



Trinity Lutheran Church  
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November 3<sup>rd</sup> is but days away. Every four years the American citizen has the opportunity to exercise the right to express preferences for how we live together in this republic. This right is an incredible blessing we have received from the founders of the nation and has been preserved at great human cost for 244 years. Even though we may not agree on many or any political issues, however, we can still call fellow citizens “Americans” and participate in this vital process.

While much of the current focus in our land is on political questions—notwithstanding the COVID-19 challenge—the church should not be distracted from the ongoing importance of remembering that the truly important point of now and every era is Christ’s sacrifice on the cross for the forgiveness of our sins. This message of the gospel is our life, our hope, and our peace.

Political movements come and go. Governments rise and fall. That truth does not minimize the privilege and importance we Christians have in participating actively in the way we govern ourselves. But living and proclaiming Christ on a daily basis is what sets the church apart from any political movement or event.

“Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever” (Hebrews 13:8). That truth should remind us that no matter what happens among us as Americans or what happens throughout the world, what the hymn writer Edward Moe wrote over 180 years ago remains faithful to the scriptural truth: “On Christ the solid ground I stand, ALL other ground is sinking sand.” That means that placing our hopes on political answers is “sinking sand.” It means that placing our hopes on economic prosperity is “sinking sand.” It means that placing our hopes on anything we can do is “sinking sand.” Politics and economic questions are important for the way we live and carry out our daily lives in the world, but they are not of first importance. From the standpoint of eternity, they are insignificant compared to spending eternity with Christ.

The time of our national elections also coincides with our remembrance of the Reformation when Dr. Martin Luther returned the church to the cross and the sacrifice of Christ there for our sins. As a result, take the time to thank God for the work of Luther and the other reformers for returning the church’s focus to Christ. And while we can and should participate in choosing the leaders of our republic, we should do so remembering we are truly citizens of a heavenly kingdom and that our goal, our destiny is be with Christ for eternity.

Exercise your privilege and responsibility as citizens of this great land by voting, doing so thanking God for the opportunity, but remembering that no matter the results.

*My hope is built on nothing less Than Jesus blood and righteousness;  
I dare not trust the sweetest frame, But wholly lean on Jesus’ name.  
On Christ the solid rock I stand, All other ground is sinking sand. (LSB 576)*

*Pastor Bruce Zagel*

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**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.

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## **DECEMBER LAMPLIGHTER DEADLINE**

**Thursday, November 19<sup>th</sup>!!**

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### **WEE DISCIPLES**

*“Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; his love endures forever.”  
1 Chronicles 16:34*



A Happy and Blessed Thanksgiving to everyone! Wee Disciples will have a special family Thanksgiving chapel service on November 20<sup>th</sup>. We are very

thankful that Pastor Zagel will be able to come and do this special chapel for us this year. Because of COVID restrictions we will not be able to serve our family Thanksgiving meal like we have in previous years. Wee Disciples will be closed on November 26<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup> (Thanksgiving Day and the day after) for Thanksgiving break.

Our November Fuddruckers’ *Burgers for Benefits* night will be from 5:00 to 9:00 pm on Tuesday, November 17<sup>th</sup>. Thank you to everyone who continues to help support Wee Disciples through this fundraising opportunity! When you shop for your holiday groceries, please remember that another Wee Disciples’ fundraising opportunity is the Smith’s rewards program—*Smith’s Inspiring Donations*.

*“Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise Him all creatures here below;  
Praise Him above, ye heav’nly host:  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen”*

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**Special Voter’s meeting** ~ The Church Council has called a special Voter’s meeting for **Sunday, November 8, 2020 immediately following the worship service**. This meeting is to discuss the future of Trinity/ Wee Disciples in regards to the LMH building which is currently for sale. Trinity has enjoyed a number of years using the parking lot and the question has been raise, “What will happen if there is a new owner who does not allow Trinity to park on their property?” To this end the discussion will be whether or not Trinity/Wee Disciples is at all interested in purchasing the lots for church/day care use?

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The meeting will be on Zoom as well if any members would prefer to not attend in person. Please be sure that the church has your current email so that you will receive the invitation.

**Sunday School needs your help!** We are looking for at least one individual who is willing to be a substitute teacher when needed. I will have all materials and notes prepared and ready for you in advance, so minimal time requirements on your part. There are times I will be out of town and I do not want to have to cancel Sunday school if I do not have to. Give me a call if you are interested! Sarah Lautenschlager (406)899-5952

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

The LWML Central Zone Fall Rally was held October 10<sup>th</sup> at Peace Lutheran Church with the theme *Victory through Christ* based on *1 Corinthians 15:57*.

There were 11 ladies present. The Bible study, titled *The Thrill of Victory/The Agony of Defeat*, was led by Reverend Wade Harr. Our guest speaker was Autumn, the CEO from Echoz Pregnancy Center. She gave a very informative talk about the Mission & Vision statement for Echoz; *Choose Joy*. After lunch, the business meeting was held with elections. Installation of officers and the dedication of the in-gathering items for Echoz was done by Reverend Wade Harr. New Central Zone Officers are President ~ Lynette Nussbaum, Zion Lutheran, Chinook; Vice-President/Treasurer ~ Ruth Denning, Peace Lutheran, Great Falls; and Secretary ~ Sherri VanVleet, Trinity Lutheran, Great Falls. The next LWML Central Zone Rally is scheduled to be at Zion Lutheran Church in Power, MT, in the spring.

The board is asking for ideas for guest speaker(s) for next year. If you know of someone you would like to see come and give a presentation, please do not hesitate to bring up the idea at the November Group Gathering or talk to a board member. Also, please also be thinking about Mission projects you would like to see supported by the LWML for next year. The projects proposed will be voted on at the January Group Gathering.

**November 14<sup>th</sup>** ~ LWML Group Gathering at 9:30 am

**December 16<sup>th</sup>** ~ Combined November/December LWML Board meeting at 11:30 am

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### **COMPARISON OF GIVING REPORT ~ 2020**

**For the period October 4, 2020 through October 25, 2020**

October 4 <sup>th</sup>	\$4,228
October 11 <sup>th</sup>	\$2,715
October 18 <sup>th</sup>	\$2,227
October 25 <sup>th</sup>	\$3,222

Actual giving for report period: \$12,392

Roof Repair Fund – contributions through 10/25/2020 \$14,015

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



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To follow the CCHD guidelines for social distancing, **Trinity will have 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.

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### **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*

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If you are interested in sharing your talents by serving on the Altar Guild, we would greatly appreciate your help. There are no formal meetings and duties are a month at a time to fit your schedule, with duties shared during Holy Week and Christmas. If you would be interested in just taking on one part of the altar duties such as filling the candles or washing the linens that would be appreciated as well. For more information please contact Denise Wegner at 452-2241 or 791-7275.



#### ***Our shut-ins:***

**Vi Biberdorf** at Highgate House  
**Eleanor Boumans** at Highgate House

**Ellen Carpenter** at Eagle's Manor

**Anita Erickson** at home

**Lydia Laubach** at The Lodge

**Evelyn McNaught** at Bee Hive Homes (Sage)

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

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

**Bob Nommensen Sr.** at home  
**Myrtle Pence** at Benefis Eastview Memory Care  
**Dorothy Rosenberg** at Rivers Edge Assisted Living  
**Gordan Stach** at Bee Hive Homes (Clover)  
**Myrtle Storhaug** at Golden Eagles  
**Juanita Winter** at home

#### ***Those serving in the military:***

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)  
Justin Haydon, USMC (Kessel's grandson)  
Krista Kotz, USAF  
Brendan Murphy, USMC (Adam's grandson)  
Tanner Tilton, USAF (Millie Birkholz's grandson)

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

- Rev. Gerald & Heidi Paul ~ Cayman Islands
- Rev. David & Jennifer Preus ~ Dominican Republic
- Rev. Andrew & Kelsey Schlund ~ Mexico
- 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](mailto:mission.giving@lcms.org).

## *Worship Assistants ~ November 2020*

### *Serving this Month*

*Acolyte* ~ Elders  
*Altar Guild* ~ Denise Wegner  
*Audio/Video* ~ James Neumann / Cheryl & Martin Bauer

*Counters* ~ Martin & Cheryl Bauer  
*Ushers* ~ Alan Wegner / Elders

*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.*

### **November 1, 2020 ~ All Saints' Day (white)**

Duty Elders	Len Koelbel / Shawn Shaw
Organist	Joy Suek

### **November 8, 2020 ~ Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost (green)**

Duty Elders	Martin Bauer / Bill Sybrant
Organist	Jeannine Eastley

### **November 15, 2020 ~ Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost (green)**

Duty Elders	Len Koelbel / Shawn Shaw
Organist	Jeannine Eastley

### **November 22, 2020 ~ Last Sunday of the Church Year (green)**

Duty Elders	Martin Bauer / Bill Sybrant
Organist	Joy Suek



### **November 26, 2020 ~ Thanksgiving Day (white)**

Duty Elder	Bob Nommensen
Organist	<b>NOA</b>

### **November 29, 20200 ~ First Sunday in Advent (blue)**

Duty Elders	Len Koelbel / Bill Sybrant
Organist	<b>NOA</b>

*Birthdays, Wedding, Baptismal and Confirmation Anniversaries*

**NOVEMBER**

**Anniversaries**

<i>November 3<sup>rd</sup></i>	Bob ♥ Bonnie Nommensen (41)	<i>November 23<sup>rd</sup></i>	Channing ♥ Donna Hartelius (13)
<i>November 4<sup>th</sup></i>	Gary ♥ Janet Headington (25)	<i>November 26<sup>th</sup></i>	Chuck ♥ Judy Lively (15)
<i>November 12<sup>th</sup></i>	Matt ♥ Chrissy Gollahon (4)	<i>November 28<sup>th</sup></i>	Chuck ♥ Elsie Lorenz (67)
<i>November 16<sup>th</sup></i>	Mike ♥ Lisa Romig (29)	<i>November 30<sup>th</sup></i>	Gene ♥ Joy Suek (63)

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**Birthdays**

<i>November 2<sup>nd</sup></i>	Gordon Stach (80+)	<i>November 16<sup>th</sup></i>	Wendy Doll
<i>November 3<sup>rd</sup></i>	Tyson Wheeler	<i>November 19<sup>th</sup></i>	Neil Burkstrand
<i>November 5<sup>th</sup></i>	Niklas Hansen, Mick Jones		Tim Chapman, Yvonne Lee
<i>November 7<sup>th</sup></i>	Patrick Norris	<i>November 21<sup>st</sup></i>	Rochelle Kimmerle
<i>November 8<sup>th</sup></i>	Kenny Chapman	<i>November 23<sup>rd</sup></i>	Michael Adelmeyer
<i>November 11<sup>th</sup></i>	Dennis Philipp		Mike Grams, Gary Somerfeld
<i>November 12<sup>th</sup></i>	Keener Boyce (80+)	<i>November 25<sup>th</sup></i>	Roy Arves
	Randy Bogden, Wyatt Hintz	<i>November 28<sup>th</sup></i>	Heidi Paul
	DeAnna Martin, Paul Soldano	<i>November 29<sup>th</sup></i>	Leslie Lee
<i>November 14<sup>th</sup></i>	Rochelle Sand, Jeffrey Williams	<i>November 30<sup>th</sup></i>	Ashlee Graves

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**Baptisms**

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

<i>November 16<sup>th</sup></i>	Gary Vik
<i>November 18<sup>th</sup></i>	Michael Adelmeyer
<i>November 19<sup>th</sup></i>	Donna Hayes

**NOVEMBER**

**Confirmation Anniversaries**