



Set Apart To Serve... “Have you ever thought about...?”

When [Jesus] saw the crowds, he had compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. Then he said to his disciples, “The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest.” Matthew 9:36-38 - ESV

Growing up as a Pastor’s Kid (or a “PK” as we call ourselves) gives you an interesting perspective on the life and work of a Pastor. On the one hand, you know something about what a Pastor does on a day-to-day basis, because you see it firsthand. That can be a great blessing as a boy who might think about becoming a pastor himself. On the other hand, you also might know some of the hardships of life as a Pastor, because you see it and live it. Life as a Pastor isn’t always easy. There are many joys, but also many challenges. It is a joy when families come back after years away, and when members treat each other like family, even though they are not at all related by blood. But in many churches, there are far more funerals than baptisms. Finances can be tight, and congregational conflicts take their toll.

Much of this is the same whether you are a PK or not. The way we talk about Church in our homes with our family has lasting impressions on whether children stay in Church as adults. It also greatly impacts whether children might choose to pursue full-time Church Work as a Pastor, a Lutheran School teacher, a Director of Christian Education, or some other avenue.

There is something that is true, though, for most people that choose to serve the Church as pastors and teachers: someone encouraged them to consider it at some point in their lives.

That was certainly true for me. There were a couple of elders in one of my childhood congregations that asked me if I had ever thought of becoming a pastor like my dad and told me I should think about it. (You should ask me sometime what my mom had to say about that.) At that particular time in the life of that particular congregation, it seemed like a really bad idea. But a few years later, with the encouragement of some other people, I found myself learning the languages that the Old and New Testaments were written in - Hebrew and Greek - and studying to be a pastor. The Lord Calls people to serve as pastors and teachers, but He often uses other people, including ourselves, to point us in that direction.

We need more pastors. The numbers of vacant congregations across our District - and around the country - show that to be true. As Jesus tells us in *Matthew 9:36*, we should “*pray earnestly for the Lord for the Harvest to send out laborers into His harvest.*”

We can - and should - have conversations with people that we think might have the gifts to serve as pastors and teachers in our churches and schools. It can be a simple question - “Have you ever thought about being a pastor/teacher?” or a simple statement - “I think you should consider becoming a pastor.”

We can - and should - have conversations in our homes about the church and give thanks to God for the blessings He gives to us through His Word and in His Sacraments. Spend time talking about the hymns we sing in a service or discuss the sermon. If questions come up that you can't answer, come and ask me. I'd love to chat with you about it.

We can - and should - support those who are pursuing church-work vocations.

Most importantly, we should do what Jesus told us to do. We should pray that God would continue to provide the workers we need in our congregations and schools.

In the May *Lamplighter*, we were waiting to hear where our Seminarian - William Harr - was going to serve his Vicarage. On April 28th, William was placed as a Vicar at St. Paul Lutheran Church in Eldora, IA. Will, Grace, and Ada moved to Iowa in early July for Will's Vicarage, which is a year-long pastoral internship. We pray that the Lord would bless the Harr family during this Vicarage year to prepare them for service in the Church.

Of course, there are many ways that we serve in the Church that does not involve full-time church work. We will explore some of these opportunities in the months to come.

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

Respect the
Deadline!



OCTOBER LAMPLIGHTER **DEADLINE**

Please have your calendar items into the church office by:

Monday, September 14th!!

WEE DISCIPLES

Celebrating 35 Years of Blessings at 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



We are thrilled to share that Wee Disciples is celebrating a major milestone this year—35 years of serving and loving our community! Our wonderful summer program just wrapped up, and it was filled with unforgettable memories. The older children had a blast going bowling and mini-golfing, everyone looked forward to the library story time visits right here at the center, and our students loved participating in VBS at both Peace and Trinity. Of course, daily trips across the street to play at Morony Park were a favorite highlight for staff and students alike!

As we look ahead, we are blessed to welcome 35 students and 10 teachers to the new school year. We kicked things off with our *Back-to-School Open House* on **August 20th**, and our first full day of school began on **August 26th**. This year brings extra excitement with brand-new monthly field trips to the SPARK Children's Museum! We still have a few openings available in our 6-weeks to 3-year-old classes. If you know a family who would love to join our Wee Disciples community, please have them contact Debbie or Amy.

Please note a few important dates for the coming weeks: the **Board of Early Childhood Education** will hold its first meeting on **September 3rd at 6:30 p.m.**, and the center will be **closed on September 7th in observance of Labor Day**. We are deeply grateful for our dedicated Board members who guide our program: Pastor Reinke and Mitch Martin from Peace Lutheran Church; and Pastor Schultz, Debbie Lee, Rochelle

Kimmerle, LaVelle VanVoast, Kristen Mansch, Jenny Shaw, and Clarissa Shaffer from Trinity Lutheran Church. Please feel free to reach out to any of us if you ever have questions or concerns. Finally, you can easily support our ministry through our ongoing fundraisers like *Fuddruckers Burgers for Benefits* and the *Smith's Rewards Program*. Thank you for 35 years of incredible support, and here is to a fantastic school year ahead!

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.*



As we transition to fall activities, our local Lutheran Women's Missionary League is gearing up for another season of activities. Please see the list of upcoming dates below and plan to join us - all ladies are welcome!

Saturday, September 12th will be our first **Group Gathering**, where we finalize our upcoming plans for the fall, winter and spring. We will meet at **9:30am** in the Stahlecker Room and will enjoy light refreshments.

Friday, September 18th - Sunday, September 20th is our **LWML Montana District Retreat**, held at Trinity Lutheran Camp near Bigfork and Mountain Top Retreat near Bozeman under the theme of "*Mountain Top Journeys*." The retreat Bible studies will be led at both locations by each of our District Pastoral Counselors - Pastor Brian Lee from Trinity, Kalispell will lead the Bible studies at camp, and our own Pastor Schultz will lead them at the other location. Please see Amy for registration materials. It's a wonderful time to relax, take in God's creation, and spend time in God's Word and fellowship with our sisters in Christ.

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.



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.

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.

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).

Join us for a sweet treat
after church on
Rally Sunday, Sept. 13th



Presented as a
Thank You
from the kids who attended
Trinity Lutheran Camp
this summer

Don't Forget....

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.

Roof Repair Fund ~ There are special envelopes in the back of the Sanctuary to place your donations in.

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 July 26th through August 23rd



July 26 th	\$2,975
August 2 nd	\$5,999
August 9 th	\$3,218
August 16 th	\$1,400
August 23 rd	\$5,497
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Actual giving for report period: \$20,991

Roof Repair Fund (as of August 23rd) \$35,730

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



Baptized into the Family of God

Kellen Lee Wilson

July 29, 2026



Handbell Choir and Adult Choir will start rehearsing in September.

We are always looking for new members! Handbells will meet **Tuesdays at 6:00 pm beginning September 15th** and Adult Choir will meet **Wednesdays at 5:30 pm beginning September 16th**. 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.



Serving this Month

Altar Guild ~ Denise Wegner / Sandy Baranko

Ushers ~ Alan Wegner / Roy Arves / Elders

September 2, 2026 ~ Mid-week Service

Duty Elder	Martin Bauer
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September 6, 2026 ~ Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost (green)

Duty Elders	Shawn Shaw / Bill Sybrant
Audio/Video/Music	Isaac Schultz
Counters	Alan & Denise Wegner
Fellowship Set-up ~ Jessica Brookie	Fellowship Clean-up ~ Judy Boyce

September 9, 2026 ~ Midweek Service

Duty Elder	Shawn Shaw
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September 13, 2026 ~ Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost (green) ~ Rally Sunday

Duty Elders	Matthew Clark / Ron VanVoast
Audio/Video	Denise Rutledge
Organist	Gloria Creek
Counters	Martin & Cheryl Bauer
Fellowship Set-up ~ Jessica Brookie	Fellowship Clean-up ~ Alice Schuman

September 16, 2026 ~ Mid-week Service

Duty Elder	Martin Bauer
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September 20, 2026 ~ Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost (green)

Duty Elders	Martin Bauer / Scott Broberg
Audio/Video/Music	Denise Rutledge
Counters	NOA
Fellowship Set-up ~ Jessica Brookie	Fellowship Clean-up ~ Elsie Lorenz

September 23, 2026 ~ Mid-week Service

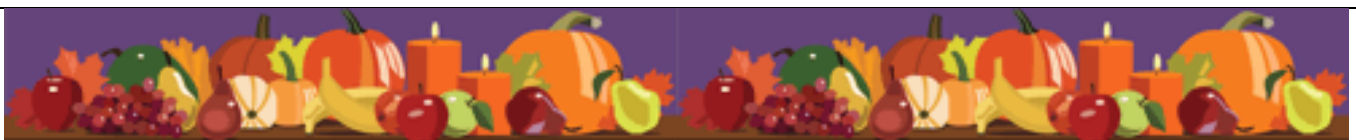
Duty Elder	Ron VanVoast
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September 27, 2026 ~ Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost (green)

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

September 30, 2026 ~ Mid-week Service

Duty Elder	Martin Bauer
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Birthdays

Wedding, Baptismal and Confirmation Anniversaries

September 1st Kathie Gessaman

September 5th Serenity Miesmer

September 7th

Carolyn Arves (80+)

Denise Wegner

September 10th Bryce Backus

Pam Grosenick

Pam Nommensen

September 11th Ada Burkstrand

September 12th Meredith Tabbert

September 13th Patty Jones



September 13th Al Redenbaugh

Brett Stene

September 16th Ericka Taylor

September 19th Briana Bishop

September 20th Kamden Norris

September 22nd Bob Bergan

Brittnie Clark

Zander Martello

Charlotte Morrison

September 27th Tonya Wandke

September 30th Kaleigh Smith

September 3rd

September 5th

September 7th

September 8th

September 9th

September 20th

Jerry ♥ Colleen Mans (65)

Todd ♥ Martyna Chandler (11)

Ed ♥ Sherri VanVleet (56)

Seth ♥ Jamey Wheeler (25)

Adam ♥ Tina Bink (19)

Daniel ♥ Deborah Farris (15)

Chad ♥ Michele Mans (29)



September 15th

September 19th

September 20th

September 24th

September 25th

September 27th

September 30th

Cody Stene

Mychal Taylor

Tracy Martello

Pam Grosenick

Cathy Christianson

Bryce Backus

David O'Meara

Meredith Tabbert

Mason Voegel