



Trinity Lutheran Church
Wee Disciples Preschool & Daycare
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Psalm 121 ~ A SONG OF ASCENTS

- ¹*I lift up my eyes to the hills.
From where does my help come?*
- ²*My help comes from the LORD,
who made heaven and earth.*
- ³*He will not let your foot be moved;
he who keeps you will not slumber.*
- ⁴*Behold, he who keeps Israel
ill neither slumber nor sleep.*
- ⁵*The LORD is your keeper;
the LORD is your shade on your right hand.*
- ⁶*The sun shall not strike you by day,
nor the moon by night.*
- ⁷*The LORD will keep you from all evil
he will keep your life.*
- ⁸*The LORD will keep
your going out and your coming in
from this time forth and forevermore.*

This Psalm was sung by the priests as they ascended the steps of the temple to bring the sacrifices and prayers on behalf of the people of God. This is my prayer for you too! The help does not come from the hills (the psalmist answers his own question) but from the Lord where He has promised to be present among His people; (then in the temple and now) in His Word and Sacraments. He continues to be present among us during this pandemic. Christ has taken every sin and disease in His body to the cross and now cleanses us through His blood and gives us peace and hope that endures throughout the worst of times. In Christ's resurrection we have the promise of our own bodily resurrection, no matter what happens to our body here and now. We will keep on offering you His gifts here at Trinity as long as we can for all those who are willing and able to come. We will keep everyone updated through emails. If we do not have your email please email the church at trinity@trinity-mt.org so we can put you on our email list. If you know of members who do not have email, please keep in contact with them by regularly calling them and visiting them as you all are practicing safe social distancing!

We will continue to livestream our Sunday morning Divine Service on Trinity's Facebook page. You have to like the Facebook page in order to see the livestream and receive updates. If you are not on Facebook then you can listen to the Lutheran Hour on KMON 560 AM at 7:00am on Sundays or go to worshipanew.org for Sunday services. During the week issuesetc.org has Lutheran talk radio and sacred music or you can join the chapel service at the seminary at 8:00am on weekdays at ctsfw.edu/daily-chapel/ There are also daily devotions on the LCMS Facebook page or you can go to kfu.org the LCMS's radio station for devotions. If you need the Lord's Supper contact us and we can set up opportunities for you and your loved ones to receive the Body and Blood of

Christ for your forgiveness and life everlasting. It would be ideal if we can gather as a group (fewer than 10) here at church or at your home for the sacrament. Please contact the church to make an appointment for that.

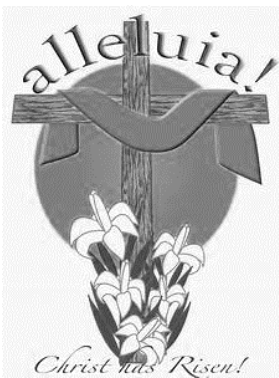
Continue to keep your family, your church family, all the healthcare workers and other authorities in your prayers. Pray for a swift end to this pandemic! But no matter how long or what may happen; the Lord is your keeper! He will keep your going out (of this world) and your coming in (into His nearer presence) forevermore! He has promised to be with you always! He will keep you in His care even now!

Amen! Come, Lord Jesus!
Pastor Gerald Paul



MAY LAMPLIGHTER DEADLINE

Monday, April 20th!!



WEE DISCIPLES

“For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.” John 3:16

“I know that my Redeemer lives;
What comfort this sweet sentence gives!
He lives, He lives, who once was dead;
He lives, my ever living head.”



Wee Disciples' Easter Family Chapel Service and Celebration will be held on Tuesday, April 14th at 6:30 pm followed by refreshments in the fellowship hall. Please join us as the children enthusiastically share the **Good News** through songs and Bible verses with their families and friends!

Just a reminder—Wee Disciples will be closed on Good Friday, April 10th. BoECE will not meet on April 7th, the next meeting will be May 5th at 7:00 pm.

Wee Disciples will soon be enrolling students for the 2020 summer program (limited spaces) and for the 2020-2021 school year. Please contact Debbie Lee for more information concerning available openings and registration fees. Registration Open House will be held on May 14th. More information to follow.

Our fundraising evenings continue the third Tuesday of each month at Fuddruckers. Our next evening will be April 21st from 5:00 to 9:00 pm. Fuddruckers donates 20% of your total ticket purchase to Wee Disciples. Coupons are available on the announcement board by the Wee Disciples' check-in computer. Thank you to everyone who has attended these fundraising evenings! Also, thanks to everyone who participates in the Smith's Rewards Program!

COMPARISON OF GIVING REPORT ~ 2020

For the period February 23, 2020 through March 22, 2020

February 23 rd	\$2,521
March 1 st	\$5,681
March 8 th	\$3,283
March 15 th	\$2,907
March 22 nd	\$2,668

Actual giving for report period:

\$17,060

Roof Repair Fund – contributions through 03/22/2020

\$5,310

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

Roof Repair Fund ~ The Church Council and the November Voter's assembly decided to establish a special fund so that members may contribute to the roof repairs as the Spirit moves them. Please consider contributing to this fund when you are able.

Any contributions to the Roof Repair fund should be separate from your regular offerings and clearly noted "**Roof Repair**" so that the counters and assistant treasurer can account them in the correct place.



April brings Holy Week and our Easter celebration, a time when we ponder our Lord's passion and His glorious resurrection! The earth is awakening with new life, also. The robins and bluebirds have arrived; now look for some of the first wildflowers to appear in the Lord's perennial garden in the foothills and perhaps a small bouquet on the church secretary's desk. Yellow bells and lavender Pasque flowers are among the ones you will find in late April.

The **Friday Ladies Bible study** will enjoy some of those early wildflowers on the table as they continue their study of Ephesians April 3rd and 17th. Come and join them from 1:00-3:00 pm at the home of Marge Johnsten, 3000 8th Ave S.



Ladies and gentlemen will gather to assist with hymn singing and a devotion for **Assisted Living Ministry** at the following locations: on Tuesday, April 14th at 11:00 am they will be at BeeHive Home #2 (Clover), 2816 15th Ave S. The ever-popular no host lunch will be held on Friday, April 24th at 11:45 am at Jaker's, 1500 10th Ave S. After lunch some will go to Highgate

House, 3000 8th Ave S. Come and share your Easter alleluias with these residents!

These are our plans if the restrictions at the assisted living residences lift the visitation ban that was put in place in mid-March. If you are a first-time participant at any of these events, please check with the church office to see if there have been cancellations.

Saturday Morning Men's Bible study

Men's Bible study will again be meeting on **Saturday mornings at 8:00 am** for an hour of fellowship and study of God's Word. They are currently studying *Jeremiah*. All the men of the congregation are invited and encouraged to attend and bring a friend.



Wednesday Morning Bible Study

The Wednesday morning ladies' Bible study group recently began a 13-part Bible study on the book of Hebrews. The title of the study is *Hebrews—Race to Glory*. As with all of the other Bible studies we have done, each lesson is independent of the others, so if you can only come occasionally, please do! You won't feel lost. The ladies meet every Wednesday morning from 9:30 to 11:00 am in the Stahlecker Room. Join us for a morning of Bible study and fellowship!



LWML NEWS



All ladies of the congregation are invited and encouraged to attend any and all LWML happenings here at Trinity.

The February Lenten brunch was attended by 21 women: Three women from Zion Lutheran, Power: four women from Peace Lutheran, Great Falls; one woman from Faith Lutheran: one woman from Wee Disciples and 12 women from Trinity Lutheran, Great Falls. The ingathering was baby layette items for the Orphan Grain Train. A minimum of 20 baby layettes will go to the Montana LWML Convention in Billings. Some of the LWML ladies got together after our Bible study and tied a quilt that Alice Schuman made for us to take to the Montana District Convention in April. It will be going to the in-gathering to be given to the Gifts from the Heart recipients, *Independence Hall*, temporary home of homeless veterans, and to Billings Public School Homeless Teen program. The March Group Gathering was cancelled due to weather issues. Sara Graft was to be a guest speaker. We are rescheduling her for this fall. Please watch for details. As this is being typed, it is unknown if the LWML Convention will be postponed or totally canceled.

LWML Upcoming Events

April 18th – 9:30am – LWML Group Gathering

April 24th – 26th - LWML Montana District Convention, at Trinity Lutheran Church in Billings. Author Donna Pyle will be the Keynote and Banquet Speaker.

April 29th – 11:15 am – LWML Board meeting

May 9th – 9:30am – LWML Group Gathering

May 9th – Lutheran World Relief truck in Billings

We pray for our shut-ins:

Eleanor Boumans at Highgate House; **Ellen Carpenter** at home; **Anita Erickson** at home; **Lydia Laubach** at The Lodge; **Evelyn McNaight** at Bee Hive Homes; **Emma Millet** at Golden Eagles; **Bob Nommensen Sr.** at home; **Myrtle Pence** at Benefis Eastview Memory Care; **Dorothy Rosenberg** at Rivers Edge Assisted Living; **Gordan Stach** at home; **Myrtle Storhaug** at Golden Eagles; **Juanita Winter** at home.



We pray for our members and their caregivers who continue to battle health issues:

Paul & Millie Birkholz; Jerry & Colleen Mans; Gary & Rose Shelden; Gene & Joy Suek and Ruth & Russ Waetzig.

We pray for those serving in the military:

Joshua Graham, USA (Sherrie Blomstrom's grandson-in-law); **Clifton Grilley**, USN (Headington's son); **Jared Grina**, USN (Headington's son-in-law); **Justin Haydon**, USMC (Kay Kessel's grandson); **Krista Kotz**, USAF; **Lance Corp. Brendan Murphy**, USMC (Adam's grandson); **Michael Somerfeld**, USN (Gary Somerfeld's son); **Tanner Tilton**, USAF (Millie Birkholz's grandson).

If you are interested in sharing your talents by serving on the Altar Guild we would greatly appreciate your help. There are no formal meetings and duties are a month at a time to fit your schedule, with duties shared during Holy Week and Christmas. If you would be interested in just taking on one part of the altar duties such as filling the candles or washing the linens that would be appreciated as well. For more information please contact Denise Wegner at 452-2241 or 791-7275.



Board of Elder's Meeting - Trinity Lutheran Church – March 9, 2020

Please note this report was submitted prior to the Covid-19 restrictions

In attendance were Martin Bauer, Len Koelbel, Roy Arves, Shawn Shaw, Bob Nommensen, James Neumann, Bill Sybrant, and Pastor Paul.

Pastor opened with Psalms 121, "I lift up my eyes to the hills. From where does my help come?"

The Elders studied Chapter 6 of "*Authentic Christianity*" *The Purpose of Your Life*.

The February 2020 meeting minutes were accepted as printed.

Pastor presented his report of service attendance, official acts, calls, education, and members in need of care, and looking ahead. Bill Sybrant received James Neumann's members list.

Business:

- Audio/Video – New computer installed, James to get the Wi-Fi working.
- Bill Sybrant joins the Elders
- We discussed the 'Sharing of the Peace' Decided to continue to practice.
- Amazing Grace moved to June 7th at Neumann's property in Sun Prairie.
- Pastor was approached about having a couple's Bible study. We suggested he continue to look into it.
- Pastor also asked if he could attend the 'Making a Difference for Life' conference in Ft Wayne in April. Deferred this to the Church Council.

The meeting was closed with the Lord's Prayer.

The next meeting will be Apr 13 at 6 pm.

In the Service of the Lord,
Martin Bauer,
Chairman of the Board and Secretary

The Lutheran Witness and Portals of Prayer



It is time again to renew our subscriptions to *The Lutheran Witness* and *Portals of Prayer*.

The Lutheran Witness subscription is **\$15.96** for a year and the *Portals of Prayer* subscription is \$9.10 for regular size; \$16.50 for digest size; and \$17.50 for large print.



If you are currently receiving these items and wish to continue those subscriptions, please place your renewal check in the offering plate, mail it or bring it to the church office. **Be sure to indicate WHAT you are subscribing to with specifics so that we get the products you want. Deadline is Monday, April 6, 2020!**



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 contact Cheryl Bauer at the church office 452-2121 with that information.**



Once again with the coming of spring we look to celebrate the accomplishments of the graduates of our congregation. If you or a family member are graduating this spring, please let the church office know so that we can include you (them) in our May addition of the Lamplighter. You can write up a short article about the person or just give the office the information (name, birth date, parents, siblings, school graduating from, special awards, future plans, etc.) and we will write the piece for you. Don’t forget to include a picture of your graduate. You can bring this into the office or email it to trinity@trinity-mt.org. **The deadline for the May Lamplighter is Monday, April 20, 2020.**

Looking for charitable contribution avenues?

There are a number of local outlets for your generosity: FISH, The Great Falls Rescue Mission, Echoz Pregnancy Center and The Great Falls Food Bank, as well as the various missionaries that Trinity has helped through the LCMS Missions programs (Pastors Warner, Thompson, Schlund, Stinnett and Preus). Additionally, there is Lutheran Hour Ministries and Issues Etc.

Also in need of continuing assistance:

Lutheran Braille Workers

13471 California St., Yucaipa, CA 92399

LBW@LBWloveworks.org

and

Lutheran Heritage Foundation

Worldwide Lutheran Translation Projects

51474 Romeo Plank Rd., Macomb, MI 48042

www.LHFmissions.org

Trinity’s Holy Week Worship Schedule 2020

April 5th	<i>Palm Sunday / Sunday of the Passion</i>
April 9th	<i>Maundy Thursday w/communion</i>
April 10th	<i>Good Friday Tenebrae Service</i>
April 12th ~ 7:00 am	<i>Easter Sunrise Service</i>
April 12th ~ 8:00 am	<i>Easter Breakfast (sponsored by Trinity Youth)</i>
April 12th ~ 8:30am	<i>Easter Sunday school</i>
April 12th ~ 10:00 am	<i>Easter Divine Service w/communion</i>

Subject to change – watch for further updates

Read through the Gospels or New Testament in Lent		
Day	Gospels only	New Testament
April 1	John 5-& 6	1 & 2 Thessalonians
2	John 7-& 8	1 & 2 Timothy
3	John 9-& 10	Titus & Philemon & Hebrews 1 - 7
4	John 11-& 12	Hebrews 8 - end
5	Take a Break	
6	John 13-& 14	James
7	John 15-& 16	1 & 2 Peter
8	John 17-& 18	1, 2 & 3 John & Jude
9	John 19-& 20	Revelation 1 - 7
10	John 21	Revelation 8 - 16
11	1 Corinthians 15	Revelation 17 - end
12	It's Easter!	

Summer Camp! - Online registration is now open for Trinity Lutheran Camp in Bigfork, MT at: www.TrinityLutheranCamp.org

To register for our LCMS District Camp in Red Lodge, MT, go to: www.mtdistlcms.org/district-committees/district-youth or pick up a registration form on the bulletin board in the Narthex. ***Remember Trinity pays half of the registration fees for both camps.***

Both camps have programs for children, youth, adults, & families!

20th Annual Loaves and Fishes Dinner ~ An evening of good food, silent auctions and raffles. Friday, April 24, 2020 at Our Savior's Lutheran Church, 1326 1st Ave N. Dinner seatings at 4:30 & 6:00 pm. There will be a free-will offering. All proceeds support FISH. Call (406) 727-4304 or (406) 761-5009 for more information.

Birthdays, Wedding, Baptismal and Confirmation Anniversaries



APRIL Anniversaries

Marty ♥ Jenny Eberly (15)

April 2nd

Frank ♥ Shelley Rossberg (52)

April 13th

Jeff ♥ LaVonne Thompson (24)

April 24th



APRIL Birthdays

April 2nd

Louise Keith

April 16th

Lidia Neumann (80+), Gary Vik

April 3rd

Alec Jones

April 17th

David Sand

April 4th

Jenny Eberly

April 18th

Amanda Miesmer

April 6th

Nathan Green

April 19th

Michelle Neumann, Gerald Paul

April 7th

Emma Millet (80+)

April 21st

Garrett Nelson

April 8th

Myrna Philipp

April 23rd

Shelley Rossberg

April 9th

Ryan Copp, Emma Paul

April 24th

Carl Anderson (80+)

April 10th

Trey Mans, **Bill Wegner (80+)**

April 26th

Haley Hansen, Diane Thompson

April 11th

Molly Jones

April 27th

Wes Bauer, Hannah Houle

April 12th

Frank Rossberg

April 28th

Treve Mans

April 13th

Jeannine Eastley, Amayah Hill

April 29th

Arleen Nelson (80+)

April 14th

Colleen Mans

Sandra Heinert, Brent Stanger

Cindy Stene

Len Christianson



APRIL Baptisms

April 1st

Austin Johnson, Lauretta Stanfield

April 13th

Emily Neumann

April 3rd

Louise Kuki, Nathan Redenbaugh

April 14th

Jenny Eberly, Dylan Gilley

Zechary Redenbaugh

April 16th

Haley Hansen, Niklas Hansen

April 5th

Roy Arves, Bill Sybrant

Cheri Hansen-Zrawka

April 6th

Sandra Baranko, Bob Blomstrom

April 19th

Derek Jones

April 8th

Chad Mans

April 21st

Bob Magis

April 9th

Olivia Martello

April 22nd

Chris Magis

April 10th

Jarrid Clausen

April 23rd

Millie Birkholz, Matthias Paul

April 12th

Brielyn Ginnaty, Janelle Houle

April 24th

Sylvia Adams, Linda Wade

April 13th

Kay Kessel

April 27th

Tracy Lou Miesmer, Bonnie Nommensen

Janice Bicsak, Kayla Kelly

April 29th

Emma Paul



APRIL Confirmations

April 1st

Kathie Sybrant

April 23rd

Diane Thompson

April 3rd

Louise Kuki, Peggy Norris

April 26th

Jean Ann Craven

April 4th

Sherri VanVleet

April 27th

Bonnie Nommensen

April 12th

Kay Kessel

April 29th

Jaymes Crumley

April 13th

Kayla Kelly

April 30th

Ashlee Graves, Marlys William

April 21st

Jacalyn Lee

Worship Assistants ~ April 2020

Serving this Month

Acolyte ~ Elders

Counters ~ Martin & Cheryl Bauer

Altar Guild ~ Denise Wegner / Dayna VanVleet

Ushers ~ Alan Wegner / Elders



04/01/2020

Soup Supper
Duty Elder
Organist

POTLUCK

Bob Nommensen
Anita Chapman

April 5, 2020 ~ Palm Sunday / Passion Sunday (scarlet or white)

Duty Elders
Organist

Shawn Shaw / Bill Sybrant
Joy Suek

Holy Thursday
04/09/2020

Duty Elders
Organist

Len Koelbel / Bob Nommensen
Anita Chapman

Good Friday
04/10/2020

Duty Elder
Organist

Len Koelbel / Bob Nommensen
Anita Chapman

April 12, 2020 ~ Easter Sunday / The Resurrection of Our Lord (white)

Sunrise
7:00a

Duty Elders
Organist

Shawn Shaw
Jeannine Eastley

Divine
10:00a

Duty Elders
Organist

Martin Bauer / Len Koelbel
Anita Chapman



April 19, 2020 ~ Second Sunday of Easter (white)

Duty Elders
Organist

Roy Arves / Shawn Shaw
Jeannine Eastley

April 26, 2020 ~ Third Sunday of Easter (white)

Duty Elders
Organist

Roy Arves / Bill Sybrant
Anita Chapman



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.