



Trinity Lutheran Church  
Wee Disciples Preschool & Daycare  
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It is October already! 2020 seems to be going by so quickly, and each month we seem to be bracing for something new; something more. Can it get any more chaotic? The reality of the situation tells me that things are likely to get worse before they get better. So, we Christians, better be ready for whatever “it” is that comes next.

Rather than being fearful of what is to come, as I said in first sermon last month, this is an opportunity for the whole church, including Trinity, to proclaim the truth of God’s Word into the chaos that is today’s world. When there is chaos, people need hope; they need truth; they need comfort; they need direction. All this, and more, comes from the biblical message. Here God addresses all our needs because, “there is nothing new under the sun” (Ecclesiastes 1:9). Here God gives all the advice and direction we need, because he does not ignore the sin and sorrow of man but gives comfort and peace. Here God addresses justice by proclaiming he carried out the punishment for all sin on his own Son, Jesus Christ. Here he points us eternal life with him where there will be no more sorrow, no more tears, only freedom and joy in Christ.

Now, as always, it is the privilege and responsibility of the believer to find out what God has to say to humankind by studying what has happened in the past through his Word and applying it to today.

November 3 is our national election day when we are blessed to participate in choosing our leaders and deciding significant local issues. Is there uncertainty about the future as we approach this particular election day? Yes. Is it possible there will be even more chaos after the vote has been taken? Yes. Is it possible the near future will be difficult? Yes. Is it true that in spite of uncertainty and chaos we can face this time without fear, but rather with confidence and hope? Emphatically, yes.

We have hope, not fear because of Christ’s sacrifice. We have peace in our hearts, not turmoil. We have confidence looking at the future because Jesus won the victory over sin and death. He took all our sin upon himself on the cross and rose victoriously to show that sin is defeated, and we can confidently face the chaos of today.

Be faithful. Live in hope. Confidently face the challenges of the day bathed in the forgiveness of sins because of Christ.

*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.

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# NOVEMBER LAMPLIGHTER DEADLINE

## Wednesday, October 21<sup>st</sup>!!

### 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*

We are thankful to have all of our staff back to work at Wee Disciples! We appreciate all of their hard work, help, and dedication in helping provide a safe and healthy environment for the children who attend Wee Disciples.



Last spring, the Wee Disciples children planted a garden at Pea Pods Community Garden. Throughout the summer the staff and children walked over to the garden to water the plants, pull weeds, and work in the garden. Now the children are enjoying the fruits of their labor by harvesting the vegetables which are then served at lunch time. They have been especially enjoying their little tomatoes!

Our program continues to be guided by the COVID restrictions so many of the field trips and special fall outings Wee Disciples has enjoyed participating in during past years are not available currently.

If you have an opportunity to take a peek at the playground, you will see that some of the playground equipment recently received new coats of paint. Thank you to the parents who volunteered to do the painting to help "spruce up" our playground area!

### LWML NEWS



**Lutheran Women in Mission**

With the ongoing Covid-19 pandemic the September Group Gathering for LWML voted to have the gatherings every other month. For now, the gatherings will be in November, January, March and May. At this time there is no Advent Brunch being planned. Plans are being made to celebrate LWML Sunday on October 4<sup>th</sup>. Also, Peace Lutheran will be hosting the Fall Rally. Please watch for further information

in the Grace Notes. If, you have a moment, please look at the wall in the Stahlecker Room. Cheryl has made a wonderful display of the posters. Good job, well done Cheryl!!

**Tuesday, October 6, 2020**

**6:00– 7:00 pm MDT**

Hosted by Lutheran Women in Mission – LWML

Online with Facebook Live: Donna Snow and LWML are once again partnering in a live Bible study on Facebook during October and November. Join your LWML friends from around the world as Donna leads us through Your Strong Suit, based on Ephesians 6:10–18, every Tuesday evening at 8 p.m. Central Time beginning October 6, 2020.

**Your STRONG SUIT**

*Facebook Live Bible Study*  
beginning October 6 at 8pm CDST

**LWML**  
Lutheran Women in Mission

*with Donna Snow*

LWML President Debbie Larson, Vice President of Christian Life Susan Brunkow, and our Pastoral Counselors, Rev. Mitchell Schuessler and Rev. Brian Noack, will be on Facebook also, answering questions and taking prayer requests in the comments. The study guide is available through the LWML store. <https://www.lwml.org/posts/shoplwml/lwml68930>

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

**For the period August 30, 2020 through September 27, 2020**

August 30 <sup>th</sup>	\$6,174
September 6 <sup>th</sup>	\$3,051
September 13 <sup>th</sup>	\$2,881
September 20 <sup>th</sup>	\$1,940
September 27 <sup>th</sup>	\$3,060

Actual giving for report period:	\$17,106
Roof Repair Fund – contributions through 09/27/2020	\$13,395

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



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**Stewardship Pledge** letters went out this week. Please prayerfully consider how you can be a part of the mission here at Trinity, not only in your offerings but also in service and fellowship.

**Please turn in your 2021 Pledge forms by**

**October 18, 2020**

**so the Stewardship Committee and the Treasurer can finalize the budget for next year.**

In an effort to follow the CCHD guidelines for social distancing, **Trinity will now 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.

### **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*

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.





***Called Home to Glory***

*William Gary Shelden*

*September 10, 2020*

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*Ruth Adeline (Huber) Waetzig*

*September 18, 2020*

*I know that my Redeemer lives;  
What comfort this sweet sentence gives!  
He lives, He lives, who once was dead;  
He lives, my ever-living head.*



***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 McNaight** at Bee Hive Homes (Sage)

**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

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

Chuck & Judy Lively

Jerry & Colleen Mans

Gene & Joy Suck

***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

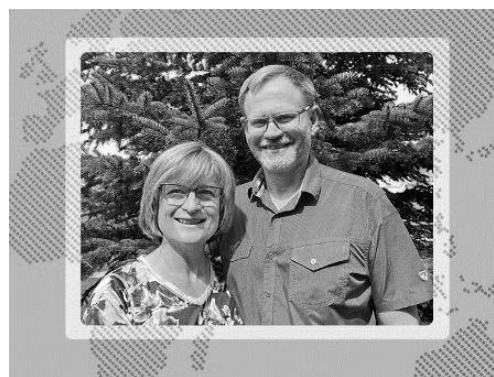
Brendan Murphy, USMC (Adam's grandson)

Tanner Tilton, USAF (Millie Birkholz's grandson)

**Rev. Dr. Gerald and Heidi Paul**

Serving the Lord in the Cayman Islands

**Biography**



The Rev. Dr. Gerald and Heidi Paul serve the Lord through The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod (LCMS) as career missionaries in the Cayman Islands. As a pastor and church planter, Gerald works with local church leaders at Safe Harbour Lutheran Church to reach out to the people of the Cayman Islands — both locals and expats — with the Gospel of Jesus

Christ. Gerald also seeks to serve the Cuban refugee population on Grand Cayman, and he supports Concordia the Reformer Seminary in the Dominican Republic as an adjunct professor. In her role, Heidi supports the mission efforts and is exploring the possibility of starting a preschool for local children.

Gerald was born in Piet Retief, South Africa. He earned a bachelor's degree from the University of Pretoria, South Africa, and received his Master of Divinity degree and Ph.D. in Missiology from Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne. Before becoming a career missionary, he was senior pastor of Trinity Lutheran Church, Great Falls, Mont. Prior to that, he served parishes in South Africa and Wyoming. Heidi was born in Port Shepstone, South Africa. She earned a bachelor's degree in education from the University of KwaZulu-Natal, South Africa, and a master's degree in early childhood education from the University of Montana in Missoula, Mont. She was a teacher before heading to the mission field. Gerald and Heidi both enjoy camping, hiking and running.

## Prayers

Please pray for Gerald and Heidi as they serve the Lord in the Cayman Islands and throughout the Caribbean. Let us give thanks that they are ministering to God's children in this part of the world.

## Additional Information

- Birthday: Gerald — April 19, Heidi — Nov. 28
- Anniversary: July 4
- Home District: Montana

**Giving Online:** You can partner with the LCMS by making an online gift restricted in use to the support of Gerald Paul at [lcms.org/Gerald.Paul](https://lcms.org/Gerald.Paul)

**Giving by Check:** You can also make a donation towards Gerald's ministry by check. *Mail your check, made payable to The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod and designated with his 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).

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## *Worship Assistants ~ October 2020*

### Serving this Month

*Acolyte* ~ Elders

*Altar Guild* ~ Denise Wegner

*Audio/Video* ~ James Neumann / Cheryl & Martin Bauer

*Counters* ~ Alan & Denise Wegner

*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.*

**October 4, 2020 ~ Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost (green)**

**LWML Sunday**

Duty Elders

Organist

Roy Arves / Len Koelbel

Joy Suek

**October 11, 2020 ~ Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost (green)**

Duty Elders

Organist

Roy Arves / Bill Sybrant

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**October 18, 2020 ~ Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost (green)**

Duty Elders

Organist

Martin Bauer / Shawn Shaw

Jeannine Eastley

**October 25, 2020 ~ Reformation Sunday (red)**

Duty Elders

Organist

Len Koelbel / Bill Sybrant

Jeannine Eastley

*Birthdays, Wedding, Baptismal and Confirmation Anniversaries*

 **OCTOBER**  
Anniversaries

October 2<sup>nd</sup>

October 23<sup>rd</sup>

October 23<sup>rd</sup>

Riley ♥ Krista Kotz (15)

Cory ♥ Lois Phillips (32)

Henry ♥ Alice Schuman (53)

 **OCTOBER**  
Birthdays

October 1<sup>st</sup>

Tarl Legg

October 14<sup>th</sup>

Arlene Royland (80+)

October 2<sup>nd</sup>

Channing Hartelius

October 15<sup>th</sup>

Caitee Miesmer

October 3<sup>rd</sup>

Vi Biberdorf (80+)

October 16<sup>th</sup>

Brian Flynn, Brad Norris

Evelyn McNaight (80+)

Zach Phillips

October 4<sup>th</sup>

Jim Going (80+)

October 18<sup>th</sup>

Jacalyn Lee

October 5<sup>th</sup>

Crosley Kotz, Elsie Lorenz (80+)

October 22<sup>nd</sup>

Clifton Grilley, Penny Hill

October 7<sup>th</sup>

Ashley Hill, Kolter Legg

October 24<sup>th</sup>

Alexandria Thompson

October 8<sup>th</sup>

Triston Burkstrand, Logan Stene

October 25<sup>th</sup>

Shayna Kellogg

October 9<sup>th</sup>

Kayla Christianson

October 26<sup>th</sup>

Clayton Walker

October 11<sup>th</sup>

Janice Bicsak

October 29<sup>th</sup>

Cheri Bauer, Bonnie Nommensen

October 12<sup>th</sup>

Ryon Burkstrand

October 30<sup>th</sup>

Kay Kessel, Justin Wade

October 13<sup>th</sup>

Jacob Eberly

October 31<sup>st</sup>

Samarah Hill, Courtney Schroeder

 **OCTOBER**  
Baptisms

October 1<sup>st</sup>

Flo Winter

October 21<sup>st</sup>

Diane Thompson

October 6<sup>th</sup>

Scott Kessel

October 23<sup>rd</sup>

Jacob Eberly

October 7<sup>th</sup>

Cally Felstet, Bayley Ginnaty

October 24<sup>th</sup>

Ericka Taylor

October 12<sup>th</sup>

Dayna VanVleet

October 25<sup>th</sup>

Jeff Thompson

October 15<sup>th</sup>

Kayla Christianson

October 26<sup>th</sup>

Peggy Norris, Arlene Royland

October 17<sup>th</sup>

Christopher Meehan

October 27<sup>th</sup>

Ashley Hill

October 18<sup>th</sup>

Vi Nell

October 29<sup>th</sup>

Jimmy Norris, Brent Stanger

 **OCTOBER**  
Confirmation Anniversaries

October 4<sup>th</sup>

Bob Magis

October 14<sup>th</sup>

Randi Meehan