



Trinity Lutheran Church  
Wee Disciples Preschool & Daycare  
1226 First Avenue North  
Great Falls, MT 59401-3201  
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December

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### Children in Worship - 04 - Advent and Christmas



The Seasons of Advent and Christmas provide wonderful opportunities to engage children in worship. The word “Advent” means coming. During the four Sundays before Christmas, we wait for the coming of our Savior - as a baby in Bethlehem, and when He comes again to judge the living and the dead, as we confess in the Creeds. This time of waiting gives us pause to reflect on the great love that the Father has shown to us by sending His Son, Jesus, to be our Savior.

Talk to your children about the symbols that we see during Advent and Christmas:

- The color blue is a symbol of hope. As Christ ascended into the blue sky, so will He return from the sky to grant us eternal life.
- The Advent Wreath has four candles - one for each Sunday of the Season - that represent hope, peace, joy and love.
- The Christmas Tree will be adorned with ornaments called chrismons. Each ornament is a Christian symbol. Take a look at them with your children after church and see if you can figure out what they represent. If you need help, please ask.

Take time out of your busy schedule to do family devotions. Pick up a devotion book from church, which is based on the theme “*Symbols of Salvation*” (see below). If you have an Advent wreath, use it each day. If you don’t have one and would like to make one for your family’s use, we have some extras at church that we shared with Sunday School and Wee Disciples families. You can pick up a kit in the narthex. There are also weekly Advent Midweek Services on Wednesday nights, and everyone is invited to attend. Check page 5 of this newsletter for service times.

And most of all - focus on what the Seasons of Advent and Christmas are really all about: the coming of our Savior, Jesus, our Hope and Salvation.

### Symbols of Salvation

Our Advent Midweek theme for 2021 explores *Symbols of Salvation: Foretelling Christ’s Birth*. We will hear about how Jesus fulfilled prophecies from the Old Testament that were written centuries before He was born. Specifically, we will hear “The virgin shall conceive and bear a son” (*Isaiah 7:14*); “Unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given” (*Isaiah 9:6*); and “From you [O Bethlehem] shall come forth for Me one who is to be ruler in Israel, whose coming forth is from of old, from ancient days” (*Micah 5:2*). These direct prophecies show us that Jesus was coming to be the Savior of the world.

## Children's Christmas Program

We are trying something new this year, by presenting a Christmas Program on **Wednesday, December 15<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm**. All children of the congregation are invited to participate; we will have practices on Sunday mornings at 8:30 am during the Sunday School hour. The program will also follow the "Symbols of Salvation" theme, and there is room for everyone to come and join us. Talk to me or one of the Sunday School teachers for more information.

May the Lord bless you with His presence and His peace as we prepare for the Advent of our King.

*Pastor Jonathan Schultz*

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## WEE DISCIPLES



*"But the angel said to them, 'Do not be afraid. I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is Christ the Lord. This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger.'" Luke 2:10-12*



*Away in a manger  
No crib for a bed  
The little Lord Jesus  
Laid down His sweet head*

The children at Wee Disciples are learning about Advent and they are also preparing to celebrate Jesus' birth with their families and friends. Everyone is invited to attend the *Wee Disciples' Family Christmas Chapel* on Monday, December 13<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm. Pastor Schultz will share a Christmas message and the children will be singing songs and reciting Bible verses throughout the service. Refreshments will be served in the fellowship hall following the service.

Wee Disciples will be closed on Christmas Eve, December 24<sup>th</sup> and on New Year's Eve, December 31<sup>st</sup>.

Our fundraising efforts continue with the Smith's Rewards Program and with the *Fuddrucker's Burgers for Benefits Night*. Our next Fuddrucker's night is December 21<sup>st</sup> from 5:00 to 9:00 pm. You can eat in or take out. Coupons are available on the announcement board by the Wee Disciples' check-in computer, or you can show them a picture of the coupon on your phone at the time of checkout. Thanks to everyone who has been supporting these fundraising activities!

Board of Early Childhood Education meets on Tuesday, December 7<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm.

*Have a very Blessed Christmas and a very Happy New Year!*



**JANUARY LAMPLIGHTER DEADLINE  
Monday, December 20<sup>th</sup>!!**

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## Come make music in praise to the Lord!



Trinity Handbells and vocal Choir have begun practices and YOU are invited to join in! Handbells meet Tuesday nights at 6:00 pm.

The vocal Choir meets Wednesdays at 5:30 pm and will continue to meet weekly. Contact Judy Boyce (406- 452-7477) or Amy Schultz (970- 480-7776) for more

information.



**Tuesday Evening Bible Study** ~ The members of Trinity are invited to join Pastor Zagel each Tuesday evening for a Bible study via Zoom. If you would like to participate and Pastor does not have your email address, please contact the church office so Pastor can get you on the list to receive the link. They are currently studying *Hebrews*.

The **Wednesday Morning Ladies' Bible study** group meets in the Stahlecker Room at 9:30 am every Wednesday morning. The group will be completing a study from LWML titled *Mountaintop Journeys with Jesus* on December 1<sup>st</sup>. December 8<sup>th</sup> we will begin a new study centered on the book of Philippians. We invite anyone who is interested to join us for a morning of fellowship and the opportunity to study God's Word together. Each week is a new and different lesson. We will **NOT** be having Bible study on December 22<sup>nd</sup> or December 29<sup>th</sup>.

**Men's Bible Study** continues to meet 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.

**Friday Ladies Bible Study** ~ How blessed we are to have the opportunity to stay focused on the true reason for the season of Christmas, with our special Wednesday night Advent services through the month of December! Make time for them in your holiday schedule.

There's always room for more at the Acts Bible study! Ladies will meet December 3<sup>rd</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> from 1:00-3:00 pm at the home of Marge Johnsten, 3000 8<sup>th</sup> Ave. S. Learning about the early church and our own is fascinating!

On Friday, December 17<sup>th</sup> the group will have a sandwich lunch at Marge's at noon before going to Highgate House, 3000 11<sup>th</sup> Ave. S., for hymn singing and a Christmas devotion. Join in the Christmas carol singing with these special Christian residents! Share the joy of the Christ Child!

### LWML News



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

First of all, thank you to all of the people who supported our "Splits and Spuds". It was a great success!

**December 11<sup>th</sup>** at 10:00 am is the Advent Brunch. The theme is *On Our Way to Bethlehem*. This is for all the women of the congregation. Ladies from Peace, Zion, and Wee Disciples are also invited to join us. There will be a breakfast potluck. There will also be an ingathering of children's mittens, gloves, hats, disposable diapers, and pull-ups. These items will be donated to a couple different organizations who provide care for children in our community. Please join us.

Please mark your calendars for the January 8<sup>th</sup> Group Gathering. We will be giving the kitchen a good cleaning after the gathering.

*God Bless you and your family at this special time of year.  
Have a happy and holy Christmas.*

**LWML Upcoming Events**

**December 11<sup>th</sup>** ~ 10:00 am Advent Brunch

**December 29<sup>th</sup>** ~ Board meeting @ 9:30 am

**January 8<sup>th</sup>** ~ 9:30 am LWML Group Gathering/ Kitchen cleaning

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**COMPARISON OF GIVING REPORT ~ 2021**

**For the period October 31, 2021 through November 21, 2021**

October 31 <sup>st</sup>	\$2,584
November 7 <sup>th</sup>	\$3,578
November 14 <sup>th</sup>	\$2,693
November 21 <sup>st</sup>	\$4,281

**Actual giving for report period: \$**

Roof Repair Fund –through 11/21/2021 \$22,601

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

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**End-of-Year Contributions** will need to be in **NO LATER THAN DECEMBER 30, 2021 by CLOSE OF CHURCH BUSINESS**, in order to be counted toward your pledge for 2021. Please be sure to get those contribution to the church office as soon as possible, either by mail or drop-off at the church Monday through Friday (you may use the locked mailbox outside the office.)

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## A Reminder to Use Your New Offering Envelopes

### Offering Envelopes



New boxes of offering envelopes for **2022 (PINK in color)** will be issued Wednesday December 22, 2021. The last time to use the 2021 GREEN envelopes is New Year's Eve December 31<sup>st</sup>! **Please destroy any remaining 2021 GREEN offering envelopes after December 31, 2021.**

**Begin using the PINK offering envelopes SUNDAY, January 2, 2022.**

You are encouraged to use your offering envelopes for each church offering. Using your envelopes speeds the money counting process and ensures that you will receive credit for your contribution. If you do not place your check in an offering envelope, the person posting your contribution must look up your envelope number so proper credit can be given. **Also, please remember to write the amount of your contribution on the line provided on the front of the envelope.** This is very helpful to those counting the offering. If you are not using your envelopes at this time please do so in the future.

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



The Altar Committee will once again be placing an order for poinsettias to grace our altar for Christmas. If you would like to donate toward the purchase of these poinsettias, please make your check payable to **Trinity Lutheran Church**, designate on the check "**For Poinsettias**" and drop it into the offering. 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 the church office at 452-2121 with that information.



### **First Advent Mid-week ~ December 1, 2021**

Soup Supper ~ 6:00 pm

Worship 7:00 pm

### **Second Sunday in Advent ~ December 5, 2021**

Sunday school & Bible study ~ 8:30 am

Divine Service ~ 10:00 am

### **Second Advent Mid-week ~ December 8, 2021**

Soup Supper ~ 6:00 pm

Worship 7:00 pm

### **Third Sunday in Advent ~ December 12, 2021**

Sunday school & Bible study ~ 8:30 am

Divine Service ~ 10:00 am

### **Children's Christmas Service ~ December 15, 2021**

**Note time difference** ★ ★ ★ Soup Supper ~ 5:30 pm ★ ★ ★

Worship 6:30 pm

### **Fourth Sunday in Advent ~ December 19, 2021**

Sunday school & Bible study ~ 8:30 am

Divine Service ~ 10:00 am

### **Third Advent Mid-week ~ December 22, 2021**

Soup Supper ~ 6:00 pm

Worship 7:00 pm

**Christmas Eve Family Worship ~ December 24, 2021 ~ 7:00 pm**

**Christmas Day ~ December 25, 2021**

Matins Service ~ 10:00 am

**First Sunday after Christmas ~ December 26, 2021**

Sunday school & Bible study ~ 8:30 am

Divine Service ~ 10:00 am

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Please  
Pray  
for...



***Our shut-ins:***

**Vi Biberdorf** (Highgate House)

**Millie Birkholz** (The Lodge)

**Eleanor Boumans** (Highgate House)

**Ellen Carpenter** (Eagle's Manor)

**Anita Erickson** (at home)

**Evelyn McNaight** (Bee Hive

**Arleen Nelson** (Bee Hive Homes-Pine Tree)

**Vi-Nell** (The Lodge)

**Bob Nommensen Sr.** (at home)

**Myrtle Pence** (Benefis Eastview Memory Care)

**Betty Wandke** (Benefis Eastview Memory Care)

**Juanita Winter** (BeeHive Homes-Clover)

Homes-Sage)

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***Our members and their caregivers who continue to battle health issues:***

**Herm & Evelyn Bauer**

**Bob & Sherrie Blomstrom**

**Chuck & Judy Lively**

**Chuck & Elsie Lorenz**

**Jerry & Colleen Mans**

**George & Myrtle Pence**

**Henry & Alice Schuman**

**Gene & Joy Suek**

**Wally & Diane Thompson**

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***Those serving in the military:***

**Evan Brenner, USAF**

**Jaymes Crumley, USAF**

**Matthew Erickson, USAF** (Anita Erickson's grandson)

**Joshua Graham, USA** (Blomstrom's grandson-in-law)

**Clifton Grilley, USN** (Headington's son)

**Jared Grina, USN**, (Headington's son-in-law)

**Shelah Kaky, USAF**

**Krista Kotz, USAF**

**Chaplain Jonathan Schultz, USAF**

**Tanner Tilton, USAF** (Millie Birkholz's grandson)

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**Rev. Dr. Gerald & Heidi Paul** ~ Cayman Islands

**Rev. Dr. David & Jennifer Preus** ~ Dominican Republic

**Rev. Eric & Johanna Stinnett** ~ Ethiopia

**John & Jenn Wolf** ~ Kenya, Africa

**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](http://lcms.org)

**Giving by Check:** You can also make a donation towards their ministries by check. *Mail your check, made payable to The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod and designated 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](mailto:mission.giving@lcms.org).

## Worship Assistants ~ December 2021



### Serving this Month

*Acolyte* ~ Elders

*Counters* ~ Martin & Cheryl Bauer

*Altar Guild* ~ Denise Wegner

*Ushers* ~ Alan Wegner / Elders

### December 1, 2021 ~ First Advent Mid-week (blue)

Duty Elder  
Elders providing soups

Bob Nommensen  
Shaw, Schultz, Sybrant

### December 5, 2021 ~ Second Sunday in Advent (blue)

Duty Elders  
Organist

Roy Arves / Shawn Shaw  
Joy Suek

### December 8, 2021 ~ Second Advent Mid-week (blue)

Duty Elder  
Elders providing soups

Bob Nommensen  
Arves, Koelbel, Schultz

### December 12, 2021 ~ Third Sunday in Advent (blue)

Duty Elders  
Organist

Len Koelbel / Shawn Shaw  
Jeannine Eastley

### December 15, 2021 ~ Children's Christmas Service (blue)

Duty Elder  
Elders providing soups

Bob Nommensen  
Bauer, Shaw, Sybrant

### December 19, 2021 ~ Fourth Sunday in Advent (blue)

Duty Elders  
Organist

Roy Arves / Bill Sybrant  
Jeannine Eastley

### December 22, 2021 ~ Third Advent Mid-week (blue)

Duty Elder  
Elders providing soups

Bob Nommensen  
Bauer, Nommensen, Schultz



### December 24, 2021 ~ Christmas Eve (white)

Duty Elders  
Organist

Martin Bauer / Bob Nommensen  
NOA

### December 25, 2021 ~ Christmas Day (white)

Duty Elders  
Organist

Martin Bauer / Bob Nommensen  
NOA

### December 26, 2021 ~ First Sunday after Christmas (white)

Duty Elders  
Organist

Martin Bauer / Bill Sybrant  
Joy Suek



*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, Wedding, Baptismal and Confirmation Anniversaries

## DECEMBER



*December 5<sup>th</sup>*

*December 8<sup>th</sup>*

*December 14<sup>th</sup>*

*December 16<sup>th</sup>*

*December 2<sup>nd</sup>  
Jean Ann Craven (90+)*

*December 3<sup>rd</sup>  
Brielyn Ginnaty*

*December 4<sup>th</sup>  
Sarah Chapman  
Aaron Neumann*

*December 5<sup>th</sup>  
Donna Hayes, Kelly Norris  
Kari Smith, Courtney Walker*

*Ezra Williams*

*December 14<sup>th</sup>  
Zeke Morrison, John Shaw*

*December 16<sup>th</sup>  
Jessi Payne*

*December 17<sup>th</sup>*

*December 18<sup>th</sup>*

*December 19<sup>th</sup>*

*December 22<sup>nd</sup>*

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*December 26<sup>th</sup>*

*December 27<sup>th</sup>*

*December 28<sup>th</sup>*

*December 30<sup>th</sup>*

*December 31<sup>st</sup>*

*Charlie Kingland*

*Maycee Graves*

*Sean Ginnaty*

*Austin Johnson*

***Eleanore Boumans (90+)***

*Chris Magis, Cheyenne Sharrah*

*Lynette Copp, Justin Lee*

*Ed VanVleet*

*Jarrid Clausen, Janelle Houle*

*Ed Hickel, Kenzie Legg*

*Kaden Hill*

*Parker Mansch*

*December 3<sup>rd</sup>*

*December 12<sup>th</sup>*

*December 27<sup>th</sup>*

*December 28<sup>th</sup>*

*Tim ♥ Lauralyn Fairbanks (5)*

*Spencer ♥ Jessi Payne (6)*

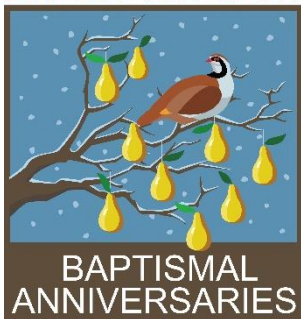
*Al ♥ Kathleen Redenbaugh (53)*

*George ♥ Myrtle Pence (57)*

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*December 4<sup>th</sup>*

*December 5<sup>th</sup>*

*December 6<sup>th</sup>*

*December 12<sup>th</sup>*

*December 1<sup>st</sup>  
Ashlee Graves  
Channing Hartelius*

*December 2<sup>nd</sup>  
Gary Headington*

*December 3<sup>rd</sup>  
Heidi Paul  
Alexandria Young  
Jason Young*

*December 4<sup>th</sup>  
Evelyn McNaight  
Colton Martello, Logan Stene*

*December 6<sup>th</sup>  
Spencer Payne*

*December 12<sup>th</sup>  
Donna Hayes, Ezra Williams*

*December 13<sup>th</sup>*

*December 16<sup>th</sup>*

*December 19<sup>th</sup>*

*December 21<sup>st</sup>*

*December 22<sup>nd</sup>*

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*December 25<sup>th</sup>*

*December 26<sup>th</sup>*

*December 29<sup>th</sup>*

*December 30<sup>th</sup>*

*December 31<sup>st</sup>*

*Cheri Bauer*

*Patrick Norris*

*Kathie Sybrant*

*Ron Lee*

*Dustin Dalla Mura*

*Rochelle Kimmerle*

*Gary Somerfeld*

*Betty Wandke*

*December 29<sup>th</sup>  
Sarah Chapamn, Caitee Miesmer*

*December 30<sup>th</sup>  
Rachel Hill*

*December 31<sup>st</sup>  
Cassidy Kotz, John Shaw*

*December 1<sup>st</sup>*

*December 5<sup>th</sup>*

*December 6<sup>th</sup>*

*December 9<sup>th</sup>*

*December 11<sup>th</sup>*

*December 12<sup>th</sup>*

*Judy Lively*

*Ruby Willey*

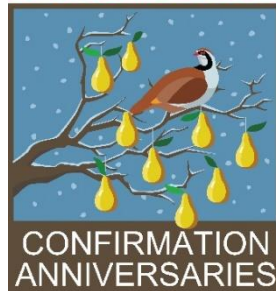
*Spencer Payne*

*Rev. Gerald Paul*

*Linda Wade*

*Betty Wandke*

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*December 14<sup>th</sup>  
Heidi Paul*

*December 17<sup>th</sup>  
Gary Headington*

*December 19<sup>th</sup>  
Kat Blumhorst*

*December 21<sup>st</sup>  
Ron Lee*

*December 22<sup>nd</sup>  
Tina Bink*

*December 23<sup>rd</sup>  
David Sand*