

Grace Notes

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Sunday – 10/12/2025 ~ Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

8:30a Sunday school and Adult Bible study
10:00a Divine Service
Duty Elders ~ Martin Bauer / Ron VanVoast
Audio / Video ~ Cheryl Bauer
Organist ~ Gloria Creek

Monday – 10/13/2025

6:00p Board of Elders

Tuesday – 10/14/2025

6:00p Hand Bell Choir practice

Wednesday – 10/15/2025

9:30a Women's Bible study
11:30a LWML Board meeting
4:00p Confirmation class
5:30p Adult Choir practice
6:30p Mid-Week Divine Service

Thursday – 10/16/2025

8:30a Men's Bible study
6:00p Church Council

Friday – 10/17/2025

Church office closed

Saturday – 10/18/2025

Nothing scheduled

Sunday – 10/19/2025 ~ Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

8:30a Sunday school and Adult Bible study
10:00a Divine Service
Duty Elders ~ Len Koelbel / Bill Sybrant
Audio / Video / Music ~ Isaac Schultz

**Check your Narthex mailboxes
the October Lamplighter and other goodies are there!**

Keep these things in mind....

Burgers for Benefits at Fuddruckers' ~ **October 21st from 5:00 to 9:00pm**

Trinity/Wee Disciples Scholarship

Wednesday Morning Ladies Bible study ~ **Wednesday mornings from 9:30 to 11:00am** in the Stahlecker Room.

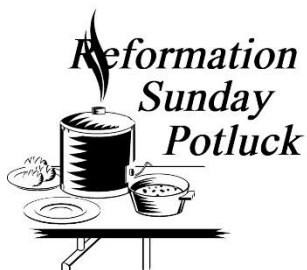
No host lunch ~ **Friday, October 24th at 11:45am** at *The Montana Club*, 907 Smelter Ave. NE

Assisted Living Ministry ~ *Highgate Senior Living*, **Friday, October 24th at 1:30pm.**

The new Church Directories are ready! If you have not received one yet, you can pick yours up in the back of the Sanctuary.

Audio/Video Help ~ 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 Cheryl Bauer (406-590-6460) for more information.

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.**



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.

Fellowship Time Set-up ~ 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.



Trinity Scholarships ~ 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.

5th Sunday Mission Collection ~ November 30th is the next 5th Sunday Mission Collection. This time we will be collecting to assist our sister congregations in Glasgow/Wolf Point /Plentywood in the endeavor to purchase and repair a home in Plentywood so they can call a pastor to their ministry.

Quarterly Voter's meeting/Elections ~ The next *Quarterly Voter's meeting and Annual Elections* will be on **Sunday, November 23rd** following the Divine Service. All members at least 18-years-old are invited and encouraged to attend this important annual meeting.



Snow Removal Sign-up ~ Help is needed for the winter to remove snow from the sidewalks before church on Sunday mornings. If you would be willing to help, there is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board outside the church office.

Please save your old *Portals of Prayer* and turn them into the church office for the LWML ladies' new project. More information to come.

Vanco's Give+ Online

Vanco's Give+ Mobile

The next generation of giving

Please visit our website **[www.trinity-](http://www.trinity-mt.org)**

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.



Contribution and Attendance Numbers

for the week of September 29th through October 5th

Adult Bible study (<i>women's, men's Sunday</i>)	27
Sunday school	17
Mid-week Service	23
Divine Service	87
Offerings	\$3,195
Vanco	\$550

The week of October 12th through October 19th

Celebrating their Wedding Anniversaries this week

October 12 th	Matt ♥ Candace Tanksley (14)
	Blaize ♥ Allie Wegner (1)
October 13 th	Bob ♥ Linda Bergan (52)
October 19 th	Will ♥ Emily Justice (1)

Celebrating their Birthday this week

October 12 th	Ryon Burkstrand
October 13 th	Jacob Eberly
	Donald Hamm
October 15 th	Caitee Miesmer
October 16 th	Brad Norris
	Zach Phillips
October 17 th	Samuel Schultz
October 18 th	Jacalyn Garrison

Celebrating their Baptismal Anniversaries this week

October 14 th	Easton Payne
October 15 th	Kayla Christianson
October 17 th	Christopher Meehan
	Evelyn Payne

Celebrating their Confirmation anniversaries this week

October 14 th	Randi Meehan
October 17 th	Courtney Walker

PRAYER REQUESTS

*For prayer requests, please call the church office (406-452-2121)
or email us at trinity@trinity-mt.org*

We pray for our members

Joyce Bush	Ellen Carpenter
Gary Headington	Lidia Neumann
Kirk Norris	David O'Meara
Lauretta Stanfield	Lindy Stanfield
Joy Suek	Juanita Winter

We pray for friends and family of our members

Dana (Kathie Sybrant's cousin)
Fran Holt (Michael Garver's mother)
Janet Hussli (Pam Grosenick's sister-in-law)
Marge Johnsten (member of Peace Lutheran)
Kevon (Lively's friend)
Dawn & Dorothy Krueger (Pam Grosenick's sister and mother)
Laura (Denise Wegner's friend)
Roger & Marlene Lienau (Cheryl Bauer's parents)
Phil (Kathie Sybrant's father)
Rebecca (Debbie Lee's sister)
Lynda Sand (Judy Lively's daughter)
Rick Sotak (Matt Clark's grandfather)
Betty Stene (Brett Stene's mother)
Nancy Wheeler (Seth Wheeler's mother)

We pray for our expectant mothers and their families

William and Grace Harr (due in December)

We pray for...

Pastor Robin and Cheryl Fish as they prepare to move to Montana to fill the vacancy at Zion - Power/St. John - Fairfield

We pray for the pastors of the Montana District with health concerns

Pastor John Valle (former member of Trinity)

Pastor Ray Wiegert (former pastor at Messiah-Missoula)

We pray for our members battling health issues and their caregivers

Roy & Carolyn Arves

Chuck & Judy Lively

Jerry & Colleen Mans

Henry & Alice Schuman

We pray for our shut-ins

Mildred Birkholz (The Lodge)

Bob Blomstrom (Helena)

Ellen Carpenter (Eagle's Manor)

Anita Erickson (home)

Ed Hickel (home)

Darlene Murray (Kansas)

Arlene Nelson (Rosetta House)

Barbara Zafft (The Lodge)

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

Sam Birkett, Cascade County Sheriff's Deputy

Matt Clark, Great Falls Emergency Services

Joshua Graham, Helena Police Department (Bob Blomstrom's grandson-in-law)

Chaplain Jonathan Schultz, USAF Reserves

Scott Backus, MANG

Scott Broberg, USAF

Daniel Crème', USAF

Ricardo Dominguez, USAF

Landon Grosenick, MANG (Pam Grosenick's grandson)

Matthew Erickson, USAF (Anita Erickson's grandson)

The Lutheran Hour ~ October 19th

"God's Help Dwells in Us"

Guest Speaker: Rev. Dr. Leopoldo Sanchez

The Holy Spirit is the Helper who comes to dwell in and with us, to encourage and empower us. (*Numbers 11:29*)

FM 106.9 will be transmitting *The Lutheran Hour* on Sunday mornings at 8:00am. The weekly broadcast of *The Lutheran Hour* is also available at **www.lutheranhour.org**, on the **Connected by LHM** mobile app, on **Sirius XM Family Talk Channel**, and platforms like **Spotify, iHeartRadio**, dialing in on your phone, and more.

Lutherans for Life ~ October 12th ~ “We care about that precious baby, but we also care about the mom. We care about that woman who is haunted by the guilt and shame of a past abortion. We care because Jesus cares for us. We love because God first loved us. And this we know! Our Lord Jesus—who died for us and took away all of our sin and guilt and shame—is risen and ascended to the Father’s throne. JESUS LIVES! THE VICTORY’S WON!” *Pastor Paul Clark, LFL of Michigan ~ A Life Quote from Lutherans for Life • lutheransforlife.org*

Other Helpful Links

Trinity Lutheran Church **www.trinity-mt.org**

Also visit & “like” our Facebook page

Concordia Publishing House **www.cph.org**

Higher Things **www.higherthings.org**

Issues, Etc. **www.issuesetc.org**

The Word of the Lord Endures Forever **thewordendures.org**

LCMS Radio on the web **www.kfuoam.org**

LCMS **www.lcms.org**

Lutherans for Life **lutheransforlife.org**

LWML **www.lwml.org**

Montana District LCMS **www.mtdistlcms.org**

The Lutheran Witness **www.lcms.org/witness**

CONCERNING THE LORD'S SUPPER

The Lord's Supper is celebrated at this congregation in the confession and glad confidence that, as He says, our Lord gives into our mouths not only bread and wine but His very body and blood to eat and to drink for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our union with Him and with one another. Our Lord invites to His table those who trust His words, repent of all sin, and set aside any refusal to forgive and love as He forgives and loves us, that they may show forth His death until He comes.

Because those who eat and drink our Lord's body and blood unworthily do so to their great harm and because Holy Communion is a confession of the faith which is confessed at this altar, any who are not yet instructed, in doubt or who hold a confession differing from that of this congregation and The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, and yet desire to receive the Sacrament, are asked first to speak with the pastor or an usher.

For further study, see Matthew 5:23ff; 10:32ff; 18:15–35; 26:26–29; 1 Corinthians 1:28; 11:17–34.

FOR THOSE with YOUNG CHILDREN...

In Matthew 19, Jesus said, *"Let the little children come to me and do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of heaven."* Jesus wants your little ones present with Him during our worship service. So do we.

While children may often fidget and fuss during the service, we consider the noise that they make to be a form of sacred music – the song of God's children learning more and more what it means to be Christians. And it is for this reason that we invite the children to stay with us for the entire service. We also suggest the following steps to help them learn.

- Sit toward the front where it is easier for them to see what is happening.
- Sing the liturgy and hymns, boldly. The more engaged you are, the more quickly they will learn to follow along.
- Explain to them what is happening throughout the service.

If you feel that your children are being too disruptive, please feel free to sit in the Narthex. There are also activity books and "quiet time" bags in the back for your children. Ask an Elder or usher for assistance.

Finally, if your attempt to get through the service today was a disaster, come back next week. The more consistently you show up, the easier it will get. And, whenever you come, just like Christ, we will always be overjoyed to have you and your little ones with us.

Tri-Parish Parsonage Update

A Difficult Beginning and Task

Last year you learned the heavy news that a faithful servant of Christ, Rev. John Vallie, was no longer able to serve his congregations in Plentywood, Wolf Point, and Glasgow.

The three congregations Pastor Vallie served encompass a vast region — by area, roughly one-tenth of the state. These congregations have worked together to support a pastor before — and they desire to do so again. But to call a new pastor, they needed something essential: a parsonage.

At the convention, the District took up this challenge. We committed to redirecting 5% of our synodical giving toward the purchase of a parsonage (Resolution 1-02).

Good News

Even before an official request for assistance:

- **Three** Montana congregations each gave **\$20,000**
- A South Dakota congregation heard of the struggle and sent **\$35,000**
- Another Montana congregation has pledged **\$10,000** (and is raising more)
- The **Office of National Mission** awarded a **\$25,000 grant**

That's over **\$130,000** raised before we could even make a formal request!

And the blessings keep coming!

A family in Plentywood reached out to offer a home — **less than a block** from the church — *before* listing it on the market. A full inspection revealed around **\$40,000 in needed repairs**, but the home was offered *below market value*. The congregations made an offer, and after some negotiating, it was accepted. With repairs included (some that might be made by Lutherans around the state willing to assist), the total cost of the new parsonage will be just

over **\$200,000**. The congregations are now one step closer to being able to call and welcome a new pastor.

God Is at Work

I waited to send this update until some of these pieces fell into place, but now I share it so you can **rejoice** with us. This is the Lord's doing — and it's beautiful in our eyes.

Thank you for being part of this story — for praying, encouraging, and supporting these congregations. Thank you especially to the Rev. Bruce Zigel, Rev. Howard Schreibeis, and Rev. David Behm, who have stepped in to preach, teach, and serve in this time of transition.

A Call to Prayer

The devil delights in division and in silencing the Word. But Christ is not weak or poor — He is mighty and generous and He is with us. He has united us in His truth and called us to bear one another's burdens. You have done just that. Thank you.

Please join me in:

- **Thanking God** for what He has already done in Plentywood, Wolf Point, and Glasgow.
- **Praying** for the repairs to proceed smoothly.
- **Asking** the Lord to raise up a pastor to live in this parsonage and serve His people in these communities.

If you or your congregation would like more information or want to contribute to the ongoing effort, please don't hesitate to contact me: pastorwendt@gmail.com

I thank God for each of you and your faithful care for one another.

In Christ,

President Wendt

Rev. Ryan D. Wendt

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