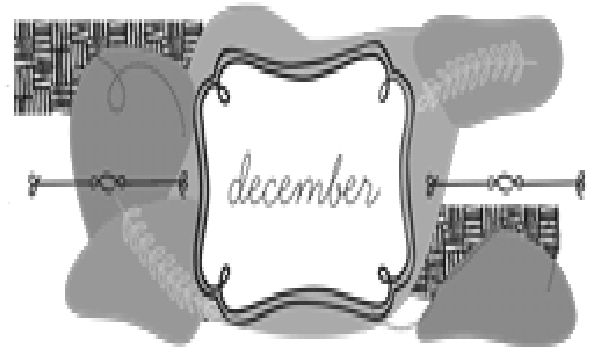




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## ***What Is Worship?***

### **Come, Lord Jesus - Worship in Advent**

“Stir up Your power, O Lord, and Come...” So the Church prays in the Collect of the Day on the First Sunday of Advent.

**Our Lord is coming.** In the Season of Advent, we anticipate that coming of our Lord as a baby born in Bethlehem.

For many of us, the focus of Advent seems to be anticipation of Christmas. Our congregations decorate our sanctuaries with Christmas trees and Nativity Scenes. Our children are working on their lines in the annual Christmas Program, with teachers hoping that the rambunctious children stay in their places. Parents and grandparents spend their days searching for the latest toys, or making them.

**Our Lord is coming.** But Advent isn't merely “pre-Christmas.” It's a time of anticipation and preparation for the coming of our Savior, who comes for a specific purpose: to deliver us from our sins.

The words of the hymn *What Child is This?* puts the purpose of Jesus' coming into stark perspective: “Nails, spear shall pierce Him through, The cross be borne for me, for you” (LSB 370, v. 3). That child, whose birth was hailed by angels and proclaimed by the shepherds would endure the cross for us.

**Our Lord is coming.** Jesus, the Babe of Bethlehem, came to be our Savior. He accomplished this thirty-some years later as Jesus went up to Jerusalem to bear our sins and die in our place.

Our Lord is coming again. On the Last Day, our Lord will return in all His glory and splendor to judge the living and the dead. On that day, the Lord will lift us from the weight of our sins and take us to spend eternity with Him.

“Stir up Your power, O Lord, and Come.” **Our Lord is coming.** Our Lord has come. Our Lord is here to deliver us.

Join us for Advent Midweek Services on Wednesdays starting on November 30<sup>th</sup>. We will begin with a soup supper at 6:00 pm and continue with Evening Prayer at 7:00 pm. The theme for our services is “*This is My Son.*” Our series examines three sons from the Old Testament, Cain - Ishmael, and Absalom - and shows how their lives point us to Jesus, the very Son of God.

In Christ,

*Pastor Jonathan Schultz*



## 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 lay down his sweet head.”*

December is a busy month for Wee Disciples as the children learn about Advent and Christmas as they sing songs, learn Bible verses, do crafts, and prepare for the Wee Disciples Family Christmas Chapel and Celebration. We invite you to join us on Monday, December 19 at 6:30PM for our family chapel service followed by refreshments in the fellowship area. This is always a special service as the children sing Christmas songs and recite Bible verses for their families and friends.

Wee Disciples will be closed for the Christmas holiday on December 23<sup>rd</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> and will also be closed on December 30<sup>th</sup> and January 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Our fundraising efforts continue with the Smith’s Rewards Program and with the *Fuddrucker’s Burgers for Benefits Night*. December 20<sup>th</sup> is our next assigned evening. Thanks to everyone who has been attending these fundraising activities!

The Board of Early Childhood Education **WILL NOT** meet in December. The next board meeting will be on Thursday, January 5<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm.

*Have a very Blessed Christmas and New Year!*

### LWML News

*All ladies of the congregation are invited and encouraged to attend any and all LWML happenings here at Trinity. Please contact Sylvia Adams or Amy Schultz for more information.*



#### What Child Is This?

LWML Advent Brunch Potluck

**Saturday, December 10<sup>th</sup>**

Trinity Lutheran Church, Great Falls, MT

9:30 am ~ Fellowship & Mixer Activity

10:00 am ~ Bible Study – Part I

11:00 am ~ Brunch & Bible Study – Part II

11:45 am ~ Closing



**Come join us as we learn more about the Christ child!**

*Ingathering benefits Alliance for Youth*

Needs: individual snacks, canned soups & meals, Cup O Noodles & Easy Mac  
dishwasher pods, disinfectant wipes, laundry pods & dryer sheets

bottled water, fast food gift cards, disposable plates & cutlery & cups (hot & cold), paper towels

Kleenex, hand soap, band-aids, serving gloves, hot chocolate, chocolate candy

**Save the Date!** We are making plans for a Spring Rally on **Saturday, April 29, 2023.**

Mark those calendars now – we’ll have more details later.

## JANUARY LAMPLIGHTER DEADLINE

Monday, December 19<sup>th</sup>!!

Newsletter  
**DEADLINE**



Women's  
Bible Study

**Wednesday Morning Ladies' Bible study** Join us each Wednesday morning for a time of fellowship and the opportunity to study God's Word together at the ladies' Bible study. The group meets every Wednesday from 9:30 to 11:00 am in the Stahlecker Room. In December the group will be doing a four-week Bible study by Donna Snow titled *No Stranger in the Manger* which is based on Matthew 2:2, 10-11: "*Where is the one who has been born King of the Jews? We saw his star in the east and have come to worship him. When they saw the star, they were overjoyed. On coming to the house, they saw the child with his mother Mary, and they bowed down and worshipped him. Then they opened their treasures and presented him with gifts of gold and of incense and of myrrh.*"

This study includes advent, Christmas, and Epiphany. Lesson One is titled *Searching for the Messiah*; Lesson Two—*Our Savior—A Baby*; Lesson Three—*Worshipping the Messiah*; and Lesson Four—*Gift Offerings*.

**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.

Jesus is the reason for the season! The commercial world has worked hard to take the sacredness away from the Advent and Christmas season. May we keep our focus on Jesus, as we gather together for worship during special Advent services to hear God's Word and prepare our hearts for His coming.

**Friday Ladies Bible study** ~ Jesus is the reason people gather around His Word to discuss and learn. Join the ladies who have begun studying the book of Mark! They will meet December 2<sup>nd</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> from 1:00-3:00 pm at the home of Marge Johnsten, 3000 8<sup>th</sup> Ave. S.

**Assisted Living Ministry** ~ Assisted Living Ministry brings hymn singing and a devotion to people who often cannot worship in person at their local congregation here in Great Falls. How these people enjoy being able to sing as Val and Gloria play the familiar hymns! Join them on Friday, December 2<sup>nd</sup> at 10:00 am at *The Lodge*, 1801 9<sup>th</sup> St. S., where you can wish Millie Birkholz, Jean Ann Craven, and Richard Schottey a Merry Christmas while you are there. Christmas carols will be among the hymns residents will sing 1:30-2:30 pm at *Highgate Senior Living*, 3000 11<sup>th</sup> Ave. S., on Friday, December 9<sup>th</sup>. There you may give Christmas greetings to Ken Brandt, Ken Meske, Vi Biberdorf, and Eleanore Boumans. Preceding the Highgate event many friends will gather at 11:45 am for the no host monthly lunch at Jaker's, 1500 10<sup>th</sup> Ave. S. Some people come just for lunch. Some people come only for the singing. Others join in both activities. All have a great time while bringing the reason for the season to others!

### Our shut-ins

**Vi Biberdorf** (Highgate Senior Living), **Millie Birkholz** (The Lodge), **Eleanor Boumans** (Highgate Senior Living), **Ellen Carpenter** (Eagle's Manor), **Jean Ann Craven** (The Lodge), **Anita Erickson** (at home), **Evelyn McNaight** (Bee Hive Homes-Sage), **Arleen Nelson** (Bee Hive Homes-Pine Tree), **Bob Nommensen Sr.** (at home), **Juanita Winter** (Bee Hive Homes-Clover)



**Bob & Sherrie Blomstrom** (Beehive Homes in Helena), **Darlene Murray** (at son's home in Kansas), **Vi-Nell** (at daughter's home in Arizona), **Flo Winter** (at daughter's home in North Dakota)

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

Chuck & Judy Lively, Chuck & Elsie Lorenz, Jerry & Colleen Mans  
George & Myrtle Pence, Henry & Alice Schuman, Wally & Diane Thompson

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**We pray for our expectant mothers and their families:**

Maylyne & Joe Bickel and Bree & Evan Brenner

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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), **Julie Timms** (Waetzig's granddaughter)

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**Rev. Dr. David & Jennifer Preus** ~ Eurasia (Romania)

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

**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).

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**Did you know Trinity has a library?** Come check out all the wonderful books that we have. There are books for every age, from our youngest member to our oldest. We have *Arch* books from CPH, Bibles, devotionals, fiction, non-fiction and so much more!

The library is open for your use on Sunday morning following Bible study and during the coffee fellowship. It is also open during the office hours which are Monday through Thursday from 8:00 am to 3:00pm.

Two years ago, we made it extremely easy to borrow a book. We removed all the checkout cards from the pockets. The books just need to be returned to the library table when you are finished, and we will put them back in their proper spot. Books are checked out on the honor system. This was determined to make better use of the great resources that have been donated for our use. If you have books that you want to donate to the library, leave them on the table with a note that they are a donation. We will review them and add them to our list of books. Occasionally we will write about new resources that you might want to explore. If you have questions, look for Judy Boyce or Barbara Going.

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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? You do not need to have a financial need, but you do need to be a member of Trinity Lutheran Church. The application is available on our website ([www.trinity-mt.org](http://www.trinity-mt.org)) or in the church office.



**Come make music in praise to the Lord!**

Trinity Handbells meet Tuesday nights at **6:00 pm**.  
The vocal Choir meets at **5:30 pm** every Wednesday  
Contact Judy Boyce (406- 452-7477) or Amy Schultz  
(970- 480-7776) for more information.



**Accompanist Wanted!** If tickling the ivories under a strong group of voices sounds like a wonderful adventure, please talk to Amy Schultz or Judy Boyce for more information.

**Seeking Sunday School teachers and Board of Education members!** We currently have two Sunday School teachers and two Board of Education members, coincidentally, these are the same people! We would love (and NEED!!) some extra helping hands. If you are interested, please contact Amy Schultz (970) 480-7776 or Sarah Lautenschlager (406) 899-5952 for more details.

**COMPARISON OF GIVING REPORT ~ 2022**

**For the period October 30, 2022 through November 20, 2022**

October 30 <sup>th</sup>	\$4,564
November 6 <sup>th</sup>	\$4,562
November 13 <sup>th</sup>	\$3,747
November 20 <sup>th</sup>	\$3,785

**Actual giving for report period: \$16,658**

Roof Repair Fund –through 11/20/2022 \$28,237

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

**End-of-Year Contributions** will need to be in **NO LATER THAN DECEMBER 29, 2022 by CLOSE OF CHURCH BUSINESS (3:00pm)**, in order to be counted toward your pledge for 2022. 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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Please visit our website [www.trinity-mt.org](http://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 Envelopes



### A Reminder to Use Your New Offering Envelopes

New boxes of offering envelopes for 2023 (YELLOW in color) will be issued Wednesday, December 21, 2022. The last time to use the 2022 PINK envelopes is Christmas Day, December 25<sup>th</sup>! **Please destroy any remaining 2022 PINK offering envelopes after December 25, 2022.**

**Begin using the YELLOW offering envelopes SUNDAY, January 1, 2023.**

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.



#### **Second Sunday in Advent ~ December 4, 2022**

Sunday school & Bible study ~ 8:30 am

Divine Service ~ 10:00 am

#### **Second Advent Mid-week ~ December 7, 2022**

Soup Supper ~ 6:00pm

Worship 7:00 pm

#### **Third Sunday in Advent ~ December 11, 2022**

Sunday school & Bible study ~ 8:30 am

Divine Service ~ 10:00 am

#### **Third Advent Mid-week ~ December 14, 2022**

Soup Supper ~ 6:00 pm

Worship 7:00 pm

#### **Fourth Sunday in Advent ~ December 18, 2022**

Sunday school & Bible study ~ 8:30 am

Divine Service ~ 10:00 am

#### **Children's Christmas Service ~ December 21, 2022**

★ ★ ★ **Note time difference** ★ ★ ★

Soup Supper ~ 5:30 pm

Worship 6:30 pm

#### **Christmas Eve Family Worship ~ December 24, 2022 ~ 7:00 pm**

#### **Christmas Day ~ December 25, 2022**

Sunday school & Bible study ~ 8:30 am

Divine Service ~ 10:00 am



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.

**Advent Soup Suppers** ~ We will be having Advent soup suppers again this year. As with Lent, there is a sign-up sheet on the Chapel doors. Please sign-up for items to bring each week.

Once again, our Sunday school children will be presenting a Christmas program for the congregation. They will be practicing each Sunday in December (December 4<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup>) during the Sunday school hour. They will share their program on **Wednesday, December 21<sup>st</sup> at 6:30 pm**. There will be a soup supper proceeding the program, at 5:30 pm and everyone is invited to join us for soup supper and then stay to hear the children share the story “*This is My Son.*”.



## They're Back!!

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

<b>Price:</b>	All Occasion Cards	\$7.00
	Christmas Cards	\$8.00
	Calendars	\$8.00



Check with the church office to get yours today!

Proceeds go to benefit our youth.

FOR TO US A CHILD IS BORN,  
TO US A SON IS GIVEN,  
AND THE GOVERNMENT  
WILL BE ON HIS SHOULDERS.  
AND HE WILL BE CALLED

WONDERFUL  
*Counselor,*  
MIGHTY  
*God,*  
EVERLASTING  
*Father,*  
PRINCE OF  
*Peace.*

# Worship Assistants ~ December 2022



## Serving this Month

**Acolyte** ~ Elders / Isaac Schultz / Samuel Schultz / Leif Tanksley  
**Altar Guild** ~ Denise Wegner / Barb Going / Sandy Baranko

**Counters** ~ Martin & Cheryl Bauer  
**Ushers** ~ Alan Wegner / Elders

## Wednesday Evening Services

December 7, 2022  
 December 14, 2022  
 December 21, 2022

Duty Elder ~ Martin Bauer  
 Duty Elder ~ Martin Bauer  
 Duty Elder ~ Martin Bauer

### December 4, 2022 ~ 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Advent (blue)

Duty Elders  
 Audio/Video  
 Organist

Roy Arves / Shawn Shaw  
 Cheryl Bauer  
 Joy Suek

### December 11, 2022 ~ 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Advent (blue)

Duty Elders  
 Audio/Video  
 Organist

Shawn Shaw / Bill Sybrant  
 Barry Eastley  
 Jeannine Eastley

### December 18, 2022 ~ 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Advent (blue)

Duty Elders  
 Audio/Video  
 Organist

Len Koelbel / Bill Sybrant  
 Barry Eastley  
 Jeannine Eastley



### December 24, 2022 ~ The Nativity of Our Lord / Christmas Eve (white)

Duty Elder  
 Audio/Video  
 Organist

Roy Arves  
 Barry Eastley  
 Jeannine Eastley

### December 25, 2022 ~ The Nativity of Our Lord / Christmas Day (white)

Duty Elders  
 Audio/Video  
 Organist

Shawn Shaw / TBA  
 Josh Schultz  
 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 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*

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

*Ezra Williams*

*December 10<sup>th</sup>*

*Gunnar Tanksley*

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

*Zeke Morrison, John Shaw*

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

*Jessi Payne*

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

*Charlie Kingland*

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

*Maycee Graves*

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

*Sean Ginnaty, Leif Tanksley*

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

*Austin Johnson*

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

*Eleanore Boumans (90+)*

*December 24<sup>th</sup>*

*Chris Magis, Cheyenne Sharrah*

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

*Lynette Copp*

*Justin Lee, Ed VanVleet*

*Jarrid Clausen, Janelle Houle*

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

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

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

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

*Ed Hickel, Kenzie Legg*

*Kaden Hill*

*Parker Mansch*



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

*Tim ♥ Lauralyn Fairbanks (6)*

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

*Spencer ♥ Jessi Payne (7)*

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

*Al ♥ Kathleen Redenbaugh (54)*

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

*George ♥ Myrtle Pence (58)*

*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*

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

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

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

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

*December 22<sup>nd</sup> Dustin Dalla Mura*

*December 23<sup>rd</sup> Rochelle Kimmerle*

*December 25<sup>th</sup> Gary Somerfeld, Gunnar Tanksley*

*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> Judy Lively*

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

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

*December 9<sup>th</sup> Rev. Gerald Paul*

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



*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*