



Trinity Lutheran Church
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Set Apart to Serve: The Word, Preached and Heard

“After this the Lord appointed seventy-two others and sent them on ahead of him, two by two, into every town and place where he himself was about to go. And he said to them, ‘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.’” (Luke 10:1-2)

On Sunday, October 18th, we celebrated the *Festival of Saint Luke, Evangelist* during the Divine Service. An Evangelist is someone who proclaims the Good News - the Gospel. Luke proclaimed the Good News in the Gospel that bears his name, as well as *The Acts of the Apostles*. According to tradition, Luke was one of the seventy-two disciples that Jesus sent out to carry the Good News ahead of Him as He travelled.

As we have heard throughout the last few months in our newsletter series: ***Set Apart to Serve***, the Lord sends laborers into His harvest. Before He ascended into heaven, Jesus commissioned His Apostles to carry His Word throughout the World. Matthias was chosen to join the eleven remaining Apostles, and Paul was also Called by Christ Himself. Luke accompanied Paul on some of his missionary journeys. In *2 Timothy 4:11*, Paul says, “*Luke alone is with me.*” Luke wrote the Gospel, and spoke the Gospel, too.

Throughout the generations, the Lord sent out laborers. Pastors, Evangelists, and Missionaries proclaimed the Word of God throughout the Mediterranean basin, across continents, and across the oceans. The Good News cannot be kept silent, because God so wills that the Word would spread to the ends of the world and to the end of the age.

This is what compelled Martin Luther and the other Reformers to proclaim the Good News. “*For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast.*” (*Ephesians 2:8-9*) Luther translated the Bible into German so that the people could read the Word of God in their own language. He also prepared an order of the Divine Service that used German rather than Latin so that the people could hear that same Word of God and teach it to their families.

In the 1880s, German missionaries called “Reiseprediger” (pronounced RYE-zeh-PRAY-dee-gurrs) travelled from North Dakota into Montana. A Reiseprediger is a travelling preacher. They rode the rails out west because there were German-speaking people who desperately needed to hear the Gospel in their own language. Some of them had sent requests back east, asking for pastors to come and serve them. But these travelling preachers also came as missionaries, proclaiming the Gospel to those who had not yet heard the Word. They preached to those who would listen, whether they were German or not. They performed baptisms as well. The Lord gathered His

people together around that Word as it was preached and proclaimed. The Holy Spirit is always at work through the preaching of the Word, calling people to faith.

In the years to come, preaching stations were established, and more Reiseprediger came to preach the Gospel. Eventually, congregations were formed throughout the state. But even then, the travels continued, as pastors carried the Word from their congregations to communities that did not yet have a pastor of their own.

The first of those congregations was First Lutheran in Helena, founded in 1887. That year also marked the first baptism performed by a Reiseprediger in Great Falls. The pastor's name was J. A. W. Meyer. The child's name was Oscar Johnson. He was born 9 months earlier to Gustav and Frederika, and when Pastor Meyer arrived in Great Falls on his preaching travels, Oscar was baptized. Oscar was Keith Bicsak's grandfather. Five years later, on November 18, 1892, Trinity Lutheran Church was established. Next year, we will celebrate 135 years of God's Grace.

But for now, we give thanks to God for His good gifts - especially the gifts of Pastors and People - those who proclaim the Word of God, and those who hear the Word.

And as Jesus bids us - we pray. Pray that the Lord of the Harvest would raise up pastors and hearers alike. Pray that God would Call men to preach the Good News, and people to hear the Gospel, so that His Word would have free course among us. Pray that the Lord would give us opportunities to share His Word with the people that He has placed in our lives, that they too might hear His Word and believe.

May the Spirit continue to gather more people into His Harvest, that His Word may be spread to the ends of the earth.

Pastor Jonathan Schultz

Respect the
Deadline!



DECEMBER LAMPLIGHTER DEADLINE

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

Monday, November 23rd!!

WEE DISCIPLES

O give thanks to the Lord, for He is good, and His steadfast love endures forever.

Psalm 107:1

Thank You for the world so sweet;

Thank You for the food we eat:

Thank You for the birds that sing;

Thank You, God for everything!

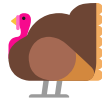


Fall Fun & Learning

Fall has been incredibly busy at Wee Disciples with plenty of exciting activities! Our classrooms have been bursting with autumn themed fun:

- Pumpkin Adventures: We explored many hands-on pumpkin activities and loved taking trips to the Tilleras Pumpkin Patch with our families.

- Fire Safety Month: Most of our classes visited the firefighters at Fire Station One, where they learned excellent fire safety tips to practice at home.
 - Museum Field Trips: Thanks to a highly generous donation, our students have also been enjoying wonderful educational visits to the SPARK Children's Museum.
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Thanksgiving Service & Closures

We joyfully invite you to join us for our *Family Thanksgiving Service and Celebration* on **November 23rd at 11:00 am**. Following the service, a special Thanksgiving meal will be served in the Fellowship Hall. Please come celebrate with us!

- Holiday Closure Notice: Wee Disciples will be closed on **Thursday, November 26th and Friday, November 27th** in observance of the Thanksgiving holiday.
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Mark Your Calendars

- *Board of Early Childhood Education Meeting* is **Tuesday, November 3rd @ 6:30 pm** — Meeting in the Stahleckher Room.
 - *Burgers for Benefits at Fuddruckers'* **Tuesday, November 17th from 5:00 pm – 9:00 pm** — Dine-in and carry-out are both available. Coupons are posted on the announcement board by the church office, or you can simply show a picture of the coupon on your phone.
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Fundraising & Appreciation

We want to extend a massive thank you to everyone who has helped Wee Disciples with your time, talents, and donations throughout this past year! Your support keeps our program thriving.

We are also continuing to participate in the Smith's Rewards program, *Smith's Inspiring Donations*. Thank you for continuing to support us through these easy fundraising activities!

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 LWML continues to be busy this Fall, as we prepare for several upcoming events:

Saturday, November 7th we will have a short meeting at **9:30 am** and then will do a craft for our shut-in members. Any ladies are welcome to join us!

Sunday, December 6th will be **Undie Sunday**. We will be collecting packages of new underwear (any size or gender) to donate to the Rescue Mission. Please help us by bringing new undies that day.

Saturday, December 12th will be our **Advent Brunch**. All ladies are welcome to attend and enjoy a potluck brunch with program.

Sunday, December 13th is the ***Cookie Walk and Bake Sale!*** This year we are expanding to pies and breads, in addition to our cookies. Donations of sale items are always welcome, but the fun part is to browse the tables to pick and choose what to take home (or to the office) to enjoy. 50% of our proceeds will fund our mission projects for 2027 and the other 50% will go toward the Trinity Roof Fund.

For more information about any of these events, please contact Sylvia Adams.



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.

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. 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 ~ 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.

Don't Forget....

Roof Replacement Fund ~ We have scheduled this project for June 2027. 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.

Trinity Scholarships ~ 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 September 20th through October



September 20 th	\$4,030
September 27 th	\$2,960
October 4 th	\$6,049
October 11 th	\$2,312
October 18 th	\$4,376
Vanco	\$2,375

Actual giving for report period: \$22,102

Roof Repair Fund (as of October 18th) \$43,290

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 5:45 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), **Joyce Bush** (at home), **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**, **Lindy & Lauretta Stanfield**

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 **first and 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.

Youth Page

Youth (7th grade through 12th grade) are invited to join us on the third Sunday each month at 11:30am for Bible study, lunch and fun!

Youth are also encouraged to attend Bible study each Sunday morning in the Youth Room at 8:30am.



They're Back!!



Cards

(both Christmas and all occasion)
and **calendars!**

Price:

All Occasion Cards	\$8.00
Christmas Card	\$8.00
Calendars	\$10.00

Check with the church office or the
Youth Group to get yours today!



NOVEMBER 2026



Serving this Month

Altar Guild ~ Denise Wegner / Sandy Baranko

Ushers ~ Alan Wegner / Roy Arves / Len Koelbel / Elders

Mid-week Service Duty Elder

November 4, 2026

Ron VanVoast

November 11, 2026

Martin Bauer

November 18, 2026

Martin Bauer

November 1, 2026 ~ All Saints' Day (white)

Duty Elders

Shawn Shaw / Ron VanVoast

Audio/Video/Music

Denise Rutledge

Counters

Broberg

Fellowship Set-up ~ Alyssa Birkett

Fellowship Clean-up ~ Judy Boyce

November 8, 2026 ~ Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost (green)

Duty Elders

Martin Bauer / Scott Broberg

Audio/Video

Denise Rutledge

Organist

Gloria Creek

Counters

Wegner

Fellowship Set-up ~ Alyssa Birkett

Fellowship Clean-up ~ Alice Schuman

November 15, 2026 ~ Twenty-fifth Sunday after Pentecost (green)

Duty Elders

Shawn Shaw / Ron VanVoast

Audio/Video/Music

Isaac Schultz

Counters

Chandler

Fellowship Set-up ~ Alyssa Birkett

Fellowship Clean-up ~ Elsie Lorenz

November 22, 2026 ~ Last Sunday of the Church Year (green)

Duty Elders

Matthew Clark / Bill Sybrant

Audio/Video/ Music

Cheryl Bauer

Counters

Broberg

Fellowship Set-up ~ Jessica Brookie

Fellowship Clean-up ~ Sandy Baranko

November 25, 2026 ~ Thanksgiving Day Matins Service

Duty Elder

Scott Broberg

Audio/Video

Isaac Schultz

Organist

Gloria Creek

November 29, 2026 ~ First Sunday in Advent (blue)

Duty Elders

Matthew Clark / Ron VanVoast

Audio/Video/ Music

Denise Rutledge

Counters

Bauer

Fellowship Set-up ~ Alyssa Birkett

Fellowship Clean-up ~ Birkett

Birthdays

Wedding, Baptismal and Confirmation Anniversaries



November 3rd

Tyson Wheeler

November 5th

Mick Jones

November 7th

Patrick Norris

November 8th

Evie Tanksley

November 11th

Sam Birkett

Dennis Philipp

November 12th

Keener Boyce

Paul Soldano

November 15th

Tim Fairbanks

November 16th

Denise Rutledge

November 19th

Neil Burkstrand Jr.

Tim Chapman

November 21st

Rochelle Kimmerle

November 23rd

Mike Grams

November 25th

Roy Arves (80+)

Maryanne Brady

November 28th

Heidi Paul

November 12th

Matt ♥ Chrissy Gollahon (10)

November 23rd

Channing ♥ Donna Hartelius (19)

November 26th

Chuck ♥ Judy Lively (21)



November 1st

Charlotte Morrison

November 5th

Caleb Bicsak, Treve Mans

November 6th

Barb Going

November 8th

Jim Going, Jonathan Schultz

November 9th

Caden Bicsak

November 11th

Noah Jones

November 14th

Brad Norris

November 17th

Kane Smith

November 18th

Macie Wheeler

November 21st

Marty Eberly

November 24th

Chrissy Gollahon

November 25th

Donald Hamm

November 26th

Neil Burkstrand Jr.

November 30th

Sam Birkett

November 16th

Isaac Lee

Gary Vik

