



“And on the seventh day God finished his work that he had done, and he rested on the seventh day from all his work that he had done. So God blessed the seventh day and made it holy, because on it God rested from all his work that he had done in creation.” - Genesis 2:2-3

Throughout the Old Testament and the Gospels, the seventh day of the week was celebrated as the Sabbath. The Sabbath was a day of rest. For as God the Father rested for a day after all His work of creation, so also God’s people rested on the seventh day. The Sabbath day was a Holy Day, devoted to rest, worship, the study of the Scriptures, and prayer. The day began at sunset on Friday evening and ended at sunset on Saturday. It is no coincidence that Jesus died on a Friday, and His body was laid to rest before the Sabbath began at sunset Friday evening. For as the Father rested on the seventh day from all the work that He had done in creation, so also the Son rested in death on the seventh day from all the work that He had done to bring us salvation.

This year, on Holy Saturday (March 30th), we will celebrate a special worship service called the **Easter Vigil**. The liturgy of the Vigil is almost like an entire year of Sunday School or Bible Study wrapped up into a single service. We will begin the service outside with a bonfire, followed by a candlelight procession into the Sanctuary. The solemnity of Good Friday is replaced by a crescendo of joy and anticipation as the Light of the World comes piercing through the darkness of sin and death! We will hear the story of God’s faithfulness to His people in days of old: promising a Savior when Adam and Eve fell into sin; preserving Noah and his family in the ark during the flood; and the Lord rescuing Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego from the burning, fiery furnace.

Before the Vigil has ended, the sun will have set, and we will celebrate the Resurrection of our Lord on the first day of the week. If you have never been to an Easter Vigil, I highly suggest that you come this year. It is, by far, my favorite church service of the entire year. Bring your children, too.

Our **Easter Vigil** will begin at 7:00 pm on Saturday, March 30th. We will celebrate **Easter Sunrise Service** on Sunday, March 31st at 7:00 am, and **The Resurrection of our Lord** at 10:00 am.

Holy Week is a wonderful time to gather together as a family of faith to receive the Lord’s gifts and rejoice at the Salvation that Jesus won for us through His death on the cross. Come on **Palm Sunday** (March 24th) as we rejoice with the crowds as Jesus comes into Jerusalem, on **Holy Thursday** (March 28th) as we remember Jesus’ institution of the Lord’s Supper, and on **Good Friday, March 29th**, as we remember our Lord’s death for us and our salvation.

We also have opportunities to gather for fellowship and worship on Wednesday evenings in March. Lenten Soup Suppers begin at 6:00 pm, with the Service of Vespers at 7:00 pm. Our series is called, **“This is My Body,”** as we explore Old Testament stories that point towards the Lord’s Supper.

Come join us as we celebrate our Lord’s Victory for us!

In the Peace of Jesus,
Pastor Jonathan Schultz

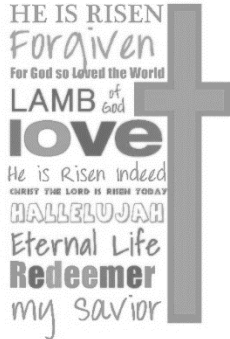
APRIL LAMPLIGHTER DEADLINE

Please have your articles and tidbits into the church office by:

Monday, March 25th!!



WEE DISCIPLES



*And the angel said, "He is not here, but has risen.
Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee."
Luke 26:6*

Wee Disciples' month of February was full of fun, interesting, and exciting activities. On February 2nd, we celebrated Groundhog Day and on February 13th we celebrated Mardi Gras. The children also had an opportunity to make King



Cakes. On February 14th we observed Ash Wednesday, which is the start of Lent, and we also enjoyed celebrating Valentine's Day. Along with these special February activities we also enjoyed a visit from Montana Fish Wildlife and Parks.

In March, the Wee Disciples children will be learning Lenten and Easter songs and Bible verses in preparation to celebrate Easter. The *Wee Disciples' Easter Family Chapel* will be held on April 3rd at 6:30 pm. Refreshments will be served in the Fellowship Hall following the services. Wee Disciples will be closed on March 29th in observance of Good Friday.

Our fundraising evenings continue on the third Tuesday of each month at Fuddrucker's. Our next evening will be March 19th from 5:00 to 9:00 pm. Fuddrucker's donates 20% of your total ticket purchase to Wee Disciples. Coupons are available on the announcement board by the church office. Thank you to everyone who has attended these fundraising evenings!

HAVE A BLESSED EASTER!

LWML News

All ladies of the congregation, including our new members and confirmed young women, are invited and encouraged to attend all LWML happenings here at Trinity.

Please contact Sylvia Adams or Amy Schultz for more information.

All of the ladies of Trinity are invited to attend the ***Parade of Tables at Peace Lutheran Church on Saturday, March 9th, from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm.*** The theme Bible verse is "Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord." Psalm 33:12a. The color themes are red, white and blue. It is a time of fellowship and fun. This year is a fund raiser for *1000 in Action* which is an organization of people helping to stop child abuse. Their mission statement is this: "*1000 in Action is an organization of concerned citizens dedicated to protecting children in our area from child abuse in any form. Together, our foundation provides a realistic and efficient way for us to effect major change in the lives of our youth.*"

OUR VISION 1000 in Action is a partnership:

- Commitment from at least 1,000 individuals/businesses in our area
- Contribution of at least \$100 annually



- Total of at least \$100,000 annually
- Proceeds fund local, non-profit organizations that directly provide programs and services
- Donations help eliminate the problem of child abuse

You may find more information on their website **1000inaction.org**. Tickets are on sale for the *Parade of Tables* for \$8 each. You can talk to Sylvia or Amy here at Trinity, or Ruth Denning at Peace at 406-761-7143.

The Montana District Convention is coming up **April 26-28th** in Polson. *What a fun time to gather with your fellow 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!* Please ask Sylvia or Amy for more information.

Our next Group Gathering will be **Saturday, April 13th at 9:30 am** in the Stahlecker Room. There will be devotions, planning, and fellowship time.

Wednesday Morning Ladies Bible study ~ The Wednesday Morning Ladies' Bible study group meets every Wednesday morning from 9:30 to 11:00 am in the Stahlecker Room. The group recently started a 14-session study titled "*Focus Lost...Focus Restored*" by Reverend John Heckmann. This study deals with 14 biblical personalities and examples of times when they lost their focus and when their focus was restored by God. The 14 biblical personalities include: Adam and Eve; Cain and Abel; Noah; Abram/Abraham; Saul; David; Solomon; Elijah; Jonah; John the Baptist; Peter; Saul/Paul; the family of Jesus/James; and John Mark. Extra copies of the lessons are always available, and each lesson is a stand alone lesson. Join us for a morning of fellowship time as we study God's Word together.

Men's Bible Study continues to meet on **Thursday mornings at 8:30am** for an hour of fellowship and study of God's Word. All the men of the congregation are invited and encouraged to attend.

Hello March! Are you ready for the signs of spring? Aren't we always...What a favorite time of the year! Spring, summer, and autumn stretch ahead of us. Look for those first robins down by the river or in a hedge of bushes by the 15th. Blue birds will be along the gravel roads in the mountains, flying away from a fence post perch as you drive by on a sunny day. In town, watch for the first crocuses to bloom. In protected flowerbeds, the first crocus leaves were poking up through the snow on Ash Wednesday. Enjoy all these harbingers of spring as we gather together for the enriching Lent services on Wednesday evenings.

The Friday Ladies Bible study ~ At last, the Friday Ladies Bible Class will resume their study of the *Book of Mark*. Do come and join them when they meet March 1st, 8th, and 15th from 1:00-3:00pm at the home of Marge Johnsten, 3000 8th Ave. S.

Assisted Living Ministry ~ Assisted Living Ministry with hymn singing and a devotion will be at the following locations. On Friday, March 1st from 10:00-10:45am they will be at *The Lodge*, 1801 9th St. S. On Friday, March 22nd join the no host lunch bunch at 11:45am at *Wheat Montana Bakery and Deli*, 1116 9th St. S. Afterward many will go to *Highgate Senior Living*, 3000 8th Ave. S.

Worship services will be held at two assisted living facilities. Pastor Reinke will be at *The Lodge* on Wednesday, March 13th at 2:30pm. On Monday, March 18th he will be at *Highgate Senior Living* at 1:30pm. Enjoy being a part of this outreach into our Great Falls community!

Our shut-ins

Millie Birkholz (The Lodge), **Ellen Carpenter** (Eagle's Manor), **Anita Erickson** (at home), **Ed Hickel** (at home), **Arleen Nelson** (Bee Hive Homes-Pine Tree), **Myrtle Pence** (at Benefis Extended Care), **Juanita Winter** (Bee Hive Homes-Clover)



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

Our members who continue to battle health issues and their caregivers

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

We pray for our expectant mothers and their families:

Kelli & Zach Lynch

We pray for those serving in law enforcement and the military

Sam Birkett, Cascade County Sheriff's Deputy; **Joshua Graham**, (Blomstrom's grandson-in-law) Helena Police Department

Evan Brenner, USAF; **Nathan Brenner**, USAF; **Scott Broberg**, USAF; **Daniel Crème**, USAF; **Matthew Erickson**, USAF (Anita Erickson's grandson); **Dustin Krueger**, USAF (LaVelle VanVoast's son); **Kelli Lynch**, USAF; **Isaac Monroe**, USAF; **Martin Shabaan**, USAF; **Chaplain Jonathan Schultz**, USAF; **Kalainee Teaney**, USAF; **Julie Timms** (Waetzig's granddaughter)

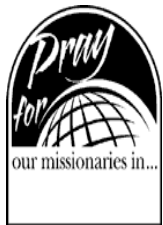
Our Seminary Student

Aaron Ferguson, 6600 N. Clinton St. Box 245, Fort Wayne, IN 46825

Birthdate: January 16th

Home Church: Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church, Hyannis, NE

Special Ministry Interests: Rural Ministry, Parish/Congregational



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

Rev. Dr. Gerald & Heidi Paul ~ Cayman Islands

Rev. Eric & Johanna Stinnett ~ Ethiopia

John & Jenn Wolf ~ Kenya

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

Giving by Check: You can also make a donation to their ministries by check. *Mail your check, made payable to The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod and designated in the memo line 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.

From the Voter's meeting

Support of Missionaries ~ O.D. Jones shared thoughts regarding financial support of Rev. Paul and Heidi as they serve in the Caymen Islands. Suggestions were a chili cook-off, pie auction, spuds & splits with freewill offering, Easter breakfast with freewill offering, a community rummage sale and possible Endowment disbursement. Discussion continued with a suggestion that since there are four (4) months this year with five (5) Sundays, that on the fifth Sundays a collection plate be set-up at the back of the Sanctuary and the congregation be made aware of the mission that will be supported by the collection. Aside from the Paul's mission, it was

suggested that we aid the Isakson family with travel and medical expenses with one of these collections. A motion was made and seconded to designate the fifth Sundays as Mission collection Sundays.

Sunday, March 31, 2024 will be the first of these Mission Sundays supporting Pastor and Heidi Paul. Watch for the collection plate at the back of church and give as the Spirit moves you. Also, be watching for other mission activities to help support our mission efforts here at Trinity.

COMPARISON OF GIVING REPORT ~ 2024

For the period January 28, 2024 through February 18, 2024

January 28 th	\$3,245
February 4 th	\$3,200
February 11 th	\$4,525
February 18 th	\$3,280
Vanco	\$1,975

Actual giving for report period: \$16,225

Roof Repair Fund –through 02/18/2024 \$49,174



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



Vanco's Give+ Online

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The next generation of giving

Please visit our website 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 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 bulletin board outside the church office if you are willing to assist.

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 call the church office 452-2121 with that information.**



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 **\$12.10** for regular size; **\$19.50** for digest size; and **\$20.50** 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 Thursday, April 6, 2023!**

Read through the Gospels or New Testament in Lent ~ 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
March 1	Mark 7-Mark 9	John 6 - 9
2	Mark 10-Mark 12	John 10 - 14
March 3	Take a Break	
4	Mark 13 - 14	John 15 - end
5	Mark 15 - 16	Acts 1 - 6
6	Luke 1 - 3	Acts 7 - 11
7	Luke 4 - 6	Acts 12 - 17
8	Luke 7 - 9	Acts 18 - 23
9	Luke 10 - 12	Acts 24 - end
March 10	Take a Break	
11	Luke 13 - 14	Romans 1 - 8
12	Luke 15 - 16	Romans 9 - end
13	Luke 17 - 18	1 Corinthians 1 - 8
14	Luke 19 - 20	1 Corinthians 9 - 16
15	Luke 21 - 22	2 Corinthians 1 - end
16	Luke 23 - 24	Galatians 1 - end
March 17	Take a Break	
18	John 1 - 2	Ephesians 1 - end
19	John 3 - 4	Philippians & Colossians
20	John 5 - 6	1 & 2 Thessalonians
21	John 7 - 8	1 & 2 Timothy
22	John 9 - 10	Titus - Philemon & Hebrews 1 - 7
23	John 11 - 12	Hebrews 8 - end
March 24	Take a Break	
25	John 13 - 14	James
26	John 15 - 16	1 & 2 Peter
27	John 17 - 18	1, 2 & 3 John & Jude
28	John 19 - 20	Revelation 1 - 7
29	John 21	Revelation 8 - 16
30	1 Corinthians 15	Revelation 17 - end
March 31	<i>He is risen! It's Easter! Alleluia!</i>	

Worship Assistants



Serving this Month

Counters ~ Martin & Cheryl Bauer

Altar Guild ~ Denise Wegner / Barb Going / Sandy Baranko

Ushers ~ Alan Wegner / Elders

Lenten Mid-week Services

March 6, 2024	Duty Elder	Martin Bauer
March 13, 2024	Duty Elder	Martin Bauer
March 20, 2024	Duty Elder	Martin Bauer

March 3, 2024 ~ Third Sunday in Lent (purple)

Duty Elders	Roy Arves / Shawn Shaw
Audio/Video	Isaac Schultz
Organist	Joy Suek

March 10, 2024 ~ Fourth Sunday in Lent (purple)

Duty Elders	Len Koelbel / Bill Sybrant
Audio/Video	Barry Eastley
Organist	Jeannine Eastley

March 17, 2024 ~ Fifth Sunday in Lent (purple)

Duty Elders	Len Koelbel / Bill Sybrant
Audio/Video	Barry Eastley
Organist	Jeannine Eastley

March 24, 2024 ~ Palm Sunday / Sunday of the Passion (scarlet)

Duty Elders	Roy Arves / Shawn Shaw
Audio/Video	Josh Schultz
Organist	Joy Suek

Thursday, March 28, 2024 ~ Holy Thursday / Maundy Thursday (purple)

Duty Elders	Martin Bauer / Roy Arves
Organist	Joy Suek

Friday, March 29, 2024 ~ Good Friday Tenebrae (black)

Duty Elder	Roy Arves
Organist	Jeannine Eastley

Saturday, March 30, 2024 ~ Holy Saturday

Duty Elder	Martin Bauer
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Sunday, March 31, 2024 ~ The Resurrection of Our Lord / Easter Sunrise (white)

Duty Elder	Martin Bauer
Organist	Jeannine Eastley

The Resurrection of Our Lord / Easter Day (white)

Duty Elders	Martin Bauer / Bill Sybrant
Audio/Video	TBD
Organist	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 and Wedding, Baptismal and Confirmation Anniversaries

March 1 st	Kathleen Hall Larry Homan, Emilie Legg Randi Meehan		March 18 th	Alyssa Birkett Shawn Shaw
March 2 nd	Tristan Bauer Rachel Hill		March 19 th	Sylvia Adams Joyce Stanger
March 3 rd	Michael Bicsak Sherri VanVleet		March 21 st	Don Lee George Pence (90+) Millie Birkholz (80+)
March 5 th	Trinity Legg, Hannah Wheeler		March 22 nd	Cheryl Dalla Mura, Jillian Homan Mick Kessel (80+)
March 6 th	Justin Thompson			Spencer Payne, Ron VanVoast
March 8 th	Derek Jones		March 24 th	Matthias Paul, Juanita Winter (90+)
March 9 th	Rose Shelden (80+)		March 25 th	Trevyn Mans, Mac Wied
March 11 th	Trina Mans, Axton Mansch		March 28 th	Doris Hamm
March 14 th	Ryan Nommensen		March 29 th	Jason Young
March 15 th	Ron Copp		March 31 st	Kaci Felstet, Jerry Mans (80+)
March 16 th	Virginia Abbott (80+)			
March 17 th	Ava Sullivan			



March 28th

Don ♥ Debbie Lee (43)

March 1 st	Lauralyn Fairbanks	March 16 th	Nolan Joyce, Zander Martello
March 4 th	Alexandria Thompson Justin Thompson	March 17 th	Jacob Mansch
March 5 th	Trina Mans	March 20 th	Kaden Hill
March 7 th	Patti Jones, Kerry Williams	March 21 st	Judy Lively, Trevyn Mans
March 8 th	Joseph Nommensen	March 22 nd	Clarissa Shaffer
March 9 th	Anita Erickson, OD Jones Mattie Norris	March 24 th	Jessi Payne
March 10 th	Blaize Wegner	March 27 th	Amayah Hill
March 13 th	Kelly Norris, Courtney Walker	March 28 th	Travis Copp, Brayden Ginnaty
		March 30 th	Laccee Brown, Emilie Legg
		March 31 st	Gary Neumann

March 1 st	Darlene Murray, Arlene Nelson
March 2 nd	Niklas Hansen
March 6 th	Trina Mans, Wally Thompson
March 13 th	James Lautenschlager, Bobbie Voegel, Bob Voegel
March 22 nd	Sylvia Adams, Louise Keith
March 23 rd	Cathy Christianson
March 29 th	Rose Shelden, Juanita Winter
March 30 th	Don Lee
March 31 st	Denise Rutledge

