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## OCTOBER LAMPLIGHTER DEADLINE

Please have your calendar items and articles into the church office by:

**Monday, September 22<sup>nd</sup>!!**

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Respect the  
Deadline!



## WEE DISCIPLES

*“Train up a child in the way he should go; even when he is old he will not depart from it.” Proverbs 22:6*

One of the children’s favorite songs to sing is *If I Were a Butterfly*. As they sing through the song with the music, the motions, the wiggles, and the giggles, the children pretend



to be a butterfly, a wiggly worm, a fuzzy, wuzzy bear, a robin in a tree, a fish in the sea, a kangaroo, an octopus, an elephant, and a crocodile, with each stanza ending with these words—*“And I just thank you, Father, for making me Me!”* At Wee Disciples we embrace and enjoy the uniqueness and specialness of each of the children entrusted to our care. It is a wonderful experience to work with each child as they learn and grow with us. We are looking forward to another new school year and we welcome our new families and new staff, and we welcome back our returning families and staff members. It is going to be a wonderful year!

Thank you to everyone who attended the *Back-to-School Open House* on August 21<sup>st</sup>. It was nice to have so many stop by! Thank you to our summer staff for helping us with our summer program and thank you to the families who had their children attend here. It was a busy and fun summer!

Currently we have 51 children enrolled at Wee Disciples and 15 staff members, some work part-time and some work full-time. We do have a couple preschool openings, so if you know someone who is looking to enroll a child in preschool, have them contact Debbie Lee.

Wee Disciples will be closed on **Labor Day, September 1<sup>st</sup>**.

The Board of Early Childhood Education meets on **Thursday, September 4<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm**.

The *Fuddrucker’s Burgers for Benefits* fundraiser continues on the third Tuesday of each month again this year. **September 16<sup>th</sup>** will be the next opportunity to participate. Coupons are available on the announcement board upstairs near the door to Miss Debbie’s room. We also are continuing with the Smith’s Rewards Program. Thank you for your continued support with these fundraising efforts!

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Did you know that Trinity has scholarships available for families of Trinity who have, or would like to have, their children attending Wee Disciples Preschool and Day Care? The application is available on our website ([www.trinity-mt.org](http://www.trinity-mt.org)) or in the church office.

**NOTE ~ The congregation is encouraged to contribute to the scholarship fund just as we do the roof repair or any other special fund. There are special envelopes in the back of the Sanctuary to place your donations in.**



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### LWML News



*All ladies of the congregation, including our new members and confirmed young women, are invited and encouraged to attend all LWML happenings here at Trinity.*

*Please contact Sylvia Adams or Amy Schultz for more information.*

**Mark your calendars:** Trinity LWML will be hosting our **Central Zone Fall Rally on October 4<sup>th</sup>**. The theme will be “*Stir Up One Another in Love and Good Works.*” Our guest speaker will be Lynne Staigmler, Volunteer Coordinator for the Rescue Mission, and we will collect donations to aid in their work within the Great Falls community. Ladies from all over the zone will be invited, including Chinook, Havre, Power, Fairfield, Peace/Christ for the Deaf here in Great Falls, Stanford, Lewistown, Denton and Fort Benton. The in-gathering will be non-perishable food items, especially cereal. Keep watch for more details! This is a great opportunity to serve and have fellowship with our sisters in Christ in our area.

“*At Such a Time As This*” is the theme of our Fall Retreats this year, which will be held **September 19<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup>**. The theme and dates are the same at both locations – Mountain Top Retreat near Bozeman & Trinity Lutheran Camp near Bigfork. Retreats are a wonderful opportunity to spend time in study of God’s Word and His many blessings for us. They also provide time for fellowship and fun, whether it’s crafting, playing games or enjoying God’s creation. Registration is open; invite a friend! Please talk to Amy Schultz for more information or see the LWML bulletin board outside the church office.

The Montana District LWML Convention will be on **April 24-26, 2026**, in Lewistown. What joyful times ahead!

Our next Group Gathering will be on **Saturday, September 6<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 am**. We will plan out our year, have fellowship time, devotions, and treats – please join us!

### Dates to Remember:

**September 6<sup>th</sup> ~ 9:30 am**

**September 19<sup>th</sup> ~ 21<sup>st</sup>**

**October 4<sup>th</sup> ~ TBA**

**October 5<sup>th</sup>**

**April 24-26, 2026**

Group Gathering

District Retreats at Trinity Camp or Bozeman

Trinity hosting Central Zone Fall Rally

LWML Sunday ~ installation of officers

District LWML Convention ~ Lewistown, MT

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**Wednesday Ladies Bible study** ~ Throughout the summer, the Ladies’ Bible Study group worked through an interesting study about The Lord’s Prayer. The group will now be working through some individual studies. August 27<sup>th</sup> and September 3<sup>rd</sup>, we will be doing a study titled *Assured*. On September 10<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup>, we will be doing a study titled *Deep Cleaning*, and on September 24<sup>th</sup> and October 8<sup>th</sup>, we will be doing a study titled *Through Christ: Abundant Life for Women*.



The Ladies' Bible Study meets every Wednesday from 9:30am to 11:00am in the Stahlecker Room. Do you have a Bible study you are interested in studying? Join us as we study God's Word together and have fellowship time together each week.

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**Men's Bible Study** meets on **Thursday mornings at 8:30 am** for an hour of fellowship and study of God's Word. All the men of the congregation are invited and encouraged to attend.

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**The Friday Ladies Bible study** ~ Friday Ladies Bible study continues to be in recess until further notice.

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**Assisted Living Ministry** ~ Assisted Living Ministry will bring hymn singing and a devotion to *Highgate Senior Living*, 3000 11<sup>th</sup> Ave. S., on **Friday, September 26<sup>th</sup> at 1:30pm**. The no host lunch will gather earlier that day at **11:45am** at *Rib & Chop*, 221 3<sup>rd</sup> St. N.



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*Called Home to Glory*

*July 2025*

*Purl George Pence*

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**Mark Your calendars!**

**Sunday, September 7, 2025**

*Bring your children, grandchildren and neighbors for Sunday school*

**8:30 am**

**age 3 through 6<sup>th</sup> grade** in the Sanctuary

**Junior High and High school youth** downstairs in the Youth Room

and

**Adult Bible study** in the Fellowship Hall downstairs

followed by

**Divine Service at 10:00 am**

**Join us after service for an "Ice Cream Social" to celebrate Rally Day!**



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### **Please, check your Narthex mailbox!**

**If you are a semi-regular or regular attendee, due to the rising cost of postage**, you will NOT be receiving the Lamplighter or most other church related items via the U.S. Postal Service. Please check your Narthex mailbox each week.

If you would prefer to receive your Lamplighter via email, please email the church ([trinity@trinity-mt.org](mailto:trinity@trinity-mt.org)) and we will switch you to electronic delivery.

Remember that the Lamplighter and Grace Notes are posted on our web site at **[www.trinity-mt-org](http://www.trinity-mt-org)**. You can always access them there anytime.

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**Just a reminder**, if you need to get in touch with the church office, **PLEASE** call the church (406-452-2121), the church cell phone (406-590-6460) or send an email (trinity@trinity-mt.org). Both the church number and cell phone number reach me 24/7 and I have access to check email regularly. *Thank you, Cheryl Bauer*

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**Our video ministry goes out each week on our Facebook page and reaches countless people. The audio/video crew is looking for a few good people. No experience is needed; we will teach you what you will need to know. If you would be interested in helping with this very important ministry, contact Pastor Schultz or Cheryl Bauer (406-590-6460) for more information.**



We have had so many new faces join our family (and a few friends have left us) here at Trinity that the time has come, once again, to update our church directory. Please stop by the table in the Narthex **the next two Sundays** to verify that we have all the correct, current information on your household and, if you like, we can update your picture.



**COLLEGE STUDENTS ~ please consider sharing your “away” address with us so that we can stay in touch with you.**

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**Quarterly Voter’s Meeting** ~ The fall Quarterly Voter’s meeting will be held on Sunday, September 28<sup>th</sup> following the Divine Service. All Members 18-years-old and up are invited and encouraged to come.

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### **COMPARISON OF GIVING REPORT ~ 2025**

**For the period July 27<sup>th</sup> through August 24<sup>th</sup>**

<b>July 27<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>\$2,408</b>
<b>August 3<sup>rd</sup></b>	<b>\$4,795</b>
<b>August 10<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>\$3,315</b>
<b>August 17<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>\$3,824</b>
<b>August 24<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>\$3,785</b>
<b>Vanco</b>	<b>\$1,850</b>



**Actual giving for report period: \$19,977**

Roof Repair Fund –through 08/24/2025 **\$50,374**

If you have any questions, please call me at (406) 781-7605 ~ *Logan Stene, Assistant Treasurer*

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### **Our shut-ins**

**Millie Birkholz** (The Lodge), **Ellen Carpenter** (Eagle’s Manor), **Anita Erickson** (at home). **Ed Hickel** (at home), **Arleen Nelson** (Rosetta Assisted Living), **Lauretta Stanfield** (at home); **Juanita Winter** (Bee Hive Homes-Clover), **Barbara Zafft** (The Lodge)

**Bob Blomstrom** (Helena), **Darlene Murray** (at son’s home in Kansas), **Vi-Nell** (Benefis Grandview)



**Our members who continue to battle health issues and their caregivers**

Roy & Carolyn Arves, Chuck & Judy Lively, Jerry & Colleen Mans, Henry & Alice Schuman

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**We pray for those serving in the military and our First Responders**

**Sam Birkett**, Cascade County Sheriff's Deputy; **Matt Clark**, Great Falls Emergency Services; **Joshua Graham**, (Blomstrom's grandson-in-law) Helena Police Department

**Scott Backus**, MANG; **Scott Broberg**, USAF; **Daniel Crème**, USAF; **Ricardo Dominguez**, USAF; **Matthew Erickson**, USAF (Anita Erickson's grandson); **Landon Grosenick**, MANG (Pam Grosenick's grandson); **Chaplain Jonathan Schultz**, USAF Reserves; **Julie Timms** (Waetzig's granddaughter)

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**Rev. Dr. David & Jennifer Preus** ~ Eurasia (Romania)

**John & Jenn Wolf** ~ Kenya

**Rev. Dr. Gerald & Heidi Paul** ~ Cayman Islands

**Rev. Eric & Johanna Stinnett** ~ Ethiopia

**Giving Online:** You can partner with the LCMS by making an online gift restricted in use to the support of these missionaries at **lcms.org**

**Giving by Check:** You can also make a donation to their ministries by check. *Mail your check, made payable to The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod and designated in the memo line with the missionaries last name*, to The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, P.O. Box 66861, St. Louis, MO 63166-6861, **QUESTIONS?** Call 888-930-4438 or send an email to **mission.giving@lcms.org**.

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*Join us as a fellow traveler*

## **Our Holy Land Journey**

October 7 ~ 17, 2026

Join us as a fellow traveler on Our Holy Land Tour to Israel. The purpose of our journey to the Holy Land is to equip fellow travelers as saints as expressed in Ephesians 4:11-12. While pictures, videos, and other media may give us a sense of significance of the many places you will see on your journey,

being in the presence of sights central to the life, ministry, miracles, death, and resurrection of Jesus offers a unique potential to deepen your life in faith. This journey will prepare and inspire you for the work Gods calls each one of us that we may be an even greater blessing to others.

### **LEARN MORE**

- **Request an information folder**
- **Visit [purposefuljourneys.org](https://purposefuljourneys.org)**
- **Email [info@purposefuljourneys.org](mailto:info@purposefuljourneys.org)**

**Administered by:**

Purposeful Journeys

3095 Lexington Avenue, Suite 400

Cape Girardeau, MO 63701

***Pastor and Mrs. Portier invite you to join them and others on this journey to the Holy Land.***

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# Worship Assistants



## Serving this Month

**Altar Guild** ~ Denise Wegner / Sandy Baranko / Candace Tanksley

**Ushers** ~ Alan Wegner / Roy Arves / Elders

### September 3, 2025 ~ Mid-week Service

Duty Elder	Martin Bauer
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### September 7, 2025 ~ Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost (green)

Duty Elders	Martin Bauer / Shawn Shaw
Audio/Video/Music	Cheryl Bauer

### September 10, 2025 ~ Mid-week Service

Duty Elder	Shawn Shaw
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### September 14, 2025 ~ Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost (green)

Duty Elders	Scott Broberg / Len Koelbel
Audio/Video	NOA
Organist	Gloria Creek



### September 17, 2025 ~ Mid-Week Service

Duty Elder	Martin Bauer
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### September 21, 2025 ~ Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost (green)

Duty Elders	Shawn Shaw / Ron VanVoast
Audio/Video/Music	Isaac Schultz

### September 24, 2025 ~ Mid-week Service

Duty Elder	Shawn Shaw
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### September 28, 2025 ~ Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost (green)

Duty Elders	Scott Broberg / Ron VanVoast
Audio/Video /Music	NOA



*If unable to serve on your designated Sunday, please contact the church office (406-452-2121)  
as soon as possible to allow time to find a substitute.*



# Birthdays

## Wedding, Baptismal and Confirmation Anniversaries

September 1<sup>st</sup> Kathie Gessaman  
 September 5<sup>th</sup> Jacksin Graves, Serenity Miesmer  
 September 7<sup>th</sup> Carolyn Arves (80+), Denise Wegner  
 September 10<sup>th</sup> Bryce Backus, Brian Felstet  
 Pam Grosenick, Pam Nommensen  
 September 11<sup>th</sup> Ada Burkstrand, Christopher Meehan



SEPTEMBER  
birthdays



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September 12<sup>th</sup> Jaymes Crumley, Meredith Tabbert  
 September 13<sup>th</sup> Patty Jones, Al Redenbaugh, Brett Stene  
 September 16<sup>th</sup> Ericka Taylor  
 September 18<sup>th</sup> Shawna Burkstrand  
 September 19<sup>th</sup> Briana Bishop

September 22<sup>nd</sup> Bob Bergan, Brittanie Clark  
 Zander Martello, Charlotte Morrison  
 September 24<sup>th</sup> Jimmy Norris  
 September 27<sup>th</sup> Janet Headington, Tonya Wandke  
 September 29<sup>th</sup> Hailey Houle  
 September 30<sup>th</sup> Michael Bush, Kaleigh Smith



SEPTEMBER  
birthdays



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anniversaries

September 3<sup>rd</sup> Jerry ♥ Colleen Mans (64)  
 September 5<sup>th</sup> Ed ♥ Sherri VanVleet (55)  
 September 7<sup>th</sup> Seth ♥ Jamey Wheeler (24)

September 8<sup>th</sup> Adam ♥ Tina Bink (18)  
 September 9<sup>th</sup> Daniel ♥ Deborah Farris (14)  
 September 20<sup>th</sup> Chad ♥ Michele Mans (28)



SEPTEMBER  
anniversaries

September 9<sup>th</sup> Clifton Grilley, Collette Grina  
 September 10<sup>th</sup> Doug Nelson  
 September 11<sup>th</sup> Matt Gollahon  
 September 13<sup>th</sup> Tim Guderjahn  
 September 15<sup>th</sup> Karla Adelmeyer, Cody Stene  
 September 16<sup>th</sup> Connie Felstet



SEPTEMBER  
baptismal anniversaries

September 19<sup>th</sup> Mychal Taylor  
 September 20<sup>th</sup> Tracy Martello  
 September 24<sup>th</sup> Pam Grosenick  
 September 25<sup>th</sup> Cathy Christianson  
 September 27<sup>th</sup> Bryce Backus, David O'Meara  
 September 30<sup>th</sup> Meredith Tabbert, Mason Voegel



SEPTEMBER  
baptismal anniversaries

Confirmation Anniversaries

September 11<sup>th</sup>

Matt Gollahon