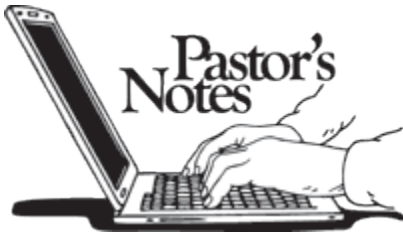


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What is Worship: The Church Year

A few weeks ago, we celebrated the beginning of a New Year. Calendars will come off the walls and be replaced with new ones marking the year 2023. Someone in the family might mark up the new calendar with special days and events: birthdays and anniversaries, vacation plans, school activities, and the visits of family might just grace the days. In so many ways, our lives revolve around a calendar or planner and the activities we have planned for each day. The Christian Church follows its own calendar that centers around the life, death, and work of Jesus.

The Church year begins with the Season of **Advent**. The Advent Season is four Sundays prior to Christmas Day. Advent is a season of preparation as we prepare for the coming of our Savior. We hear readings from the Bible about Jesus' second coming when He will judge the living and the dead, as well as prophecies of the coming of Jesus as a baby.

The **Christmas** Season begins on December 25th with the celebration of Jesus' birth, and continues for 12 days. The last day of Christmas is on January 5th.

On January 6th, the Church celebrates **The Epiphany of our Lord**. The word Epiphany means revelation. The Season after Epiphany celebrates the revelation of who Jesus is: God in the flesh, sent from the Father to save us from our sins. During this season, we hear about the Wise Men who came to worship Jesus and bring Him gifts; about Jesus' Baptism; the Calling of the Disciples, and His first miracles. The number of Sundays in Epiphany depends on the date of Easter. When Easter is early, there are fewer Sundays after Epiphany; when Easter is late, there are more Sundays. The last Sunday of Epiphany is known as the **Transfiguration of our Lord**. On the Day of Transfiguration, Jesus ascended the Mount of Transfiguration with three disciples - Peter, James, and John - and Jesus' appearance was transfigured as His face appears white like lightning and His glory was revealed to the disciples as Moses and Elijah appear to Him.

Lent follows Transfiguration. Much like Advent, Lent is a time of preparation. We prepare to remember Jesus' suffering and death for the sins of the world. The Wednesday after the Transfiguration is known as **Ash Wednesday**. Ashes are put on our heads to remind us that because of our sin, we will return to the dust of the earth. There are six Sundays in Lent, and the final Sunday is **Palm Sunday** as we remember Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem. The crowds shouted, "Hosanna!" as they waved palm branches at His coming.

Holy Week begins with Palm Sunday and remembers the events of Maundy (Holy) Thursday, Good Friday, and Holy Saturday. Maundy Thursday is the day in which Jesus instituted the Lord's Supper, and the day that He was betrayed into the hands of His enemies. Good Friday remembers Jesus' trial, His Crucifixion, and His death. Holy Saturday remembers Jesus' rest in the tomb.

The Season of **Easter** begins the celebration of Jesus' resurrection from the dead! Jesus rose from the dead that first Easter morning to defeat sin and death for us. The Easter Season lasts for seven Sundays, and includes the **Ascension of our Lord**, 40 days after Easter.

Pentecost is 50 days after Easter and commemorates the coming of the Holy Spirit. The **Season of Pentecost** fills the rest of the Church Calendar until Advent begins a New Church Year. This season is marked with readings that talk about the growth of the Church in the days of the Apostles, and the ministry of Jesus.

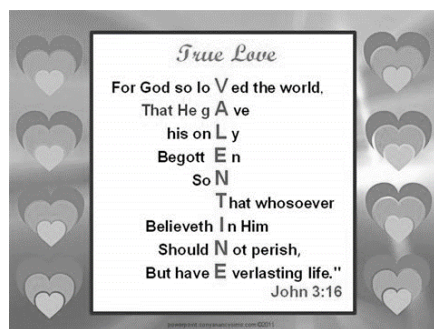
Our secular calendars mark days, months, and years. Our Church calendar centers on the work of the Triune God - Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, in bringing us salvation through Jesus' life, death, and resurrection; and spreading the Good News of salvation as the Spirit brings us faith.

In Christ,
Pastor Jonathan Schultz

FEBRUARY LAMPLIGHTER DEADLINE

Monday, February 20th!!

Newsletter
DEADLINE



WEE DISCIPLES

*"Jesus loves me, this I know
For the Bible tells me so.
Little ones to him belong.
They are weak, but He is strong
Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me!
Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so."*



Thank you to everyone who attended the Wee Disciples Family Christmas Chapel that was held on January 5, 2023. It was so nice to have such a big crowd on our rescheduled evening!

February—the month when many of us celebrate Valentine's Day in one way or another. All around us in the stores we see hearts, candy, flowers, and other symbols of love. But, at Wee Disciples the children celebrate love—GOD'S LOVE—each and every day. Through the stories they hear and learn, the Bible verses they memorize, and the many songs they sing, God's love always surrounds them and is not something that is celebrated just on February 14th!

We have added a new dimension to our curriculum at Wee Disciples. The children will now have an opportunity to learn to play some musical instruments. Mrs. Amy will be here twice a month to work with the children, expanding their musical abilities. We look forward to having them share their new musical abilities sometime later this spring!

February 21st will be our monthly *Burgers for Benefits* at Fuddrucker's. Thank you for your continued support!

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.

There's lots going on with the Lutheran Women's Missionary League!



Our Trinity LWML recently selected 2023 Mission Projects. This year we will be supporting the Ministry to the Armed Forces (support for our LCMS Chaplains and the servicemen and women they serve), Montana Native American ministries, and our international LCMS missionaries that come from Montana. Please keep these ministries in your prayers as they continue to bring God's Word of love, mercy and grace to the various people they serve.

Several area congregations make up our Central Zone, and we will be hosting a Spring Workshop for the Zone on **Saturday, April 29th**. District leaders will be our presenters, and it will be a wonderful opportunity for fellowship and to learn how the LWML serves the Lord on many levels. More details to come.

The National LWML has been quite busy: The 2021-2023 Mission Goal has been achieved and exceeded – over \$2,154,000 of Mighty Mites have been collected and disbursed to missions all over the world! Praise the Lord!

The National Convention is coming up **June 22-25**, and registration is open online at lwml.org/2023-convention. What a fun time to gather with several thousand 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 information is available in the *Quarterly*, online at lwml.org, or by talking to Sylvia Adams and Amy Schultz.

Our next group meeting will be **Saturday, February 11th at 9:30 am** in the Stahlecker Room, where we hope to have our Zone President in attendance. There will be devotions, planning, and fellowship time. The LWML Board will next meet on Wednesday, February 22nd.

Wednesday Morning Ladies' Bible study ~ The Wednesday morning Bible study group will be finishing up the study titled *Faith and Famine* on February 1st and on February 8th the group will begin a study titled *Unveiled Faces* which is based on 2 Corinthians 3:17-28: *Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. And we, who with unveiled faces all reflect the Lord's glory, are being transformed into his likeness with ever-increasing glory, which comes from the Lord, who is the Spirit.* This new Bible study will be four weeks in length—Lesson One is *The Lord is the Spirit*; Lesson Two is *LIBERTY!*; Lesson Three is *Veils and Mirrors*; and Lesson Four is *Wonderful Transformation*. Join us at 9:30 each Wednesday morning in the Stahlecker Room for a morning of devotion, Bible study and fellowship as we study God's Word together.

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.

February, a time of days with noticeably more sunshine on cold snowy days. Try to carve out of the schedule a bit more time for yourself to be in God's Word daily. Take advantage of the opportunity to attend worship the five times it is offered this month (*Ash Wednesday bonus on the 22nd*). Let the Word wrap around you like a comforting warm blanket on a frosty February day.

Friday Ladies Bible study ~ Ladies Friday Bible study will resume ~ with warm friendship coupled with enriching study of the Bible. Their study of Mark will be held from 1:00-3:00pm on February 10th and 17th at the home of Marge Johnsten, 3000 8th Ave. S. There's always room for new ladies at the table. If you need transportation, call Marge at 788-0180 to arrange a ride.

Assisted Living Ministry ~ Assisted Living Ministry continues with hymn singing the "oldies but goodies" and a devotion. On Friday, February 3rd you may join them at The Lodge, 1801 9th St. S. from 10:00-10:45am. Come to the monthly no host lunch on Friday, February 24th at 11:45am at Maple Garden, 5401 9th Ave. S. for delicious food mixed with laughter and conversation. After lunch many will go to Highgate Senior Living, 3000 11th Ave. S. to enjoy companionship with the residents.



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** on Wednesdays
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.



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

We pray for our expectant mothers and their families:

Maylynne & Joe Bickel, Bree & Evan Brenner and Baylie & JC Isakson (*twins*)

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)

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

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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.



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) or in the church office.

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 ~ 2022/23

For the period December 25, 2022 through January 22, 2023

December 25 th (<i>Christmas Eve & Christmas Day</i>)	\$ 5,079
January 1 st	\$ 4,581
January 8 th	\$10,419
January 15 th	\$ 2,951
January 22 nd	\$ 3,050
Vanco payments	\$ 1,230

Actual giving for report period: \$27,310

Roof Repair Fund —through 12/18/2022 \$28,237

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



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A Quarterly sign-up sheet for cookie providers is on the white board in the Narthex. A new sheet will go up mid-January for the next three months. Thanks to those willing to help provide cookies each week.



The library is open for your use on Sunday mornings and Monday through Thursday from 8:00 am to 3:00 pm. Come check it out!

Cards (both Christmas and all occasion)

Price:	All Occasion Cards	\$7.00
	Christmas Card	\$8.00
	(get a jump on next year!)	



We also have a selection of note pads (magnetic and regular) for \$4.00

Check with the church office to get yours today! Proceeds to aid our Youth program



On **Sunday February 12th**, just before Valentine's Day, right after church, your music team is holding a silent auction of dessert items as a fund raiser for the purchase of hand chimes for the kids to learn to play. The kids will enjoy being able to ring praises like the Hand Bell Choir (on easier to play chimes).

Please purchase something yummy to take home for your "Valentine".



If you'd like, please feel free to bring your favorite dessert to add to the options.

Youth News

We are excited to announce that we will be having a youth lock-in on Friday February 3rd- Saturday February 4th from 7:00 pm-7:00 am. At this lock-in we plan to have many games and activities with the kids. One of them being a servant project, and here's where you come in! The kids have been requesting to make blankets for the homeless shelter in Great Falls. Fabric nowadays can get a bit pricey and so for Sunday January 22nd and Sunday January 29th, a door offering (accepting cash or fleece fabric to make tie blankets.) was taken. Any remaining proceeds will go towards another future youth event. If you have any questions, or if you would like to know more information talk to Maylynne or Joe Bickel. (989) 225-1938

Chili Cook Off & Dessert Showdown Fundraiser!



Calling all cooks and bakers! Our youth have decided to host a Chili Cook Off and Dessert Showdown on **Saturday, February 18th at 5:00 pm**. Our Chili categories that will be judged by you are the following: **Traditional Chili, White Chili, and Unique Chili (Spicy and/or unique ingredients.)** The winner for the Chili and for the Dessert will receive an award. There will be a sign-up sheet in the Narthex where you can select what category you would like to prepare. (Desserts do not need to be signed up.)

How it works. You bring your Chili or Dessert to the Fellowship Hall at 4:45 pm on February 18th. Once all entries have arrived, everyone will be able to go around tasting chili or grabbing a bowl of chili and dessert. Once you have determined your favorite, you will vote by placing money into the box associated with your favorite

chili. Whoever has the most money in their box wins the Chili Cook Off. Same rules apply to the Dessert Showdown as well. All proceeds will be going towards our youth for a summer servant retreat in Idaho. If you have any questions or would like to know more information talk to Maylynne or Joe Bickel. (989) 225-1938

Read through the Gospels or New Testament in Lent ~ We are again throwing down the challenge to Trinity to read through God’s word during the 40 days of Lent **OR**, if you find that to be too daunting a challenge, read through just the Gospels. 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
February 22	Matthew 1-3	Matthew 1 - 7
23	Matthew 4-6	Matthew 8 - 12
24	Matthew 7-9	Matthew 13 - 18
25	Matthew 10-Matthew 12	Matthew 19 - 24
February 26	Take a Break	
27	Matthew 13-Matthew 14	Matthew 25 - end
28	Matthew 15-Matthew 16	Mark 1 - 5

Church Photo Directory



It is time to update our pictorial directory!

Would you like to have a different picture in the directory? Snap that picture and email it to trinity@trinity-mt.org and we will add it to the new church directory. Don’t have a digital camera or someone to snap that photo for you? Stop by the church office on a Sunday morning or during the week and we will snap it for you.

You don’t need to have a professional photographer take your photo and it does not matter if the family dog or cat sneaks into the shot, send it to us anyway. You can even

send us photos of the **WHOLE** family – members or not – and we will include that as your submission.

Trinity would like gather member photographs and update any member information and then print a pictorial directory to be distributed sometime in late February.

This directory will be completely done “in-house” so it will not cost the members anything other than time to take a photo, send it to the church and update any household information. Get yours in TODAY!

PARENTS! Do you have adult children still listed at your address? Help us stay in touch with these young people by letting the church office know what their current address is.

Worship Assistants



Serving this Month

Acolyte ~ Elders / Isaac Schultz / Samuel Schultz / Leif Tanksley

Counters ~ Alan & Denise Wegner

Altar Guild ~ Denise Wegner / Barb Going / Sandy Baranko

Ushers ~ Alan Wegner / Elders

February 5, 2023 ~ 5th Sunday after the Epiphany (green)

Duty Elders

Len Koelbel / Bill Sybrant

Audio/Video

Cheryl Bauer

Organist

Joy Suek

February 12, 2023 ~ 6th Sunday after the Epiphany (green)

Duty Elders

Roy Arves / Shawn Shaw

Audio/Video

Josh Schultz

Organist

No One Assigned



February 19, 2023 ~ 7th Sunday after the Epiphany (green)

Duty Elders

Len Koelbel / Shawn Shaw

Audio/Video

Barry Eastley

Organist

Jeannine Eastley

February 26, 2023 ~ The Transfiguration of Our Lord (white)

Duty Elder

Roy Arves / Bill Sybrant

Audio/Video

Barry Eastley

Organist

Jeannine Eastley



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

<i>February 2nd</i>	<i>Mattie Norris Lois Phillips</i>	 <p style="text-align: center; font-weight: bold; margin-top: 5px;">FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS</p>	<i>February 17th</i>	<i>Louise Kuki</i>
<i>February 3rd</i>	<i>Emily Neumann</i>		<i>February 18th</i>	<i>Alexandria Young</i>
<i>February 4th</i>	<i>Gary Neumann</i>		<i>February 19th</i>	<i>Travis Copp</i>
<i>February 5th</i>	<i>Gary Headington Randy Klatt</i>		<i>February 20th</i>	<i>Jon Schroeder</i>
<i>February 7th</i>	<i>Lacee Kuki-Isakson</i>		<i>February 21st</i>	<i>Lauretta Stanfield (80+) Carson Bauer</i>
<i>Mary Somerfeld, LaVelle VanVoast</i>			<i>February 22nd</i>	<i>Hunter Sharrah Nolan Joyce</i>
<i>February 8th</i>	<i>Brayden Ginnaty</i>		<i>February 23rd</i>	<i>Rayn Ginnaty</i>
<i>February 9th</i>	<i>Ron Lee</i>		<i>February 24th</i>	<i>Austin Webb</i>
<i>February 11th</i>	<i>Laura Lee, Linda Wade</i>		<i>February 26th</i>	<i>Judy Lively (80+)</i>
<i>February 12th</i>	<i>Hudson Kotz</i>		<i>February 27th</i>	<i>Melissa Soldano Tracy Lou Miesmer</i>
<i>February 13th</i>	<i>Riley Kotz, Jacob Mansch</i>	<i>February 28th</i>	<i>Dakota Sharrah Chad Mans</i>	
<i>February 14th</i>	<i>Caleb Bicsak</i>			
<i>February 15th</i>	<i>Vi Nell (90+)</i>			

<i>February 1st</i>		<i>Justin Lee</i>
<i>February 4th</i>		<i>Mick Jones</i>
<i>February 7th</i>		<i>Kenzie Legg</i>
<i>February 8th</i>		<i>Martin Bauer</i>
<i>February 14th</i>	<i>Molly Church, Hailey Houle, Hannah Houle Hayden Houle, Sarah Lautenschlager</i>	
<i>February 22nd</i>	<i>Kathie Gessaman, Louise Keith</i>	
<i>February 25th</i>	<i>Tim Chapman, Maryanne Kingland</i>	
<i>February 26th</i>	<i>Anita Chapman, Samuel Chapman</i>	
<i>February 27th</i>	<i>Ed Hickel, Hudson Kotz, Henry Schuman</i>	



<i>February 2nd</i>	<i>Marty Eberly, Sandy Schroeder</i>
<i>February 17th</i>	<i>Lauralyn Fairbanks</i>
<i>February 29th</i>	<i>Bob Blomstrom</i>