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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ Jesus,

I've always thought of the word *rally* as a negative term. It's something you need when something bad is happening. It's trying to come back from a lost cause. When a battle is being lost, the troops need to rally. When a baseball game is being lost, the losing team needs to rally. On Sunday, September 12th, we are having a Rally Day here at church. Has something negative happened at church for which we need a rally?

On the contrary, we have a huge positive in our church. We have been given a great gift: the Word of God. In it, we learn about God, the Creator and Sustainer of the universe. We learn about God's requirements for us and the consequences of ignoring or violating those requirements. We learn about the breadth, width, and depth of God's love for us in Jesus Christ, Son, through whom we have the forgiveness of sins and a new personal relationship with God. In the Word of God, we learn the way to live a God pleasing life and, by that same Word, we receive the power to do so. We even learn about the future – what will happen to this world and what will happen to us.

These are crucial issues for every human being. While lower attendance at worship and Bible Study during the summer might be seen as a negative, we can still have a positive outlook because the word *rally* has a positive meaning. I know. I looked it up. A rally is more than just coming back from a lost cause. The dictionary defines rally as “to bring into order again; gather and organize or inspire anew”.

Our Rally Day is a day to “bring into order again” our study of God's Word as we begin new Sunday School classes and new Bible Classes. It is time to gather and organize children and adults and inspire them anew to eagerly and regularly study and learn the Word of God. This is what the Word of God encourages us to do. It says, “Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom, and as you sing psalms, hymns and spiritual songs with gratitude in your hearts to God. And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.” (Col. 3:16-17)

Our eagerness to have the word of Christ dwell richly in us and to teach one another that Word is not just to continue in the tradition of Sunday School and Bible Class nor in a momentary response to the celebration of a Rally Day. Rather, it is that we might “grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ” (2 Peter. 3:18) and receive all of the blessings of body and soul which the Lord has in store for us.

So, let's “rally” together on Rally Day! Be a part of bringing our program of Christian Education into order again and organizing it for the coming fall. Commit to learning the Word of God on a regular basis for yourself. Commit to being a teacher or substitute teacher of God's Word for our children. Be inspired by the Word of God to be in the Word of God always.

See you at Sunday School or in Bible Class!

Pastor Steven R. Schlund

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Everyone who went and helped at Deaf Camp.
 Everyone who attended the installation of Rev. Wade Harr.
 Everyone who baked, donated and bid at the dessert auction for Andrew Schlund.
 All of the ladies who go to Benefis Skilled Nursing Center, Park Place Nursing Home, Bee Hive Home #4 and Highgate House for hymn singing and devotions every month.
 Everyone who donated socks for the Crow Indian tribe.
 John Birkholz for your help with folding bulletins and newsletters.
 Gloria Creek and Kathy McIntosh for playing the organ during our worship services.
 All those who volunteer to teach Sunday school, Bible class, and midweek classes.
 Idell Croskrey for changing the banners and paraments.
 Everyone on the Prayer Chain for their time and prayers.
 Everyone who has donated treats for our fellowship time.
 All of the men who volunteer to usher.
 Jerry and Jody Geist and Angelika Fisher for cleaning the church.
 All of the ladies who stay after and clean the kitchen after Bible study.
 Alice Schuman and Cheri Magnuson for cleaning the Communion linens.
 Cindy Greenwood for decorating the bulletin boards.
 John Birkholz for editing our worship service tapes each week for the service to air on Cable 7.
 This list is not inclusive. Please accept our apologies if we have missed giving you credit for serving the Lord in any fashion. We know that the Lord knows your service to Him.

LWML

- ♥ Thank you to everyone who donated socks for the Crow Indians. Thanks to Helen Lewis for organizing this project.
- ♥ The Central Zone Fall Rally will be held at St. Paul Lutheran in Havre on September 11. Barb Going will be speaking about her trip to Germany and seeing the Martin Luther sites and the Oberamergau Passion Play, and Rev. Justin Herman will be speaking about his trip to Africa. There will be an ingathering for the food bank of Havre. Please bring non-perishable food items and the ladies attending will bring the items with them to the rally. Plan now to attend!
- ♥ Our next meeting and Bible study will be Tuesday, September 14 at 6:30 p.m. All ladies of Peace are invited and encouraged to come.
- ♥ The Fall LWML Retreat will be at Cane Ridge West in Lincoln on September 24 and 25. Registration costs \$40 and forms are in the latest *Montana Missive* or in the church office.
- ♥ Remember to bring your new soap for Soap Sunday on the second Sunday of each month. Soap collected will go to Lutheran World Relief. Thanks for your continued support.

Finances

The year to date budgeted amount through July 31, 2010 is **\$89,078.10**. What was given through July 31, 2010 is **\$81,510.64**. We are short **\$7,567.46**. Our Mission Commitment to the District has not been met for July in the amount of \$1,050.00. The amount in **Lutheran Church Extension Fund** as of July 31, 2010 is **\$26,635.82**. **LCEF loan balance as of July 31, 2010 is \$162,976.06.**

“Life Quotes” from Lutherans For Life

“If you’re a believer in Christ, you can enjoy the wisdom and serenity that come with age, knowing that shaky hands and bad knees are only temporary. Soon we will all enjoy glorified bodies. Isaiah says in chapter 35 [paraphrased], ‘Strengthen the feeble hands; steady the knees that give way. Say to those with fearful hearts, Your God will come to save you!’” *Pastor Mark Jeske, speaker on “Time of Grace”* Lutheransforlife.org / 888-364-LIFE

Family Night

We will begin Family Night again on Wednesday, September 7th with a potluck at 6:00 PM. There will be a potluck dinner every Wednesday for those who wish to participate and Bible Study for all ages, beginning at 6:30 PM. We will conclude with family devotions in the sanctuary. On the first night, the Adult Class will be viewing the video, “Already Gone” which is about why so many young people are leaving the church and the need to take Christian Education of all ages seriously. Our first regular topic will be a study of “Christ, Have Mercy!”, a book by our new LCMS President Matthew Harrison. Come and learn more about the role of showing mercy in the mission of the church and meet our new president who will be on video.



September Anniversaries

Sept. 3	Darrell and Cindy Greenwood
Sept. 4	Scott and Lisa Rubino
Sept. 6	Russ and Val Kraenzel
Sept. 8	Ernie and Judy VanVleet
Sept. 9	Lucas and Tina Wayman
Sept. 10	James and Susan Knoll
Sept. 16	Kevin and Cathi Cline
Sept. 18	Ken and Brenda Rubino
Sept. 19	Richard & Charlene Schotthey
Sept. 24	Scott and Ann Clutter
Sept. 27	Jason and Brook Gerard
Sept. 29	Robert and Angela Fletcher
Sept. 30	Lyle and Joan Sivumaki

Baptismal Anniversaries

September 1	Tara Onstad
2	Evelyn Henselin
4	Jill Keil
4	Kris Heppner
7	Jessamy Blomgren
8	Kathlina Carlsen
8	Nancy Brown
9	Joe Furr I
9	Meghan Magnuson
12	Jennifer Scanlon
12	Kevin VanVleet
15	Maria Kirkpatrick
16	Karl Mueller
19	Elsie Huss
20	John Sivumaki
20	Ken Steinke
21	Gabriel Jensen
22	Melissa Weaver
24	Paul Rubino
25	Rustin Kraenzel Jr.
26	Kaden Talley
29	Scott Rubino
29	Karin Steinke

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INCLUDE THESE PEOPLE IN YOUR PRAYERS:

The following people are experiencing health problems:

John Birkholz

Colleen Carr

Jo Flom

Eva Lou Knorr

Patsy Zvara

Our members who are away serving in the military are **Brandon Anderson, Michael Lewis, and Jacob Meierhoff.**

Justin Talley is in Jalalabad, Afghanistan. **Kurt Mueller** is redeployed to Iraq, near Baghdad. **Justin Mann**, grandson of Bruce and Janet Kempf, who is also in Afghanistan.

A Biblical Tour of Israel

A Biblical Tour of Israel: (March 2-11, 2011)

Starting with Beersheba, where Abraham, Isaac and Jacob received the promise and on to Nazareth, Sea of Galilee, Bethlehem, Jerusalem and many other places where Jesus traveled and ministered. The price is very reasonable at \$3370 which includes all flights, all lodging, 2 meals a day, all entrance fees, guide and daily Bible Study leader. Rev Darold Reiner (LCMS) is leading this tour from Kalispell, MT. Contact him at 406-752-1205 or reiner@centurytel.net for full brochure.

Adult Inquirers’ Class

Would you or anyone you know like to become a member of Peace Lutheran Church? Are you interested in what the Lutheran church teaches and confesses? Would you like to review basic Biblical teachings? If you answer “yes” to any of these questions, then the upcoming Adult Inquirers’ Class is for you. It will start on Sunday, September 26th and will meet every Sunday from 7:00 – 8:30 PM for approximately 12 weeks. We will study the Bible and Luther’s Small Catechism. If you are interested or would like more information, contact Pastor Schlund.

Choir practice begins

The choir will begin having practice each Tuesday at **5:15 p.m. on September 7.** They will meet each week on Tuesdays at that time. New members are welcome!

Education Director Update

1. The kids need Sunday school teachers this fall. If you would d like to donate your time and talents, it would be greatly appreciated. Teachers are needed for Kindergarten-2 grades, and 5-7 grades. Thank you very much.
2. There will be a teachers/staff meeting on Sept 7 at 7 pm to discuss the curriculum for the fall.
3. Rally Day is September 12 following the 930 a.m. church service. We will have games galore and an old fashioned family picnic with fried chicken, beans, an assortment of salads, pies, ice cream, watermelons and popsicles. I need helpers for this day to facilitate the different games planned. So bring your lawn chairs, coolers, blankets, umbrellas and appetites. Don't forget your kids.

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Ladies Bible Study Schedule

WOW! Summer zipped by faster than ever! Labor Day has a late date this year extending the summer season a bit longer for the campers, but those hard working teachers and students have already put in many days.

FRIDAY LADIES BIBLE CLASS will resume their study of the Book of 1 JOHN on September 10th from 1 - 3pm at the home of Marge Johnsten, 3000 8th Ave So. The group will meet September 17th for Bible study at Ann Nimmick's new home at 2327 15th Ave So. There's always an extra chair at the table for you. Come and join in the study of John's letters!

Ladies will lead residents in hymn singing and a devotion at two assisted living facilities. On Tuesday, September 14th they will be at Bee Hive Home #4 at 2320 15th Ave So. Friday, September 24th ladies will meet at 11:45 am at the Bar S Restaurant, 5100 North Star Blvd for a no host lunch, then continue on to Highgate House, 3000 11th Ave So. Join the ladies as they sing the "Oldies but Goodies" with the residents!

Wee Disciples



Welcome back to the Preschool, K-1 and After School Care programs. Back to School is such an exciting time for all of us.

Childcare has exciting new beginnings with two very young babies. Melissa, Clara and Shirley spend the most time with these babies. We have a foster grandmother, Mary, who enjoys helping us with babies. Judy joined us with toddlers. Mendy, Jo-El and Alley will plan for the children who are four and five. Jo-El balances her own school with both preschool and elementary children. Wanell and Sadie are a great team in childcare administration, coordinating meals and staff!

We have several new students, some of them are siblings of previous students, so it is fun to have the families return or continue with us.

We welcome our preschool teachers – Tracy Martello and Diane Smith. They will be teaching the four classes on alternating days. The Concordia curriculum is the base of our teaching.

With the excitement of a new school year, come challenges as well. In review of previous years, I wrote in this Lamplighter:

As we contemplate beginning a new year of serving children, it means commitment from Trinity congregation, parents of children attending Wee Disciples and from our wonderful staff at Wee Disciples. I found encouragement from the materials in the Lutheran Portal – an online service of the LCMS. *Jesus never asks us to serve without giving us the means to do so. He strengthens our feeble efforts, ignites the joy of service in our hearts, and gives us opportunities to give God glory in what He has us do. We are not alone!*

We must look back and see God's strength and joy in this journey!

We welcome volunteers at any time – it is a fun way to meet staff and enjoy the children. If you would like to share some time with us, just call anytime.