



The Legacy of the Reformation: Teaching the Faith

On the last Sunday of October, our church - along with many Lutheran Churches around the world - will celebrate the Reformation. On October 31, 1517, Martin Luther posted his 95 Theses on the door of the Castle Church in Wittenberg, Germany. The 95 Theses were intended to begin a scholarly debate about certain practices within the Church of his day. This act began a Reformation within the Church that eventually led to the plethora of Protestant denominations that we have today. While that act began the Reformation, Martin Luther had a significant influence on other aspects of life in the church and world.

Take, for instance, the Bible you have at home or on your phone.

The year was 1521, and Luther had been “kidnapped” by Elector Frederick the Wise in order to protect him. Martin Luther had been branded as a heretic and outlaw by the Church because of the things he believed and taught. In order to keep him safe, Frederick hid him in the Wartburg Castle.

While he was at Wartburg, Martin Luther began the task of translating the New Testament from the original Greek language into the German language. He desired that all German people could read the Bible, rather than just the educated class who read the Latin translation. Luther’s work of translating the New Testament into German was completed in 1522, and the first edition quickly sold out. He then began the task of translating the Old Testament from Hebrew into German.

Luther was not content with just having a German Bible available to the people; he also wanted the commoners to learn how to read and understand it. He urged the princes of the land to establish schools in order to teach children how to read so that they, too, could learn and study the Bible. Many historians point to this as the beginning of public education. The German princes opened schools to teach children how to read so that they could learn about God’s grace and Jesus’ great love.

He also wrote both the *Small Catechism* (1529), which was intended to help parents teach the faith to their children, as well as the *Large Catechism* (1530), which Luther wrote to make sure that the pastors understood what the Bible taught.

Martin Luther wanted people to spend time in the Word, and to teach the faith to children and adults alike. We continue this legacy today with Lutheran day schools, Sunday School and Adult Bible Studies, Vacation Bible School, confirmation and adult information classes. Our own Wee Disciples Pre-School and Childcare are part of that tradition of teaching the faith to children. Missionaries across the world bring God’s Word to all the peoples

in their own languages. Chaplains share the Holy Scriptures with members of the Armed Forces and their families. But anyone can share God's love, mercy and grace as found in His Word with the people in their lives.

God has revealed Himself to us in the writings of Holy Scripture. He has shown us His grace and mercy, and has taught us about His Son, Jesus Christ. In these Words, He grants us forgiveness, life and salvation. Spend time reading the Bible and rejoice in your salvation.

Confirmation Instruction - We will begin Confirmation Instruction in October for fifth and sixth graders, as well as older children who have not yet been confirmed. Please speak with Pastor if you have a child that you would like to enroll.

NOVEMBER LAMPLIGHTER DEADLINE

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

Monday, October 20th!!



WEE DISCIPLES

He said to them, "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these."

Mark 10:14



The sights, sounds, and smells of fall are all around us—a new school year is already underway, the grass is starting to turn from green to brown, the leaves are beginning to turn and fall from the trees, the days are getting a bit cooler, AND it is now time to harvest our garden plot at Pea Pods Community Garden. Last spring, the Wee Disciples children planted a garden at Pea Pods Community Garden. Throughout the summer the staff and children walked over to the garden to water the plants, pull weeds, and work in the garden. Now the children are enjoying the fruits of their labor by harvesting the vegetables which are then served at lunchtime. They have been especially enjoying their little tomatoes and green beans! Everyone is looking forward to the time for picking pumpkins!

The children are getting back into their daily and weekly routines here at Wee Disciples and are especially happy to have Pastor Schultz and Pastor Reinke back for chapel on Tuesdays and Fridays each week. Along with their daily lessons, Bible studies, arts and crafts, the children also have *Joyful Sounds* with Miss Judy on Mondays, *Chapel Music Makers* with Miss Amy during the week, weekly exercise/gymnastic time at the Heisey Center and a monthly visit from the bookmobile. Along with all of this, there are usually a few fieldtrips each month. In September, the children celebrated *Johnny Appleseed Day* and in October they will be making their annual trip to a local pumpkin patch. Lots of fun things are happening at Wee Disciples!

October 21st will be the next *Fuddrucker's Burgers for Benefits* evening. Thank you to everyone who helps support Wee Disciples through these fundraising nights!

The Board of Early Childhood Education will not be meeting in October; there will be a combined October/November meeting on November 6th at 6:30pm.

Mark your calendars—*Wee Disciples Family Thanksgiving Chapel* will be on **Monday, November 24th** and *Wee Disciples Family Christmas Chapel* will be on **Thursday, December 18th**. Watch for more details in the upcoming *Lamplighter* newsletters and the Sunday *Grace Notes*.



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) 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.**

Wednesday Ladies Bible study ~ The Wednesday Morning Ladies' Bible study group meets every Wednesday morning in the Stahlecker Room from 9:30 to 11:00am. During the month of October, the group will be doing four different Bible studies. ***What Are You Putting On?*** –in Colossians, Paul indicated people should clothe themselves—what to put on to live lives as God's people. Consider how you can show what you put on to the world and show whose child you truly are! ***That Human Touch*** includes Jesus' touch and touching lives through relationships. ***Bearing Life's Burdens...Together*** studies the burdens Mary, the mother of Jesus, bore during the different seasons of her life. The final study in the month of October is titled ***From Fear to Faith—The Reformation Story***, which is a Bible study where we will learn about Martin Luther and the Protestant Reformation, and about Jesus Christ and the value of the Reformation for our lives today. Join us for a morning studying God's Word and having fellowship time together!

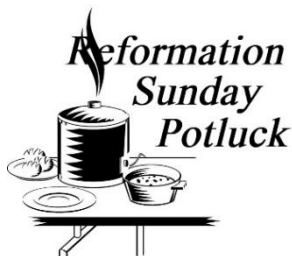
Men's Bible Study meets on **Thursday mornings at 8:30 am** for an hour of fellowship and study of God's Word. All the men of the congregation are invited and encouraged to attend.

Yellow leaves on the trees and crisp autumn nights mean it's time to button up the garden for the 2025 season. Another beautiful growing season comes to an end. Hunters and skiers are quivering to have their seasons arrive.

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

Assisted Living Ministry ~ The Assisted Living Ministry goes through all seasons. Friends from Trinity and Peace will gather to lead hymn singing with a devotion at *Highgate Senior Living* at 1:30pm on Friday, October 24th. Before going to Highgate there will be a no-host lunch at *The Montana Club*, 907 Smelter Ave. NE. Join them for good food and fellowship.

On **Monday, October 20th at 1:30pm** Pastor Reinke will lead a worship service at *Highgate Senior Living*. Carol Thurston, Ken Meske, and others will be delighted to have you join them!



When: Sunday, October 26th 11:30am

Where: Fellowship Hall

Who: EVERYONE!

What: Bring a salad, side dish or dessert to share

The Missions & Evangelism Committee will be providing the brats, hot dogs, buns, condiments and drinks.



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 (406-452-2121) for more information.

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) 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**. You can always access them there anytime.

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*

Fellowship Time Help Needed!! We are looking for individuals or couples who would be willing to help set up the coffee and cookies for Sunday mornings. This would be one or two Saturdays a month (the more people who volunteer the less often you would be asked to help). If you have questions, please talk to Pastor or Cheryl.



The Endowment Committee has determined that the Endowment Fund has money to be distributed. The congregation is invited to stop in the church office and pick up an application and submit it for the committee to consider. Your project must be outside Trinity Lutheran Church's regular mission outreach programs, be for Christian education, missions and outreach. Deadline for applications is **October 26, 2025**.

COMPARISON OF GIVING REPORT ~ 2025

For the period August 31st through September 21st



August 31 st	\$2,275
September 7 th	\$4,592
September 14 th	\$3,498
September 21 st	\$4,036
Vanco	\$1,700

Actual giving for report period: \$16,101

Roof Repair Fund –through 09/21/2025 \$50,374

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

It's Stewardship Pledge Time! You should all have received a letter in your Narthex mailbox asking you to pledge your time, talents and treasures for next year. Please take a few moments in the coming days to prayerfully consider how you will serve the Lord in 2026. The forms should be returned to Trinity by **Sunday, October 26th** to allow our Stewardship Committee time to put together the numbers before the next Voter's Meeting in November.



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The next generation of giving

Please visit our website **www.trinity-mt.org**, go to the "Fellowship" tab and sign up for online giving. You can also download the Vanco mobile app to your smart phone for even more convenience.

Our shut-ins

Mildred 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)

Our members who continue to battle health issues and their caregivers

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

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)

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.

A Thank You from the Paul's

Saints at Trinity,

Psalm 98:1 says: "The Lord has made known his salvation; he has revealed his righteousness in the sight of the nations." He has done this through the cross and resurrection of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. He has called us to proclaim His salvation to the nations. Thus, we thank you for your generous support and your prayers that make it possible for us to be on the mission field, and to share this wonderful Good News of forgiveness and salvation in Christ. We respond with the psalmist: "Oh sing to the Lord a new song, for he has done marvelous things!" (Ps. 98:1). Thanks be to God for that!

*Thank you for this opportunity to share the joy in Christ,
Gerald and Heidi Paul*



Stir Up

One Another
in Love

and Good Works

**LWML MT District Central Zone
Fall Rally**

October 4, 2025

Trinity Lutheran Church, 1226 1st Ave N, Great Falls

9:30 am Registration and Refreshments

10:00 am Opening Bible Study

Speaker: Lynne Stagmiller, Great Falls Rescue Mission
National LWML Convention Highlights
Montana District Convention Planning

Ingathering: non-perishables for Rescue Mission
\$6 registration donation (to defray costs)

Please come join us for fellowship and time in God's Word. We will hear how the Holy Spirit is working all over the world and have an opportunity to learn how to serve our neighbors, here and far away.

Questions? Contact Sylvia (406-781-3911)

Worship Assistants



Serving this Month

Altar Guild ~ Denise Wegner / Sandy Baranko / Candace Tanksley

Ushers ~ Alan Wegner / Roy Arves / Elders

October 1, 2025 ~ Mid-week Service

Duty Elder

Martin Bauer

October 5, 2025 ~ Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost / LWML Sunday (green)

Duty Elders

Scott Broberg / Shawn Shaw

Audio/Video/Music

Denise Rutledge

October 8, 2025 ~ Mid-week Service

Duty Elder (Lay Service)

Ron VanVoast

October 12, 2025 ~ Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost (green)

Duty Elders

Martin Bauer / Ron VanVoast

Audio/Video

Cheryl Bauer

Organist

Gloria Creek



October 15, 2025 ~ Mid-Week Service

Duty Elder

Shawn Shaw

October 19, 2025 ~ Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost (green)

Duty Elders

Len Koelbel / Bill Sybrant

Audio/Video/Music

Isaac Schultz

October 22, 2025 ~ Mid-week Service

Duty Elder

Martin Bauer

October 26, 2025 ~ Reformation Sunday (red)

Duty Elders

Len Koelbel / Shawn Shaw

Audio/Video /Music

NOA

October 29, 2025 ~ Mid-week Service

Duty Elder

Shawn Shaw

Sola Gratia



Sola Fide



Sola Scriptura

*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 & Confirmation Anniversaries

October 1st *Tarl Legg*
 October 2nd *Channing Hartelius*
 October 5th *Scott Backus*
 Crosley Kotz
 Elsie Lorenz (90+)



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birthdays

October 15th *Caitee Miesmer*
 October 16th *Brad Norris*
 Zach Phillips
 October 17th *Samuel Schultz*
 October 18th *Jacalyn Garrison*

October 7th *Ashley Hill, Kolter Legg*
 Taylyn Voegel
 October 8th *Triston Burkstrand*
 Jacob Russell, Logan Stene
 October 9th *Kayla Christianson*
 October 10th *Hannah Schultz*
 October 11th *Jan Bicsak*
 October 12th *Ryon Burkstrand*
 October 13th *Jacob Eberly*

October 22nd *Clifton Grilley, Penny Hill*
 October 23rd *Rev. Jonathan Schultz*
 October 24th *Alexandria Thompson*
 October 25th *Shayna Kellogg*
 October 26th *Clayton Walker*
 October 29th *Cheryl Bauer, Bonnie Nommensen*
 October 30th *Kay Kessel, Justin Wade*
 October 31st *Samarah Hill, Courtney Schroeder*

October 2nd *Riley ♥ Krista Kotz (21)*
 October 3rd *Larry ♥ Jillian Homan (10)*
 October 5th *Brayden ♥ Katie Ginnaty (1)*
 October 12th *Matt ♥ Candace Tanksley (14)*
 Blaize ♥ Allie Wegner (1)



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October 13th
October 19th
October 23rd
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Bob ♥ Linda Bergan (52)
Will ♥ Emily Justice (1)
Cory ♥ Lois Phillips (38)
Henry ♥ Alice Schuman (59)

October 7th *Cally Felstet, Bayley Ginnaty*
 October 14th *Easton Payne*
 October 15th *Kayla Christianson*
 October 17th *Christopher Meehan, Evelyn Payne*
 October 18th *Vi Nell*
 October 22nd *Neil Hamm, Hannah Schultz*



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October 23rd *Jacob Eberly*
 October 24th *Ericka Taylor*
 October 25th *Jeff Thompson*
 October 26th *Peggy Norris*
 October 27th *Ashley Hill, Samuel Schultz*
 October 29th *Jimmy Norris, Brent Stanger*

October 4th *Bob Magis*
 October 14th *Randi Meehan*
 October 17th *Courtney Walker*



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confirmation anniversaries