



November

What is Worship: The Communion of Saints



Just about every Sunday morning when we gather for worship, we confess one of the Creeds of the Church. When we use the Apostles' Creed, we confess that we believe in "the communion of the saints." On November 1st the church celebrates *All Saints Day* as we remember the saints who have gone before us and are with Christ. This year, we will celebrate *All Saints Day* on Sunday, November 5th. So, what is the communion of saints, and what do we believe about it?

In *The Small Catechism* of Martin Luther, he explains the Third Article of the Creed (about the Holy Spirit) in this way:

I believe that I cannot by my own reason or strength believe in Jesus Christ, my Lord, or come to Him; but the Holy Spirit has called me by the Gospel, enlightened me with His gifts, sanctified and kept me in the true faith. In the same way He calls, gathers, enlightens, and sanctifies the whole Christian church on earth, and keeps it with Jesus Christ in the one true faith. In this Christian church He daily and richly forgives all my sins and the sins of all believers. On the Last Day He will raise me and all the dead and give eternal life to me and all believers in Christ.

We received the gift of faith as the Holy Spirit has called us by the Gospel. He sustains this faith through Word and the Sacraments, and we abide in His love, mercy and grace as His children. But God does not leave us alone as individual Christians to do as we please. He calls and gathers us into the Christian Church, where He nurtures and keeps us in the true faith. He brings us to a congregation - to a community of faith - where He feeds and nourishes our faith.

As we have heard throughout our newsletter series, God serves us with His gifts in the Divine Service. In the Lord's Supper, Jesus gives us His true Body and Blood for the forgiveness of our sins and to strengthen our faith. We receive the Lord's Supper within a congregation.

We are never alone when we receive the Lord's Supper. That is pretty obvious when we gather on a Sunday morning with fellow believers, but it is also true when we receive private communion in the hospital, or in times of sickness. We receive it with the communion of saints - that is, all the saints on earth and all those who have gone before us in Christ, who now rest from their labors. We gather together with those we can see and those we cannot see to receive the Lord's gifts in communion.

We see this especially as we celebrate *All Saints Day* on November 5th, we will give thanks to God for the faithful saints who have gone before us, and rejoice in the Feast to come, where all of our fellow redeemed will join together in worship to our Lord and King, Jesus Christ.

During the month of November, our Wednesday evening services will focus on the work of the Holy Spirit as we study the 3rd Article of the Creed. Join us on Wednesdays at 6:30pm as we receive the gifts of our Lord. We will not have church on Wednesday, November 22nd but will instead gather on Thursday, November 23rd at 10:00am in celebration of Thanksgiving.

May God continue to bless us with His gifts to life everlasting.

Pastor Jonathan Schultz

DECEMBER LAMPLIGHTER DEADLINE

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

Monday, November 20th!!

Newsletter
DEADLINE



WEE DISCIPLES

Give thanks to the Lord for He is good.

His love endures forever.

1 Chronicles 16:34

Thank the Lord and sing His praise,

Tell everyone what He has done.

Let everyone who seeks the Lord

Rejoice and gladly bear His Name.



The children and staff at Wee Disciples will soon be preparing and practicing for their *Thanksgiving Family Chapel* which will be held on Monday, November 20th at 11:00am. Please join us for our Thanksgiving service in the Sanctuary followed by a Thanksgiving meal in the Fellowship Hall. Everyone is welcome to attend!

We are thankful for all the help we get from our volunteers and congregational members, as well as the families who have children at Wee Disciples. It truly does “take a village to raise a child” and we appreciate all of you for being part of the “village” of Wee Disciples!

Wee Disciples will be closed on Thanksgiving Day (November 23rd) and the Friday after that (November 24th) so our staff can enjoy the Thanksgiving weekend with their families. We hope everyone has a Happy and Blessed Thanksgiving!

Our next *Burgers for Benefits* will be from 5:00pm to 9:00pm on November 21st at Fuddrucker's. Thank you for your continued support with this fundraising activity!

The Board of Early Childhood Education will meet on November 2nd at 6:30pm in the Stahlecker Room.

The Special Voters Meeting Decision

At the Special Voters Meeting on October 22nd, Trinity Congregation decided to make an offer on the sale of the LMH building. Our bid is for \$300,000 with a cost of \$100,000 added to this amount to make the building usable for our needs. We made the decision to submit an offer after several groups did a physical walk through and a committee investigated the cost of necessary remodeling, plumbing, heating-air conditioning units and concrete issues that were of concern. A cap has been set so that the council knows what is permissible as we consider this step forward in Trinity's ministry.

Trinity is considering this property due to the need for room to expand and use for current programs that are limited in space. The location of the building for our use is ideal. The large areas in the building provide room for youth activities, congregational fellowship events, funeral receptions and Wee Disciple activities. The three lots provide much-needed parking spaces.

This is the second time in three years that this property has been on the market. Earlier we were not in a position to make an offer. Trinity has been blessed financially to be able to consider this opportunity. Wee Disciples Board of Early Childhood Education has committed to half of the down payment, up to \$50,000, if Trinity does purchase the building.

If this purchase is in the Lord's timing and is accepted it would be a big project for us to work on as a congregation. If our offer is not accepted and another buyer does not come forth our interest would be apparent, and the door may reopen. A step of faith as the pieces fall into place as we look to expand the ministry opportunities through Trinity Congregation. We can all be praying that a God pleasing outcome will be the result.

Barbara Going, council secretary

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.



Hear ye, hear ye! The following LWML dates have been changed...

Wednesday, **November 8th** ~ 11:30 am ~ Board Meeting

Saturday, **November 18th** ~ 9:30 am ~ Group Gathering in Stahlecker Room

Saturday, December 9th ~ time TBA ~ Advent Brunch

April 26-28, 2024 ~ Polson, MT ~ MT District Convention

Our sister church, Peace Lutheran here in Great Falls, is having a special presentation on **Saturday, November 11th at 10:00 am**. They will have Greg Grosenick from Family Promise providing information about this important ministry to “end childhood homelessness, one family at a time.” We moved our regularly scheduled Group Gathering to Nov. 18 so any of our Trinity ladies may attend this presentation. Please see the flyer on the bulletin board for more information.

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, November 18th at 9:30 am** in the Stahlecker Room. There will be devotions, planning, a short presentation, and fellowship time. The LWML Board will next meet on Wednesday, November 8th.

Wednesday Morning Ladies Bible study ~ During the past six weeks, the Wednesday morning ladies' Bible study group has been working on a study titled “*Gifts, Chosen for You*”. The next study has not been selected yet. All the Bible studies chosen for the Wednesday morning group are always lessons that can be completed during one Bible study time, so if you would like to attend, but do not want to commit to being there every week, that is not a concern. Each lesson is a stand-alone lesson. We look forward to having some new faces at our Wednesday morning group studies! Bring a friend! Join us for a morning of fellowship 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.

What a long lingering beautiful autumn we are enjoying this year! Gardens of flowers and vegetables have been put to bed for the winter. November ushers in the holiday season with festive plans for worship and family gatherings at Thanksgiving. Kitchens have delectable aromas wafting from them. Traditionalists try to ignore all the commercialization of Christmas to give Thanksgiving its rightful space and honor.

The Friday Ladies Bible study ~ Traditional fellowship that goes naturally with Bible study for ladies on Fridays will continue with the study of Mark. Join these folks on November 3rd and 10th from 1:00-3:00pm at the home of Marge Johnsten, 3000 8th Ave. S. Traditional Lutheran fellowship means smiles and laughter are guaranteed.

Assisted Living Ministry will include hymn singing and a short devotion. They will be at *The Lodge*, 1801 9th St. S., on Friday, November 3rd from 10:00-10:45am. Friends will gather for the no host lunch at 11:45am on Friday, November 17th at El Comedor, 1120 25th St. S. Afterward many will go to *Highgate Senior Living*, 3000 11th Ave. S. to lead the residents in the familiar Thanksgiving hymns. Pastor Reinke will lead a worship service at *The Lodge* on Wednesday, November 8th at 2:30pm. Worship at *Highgate* will be on Monday, December 18th at 1:30pm. There are so many opportunities to share God's love in worship, song, and fellowship. Bring your smile along!

They're Back!!

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

Price:	All Occasion Cards	\$7.00
	Christmas Cards	\$9.00
	Calendars	\$9.00



Get them from the youth on Sunday mornings or the church office during the week.

All proceeds go to benefit our youth.

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.



Musicians Wanted ~ We are starting up rehearsals for Adult Choir and Handbells again. Both groups will add their talents to worship services often throughout the year. We're always looking for new singers and ringers! Handbell Choir will practice on Tuesdays at 6:00pm. Adult Choir will practice on Wednesdays at 5:30pm. **Kids Hand chimes will be coming soon!** Let's make a joyful noise unto the Lord - come join us! Please see Judy Boyce or Amy Schultz for more information.

Called Home to Glory

September 24, 2023
Evelyn Louise (Matthis)
McNaught

October 1, 2023
Marjory Ann (Stengrimson)
Fischer



Darlene Murray

629 S. Ashby Ave.
Chanute, KS 66720-2314



Our shut-ins

Vi Biberdorf (Highgate Senior Living), **Millie Birkholz** (The Lodge), **Ellen Carpenter** (Eagle's Manor), **Anita Erickson** (at home), **Ed Hickel** (at home), **Arleen Nelson** (Bee Hive Homes-Pine Tree), **Bob Nommensen Sr.** (at home), **Myrtle Pence** (at Benefis Extended Care), **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
Henry & Alice Schuman, Wally & Diane Thompson

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; **James Crumley**, USAF; **Matthew Erickson**, USAF (Anita Erickson's grandson); **Clifton Grilley**, USN (Headington's son); **Krista Kotz**, USAF; **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
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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.

COMPARISON OF GIVING REPORT ~ 2023

For the period September 24, 2023 through October 22, 2023

September 24 th	\$2,705
October 1 st	\$5,333
October 8 th	\$3,283
October 15 th	\$4,403
October 22 nd	\$3,058
Vanco	\$ 980

Actual giving for report period: \$19,762

Roof Repair Fund –through 09/17/2023 \$49,174

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



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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 Envelopes ~ The time is approaching when we will be issuing offering envelopes for 2024 to the congregation. If you are currently not using your envelopes, perhaps you are contributing through Vanco, and would prefer NOT to be issued envelopes for next year, please let the church office know so that we can account accordingly. ***Please note ~ If you opt out of envelopes your contributions will still be tracked and reported.***

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.

End-of-Year Contributions will need to be in **NO LATER THAN DECEMBER 31, 2023**, in order to be counted toward your pledge for 2023. Please be sure to bring those contributions 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). **The counters will make one final deposit for 2023 following the Divine Service on December 31, 2023.**

Advent Soup Suppers ~ We will be having Advent soup suppers again this year. As always there will be a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board outside the church office. Please sign-up for items to bring each week.



Thanksgiving Day ~ November 23, 2023

10:00 am Matins Service

**Congregational Christmas Decorating
Saturday, December 2, 2023 ~ 9:00am**

First Sunday in Advent ~ December 3, 2023

Sunday school & Bible study ~ 8:30 am

Divine Service ~ 10:00 am

First Advent Mid-week ~ December 6, 2023

Soup Supper ~ 6:00 pm

Worship 7:00 pm

Second Sunday in Advent ~ December 10, 2023

Sunday school & Bible study ~ 8:30 am

Divine Service ~ 10:00 am

Second Advent Mid-week ~ December 13, 2023

Soup Supper ~ 6:00pm

Worship 7:00 pm

Children's Christmas Service / Third Sunday in Advent ~ December 17, 2023

Sunday school & Bible study ~ 8:30 am

Divine Service w/children's message ~ 10:00 am

Third Advent Mid-week ~ December 20, 2023

Soup Supper ~ 6:00 pm

Worship 7:00 pm

Fourth Sunday in Advent ~ December 24, 2023

Sunday school & Bible study ~ 8:30 am

Divine Service ~ 10:00 am

Christmas Eve Family Worship ~ Sunday, December 24, 2023 ~ 7:00 pm

Christmas Day ~ Monday, December 25, 2023

Divine Service ~ 10:00 am

First Sunday after Christmas ~ December 31, 2023

Sunday school & Bible study ~ 8:30 am

Divine Service ~ 10:00 am

Worship Assistants

November

Serving this Month

Acolytes ~ Elders / Samuel Schultz / Leif Tanksley

Counters ~ Martin & Cheryl Bauer

Altar Guild ~ Denise Wegner / Barb Going / Sandy Baranko

Ushers ~ Alan Wegner / Elders

Wednesday, November 1, 2023

Bob Nommensen

Wednesday, November 8, 2023

Martin Bauer

Wednesday, November 15, 2023

Bob Nommensen

Wednesday, November 29, 2023

Bob Nommensen

November 5, 2023 ~ All Saints Day(white)

Duty Elders

Martin Bauer / Shawn Shaw

Audio/Video

Cheryl Bauer

Organist

Joy Suek

November 12, 2023 ~ Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost (green)

Duty Elders

Len Koelbel / Bill Sybrant

Audio/Video

Barry Eastley

Organist

Jeannine Eastley

November 19, 2023 ~ Twenty-fifth Sunday after Pentecost (green)

Duty Elders

Martin Bauer / Shawn Shaw

Audio/Video

Barry Eastley

Organist

Jeannine Eastley

November 23, 2023 ~ Thanksgiving Day (white)

Duty Elders

Len Koelbel

Audio/Video

No one assigned

Organist

No one assigned

November 26, 2023 ~ Last Sunday of the Church Year (green)

Duty Elders

Roy Arves / Shawn Shaw

Audio/Video

Josh Schultz

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

Wedding, Baptismal and Confirmation Anniversaries

<i>November 3rd</i>	<i>Tyson Wheeler</i>		<i>November 16th</i>	<i>Wendy Doll</i>
<i>November 5th</i>	<i>Niklas Hansen</i>			<i>Denise Rutledge</i>
	<i>Mick Jones</i>		<i>November 19th</i>	<i>Neil Burkstrand</i>
<i>November 7th</i>	<i>Patrick Norris</i>			<i>Tim Chapman</i>
<i>November 8th</i>	<i>Kenny Chapman</i>		<i>November 21st</i>	<i>Rochelle Kimmerle</i>
	<i>Evie Tanksley</i>		<i>November 23rd</i>	<i>Michael Adelmeyer</i>
<i>November 11th</i>	<i>Sam Birkett</i>			<i>Mike Grams, Gary Somerfeld</i>
	<i>Dennis Philipp</i>	NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS	<i>November 25th</i>	Roy Arves (80+)
<i>November 12th</i>	<i>Randy Bogden</i>			<i>Maryanne Kingland</i>
	Keener Boyce (80+)		<i>November 28th</i>	<i>Heidi Paul</i>
	<i>DeAnna Martin, Paul Soldano</i>			<i>Rachel Wied</i>
<i>November 14th</i>	<i>Rochelle Sand, Jeffrey Williams</i>		<i>November 30th</i>	<i>Ashlee Graves</i>
<i>November 15th</i>	<i>Tim Fairbanks</i>			



NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

- November 3rd ~ Bob ♥ Bonnie Nommensen (44)*
- November 4th ~ Gary ♥ Janet Headington (28)*
- November 12th ~ Matt ♥ Chrissy Gollahon (7)*
- November 16th ~ Mike ♥ Lisa Romig (32)*
- November 17th ~ Evan ♥ Breeanna Brenner (5)*
- November 20th ~ Joe ♥ Maylynne Bickel (2)*
- November 22nd ~ Michael ♥ DeAnna Martin (37)*
- November 23rd ~ Channing ♥ Donna Hartelius (16)*
- November 26th ~ Chuck ♥ Judy Lively (18)*
- November 28th ~ Chuck ♥ Elsie Lorenz (70)*

<i>November 1st</i>	<i>Brian Flynn</i>	<i>November 17th</i>	<i>Kane Smith</i>
	<i>Charlotte Morrison</i>	<i>November 18th</i>	<i>Macie Wheeler</i>
<i>November 5th</i>	<i>Caleb Bicsak, Treve Mans</i>	<i>November 21st</i>	<i>Marty Eberly, Crosley Kotz</i>
<i>November 6th</i>	<i>Barb Going</i>	<i>November 24th</i>	<i>Michael Adelmeyer</i>
<i>November 8th</i>	<i>Jim Going, Jonathan Schultz</i>		<i>Chrissy Gollahon</i>
<i>November 9th</i>	<i>Caden Bicsak</i>	<i>November 26th</i>	<i>Neil Burkstrand</i>
<i>November 10th</i>	<i>Dale Andersen</i>		<i>Rochelle Sand</i>
<i>November 11th</i>	<i>Noah Jones, Bob Nommensen</i>	<i>November 29th</i>	<i>Kenny Chapman</i>
<i>November 14th</i>	<i>Janet Headington</i>	<i>November 30th</i>	<i>Sam Birkett</i>
	<i>Brad Norris, Sandy Schroeder</i>		

<i>November 16th</i>	<i>Isaac Lee, Gary Vik</i>
<i>November 18th</i>	<i>Michael Adelmeyer</i>
<i>November 19th</i>	<i>Donna Hayes</i>

