



Trinity Lutheran Church  
Wee Disciples Preschool & Daycare  
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## Children in the Divine Service - During the Service

For the last few months, we have used this space to talk about involving our children in the worship life of our congregation. We have talked about how to prepare for worship, what to do when you arrive on Sunday with your children, and how to involve them in our Advent preparations and Christmas celebrations. If you've missed some of these articles, stop by the church office and ask for a copy.

Children belong in church. In the Divine Service, God serves His people with His gifts.

Children need to hear that Word of forgiveness just as certainly as adults do. But caring for the children in your pew can be a difficult task. If you do not have children sitting with you in the pew, please read on. This isn't just for parents of little ones. **The Church is a family, and we all have a responsibility to take care of the least among us.**

You have your church bag; you've prepared yourself - and your children - for worship; and you've chosen a pew where the little ones can easily see what is taking place in the front. Now what?

- Have your children sit and stand at the appropriate times. Teach them to fold their hands, close their eyes, and bow their heads when it is time to pray.
- Help your children follow along with the liturgy, with the hymns, and with the Scripture readings. As they start to read, use your finger to show them where we are at.
- If your children wiggle, don't get too concerned. You probably wiggle in the pew more than you think you do!
- If your child starts to cry, feel free to take them to the back of church or into the entryway. Come back into the pew, though, when they settle down. Otherwise, young children will learn that if they make noise, they will get to play during church.
- Help your children listen to key words in the service, such as God, Jesus, love, grace, "Amen", or another word that appears often. You may have found a couple of words in your preparations for Worship; otherwise, the children's bulletins can be helpful.
- Be joyful, and don't fret, even if you think your children were awful in church. Parents tend to be far more critical of their children's behavior than those around them. Our Lord is serving you with His gifts through Word and Sacrament, even if it seems like all is chaos. And more often than not, the people around you have been through a similar circumstance with their own children and grandchildren - they understand what you're trying to teach your children.

**For those without children sitting in their pew:** here are some ideas for what you can do:

- **Pray.** Pray for parents with children, that they will bring up their children in the discipline and instruction of the Lord (Ephesians 6:4). Pray that the Lord would send children into our congregation. Pray for our Sunday School and for Wee Disciples, that the Lord would use them to teach our children about God's love for them.
- Encourage parents to bring their children to church. Offer them a reassuring smile.
- Don't distract the children around you! Making goo-goo eyes at the young children in church may be fun for you, but it doesn't help the parents that are trying to teach their children how to behave in worship.
- If you know a parent is struggling with a baby while trying to help an older child follow along, offer to help out. Maybe you could hold the baby, and give the parents the opportunity to focus on one child. Or maybe you can work with the older children while the parent wrestles with a baby.

The Lord has gathered us together into the community of the Church to receive His gifts. Within this family of faith, we support one another as we are able so that we joyfully receive these gifts from God.

*Pastor Jonathan Schultz*



**WEE DISCIPLES**

*“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 worshiped him. Then they opened their treasures and presented him with gifts of gold and of incense and of myrrh.”*

*Matthew 2:10-11*



The Wee Disciples' Family Christmas Chapel Service which was held on December 13 was very well attended with approximately 180 people in attendance. Many of the families stayed after the service to enjoy the refreshments and fellowship time. Thank you to everyone who helped with the program and the refreshments afterwards—your help was very much appreciated! A BIG thank you, also, to the many volunteers who came in during the month of December to help with all of the Christmas special activities for the preschool and day care. It takes many “*big hands*” to help “*little hands*” with some of those special projects (such as making gingerbread houses, etc.).

We are thankful that so far this school year we have been able to return to some of our “regular” and “normal” activities! Thank you for keeping Wee Disciples in your prayers as we continue to maneuver through the continued COVID times and the challenging times of hiring new staff! God continues to bless us with as full an enrollment as we can safely maintain at Wee Disciples at this time. Currently we do have a waiting list for openings in some of the classrooms. Thank you to the many families who entrust the care and nurturing of their little ones to us! We have had many people inquire about our after-school program. Unfortunately, due to shortage of staffing, we are still unable to consider adding the after-school program back any time soon.

We will continue throughout 2022 with our *Burgers for Benefits* at Fuddrucker's the third Tuesday of every month. Our next fundraising evening will be on January 18 from 5 to 9. Dine-in or takeout are available. We are thankful to Fuddrucker's for continuing this fundraising opportunity for us. Also, the Smith's Rewards is an ongoing fundraiser for Wee Disciples. For more information about either of these fundraising opportunities, check the church website or the bulletin board by the Wee Disciples' check-in computer for more details. Thank you for your continued support with these fundraisers!

BOECE will not meet in January. Our next board meeting will be February 1, 2022 at 7:00 pm.

*A Happy and Blessed New Year to Everyone!*



## **FEBRUARY LAMPLIGHTER DEADLINE** **Monday, January 17<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.

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The **Wednesday Morning Ladies' Bible study** group meets in the Stahlecker Room at 9:30 am every Wednesday morning. The group will be continue their study 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>.

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**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.

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**Friday Ladies Bible Study** ~ And another new year rolls in the door! God's blessings as you begin 2022! May it be one of spiritual growth and enrichment!

The Friday Ladies' Bible study is a place for growth, where you are always welcome. They will be meeting at a new location in January. Join them at the home of Ann Nimmick, 2327 15<sup>th</sup> Ave. S. from 1:00-3:00 pm on January 7<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup>, and 21<sup>st</sup> as they continue their study of the book of Acts.

Later in the month plan to go out to the no host lunch on Friday, January 28<sup>th</sup> at 11:30 am at the Black Bear Diner, 1420 Market Place Dr. After lunch many will go to Highgate House, 3000 11<sup>th</sup> Ave. S. for hymn singing and a devotion. Come and join this Assisted Living Ministry as they reach out to our Great Falls community. Spiritual enrichment is guaranteed!

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### **LWML News**



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

The LWML Advent Brunch on December 11<sup>th</sup> was attended by Pastor Schultz and 20 ladies from Peace, Zion, and Trinity. Thank you to everyone who attended and also a big thank you to everyone who contributed items for the ingathering. We collected 54 pairs of mittens and gloves, 38 stocking caps, 4 headbands, 14 pairs of socks, 234 Pull Ups, 843 diapers, and \$40 in cash. The ingathering items were given to the Cameron Family Center at the Great Falls Rescue Mission.

Please mark your calendars for the January 8<sup>th</sup> Group Gathering. If you have suggestions for our 2022 LWML mission projects, please bring them to the meeting. We will be deciding on our mission projects for the coming year and voting on the 2022 budget. We will be giving the kitchen a good cleaning after the gathering. Lunch will be provided.

This new year don't look back but look up always! Have a blessed New Year!

### LWML Upcoming Events

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

**January 26<sup>th</sup>** ~ **11:30 am** ~ LWML Board meeting

**February 12<sup>th</sup>** ~ 9:30 am ~ LWML Group Gathering

**April 29<sup>th</sup>–May 1<sup>st</sup>** ~ Montana District Convention in Helena, MT ~ theme: “*Only Jesus*” based on Mark 9:8. Please watch for details

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### **COMPARISON OF GIVING REPORT ~ 2021**

**For the period November 28, 2021 through December 19, 2021**

November 28 <sup>th</sup>	(includes Thanksgiving)	\$3,963
December 5 <sup>th</sup>		\$4,803
	Vanco deposits	\$1,385
December 12 <sup>th</sup>		\$3,582
December 19 <sup>th</sup>		\$2,966

**Actual giving for report period: \$16,699**

Roof Repair Fund –through 12/19/2021 \$95,126

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

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### **A Reminder to Use Your New Offering Envelopes**

**Offering  
Envelopes**



New boxes of offering envelopes for **2022 (PINK in color)** were issued Wednesday December 22, 2021. The last time to use the 2021 GREEN envelopes was 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.

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**Announcement for Connect to Disciple Conference January 29<sup>th</sup> at Peace Lutheran Church, Great Falls, MT** ~ Peace Lutheran Church in Great Falls is hosting an evangelism conference on January 29<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 am until 4:00 pm. The topic will be the module from the LCMS Synod resource *Connect To Disciple: Engaging the Non-churched in Our Community*. The conference will be led by Pastor Jonathan Schultz and Pastor Joshua Reinke with a lunch served. There is no cost for the conference and pre-registration is requested for the delivery of workbooks from the Synod in St Louis and for planning of the lunch. The deadline for workbook printing will be January 10<sup>th</sup>, we still welcome registrants later than that however. Please contact the Peace Lutheran office at (406) 761-7343 or e-mail at [peacesecretary@bresnan.net](mailto:peacesecretary@bresnan.net), Monday-Thursday 9:00 am-1:00 pm., or contact Arnie Gidlow at (406) 468-9385 or [mobows@mcn.net](mailto:mobows@mcn.net).

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Pray  
for...



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***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)

**Gene Suek** (Benefis Eastview Memory Care)

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

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

***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**

***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. 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).

## Church Photo Directory



It has been three years since Trinity last did an update of our church directory and 10 years since we did a pictorial directory.

### **WE NEED YOUR HELP!!**

Will your family take any pictures when you gather for the holidays? Snap that picture and email it to [trinity@trinity-mt.org](mailto:trinity@trinity-mt.org) and we will add it to our 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 March.

**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.**

Want to help get the directory together? Let the church office know and we will keep you in the loop.



Merry Christmas and Happy New Year! On behalf of FISH, thank you for your kind and generous support. Your love and concern make this worthwhile organization possible. You have been generous to FISH in the following ways: contributing to the Town Pump Challenge, donating food, supporting FISH with financial gifts and praying for our continued success.

FISH was very blessed this year with the Town Pump Challenge raising \$32,787.42. As you can see the support from the community was outstanding. Even during our unsettled times and COVID, there were so many generous folks.

On behalf of the Board of Directors of FISH, thank you again for all your support in the FISH program during 2021. May God bless you during the up-coming holiday season.

## Worship Assistants ~ January 2022



### Serving this Month

*Acolyte* ~ Elders / Isaac Schultz  
*Altar Guild* ~ Denise Wegner

*Counters* ~ TBA  
*Ushers* ~ Alan Wegner / Elders

#### January 2, 2022 ~ Second Sunday after Christmas (white)

Duty Elders	Martin Bauer / Len Koelbel
Organist	Joy Suek

#### January 9, 2022 ~ The Baptism of Our Lord / First Sunday after the Epiphany (white)

Duty Elders	Roy Arves / Bill Sybrant
Organist	Jeannine Eastley

#### January 16, 2022 ~ Second Sunday after Christmas (green)

Duty Elders	Len Koelbel / Shawn Shaw
Organist	Jeannine Eastley



#### January 23, 2022 ~ Third Sunday after the Epiphany (green)

Duty Elders	Len Koelbel / Bill Sybrant
Organist	Joy Suek

#### January 30, 2021 ~ Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany (green)

Duty Elders	Roy Arves / Shawn Shaw
Organist	<b>No one assigned</b>



*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**

January 1<sup>st</sup> Harper Lautenschlager  
 January 5<sup>th</sup> Sheldon Burkstrand  
                     Bill Sybrant  
 January 9<sup>th</sup> Marlyn Gersack  
 January 10<sup>th</sup> Anita Erickson  
 January 12<sup>th</sup> Kathleen Redenbaugh  
 January 13<sup>th</sup> Joseph Nommensen  
 January 15<sup>th</sup> Sandra Baranko  
 January 17<sup>th</sup> Bob Nommensen



January 19<sup>th</sup> Lucy Hall  
 January 20<sup>th</sup> Martin Bauer  
                     Anita Chapman  
**Chuck Lively (80+)**  
 January 21<sup>st</sup> Hayden Houle  
                     Blaize Wegner  
                     Seth Wheeler  
 January 26<sup>th</sup> Sam Chapman  
                     James Neumann



January 1<sup>st</sup>  
 January 2<sup>nd</sup>  
 January 21<sup>st</sup>  
 January 24<sup>th</sup>  
 January 25<sup>th</sup>

James ♥ Ashlee Graves (13)  
 Gary ♥ Mary Somerfeld (39)  
 Robert ♥ Bobbie Voegel (15)  
 Mason ♥ Courtney Walker (18)  
 Mel ♥ Ruby Willey (48)

January 1<sup>st</sup> Mike Grams  
                     Debbie Lee  
                     Leslie Lee  
                     Randi Meehan  
                     Joy Suek  
                     Sherri VanVleet  
 January 3<sup>rd</sup> Penny Hill  
                     Courtney Schroeder  
 January 4<sup>th</sup> Shayna Kellogg



January 5<sup>th</sup> Dennis Philipp  
 January 7<sup>th</sup> Juanita Winter  
 January 8<sup>th</sup> Sean Ginnaty  
 January 24<sup>th</sup> Kolter Legg  
 January 25<sup>th</sup> Ada Burkstrand  
 January 26<sup>th</sup> Aaron Neumann  
                     Pam Nommensen

January 1<sup>st</sup> Wendy Doll, Mike Grams, Arlene Royland  
                     Alice Schuman, Henry Schuman, Joy Suek  
 January 14<sup>th</sup> Chris Legg  
 January 27<sup>th</sup> Tonya Wandke  
 January 28<sup>th</sup> Sean Ginnaty

