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Monday, March 17th!!

The Transfiguration of Our Lord

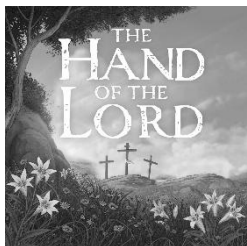
"When the days drew near for [Jesus] to be taken up, he set his face to go to Jerusalem." Luke 9:51

On Sunday, March 2nd the Church celebrates the Feast of the Transfiguration of our Lord. The Transfiguration marks the change of Seasons in the Church Year from Epiphany to Lent. During the Season of Epiphany, we hear about the revelation of Jesus to the world. The Season of Lent is a time of reflection and repentance. The readings of the Season of Lent remind us that we are sinners in need of forgiveness, and that Jesus bore our sins upon Himself on the cross where He died for the sins of the world.

Transfiguration serves as a sort of bridge between these two seasons. On the day of His transfiguration, Jesus went up the mountain with three disciples: Peter, James, and John. While they were there, Jesus' appearance changed - He was transfigured - and Moses and Elijah appeared with Him. Then, the voice of the Father cried out from heaven, saying, *"This is my Son, my Chosen One, listen to him!"* (Luke 9:35). If there was any question about who Jesus was before this moment, the Transfiguration made it clear. Soon after they had descended from the mountain, Jesus set His face to go to Jerusalem. He knew that suffering and death awaited Him there. He also knew why He must go: to save sinners like us. And so He went to Jerusalem.

The Season of Lent is a time of repentance. We are reminded that we are sinful, and that because of our sins, Jesus suffered and died to save us.

Lent begins on Ash Wednesday (March 5th) and continues for six weeks. Ashes have long been used as a sign of mourning and lamentation over sin. At our Ash Wednesday service, those who desire to do so will receive the sign of the cross made in ashes on their foreheads. The ashes remind us that death is a consequence of our sins, and the cross reminds us of the salvation the Jesus won for us through His death.



The theme for our Lenten Midweek Series is The Hand of the Lord. As we journey through the Lenten Season, we will look at how the Lord reaches out His hands in mercy upon sinners. He has given us something to grasp, even as He holds us. Jesus used His hands to save drowning Peter, to feed the multitudes, to touch those who were unclean, to stop a funeral procession in its tracks, to lift up Jairus's daughter, and to bless the children. The hand of the Lord has come to us in Jesus.

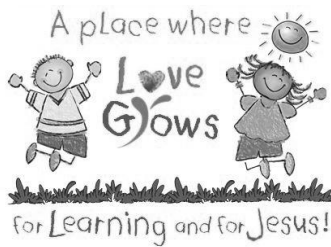


The Bible also shows us how human hands are often the means of our own sin. Eve reached out and took the fruit of the tree of knowledge of good and evil, plunging all of creation into sin. Jesus was “*delivered into the hands of sinful men*” (Luke 9:44). But our Risen Lord showed His hands and His side to His Disciples, showing that He had risen from the dead. The Hand of the Lord is upon us to bring us mercy and salvation.

Join us on Wednesday evenings at 6:00 pm for Soup Supper, and at 7:00 pm for our Midweek Lenten services.

Peace in Christ,

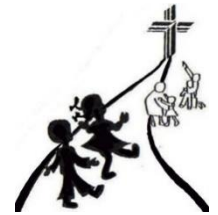
Pastor Jonathan Schultz



WEE DISCIPLES

Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it. Proverbs 22:6

Did you know that there are butterflies that exist in the Arctic? That was the interesting news that the students in Miss Debbie's class eagerly shared with me when I stopped by their classroom one day last week.



The Wee Disciples students had an interesting February as they learned about the Arctic, explored with magnets, had learning activities with Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks, learned about dental health, celebrated Chinese New Year, had Pajama Day, celebrated Valentine's Day, made King Cakes, and exercised at the Heisey Center. All this along with their Bible stories, chapel times, music making, bookmobile visit, and Joyful Sounds. February was another busy month! On March 5th they will begin observing the Lenten season with Ash Wednesday.

In March, Wee Disciples will begin registering for Summer 2025 and for the 2025-2026 school year. Please contact Debbie Lee for more information concerning openings in the various age groups and classes, and for arranging for a tour of the facilities. Tuition charges remain the same as the 2024-2025 school year. A list of the current charges is posted on the Wee Disciples announcement board by the church office.

Are you looking for a way to help with fundraising for Wee Disciples? We continue to have our *Burgers for Benefit* night on the third Tuesday of each month from 5:00pm to 9:00pm at Fuddrucker's. Our next evening will be March 18th. Thank you for attending these fundraising evenings! And, for those of you who shop at Smith's—you can designate Wee Disciples as your recipient in the Smith's Rewards program, if you would like to help that way.

The Board of Early Childhood Education will meet on March 6th at 6:30pm.

A big THANK YOU to those who helped Wee Disciples replace the stoves in the kitchen. The new stoves are a blessing.

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.**



Attention Ladies

The ladies of the LWML at Peace Lutheran Church will be hosting the annual *Parade of Tables* and this year the theme is “*High Tea*”. It’s a great time to invite family and friends to enjoy a pleasant fundraiser, share fellowship, fun and food. Tickets are \$8 per person. Proceeds will benefit Echoz Pregnancy Center, and we will have an in-house gathering for the month of March. Useful items are diapers, wipes, clothing (both new and gently used, sizes newborn to 5T), maternity clothes, cribs, car seats. If you wish to host a table, please submit your name to Ruth Denning at 406-761-7343, or Toni Nivens at 865-742-2248 no later than February 28th. Watch for more details in upcoming bulletins.

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.



Saturday, March 8th

Wednesday, March 19th ~ 11:30 am

Saturday, April 5th ~ 9:30 am

Saturday, April 26th ~ TBA

Saturday, May 7th ~ 9:30 am

June 26-29, 2025 Omaha, NE

April 24-26, 2026 Lewistown, MT

Peace Lutheran, Great Falls ~ Parade of Tables

Board Meeting

Group Gathering

Central Zone Spring Rally

Group Gathering & Elections

National LWML Convention

District LWML Convention

Collection for Lent – LWML will be collecting non-perishable food items for two local elementary school food pantries during the season of Lent (March 5 – April 20). A list of requested items will be posted on the big box in the Narthex and in the Grace Notes.

Central Zone Spring Rally on April 26th. It will be at Zion Lutheran Church in Power. Please plan to attend and spend time in Christian fellowship with ladies from throughout central Montana. Our upcoming **Montana District LWML Convention** will be April 24-26, 2026 in Lewistown. What joyful times ahead!

The **National LWML Convention** will be in Omaha, NE, June 26th – 29th. *What a fun time to gather with your fellow Lutheran Ladies to hear how our Mites are used, reports from missionaries in the Harvest Field, worship together, and have great times of fellowship, Bible Study and more!* Registration opens in March. Please ask Sylvia or Amy for more information. We would love to have several people from Trinity attend this wonderful event!

Mark your calendars: Trinity LWML will be hosting our **Central Zone Fall Rally on October 4th.** We will be inviting ladies from all over the zone, including Chinook, Havre, Power, Fairfield, Peace/Christ for the Deaf here in Great Falls, Stanford, Lewistown, Denton and Fort Benton. More information will follow, but this is a great opportunity to serve and have fellowship with our Sisters in Christ in our area.

Our next **Group Gathering** will be on **Saturday, April 5th 9:30 am.** We will have time in God’s Word, spend time in fellowship, and in prayer. The board will meet on Wednesday, March 19th at 11:30 am. There will be no March group gathering; instead, please plan to attend the “*Parade of Tables*” at Peace Lutheran on **March 8th.**

Wednesday Morning Ladies Bible study ~ Trinity Ladies' Bible study group meets every **Wednesday morning** beginning at **9:30am** in the Stahlecker Room. Join us for a morning of fellowship together as we study God's Word.

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.

March. Robins. Lenten services. Bluebirds. All of these come together and spell Spring! Lenten services are "late" this year as Ash Wednesday is in March rather than February. What a joy to prepare for Easter as we contemplate our Lord's passion. Be sure to make time for these enriching services preceded by a congregational meal. Look for bluebirds on the back roads in the Highwoods and Little Belts, where they arrive by the Ides of March to begin nesting. Keep a sharp eye out in Great Falls for the robins to arrive by March 15th.

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

Assisted Living Ministry ~ The Assisted Living Ministry will bring hymn singing and a devotion on **Friday, March 28th from 1:30-2:30pm** to *Highgate Senior Living*, 3000 11th Ave. S. Before the Highgate event there will be a **no-host lunch at 11:45am** at *Maple Garden*, 5401 9th Ave. S.

Pastor Reinke will hold worship services at *The Lodge*, 1801 9th St. S. on **Wednesday, March 12th at 1:30pm**. He will conduct worship at *Highgate Senior Living*, 3000 11th Ave. S. on **Monday, March 17th at 1:30pm**. Join the members from Trinity, Peace, and Christ Lutheran for the Deaf at these senior living facilities. Please make time in your busy schedules for some of these activities which encourage others.

Easter Breakfast Volunteers Needed ~ Each year we celebrate Easter Sunday with a congregational potluck-style breakfast between the Sunrise Service and the Divine Service. It is time to start making plans for this year's breakfast. If you would be willing to help plan and execute the Easter Sunday Breakfast, please contact Cheryl in the church office (406-452-2121).



Together let's make this a great celebration!

Easter Lilies ~ The Altar Committee will once again be placing an order for lilies to grace our altar for Easter. If you would like to donate toward the purchase of these lilies, please make a separate check payable to *Trinity Lutheran Church*, designate on the check "**For Easter Lilies**" and drop it into the offering plate. **If you would like your donation in memory or honor of a loved one, please attach a note with the details to your check or call the church office 452-2121 with that information.**



St. Patrick's Day Potluck ~ Join us on **Sunday, March 16th** following the Divine Service for a St. Patrick's Day potluck. Missions & Evangelism will be serving up corn beef and cabbage and brats. You are encouraged to bring a salad, side dish or dessert to share. ***Be sure to wear your green!***

Lenten Soup Suppers ~ We will be having Lenten soup suppers each Wednesday of Lent. As always there is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board outside the church office. Please sign up for items to bring each week.



We are also looking for groups of people to handle the serving and clean-up each week. If your group or you and a few others would like to volunteer for this, please sign up on the soup supper sign-up sheets.



COMPARISON OF GIVING REPORT ~ 2025

For the period January 26th through February 16th

January 26 th	\$ 3,408
February 2 nd	\$13,000
February 9 th	\$ 3,210
February 16 th	\$ 2,710
Vanco	\$ 1,500

Actual giving for report period: \$23,828

Roof Repair Fund –through 02/17/2025 \$49,149

If you have any questions, please call me at (406) 868-2260 ~ *James Lautenschlager, Assistant Treasurer*

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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.



Offering Counters are needed to assist the Treasurer and Assistant Treasure count and record the offerings following each Sunday service. No experience is needed. Please call Cheryl in the church office (452-2121) or sign up on the bulletin board outside the church office if you are willing to assist.

Our shut-ins

Millie Birkholz (The Lodge), **Ellen Carpenter** (Eagle's Manor), **Anita Erickson** (at home), **Ed Hickel** (at home), **Arleen Nelson** (Bee Hive Homes-Pine Tree), **George Pence** (at daughter's in California), **Lauretta Stanfield** (at home); **Juanita Winter** (Bee Hive Homes-Clover)



Bob Blomstrom (Helena), **Darlene Murray** (at son's home in Kansas), **Vi-Nell** (at son's home in Spokane, WA)

Our members who continue to battle health issues and their caregivers

Jim & Barb Going

Chuck & Judy Lively, Chuck & Elsie Lorenz

Jerry & Colleen Mans, Henry & Alice Schuman

We pray for those serving in law enforcement and the military

Sam Birkett, Cascade County Sheriff's Deputy; **Joshua Graham**, (Blomstrom's grandson-in-law) Helena Police Department

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)

Rev. Dr. Gerald & Heidi Paul ~ Cayman Islands

Rev. Eric & Johanna Stinnett ~ Ethiopia

John & Jenn Wolf ~ Kenya



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.

Please make these changes to your church directory

Mac & Rachel Wied

Laney, Bryson
421 3rd Lane NE
Fairfield, MT 59436-9202



Bobbie Voegel

Adalyn, Mason, Taylyn
2700 Carmel Dr.
Great Falls, MT 59404-3752

George Pence

6013 Cypress Point Dr.
Bakersfield, CA 93309-3568

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.



The Youth will meet after Church on March 9th. Watch the Grace Notes for more news!

The Lutheran Witness and Portals of Prayer ~ The time is fast approaching for us to renew our *Portals of Prayer* and *Lutheran Witness* subscriptions. Please watch the Grace Notes and your Narthex mailbox for more information.

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Please, check your Narthex mailbox!

Due to the rising cost of postage, if you are a regular attendee and have a Narthex mailbox (most all of you do), 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.

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*

Read through the Gospels or New Testament in Lent ~ What better way to prepare for Easter than to read the complete story of Jesus' birth, life, death and resurrection? So, dust off your Bible as we read God's Word through these 40 days of Lent!

Read through the Gospels or New Testament in Lent		
Day	Gospels only	New Testament
March 5	Matthew 1-3	Matthew 1 - 7
6	Matthew 4-6	Matthew 8 - 12
7	Matthew 7-9	Matthew 13 - 18
8	Matthew 10 - 12	Matthew 19 - 24
March 9	Take a Break	
10	Matthew 13 - 14	Matthew 25 - end
11	Matthew 15 - 16	Mark 1 - 5
12	Matthew 17 - 18	Mark 6 - 11
13	Matthew 19 - 20	Mark 12 - end
14	Matthew 21 - 22	Luke 1 - 4
25	Matthew 23 - 24	Luke 5 - 8
March 16	Take a Break	
17	Matthew 25 - 26	Luke 9 - 12
18	Matthew 27 - 28	Luke 13 - 19
19	Mark 1 - 3	Luke 20 - end
20	Mark 4 - 6	John 1 - 5
21	Mark 7 - 9	John 6 - 9
22	Mark 10 - 12	John 10 - 14
March 23	Take a Break	
24	Mark 13 - 14	John 15 - end
25	Mark 15 - 16	Acts 1 - 6
26	Luke 1 - 3	Acts 7 - 11
27	Luke 4 - 6	Acts 12 - 17
28	Luke 7 - 9	Acts 18 - 23
29	Luke 10 - 12	Acts 24 - end
March 30	Take a Break	
31	Luke 13 - 14	Romans 1 - 8

Worship Assistants



Serving this Month

Altar Guild ~ Denise Wegner / Barb Going / Sandy Baranko / Candace Tanksley

Ushers ~ Alan Wegner / Elders

Mid-week Services

March 5 th (Ash Wednesday)	Duty Elder	Martin Bauer / Bill Sybrant
March 12 th (1 st Lenten Mid-Week)	Duty Elder	NOA
March 19 th (2 nd Lenten Mid-Week)	Duty Elder	NOA
March 26 th (3 rd Lenten Mid-Week)	Duty Elder	NOA

March 2, 2025 ~ The Transfiguration of Our Lord (white)

Duty Elders	Scott Broberg / Len Koelbel
Audio/Video	Josh Schultz
Organist	NOA
Acolytes	Ross Broberg / Gabriel Shabaan
Counters	Martin & Cheryl Bauer

March 9, 2025 ~ First Sunday in Lent (purple)

Duty Elders	Shawn Shaw / Bill Sybrant
Audio/Video	Isaac Schultz
Organist	Gloria Creek
Acolytes	Leif Tanksley / Mason Voegel
Counters	Martin & Cheryl Bauer

March 16, 2025 ~ Second Sunday in Lent (purple)

Duty Elders	Len Koelbel / Shawn Shaw
Audio/Video	Josh Schultz
Organist	NOA
Acolytes	Olivia Clark / Harper Lautenschlager
Counters	Martin & Cheryl Bauer

March 23, 2025 ~ Third Sunday in Lent (purple)

Duty Elders	Scott Broberg / Ron VanVoast
Audio/Video	Isaac Schultz
Organist	NOA
Acolytes	Ross Broberg / Alex Shabaan
Counters	Martin & Cheryl Bauer

March 30, 2025 ~ Fourth Sunday in Lent (purple)

Duty Elders	Martin Bauer / Len Koelbel
Audio/Video	Cheryl Bauer
Organist	NOA
Acolytes	Caitee Miesmer / Leif Tanksley
Counters	Martin & Cheryl Bauer

*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 and Wedding, Baptismal and Confirmation Anniversaries

March 1 st	Kathleen Hall Larry Homan Emilie Legg Randi Meehan		MARCH <i>birthdays</i>	March 18 th	Alyssa Birkett Shawn Shaw
March 2 nd	Tristan Bauer Rachel Hill			March 19 th	Sylvia Adams Joyce Stanger
March 3 rd		Mike Bicsak	March 22 nd	March 21 st	Don Lee George Pence (90+) Millie Birkholz (80+)
March 5 th		Sherri VanVleet Matt Clark Trinity Legg Hannah Wheeler Justin Thompson		March 24 th	Cheryl Dalla Mura Jillian Homan Mick Kessel (80+) Spencer Payne Ron VanVoast Matthias Paul Juanita Winter (90+)
March 6 th		Derek Jones		March 25 th	Trevyn Mans Mac Wied
March 8 th		Rose Shelden (80+)		March 28 th	Doris Hamm
March 9 th		Trina Mans		March 29 th	Jason Young
March 11 th		Axton Mansch		March 31 st	Kaci Felstet Jerry Mans (80+)
March 14 th		Ryan Nommensen			
March 15 th		Ron Copp			
March 16 th		Virginia Abbott (80+)			
March 17 th		Ava Sullivan			



March 28th

Don ♥ Debbie Lee (44)

March 1 st	Lauralyn Fairbanks	March 16 th	Nolan Joyce, Zander Martello
March 4 th	Alexandria Thompson, Justin Thompson	March 17 th	Jacob Mansch
March 5 th	Trina Mans	March 20 th	Kaden Hill
March 7 th	Patti Jones	March 21 st	Judy Lively, Trevyn Mans
March 8 th	Joseph Nommensen	March 22 nd	Clarissa Shaffer
March 9 th	Anita Erickson, OD Jones Mattie Norris	March 24 th	Jessi Payne
March 10 th	Blaize Wegner	March 27 th	Amayah Hill
March 13 th	Kelly Norris, Bob Voegel Bobbie Voegel, Courtney Walker	March 28 th	Travis Copp, Brayden Ginnaty
		March 30 th	Laccee Brown, Emilie Legg
		March 31 st	Gary Neumann

March 1 st	Darlene Murray Arlene Nelson		MARCH <i>confirmation anniversaries</i>	March 22 nd	Sylvia Adams Louise Keith
March 2 nd	Niklas Hansen			March 23 rd	Cathy Christianson
March 6 th	Trina Mans			March 29 th	Rose Shelden Juanita Winter
March 13 th	James Lautenschlager Bobbie Voegel Bob Voegel			March 30 th	Don Lee
				March 31 st	Denise Rutledge