ghost that I saw in the hallway? No, it was Mrs. Erger. It is hard to break old habits. She is at school, helping teachers to prepare for the new school year. God's blessings to Lynne as she gets used to her new adventures.

– Richard Thomas, Principal of Trinity Lutheran School



YOUTH NEWS

In July, LCMS Youth Ministry revealed the theme and dates for the next National Youth Gathering, which is being held in Houston, TX, July 9-13, 2022. The theme for the next gathering is "In All Things" and is based on Colossians 1:15-20. On the one hand, it can be hard to feel excited about something two years away. On the other hand, this event is something that this year's 7th graders can begin to look forward to participating in as they make the jump from middle

school to high school during that summer! And, as we think about the past six months and look ahead to the unknowns of the future, this new theme is a great reminder for us that God is at the heart of all things. He is in control, on His throne, working in us and through us for His good – in all things.

This idea reminded me of another verse from one of my favorite Epistles, Philippians. In Philippians 4, Paul says, "...I have learned in whatever situation I am to be content. I know how to be brought low, and I know how to abound. In any and every circumstance, I have learned the secret of facing plenty and hunger, abundance and need." Paul is able to say this because he knows that in every circumstance (in all things), God is in control. Paul trusts in God to provide opportunity to spread the Gospel through hardships and blessings. In all things, Paul is content because God is in all things!



This year, we continue to have opportunities to share God's love through the hardships of a pandemic, and as we look ahead to the fall we pray that God would encourage and remind us to be content in all things as Paul is content in all things. We will have opportunities to gather as Youth Groups, even if it means wearing masks while we're inside at TYM Square. We will have opportunities to study together in Bible Study and Sunday School, even if it means changing locations. We will continue to gather as a body of believers for worship, even if it means continuing to social distance, wear masks, and struggle to sing with as much gusto as we normally would. In all things, Christ is at the center, holding us together and providing opportunities to be reminded of and to share all that He has done for us.

God's blessings as we continue to forge ahead, focusing on Christ. Be on the lookout for more information about Youth Activities as we continue to develop best practices for ministry and adapt to ever-changing guidelines.

– Cameron Heiliger, Director of Youth & Parish Education

Sunday School

RAILY DAY

Sunday, September 13 - 9:30am
Church Fellowship Hall

Adult Bible Study will be held in the sanctuary, with donuts and coffee in the classroom adjacent to the north transept.

Floating Fun!

On Saturday, August 22, Trinity Youth enjoyed a day on the Yellowstone River and a campfire cookout



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
LAY MINISTERS: Saturday: Clayton Scheafer Sunday 8:00: Arnie Schultz Sunday 10:30: Ed Livingston Trinity Worship Services on Community 7 8am Sundays & 5pm Tuesdays						
6 Psalm 63 MITE BOX SUNDAY 8 & 10:30am Worship 9:30am Sunday School & Adult Bible Classes	7 Luke 19 Labor Day Church Office Closed No School at TLS	1 Jeremiah 15:15-21 9am Quilting 6:30pm Properties Mtg. Youth Bd. Mtg. 7pm Bible Study led by Rev. Zigel	2 Romans 12:9-21 Noon P.A.R. at TYM 1pm Visitation Guild Mtg. 1pm Kitchen Guild Mtg. 2:15pm Chapel at TLS 6:30pm FIRE Youth Group	3 Matthew 16:21-28	4 Luke 18	5 Psalm 62 1pm Pickle Ball 5pm Worship w/Communion
13 Psalm 65 8 & 10:30am Worship w/Communion 9:30am RALLY DAY KICK-OFF Sunday School in Fellowship Hall Adult Bible Study in Sanctuary <i>(coffee and donuts upstairs in classroom adjacent to north transept)</i>	14 Luke 21 Pastors' Circuit Meeting Noon P.A.R. at TYM 5:30pm Stewardship Mtg. 6:30pm Evangelism Mtg. 6:30pm Fellowship Mtg.	8 Ezekiel 33:7-9 9am Quilting 6pm Cradle Roll Mtg. 6:30pm Bd. of Ed Mtg. 7pm Bible Study led by Rev. Zigel	9 Romans 13:1-10 8:30am Chapel at TLS Noon P.A.R. at TYM 6:30pm FIRE Youth Group 6:30-8pm 2 nd Year Confirmation Begins	10 Matthew 18:1-20 6pm PPC Meeting 7pm Choir Rehearsal	11 Luke 20	12 Psalm 64 1pm Pickle Ball 5pm Worship
20 Psalm 67 8 & 10:30am Worship 9:30am Sunday School & Adult Bible Classes Noon First Year Confirmation Orientation Meeting 1pm Trinity Tee-Off at Pryor Creek	21 Luke 23 Noon P.A.R. at TYM 7pm Adult Class Begins!	22 Isaiah 55:6-9 9am Quilting 9:30am Rock of Ages at Home at Tecca's 4pm LFL at Mount Olive 7pm Bible Study led by Rev. Zigel	23 Phil. 1:12-14, 19-30 8:30am Chapel at TLS Noon P.A.R. at TYM 6:30pm FIRE Youth Group Second Year Conf.	24 Matthew 20:1-16 10:30am Bible Study 7pm Choir Rehearsal 10am Bible Study led by Pastor	25 Luke 24	26 Psalm 68 1pm Pickle Ball 5pm Worship
27 Psalm 69 8 & 10:30am Worship w/ Communion 9:30am Sunday School & Adult Bible Classes	28 John 1 Noon P.A.R. at TYM 7pm Adult Class	29 Ezekiel 18:1-4, 25-32 9am Quilting 7pm Lay Ministry Mtg 7pm Bible Study led by Rev. Zigel	30 Philippians 2:1-18 8:30am Chapel at TLS Noon P.A.R. at TYM 6:30pm FIRE Youth Group Second Year Conf.	ALTAR DUTY: Sheryl Scheafer CHURCH: 245-3984 SCHOOL: 656-1021 WEBSITE: www.trinitybillings.org		

Financial REPORT

July Finances		
Income		84,611
Expenses		164,478
Net Margin		-79,867
2020-2021 Finances		
	<i>Actual</i>	<i>Target</i>
Offerings	52,238	75,239
Total Income	84,611	167,674
Total Expenses	164,478	167,674
Net Margin	-79,867	0
Phase I Completion Drive (Goal of \$325,000 to Pay Off Loan)		
Gifts and Pledges (through July)		265,457
Remaining Needed to Complete		59,543

We are almost there - our Phase 1 debt is almost paid off! As we start up another school year, with over 80 students in our Early Childhood Program, we are constantly reminded of the blessings that God has given us through this Expansion Program. Thank you for your generous support of this project - it is making a difference in the lives of many families!

We also praise God for the faithful tithes and offerings of our congregation during this pandemic. While we did not hit our offering goal in July, we continue to be able to meet all of our financial obligations and keep ministry moving forward. **Thank you!**

BAPTISMS

Aidy Elaine Cichosz, daughter of Scott and Miranda Cichosz, was baptized at St. Vincent Hospital on August 17th by Rev. Daniel Rinderknecht.



Lutheran
Women
in Mission

LWML MEETING

After consulting with the officers and several LWML members, the September meeting (September 21) is cancelled. In an abundance of caution it was decided to wait at least another month in consideration of the health of our attendees. Mite donations are encouraged during this uncertain time. They, and regular donations, can be mailed to Treasurer Deb White at 123 S. 38th Street West, Billings, MT 59102. The Southeastern Zone Executive Committee has voted to cancel the 2020 Fall Zone Rally. ~ *May the Lord continue to bless each of you.* ~ Myrt

SCHOOL KITS FOR WORLD RELIEF

Now is the time to gather our supplies for the School Kits for the 2021 World Relief Drive while school supplies are on sale! These are the items needed:

- Rulers
- 70 page Spiral Notebooks (or one 150 page)
- Pencil Sharpeners
- Scissors (blunt)
- Ballpoint Pens (no gel ink)

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!

CONVENTION UPDATE

Taking all health precautions and with a much smaller group, the LWML held the 2020 Victory Celebration at Trinity, July 17-18. The theme was Corinthians 15:57 - "But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ." We want to thank Trinity and all the folks who helped in many ways to make this an uplifting occasion. Our special thanks to Kammy Perdew and Charlotte Nedens for their video skills! The video of the convention is now available for your viewing at www.mtdistrict.org. Click on the "2020 Victory Celebration" tab. The convention manual will be first simple scroll down for viewing the convention live!

TRINITY BUSINESS DIRECTORY

It's update time! We'd like to share information about our church members' businesses! If you would like to participate and be listed in the Trinity Business Directory, please email the church office (church@trinitybillings.org), letting us know the type of business you have, the business name, member name, phone number, website and any other information you'd like us to know about your business. We will gather new information and then print a new Trinity Business Directory! Thank you!



Special Events

WED, SEPTEMBER 9, 6:30 PM
2nd Year Confirmation Begins

THURS, SEPTEMBER 10, 7:00 PM
Adult Choir Begins

SUN, SEPTEMBER 13, 9:30 AM
Rally Day Kick-Off

WED, SEPTEMBER 16, 1:00 PM
Wrinkled Righteous Game Day

THURS, SEPTEMBER 17, 10:00 AM
Thursday Morning Bible Study

SAT, SEPTEMBER 19, 6:00 PM
1st Year Confirmation Orientation Meeting

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, NOON
1st Year Confirmation Orientation Meeting

1:00 PM - Trinity Tee-Off at Pryor Creek

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 7:00 PM
New Adult Instruction Class



News

IT'S TEE-OFF TIME!

The 12th Annual Trinity Tee-Off Golf Tournament is coming up on **Sunday, September 20**. This day of smiles and shanks supports Trinity School and the Manitoba Mission trip and is an event you don't want to miss. Get your team registered today at www.trinity-billings.org/upcoming-events.

12th Annual

Sunday, September 20
Pryor Creek Golf Course

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