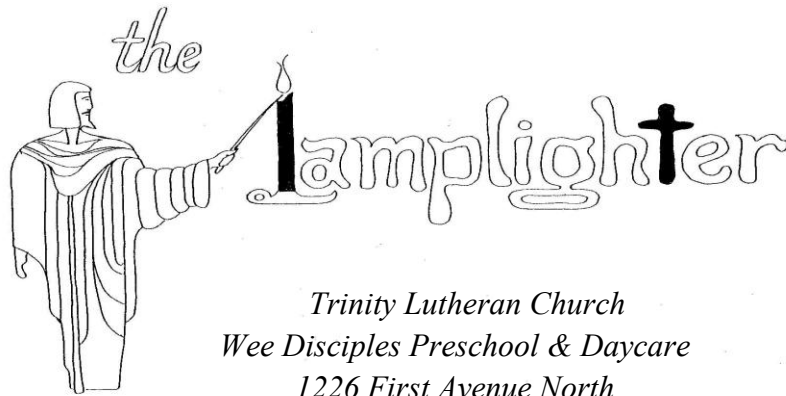




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Set Apart to Serve: Placement Day

On January 23, 2009, our family gathered in the Chapel of St. Timothy and St. Titus at Concordia Seminary in St Louis, MO to find out where the Lord was Calling me to serve as a pastor.

I had graduated with a Master of Divinity (MDiv.) the previous May, and we stayed in St. Louis for a while longer. Joshua — our son, who was born at the end of our vicarage — was awaiting surgery to repair his cleft palate, and I was working on a second degree at the Seminary.

By October of 2008, he had recovered from his surgery, and we were eager to leave the city of St. Louis. That meant beginning the placement process, which involved filling out a “placement preference form” and completing several interviews with the Seminary Placement Director. Amy and I sat down with him, and he asked us where we were willing to go. “Anywhere but Texas” was the answer we gave, somewhat jokingly. After spending vicarage in Louisiana (see the May Lamplighter article), we were looking for a cooler and snowier climate.

The Placement Director wanted to know whether we were serious about “anywhere.”

We were. Our theology of the Call is that the Lord is the One who Calls pastors to serve congregations. So where He Calls, that is where we would go.

As it turned out, the Placement Director had an idea in mind. There was a Dual Parish in the Rocky Mountain District that spanned two states. He didn’t tell us which specific states it was in, since the Rocky Mountain District spans Colorado, New Mexico, and Utah, with additional congregations in Arizona, Texas, and Nebraska. That left quite a few cross-state possibilities.

And so, on January 23rd, we found ourselves in the chapel. About a dozen of us received Placement assignments that day. By that point, we had a pretty good idea where we might end up, but nothing was certain until it was stated publicly. When it was my turn, we heard this:

“Jonathan Schultz, Pastor... not only two congregations, but two states: Our Saviour Lutheran Church - Vernal, UT; Trinity Lutheran Church - Rangely, CO. Rocky Mountain District.”

A couple of weeks later, we were in Utah looking at houses. Then, on March 22, 2009, I was ordained and installed at Our Saviour Lutheran Church in Vernal.

Much like vicarage, we found ourselves living in new places, learning about new cultures, and learning how to be a Pastor. Thankfully, we didn't need passports to cross the border between the two states, although it seemed at times like northeastern Utah and northwestern Colorado were completely different worlds.

The Lord of the Harvest Calls Pastors to serve His people in particular places. He prepared us for that work by first sending us to Louisiana, and He used the experiences we gained there to prepare us for service in Utah and Colorado. He then used our experiences there to prepare us for the places He would Call us next.

This is how the Lord works in our lives, and not just for pastors. He places us in particular places, gives us opportunities to serve, and uses our experiences to prepare us for opportunities we may not yet see. That may be as a Pastor or other full-time church worker. But it may well mean serving in other ways in the congregation where God has placed us.

May the Lord of the Harvest bless our churches with pastors and people, gathered together around His Word, to receive His Good Gifts!

Pastor Jonathan Schultz



NOVEMBER LAMPLIGHTER DEADLINE

Please have your calendar items into the church office by:

Monday, October 19th!!

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*



Playing, learning, and growing together is what is happening at Wee Disciples. The new school year is off to a busy start as the children are involved in creative play time, story time, Bible lessons, crafts, field trips, music, and so much more! During the month of September, students learned classroom routines and are building relationships with their classmates. We are back in the routine of attending chapel twice a week, having Sign Class with Pastor Reinke from Christ Lutheran for the Deaf church, and doing Music Makers each week. We've started walking to Heisey gym and closed out our garden plots at the community garden (where we harvested tomatoes, mint and sunflowers). We used our sunflowers for activities and inspiration for art projects. We did a lot of apples (and the letter A), including tasting different apple varieties and learning about Johnny Appleseed. We start most meals using the Johnny Appleseed prayer and close each meal giving thanks back to our gracious God. Every day there is lots going on at Wee Disciples!

The Board of Early Childhood Education meets on Thursday, October 1st at 6:30pm.

Finally, you can easily support our ministry through our ongoing fundraisers like *Fuddruckers Burgers for Benefits* and the *Smith's Rewards Program*. Our next **Fuddruckers Burgers for Benefits** will be **Tuesday, September 15th from 5:00-9:00 p.m.** Thank you for your continued support with these fundraising efforts!

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.



Our Lutheran Women's Missionary League has been hard at work planning activities for the next few months. These are wonderful opportunities to spend time in God's Word and have fellowship with our sisters in Christ. A few highlights include:

Saturday, October 3rd will be our **Central Zone Fall Rally** at **St. Paul Lutheran Church in Havre**. It will run from about **9:00am to 1:00pm**. The topic will be *Sanctity of Life* and there will be a presentation about Aurora Pregnancy Support and their mobile ultrasound unit. We will also have Bible study, lunch and a very short business meeting. Talk to Sylvia or Amy for more information or if you want to carpool.

Sunday, October 4th is **LWML Sunday** and we will be collecting a **"noisy offering."** Please bring lots of spare change (mites) to clink and clank into our offering bucket as we will be using these donations to fund mission work supported by our LWML group.

Our next **Group Gathering** will be **Saturday, November 7th at 9:30am** here at Trinity.

Undie Sunday on **Sunday, December 6th**. More information to follow!

Save the Date: **Advent Brunch** will be **Saturday, December 12th**, followed by our **Cookie Walk & Bake Sale** on Sunday, December 13th. We would love to have many ladies join us at our Brunch for a delicious potluck and short program. And we will accept any donations of cookies, pies and breads for the sale. This year's proceeds will go to our mission projects and the Trinity Roof Fund.



Fellowship Time Set-up 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 are interested, please talk to Pastor (406-402-2081) or Cheryl (406-452-2121).

Fellowship Time Clean-up Help Needed!! We are also looking for individuals, couples, families or groups who would be willing to help with the tear down and clean-up follow Fellowship time each Sunday. If you are interested, please talk to Pastor (406-402-2081) or Cheryl (406-452-2121).

A/V Help Needed ~ 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 to help with this very important ministry. No experience is needed; we will teach you what you will need to know.** If you would be interested in helping, contact Pastor (406-402-2081) or Cheryl (406-452-2121) for more information.

Offering Counters are needed to assist the Treasurer and Bookkeeper in counting and recording the offerings following each Sunday service. No experience is needed; training will be provided. Please call the Ron VanVoast (307-631-5949), church office (406-452-2121) or sign up on the bulletin board outside the church office if you are willing to assist with this necessary mission.

Board of Education Chairperson ~ The Church Council is looking for someone to take the position of "Chairperson for the Board of Education". This person works with Pastor and oversees the Sunday School, VBS, and Bible study groups for all ages. If you are interested in helping with this important part for Trinity's ministry, please contact Pastor (406-402-2081) or James Neumann (406-868-6459).

Wee Disciples Job Opening ~ Wee Disciples is currently hiring for the summer and fall. We are looking for full and part-time Early Childhood staff members. We are open Monday-Friday from 7:00am to 6:00pm with flexible scheduling. If you enjoy working with children and spreading the message and love of God, this is the opportunity for you! Please contact Director Debbie Lee at (406) 799-5881 or Trinity Lutheran Church at (406) 452-2121 for more information.

Don't Forget....

Endowment Fund ~ 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 18, 2026**.

Roof Replacement Fund ~ On September 9th at a Special Voter's meeting, it was decided to go with MK Roofing to replace the roof here at Trinity. The project will include the Sanctuary roof, Narthex roof, flat roof and seamless gutters. We have scheduled this project for June 2027. This will allow Trinity to continue our fundraising efforts throughout the winter and then in the spring to decide on options to secure the balance needed to complete the project. Members are encouraged to continue contributing to the Roof Replacement Fund. There are special envelopes in the back of the Sanctuary to place your donations in. If you have questions about this project, please talk to James Neumann, Cheryl Bauer or Pastor Schultz. **There are envelopes in the back of the Sanctuary for those wanting to contribute to the Roof Replacement Fund.**

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. **There are envelopes in the back of the Sanctuary for those wanting to contribute to the Trinity/Wee Disciples Scholarship Fund.**

Wednesday Ladies Bible study ~ Wednesday mornings from 9:30 to 11:00am in the Stahlecker Room. All the ladies of the congregation are invited and encouraged to attend.

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.



COMPARISON OF GIVING REPORT ~ 2026

For the period August 30th through September 13th



August 30 th	\$3,130
September 6 th	\$5,435
September 13 th	\$3,033
Vanco	\$ 816

Actual giving for report period: \$12,414

5 th Sunday Mission	\$ 920
Roof Repair Fund (as of September 13 th)	\$36,935

If you have any questions, please call me at (406) 403-3596 ~ Cindy Stene, Bookkeeper



Handbell Choir and Adult Choir started rehearsing in September.

We are always looking for new members! Handbells meets **Tuesdays at 6:00 pm** and Adult Choir meets **Wednesdays at 5:30 pm**. Please contact Judy Boyce or Amy Schultz for more information.



Come join us in making joyful noise unto the Lord!



Our shut-ins

Mildred Birkholz (The Lodge), **Ellen Carpenter** (Golden Eagle Plaza), **Anita Erickson** (at home), **Ed Hickel** (at home), **Arleen Nelson** (Rosetta Assisted Living), **Lauretta Stanfield** (at home); **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, Jim & Barb Going (*Washington*), 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 Detective; **Matt Clark**, Great Falls Emergency Services

Scott Backus, MANG; **Scott Broberg**, USAF; **Ricardo Dominguez**, USAF; **Caleb Eberly**, USA; **Jacob Eberly**, USA; **Matthew Erickson**, USAF (Anita Erickson's grandson); **Landon Grosenick**, MANG (Pam Grosenick's grandson); **Chaplain Jonathan Schultz**, USAF Reserves; **Mychal Taylor**, MANG; **Vail VanVoast** (LaVelle & Ron's granddaughter), MANG **Mattie Young**, ANG

We pray for our Montana District missionaries...

John & Jenn Wolf ~ Kenya

Rev. Dr. Gerald & Heidi Paul ~ Peru

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

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.

September 2026

Dear friends in Christ,

We hope this letter finds you well. We are about two months into vicarage now at St. Paul in Eldora, Iowa. The duties at the church have been keeping me busy during the week. Some of those include visiting the shut-ins, teaching Bible class, as well as writing newsletters and sermons. Things have begun to get busier this month with the start of preschool, Sunday school, and midweek confirmation class. I assist my supervising pastor with preschool chapels three times a week and I teach Sunday school to the kids who are enrolled in midweek confirmation class. It is very rewarding work to help in teaching the faith to the youth here.

Grace keeps busy during the day watching Ada, doing some quilting projects, and photography. She has also gotten involved with some of the ladies groups at the church. Since our home is right across the alley from the church, it is a great blessing to be able to go home and see them during my lunch break. We have been enjoying our time here so far despite the constant humidity. It is a nice change to be able to go on walks around town waving at all the people we know as they drive by.

Ada is now 9 months old and growing like a weed! She has mastered crawling and is desperately trying to learn how to walk. She also now joins us in what we have for dinner. Her favorites are taco meat, burgers, and buffalo chicken. She is still smiley as ever and enjoys interacting with the church members. She is such a blessing to us!

We are so thankful for the support that you have given us over the years as I study to become a pastor in Christ's Church. May God continue to bless you in all that you do.

Blessings in Christ,

*William, Grace and Ada
Harr*

1113 Washington Street #10

Eldora, Iowa 50627





Serving this Month

Altar Guild ~ Denise Wegner / Sandy Baranko

Ushers ~ Alan Wegner / Roy Arves / Elders

October 4, 2026 ~ Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost (green) ~ LWML Sunday

Duty Elders	Martin Bauer / Matthew Clark
Audio/Video/Music	Denise Rutledge
Counters	VanVoast
Fellowship Set-up ~ Jessica Brookie	Fellowship Clean-up ~ Judy Boyce

October 7, 2026 ~ Midweek Service

Duty Elder	Shawn Shaw
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October 11, 2026 ~ Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost (green)

Duty Elders	Matthew Clark / Bill Sybrant
Audio/Video	Denise Rutledge
Organist	Gloria Creek
Counters	Broberg
Fellowship Set-up ~ Jessica Brookie	Fellowship Clean-up ~ Alice Schuman

October 14, 2026 ~ Mid-week Service

Duty Elder (Lay Service)	Martin Bauer
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October 18, 2026 ~ Twenty-First Sunday after Pentecost (green)

Duty Elders	Shawn Shaw / Ron VanVoast
Audio/Video/Music	Isaac Schultz
Counters	Wegner
Fellowship Set-up ~ Alyssa Birkett	Fellowship Clean-up ~ Elsie Lorenz

October 21, 2026 ~ Mid-week Service

Duty Elder	Ron VanVoast
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October 25, 2026 ~ Reformation Sunday (red)

Duty Elders	Scott Broberg / Ron VanVoast
Audio/Video/ Music	Isaac Schultz
Counters	NOA
Fellowship Set-up ~ Alyssa Birkett	Fellowship Clean-up ~ Sandy Baranko

October 28, 2026 ~ Mid-week Service

Duty Elder	Martin Bauer
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Birthdays

Wedding, Baptismal & Confirmation Anniversaries



October 2nd Ethan Egan
 Channing Hartelius
 October 4th **Jim Going (90+)**
 October 5th Scott Backus
 Elsie Lorenz (90+)
 October 7th Ashley Hill
 October 8th Jacob Russell
 Logan Stene
 October 10th Hannah Schultz
 October 11th Jan Bicsak
 October 13th Jacob Eberly
 Donald Hamm

October 15th Caitee Miesmer
 October 16th Brad Norris
 Zach Phillips
 October 17th Samuel Schultz
 October 22nd Penny Hill
 October 23rd Rev. Jonathan Schultz
 October 25th Shayna Kellogg
 October 29th Cheri Bauer
 Bonnie Nommensen
 October 30th Kay Kessel



October 3rd Larry ♥ Jillian Homan (11)
 October 12th Matt ♥ Candace Tanksley (15)
 Blaize ♥ Allie Wegner (2)
 October 13th **Bob ♥ Linda Bergan (53)**
 October 19th Will ♥ Emily Justice (2)
 October 23rd **Henry ♥ Alice Schuman (60)**

October 5th Jessica Brookie
 October 14th Easton Payne
 October 17th Evelyn Payne
 October 22nd Neil Hamm
 Hannah Schultz



October 23rd Jacob Eberly
 October 24th Ericka Taylor
 October 26th Peggy Norris
 October 27th Ashley Hill
 Samuel Schultz

October 4th
 October 5th

Bob Magis
 Jessica Brookie

