



Trinity Lutheran Church
Wee Disciples Preschool & Daycare
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Calling Our New Pastor ~ Sunday, April 11, 2021, Trinity Lutheran members elected **Rev. Jonathan Glenn Schultz from Estes Park, CO.**, to be our next pastor. Pastor Schultz has received the call documents and is now prayerfully considering our call. Please pray for Pastor Schultz, his family and his congregation as he deliberates our call.



The month of May tends to be a very busy month. Confirmation Sunday often takes place in May. Mothers' Day, Memorial Day, the end of the school year and graduations, the beginning of summer and vacation season; the list goes on. Other than that, not much happening.

This year, in the church, we celebrate Ascension Sunday and Confirmation Sunday jointly on May 16 as three young people make their public commitment to follow the Way, Truth, and the Life—Jesus Christ—throughout their lives. We have the privilege to pray for and encourage these young people regularly, for the strengthening of their faith. Then there is Pentecost (May 23), and Trinity Sunday (May 30). In addition, we also expect to hear from Pastor Jonathan Schultz regarding his decision on the call Trinity has extended to him to be our next pastor.

With all the “stuff” going on, both within and outside the church, it would be easy to be distracted from the heart of our lives; the forgiveness of sins won for us by Jesus on the cross of Calvary and made certain for us in his resurrection from the dead on Easter morn. As summer approaches, we may flee to the mountains for refuge from the daily grind of life.

We may seek the lakes and rivers for the joy and happiness they may bring. But during this increasingly busy time of year, it is good for us to remember a Psalm that puts our mind and heart back where it should be. Psalm 46 reminds us, “*God is our refuge and strength, and every present help in trouble*” (v. 1). *He is in the midst of his people, even—especially—when the cares of this life seem to be overtaking us* (v. 4-5).

But when the frenetic pace of this life demands that we turn from Jesus and pay attention to the world, Psalm 46:10 pulls us back to where we belong: “*Be still and know that I am God! I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth*” (v. 10)

Enjoy the activities of the coming month. Appreciate and encourage the accomplishments and commitments made by our young people. Look forward to the blessings God gives us through both business and relaxation. But in the midst of it all remember: “Be still, and know that I am God!”

Pastor Bruce Zagel

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 we do not have your email address, please contact the church office so we can get you on the list to receive the link. If you are on our email list and wish to participate, let the church office know so that we can get you the link to join in. They are currently studying *The Acts of the Apostles*.



MAY LAMPLIGHTER DEADLINE

Thursday, April 22nd!!

WEE DISCIPLES

He said to them, "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these." Mark 10:14

Another school year is quickly coming to an end. It has been a challenging year due to COVID and we are thankful that we have been able to stay open throughout this time. **Thank You** to our families and staff for working so hard to keep our children and staff safe and healthy by following all of the COVID protocols this past year. The last day of school will be on June 4th. Plans are being made to have our end-of-year/preschool graduation family chapel some time towards the end of May. Watch for more information to come concerning this event!



May 3-7, 2021 will be Staff Appreciation Week. We are thankful for the many wonderful staff members and volunteers at Wee Disciples. Currently we have 12 staff members—some full-time and some part-time. **Thank You** to all of you for all you do for Wee Disciples!

Wee Disciples will be closed on Monday, May 31st for Memorial Day.

Wee Disciples will not be able to offer a summer program for school age children this year; however, we are considering the possibility of offering two or three one-week *summer camps* for children ages 4 to 10 if there is an interest. Contact Debbie Lee for more information. School age children are invited to attend VBS at Peace Lutheran Church. Watch for more details in the June Lamplighter and in the *Grace Notes* concerning dates, times, and registration.

Registration is now open for the 2021-2022 school year. Contact Debbie Lee for information about class openings Also, Trinity has a scholarship program available to congregational members who have a child attending Wee Disciples. Scholarship applications for next school year are due by May 31, 2021. Application forms can be obtained from Debbie Lee or can be found on the church website for Wee Disciples.

The third Tuesday in May, May 18th, is our next Fuddruckers' fundraiser night. Thank you to everyone who has participated in these events. Coupons are available on the announcement board by the Wee Disciples' check-in computer. You can also take a picture of the coupon with your phone and show it to the cashier, or you can just tell the cashier that you are there for the Wee Disciples' fundraising activity. Dine-in or carry out!

The audio/video team is looking for people to help with running the camera on Sunday mornings! Our video ministry goes out each week to a number of people. No experience is needed, we will teach you what you will need to know. The system is easy to operate and instruction will be given. If you would be interested in helping with this very important ministry contact the church office for more information.



AUDIO-VISUAL
---team---



Peace Lutheran Church has set the dates for VBS as June 14-18, 2021 from 9:00am to 12:00 noon. The theme will be *God's Wonder Lab* from CPH. VBS will be for grades preschool through grade 5. Older children are welcome to come and help with crafts, music, lessons, snacks, etc. Please contact Peace (406-761-7343) for registration information.



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

Thank You ~ LWML would like to thank the congregation and Wee Disciples for the very generous contributions of useable clothing and shoes for the *Orphan Grain Train* which gives relief to human needs worldwide. The trunk of Sherri's car was fully

packed with bags and books to take to the LWML Fall Rally in Chinook on Saturday, April 24th. Sherri will also take boxes for the Lutheran World Relief truck in Missoula, May 8th at First Lutheran.

LWML Scholarships Available ~ Is someone in your congregation planning full time work as a Pastor, Director of Christian Education, Deaconess, or Teacher? Are they attending an LCMS school? Get them the LWML application from the website or contact District Scholarship Chairman Edee Anderson, 310 Washington St., Deer Lodge, MT 59722, (406) 846-2589, edeeanderson@hotmail.com for information. Do not delay! The applications are due by September 30, 2021!

Wrapping Up in the Psalms ~ Join us for a warm, comforting, refreshing retreat! Choose from two beautiful locations: Mountain Top Retreat and Camp Trinity ~ \$90 for the all-inclusive weekend. Make your plans today! September 18 - 19, 2021. We do not have a registration deadline as of right now but expect it to be August 15th or so.

From Brook Gerard, Vice President of Christian Life

I would like to offer a Zoom-based mingling opportunity on the fourth Thursday of every month at 7:30 p.m. This is a chance for all ages to meet, chat about their world, and enjoy the study of God's Word together. I am very excited to begin the study of Esther by Donna Snow entitled, Chosen. This is one of my favorite stories in the Bible, and I believe that we are all "made for such a time as this." I hope you will plan on joining me!

Where: Your space with beverage of choice

When: fourth Thursday every month

Time: 7:30 p.m.

Zoom Details

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83595824498?pwd=MmdTODNxm2pPMU9ZK0hsdGpjL2JJUT09>

Room ID = 83595824498

Passcode = 567285

I pray the Lord surrounds you in good health and happiness!

Upcoming Dates

May 8, 2021 ~ Lutheran World Relief truck pickup

May 12, 2021 ~ LWML Group Gathering, ~ 11:30 am (after Ladies Bible study)

May 26, 2021 ~ LWML Board meeting at 11:30 am (after Ladies Bible study)

June 24 – 27, 2021 ~ 39th Biennial Convention, Lexington, Kentucky

September 18-19, 2021 ~ LWML Retreats at Trinity Lutheran Camp or Mountain Top Retreat

Friday Ladies Bible study~ In May the group will gather on the 7th, 14th, and 21st at the home of Marge Johnsten, 3000 8th Avenue S. There will be no Bible study on Memorial Day weekend. In the event that these plans change, please consult the Sunday bulletin or the church office. Praise the Lord for this new opportunity!





To all the members who sent me a birthday card, your words and the Lord's words with them were wonderful! My heartfelt thanks to all!

The Lord has been good to me and my 95 years have been great.
In Jesus love, Russ Waetzig

COMPARISON OF GIVING REPORT ~ 2021

For the period April 1, 2021 through April 25, 2021

April 1 st & 2 nd	(Maundy Thursday/Good Friday)	\$2,243
April 4 th		\$6,411
April 11 th		\$2,620
April 18 th		\$2,502
April 25 th		\$4,900

Actual giving for report period: \$18,676

Roof Repair Fund –through 04/25/2021 \$16,134

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



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To follow the CCHD guidelines for social distancing, **Trinity has every other pew roped off in the Sanctuary.** We ask all members to please respect the need for social distancing and please keep 6 feet apart as much as is possible. If it is not possible to spread out, please consider having a face mask to wear. These measures are not only for your safety but for the safety of your brothers and sisters here at Trinity. We will continue to offer hand sanitizer and disposable face masks at the entrance to the Sanctuary.

A Reminder!

Please do not park in the loading area directly in front of church.

Use this area for loading and unloading of passengers only! Thank you

Montana District Camp Red Lodge 2021 ~ Family Camp (Session 1): June 25-27, 2021; Family Camp (Session 2): June 29-July 1, 2021. Join us for Bible study, devotions, hiking, crafts, campfires and more!
The registration fee is \$100 per family. Please register by June 1 2021.



Questions? Contact the Montana District LCMS office at 406-259-2908 or office@mtdistlcms.org. "Not to be served but to serve" (Matthew 20:28)

Trinity Camp Summer 2021 ~ Join us at camp this summer!

Fun facts about Trinity Lutheran Camp:

- Located on beautiful Flathead Lake (South of Bigfork)
- Youth Camps for grades 3rd thru High School (Including an Awesome Day Camp!)
- Home of the famous Land Olympics, Handicrafts, Talent Show and Coffee House Cafe
- We have an AMAZING Basketball camp (over 30 years!)
- Guaranteed amazing sunsets every night
- We have a great Family Camp too!
- Sunday Morning Worship at 11:15 a.m. Memorial Day thru Labor Day

REGISTRATION OPENS APRIL 1, 2021 ~ www.trinitylutherancamp.org camptrinity@gmail.com

Our shut-ins:

Vi Biberdorf at Highgate House
Eleanor Boumans at Highgate House
Ellen Carpenter at Eagle's Manor
Anita Erickson at home



Evelyn McNaight at Bee Hive Homes (Sage)
Bob Nommensen Sr. at home
Myrtle Pence at Benefis Eastview Memory Care
Juanita Winter with family

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

Ron & Yvonne Lee
Chuck & Judy Lively
Chuck & Elsie Lorenz
Jerry & Colleen Mans

Henry & Alice Schuman
Gene & Joy Suek
Wally & Diane Thompson

Those serving in the military:

Evan Brenner, 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)
Krista Kotz, USAF
Brendan Murphy, USMC (Sylvia Adam's grandson)
Tanner Tilton, USAF (Millie Birkholz's grandson)

We pray for the Montana District pastors serving as missionaries abroad:

Rev. Dr. Gerald & Heidi Paul ~ Cayman Islands
Rev. Dr. David & Jennifer Preus ~ Dominican Republic
Rev. Eric & Johanna Stinnett ~ Ethiopia

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 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.



Called Home to Glory

*April 20, 2021
Gordon Max Stach*



Baptized into the Family of God

*April 25, 2021
Charles Michael Kingland
son of
Michael & Maryanne Kingland*



LAMPLIGHTER CHANGES COMING!!

Are you receiving the Lamplighter in the mail?

Would you like to continue to receive it by mail?

Would you like to receive it electronically instead?

Would you prefer to not receive it at all?

Beginning with the September issue we are planning to trim the *Lamplighter* mailing list and we need your help.

Contact the church office (406-452-2121 or trinity@trinity-mt.org) by **August 18, 2021** and let us know how you would like to receive the *Lamplighter* each month. After that date the *Lamplighter* list will be trimmed to help cut down on our printing and mailing costs each month.



Confirmation Sunday is Sunday, May 16, 2021. Three young people will stand before the Lord and the Church and confess their faith.

Treve Brody Mans ~ son of Chad & Michele Mans

Trey Marcus Mans ~ son of Chad & Michele Mans

Adalyn Jacey Voegel ~ daughter of Robert and Bobbie Voegel

The congregation is invited to join the families in a reception of cupcakes, coffee and punch for these young people immediately following the worship service. Baskets will be available in the back of the church for those wishing to give cards and well wishes.



Sunday, May 23, 2021, Trinity will recognise and honor our graduates for this year. The congregation is invited to join the families in a reception of cupcakes, coffee and punch for these young people immediately following the worship service. Baskets will be available in the back of the church for those wishing to give cards and well wishes.



Cody Stene will graduate from C.M. Russell High School on May 31, 2021. Cody is the son of Brett and Cindy Stene and brother to Logan Stene. Cody plans to attend Montana State University to study Financial Engineering and obtain a minor in Mathematics. He is graduating at the top of his class at CMR with a cumulative 4.0 GPA and is a member of the CMR Chapter of the National Honor Society. Cody is a three-year letterman in soccer and received the Montana Coaches Association Academic All-State Selection for those three years. He is a member of the Trinity Lutheran Church youth group and volunteered for Eagle Mount through his time in high school. In the summers he enjoys spending time with family and friends, working, and playing sports. Being able to attend the Higher Things youth conferences over the years with the Trinity Youth Group was another highlight of the summers.

Caden Bicsak will be graduating from CMR on May 31, 2021. Caden's parents are Michael and Lindsay Bicsak. He has two brothers: Caleb and Carter. Caden attended Riverview Elementary School and North Middle School. He was active in music, Scouting and earned a black belt in karate. He started skiing with his brother and cousins when he was 6 and has skied almost every weekend during the winter since, staying at the family cabin whenever he can. Caden has worked at McDonalds for the past 1½ years. His love is music, he plays trumpet in the Symphonic Band and is a tenor in the Chanteur Choir. He is a member of the Thespian Society and was also inducted into the National Honor Society. Caden will be attending MSU in the fall.

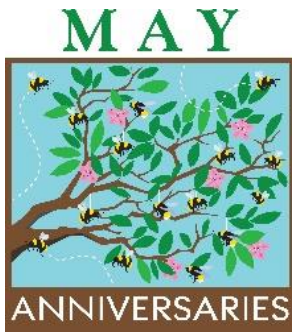


Brayden and Brydger Ginnaty are the sons of Sean and Rayn Ginnaty and grandsons of Frank and Shelley Rossberg.

Brayden is graduating from Montana State University with a degree in Constructional Engineering. Brayden plans to begin his career with Dick Anderson Construction this May.

Brydger is graduating from C.M. Russell High School and is excited to take some time off this summer to watch sports and decide on his next path in life.

Birthdays, Wedding, Baptismal and Confirmation Anniversaries

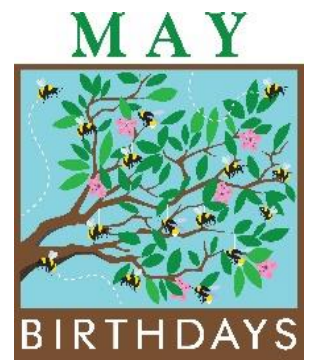


Steven ♥ Jane Green (45)
 Russell ♥ Tracy Martello (16)
 Mychal ♥ Ericka Taylor (1)
 Justin ♥ Kati Lee (17)
 Kenneth ♥ Sandra Heinert (48)
 Patrick ♥ Lucy Hall (17)
 Scott ♥ Shelly Kessel (33)
 Alan ♥ Denise Wegner (28)

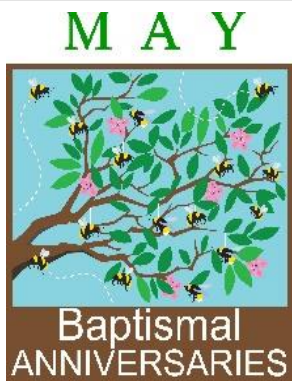
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Jacob Green, Kyla Nelson, Christian Neumann
 Zachary Smith
 Helyn O'Meara, Lisa Romig
 Barry Eastley
 Lacey Mans, Cheri Zrawka
 Larry Beckner, Morgan Shaw
Henry Schuman (90+), Ruby Willey
 Michele Mans
 Collette Grina, Ryan Neumann



Lindsay Wandke
 Shelly Kessel
 Kayla Kelly, Dash Lewis
 Brydger Ginnaty, Delaney Lautenschlager
 James Lautenschlager, Chance Lee
 Kristen Mansch, Trey Wheeler
 Emma Hintz, **Alice Schuman (80+)**
 Otto Brenner
 Donna Hartelius, Kane Smith
 Zachary Martin
 Jon Chapman, Colton Martello, Russell Martello
 Carter Bicsak, **Joyce Bush (80+)**, Kim Kimmerle
 Judy Boyce, Cory Phillips, Robert Voegel



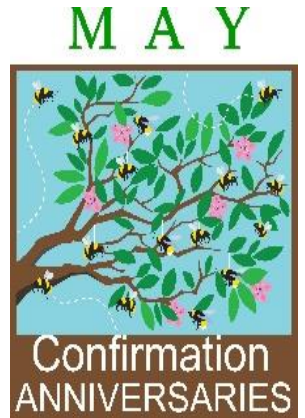
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Wes Bauer, Kaci Felstet
 Rayn Ginnaty
 Len Christianson, Brian Felstet, Nathan Green, Trinity Legg, Gerald Paul
 Ryan Copp, Jeffrey Williams
 Melissa Soldano
 Jacob Green, Ryan Nommensen
 Kristie Nelson
 Marlyn Gersak
 Gary Vik

May 22nd
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May 31st

Don Lee
Jean Craven, Lucy Hall, Helyn O'Meara
Lisa Romig
Lindsay Wandke
Carter Bicsak, Randy Bogden
Otto Brenner

May 1st Carolyn Arves, Barry Eastley, Jeannine Eastley, Jacob Mansch
Zeke Morrison, Joseph Nommensen, Alicia O'Meara, Jessi Payne, Austin Webb
May 2nd Kayla Christianson, Emily Neumann, Payton Romig
Courtney Schroeder, Morgan Shaw, Alexandria Thompson
May 3rd Larry Beckner, Pam Grosenick, Haley Hansen, Austin Johnson
Lacey Mans, Christian Neumann, Ryan Nommensen
Mitchell Romig, Mychal Taylor, Blaize Wegner
May 4th Cortnee Doll, Cally Felstet, Nathan Green, Trinity Legg
Kelly Norris, Cailyn Schroeder, Courtney Walker, Samantha Williams



May 5th Laura Lee, Kristen Mansch, Gary Somerfeld
May 6th Wes Bauer, Patty Jones, Mikaela Neill, Brad Norris, Dayna VanVleet
May 7th Alec Jones, Tracy Martello
May 8th Jim Going
May 9th Karla Adelmeyer, Randy Bogden, OD Jones
May 11th Clifton Grilley, Collette Grina
May 14th Brian Felstet, Kaci Felstet, Sarah Lautenschlager
May 15th Bonnie Bauer, Michael Bicsak, Tim Chapman, Rachel Hill, Samarah Hill
Maryanne Kingland, Michele Mans, Melissa Soldano, Brent Stanger
May 16th Joyce Bush, Ken Chapman, Jacob Green, Mick Jones, Amanda Miesmer, Charlotte Morrison
Kristie Nelson, Jimmy Norris, Patrick Norris, Matthias Paul, Shawn Shaw
May 17th Chad Mans
May 18th Cheryl Bauer, Bayley Ginnaty, William Harr, Emma Paul, John Shaw, Trey Wheeler
May 19th Dillon Neumann, Laurel Neumann, Logan Stene, Ericka Taylor
May 21st Connie Felstet, Rayn Ginnaty, Scott Kessel, Justin Lee
Tyson Wheeler, Jeffrey Williams, Mattie Young
Jenny Eberly, Tim Guderjahn, Pam Nommensen
May 22nd Chris Magis
May 23rd Cheryl Dalla Mura, Jane Green, Gary Neumann, James Wandke
May 24th Keith Bicsak, Bob Nommensen
May 25th Ed Hickel
May 26th Jon Chapman, Shayna Kellogg, Zachary Martin
May 27th Martin Bauer, Ada Burkstrand, Ellen Carpenter, Marlyn Gersack
May 28th Jan Bicsak, Lisa Romig
May 30th Doug Nelson, Cody Stene
May 31st

Worship Assistants ~ May 2021



Serving this Month

Acolyte ~ Elders

Altar Guild ~ Denise Wegner / Cheryl Bauer

Audio/Video ~ Martin & Cheryl Bauer

Counters ~ Frank & Shelley Rossberg

Ushers ~ Alan Wegner / Elders

May 2, 2021 ~ Fifth Sunday of Easter (white)

Duty Elders
Organist

Martin Bauer / Len Koelbel
Joy Suek

May 9, 2021 ~ Sixth Sunday of Easter (white) Mother's Day

Duty Elder
Organist

Bob Nommensen / Shawn Shaw
NOA

May 13, 2021 ~ The Ascension of Our Lord (white)



May 16, 2021 ~ Seventh Sunday of Easter (white) Confirmation Sunday

Duty Elders
Organist

Len Koelbel / Bob Nommensen
NOA

May 23, 2021 ~ The Day of Pentecost (red)

Duty Elders
Organist

Shawn Shaw / Bill Sybrant
NOA

May 30, 2021 ~ Holy Trinity (white)

Duty Elders
Organist

Len Koelbel / TBD
Joy Suek

