



“And calling to him a child, [Jesus] put him in the midst of [the Disciples] and said, “Truly, I say to you, unless you turn and become like children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven. Whoever humbles himself like this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven.” Matthew 18:2-4

Jesus bids that we should come to Him like little children. Little children are completely dependent upon their caretakers for everything. He tells us that we all come to Him in this way, totally dependent upon Him. We have nothing to offer Him, but He gives us His eternal gifts of forgiveness, life, and salvation. At all stages of our lives, God calls us as His children to faith in Him. The Lord is at work among the people of Trinity Lutheran Church and Wee Disciples Preschool to bring us His good gifts.

Sunday, September 8th, we will begin another year of **Sunday School** with **Rally Day!** We invite children ages 3-18, and adults, to join us for Sunday School and Adult Bible Study. Sunday School begins in the Sanctuary at 8:30 am, and Bible study is in the Stahlecker Room in the Church Office. Please join us!

There are also opportunities for **Adult Bible Study** throughout the week. Besides Sunday morning, we have a women’s Bible study on Wednesdays at 9:30 am and a men’s Bible study on Thursdays at 8:30 am. If you are interested in joining a weeknight Bible Study, please let me know. If you have never been to a Bible study, or have not been to one in a while, please come check one of our studies out.

Our **Wednesday Evening Worship Service** will continue throughout the Fall. Service begins at 6:30 pm on Wednesday evening and lasts about half an hour. You are welcome to join us if you miss church on Sunday, or if you would like to attend another service. We have different readings, hymns and sermons.

We gather together as God’s children, young and old, to study His word and receive His gifts. Join us as we share in the blessings the Lord desires to give to us!

Pastor Jonathan Schultz

Paraphrased from September 2022 Lamplighter

Respect the Deadline!



OCTOBER LAMPLIGHTER DEADLINE

Please have your newsletter items into the church office by:

Monday, September 23rd!!



Mark Your calendars! Sunday, September 8, 2024

Bring your children, grandchildren and neighbors for Sunday school

8:30 am

age 3 through 6th grade in the Sanctuary

Junior High and High school downstairs in the Youth Room

and

Adult Bible study in the Fellowship Hall downstairs

followed by

Divine Service at 10:00 am

*Join us following the worship service for a **Congregational Picnic Potluck***

Sign up in the Narthex to bring a salad, side dish or dessert to share and enjoy hamburgers, hot dogs and fellowship!



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



The Wee Disciples Summer Program ends on Tuesday, August 27th. Again, this year, our summer was filled with field trips, taking care of the garden plots at the Pea Pods Community Gardens, daily activities at Trinity, and two opportunities to attend Vacation Bible School—one week at the beginning of June at Peace Lutheran Church and a three-day VBS in July at Trinity Lutheran Church. Thank you to all the families who shared their children with us for this wonderful summer opportunity! Thank you to our summer staff! Without you we would not have been able to have as many children in our summer program as we did!

Thank you to everyone who came to our **Back-to-School Open House on Thursday, August 22nd**. It was a great opportunity for children and their families to meet their teachers for the coming year, as well as a time to meet and visit with Pastor Schultz, and to have time to socialize with other Wee Disciples' families! August 28th will be the first full day of the new school year. Welcome back to all our returning children, and welcome to our new families! Wee Disciples will be closed on September 2nd for Labor Day.

Again, this year we will be continuing with our two fundraising opportunities—*Burgers for Benefits* on the third Tuesday of every month at Fuddrucker's and the Smith's Rewards Program. The next *Burgers for Benefits* will be on September 17th. Thank you to everyone who participates in these fundraising opportunities!

Wee Disciples' Board of Early Childhood Education will have its first meeting for this school year on **Thursday, September 5th at 6:30 pm**. Members of the board are: Pastor Reinke, Mitch Martin, and Brook Gerard from Peace Lutheran Church; and Pastor Schultz, Debbie Lee, Rochelle Kimmerle, Kristen Mansch, Lauralyn Fairbanks, Jenny Shaw, and Myrna Philipp from Trinity Lutheran Church. If you ever have any questions or concerns, please contact one of us.

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.

As we make our way towards Fall, it often seems to be a good time to make plans for the year ahead. *All ladies at Trinity are welcome and encouraged to attend any of the LWML activities or meetings* – including our upcoming planning meeting on **Saturday, September 7th**! Besides planning the next year's activities, we will also have time in God's Word and fellowship together. What fun it is to spend time with our sisters in Christ – Come join us!



“Joy” is the theme of our Fall Retreats this year, which will be held **September 20th -22nd**. The theme and dates are the same at both locations – Mountain Top Retreat near Bozeman & Camp Trinity near Bigfork. Retreats are a wonderful opportunity to spend time in study of God's Word and His many blessings for us. They also provide time for fellowship and fun, whether it's crafting, playing games or enjoying God's creation. Registration is open; invite a friend! Please talk to Amy Schultz for more information or see the LWML bulletin board outside the church office.

Our Central Zone Fall Rally is planned to be in Lewistown; **Saturday, September 28th, 9:30 am**, St. Paul Lutheran Church, 125 C St., Lewistown, MT.

Fun LWML fact: The Lutheran Women's Missionary League is made up of 40 Districts across the country; each District is divided into Zones, and each Zone is made up of Groups (usually at various LCMS congregations). The LWML Montana District is made up of 5 Zones (Western, Flathead, Divide, Central & Southeastern); the Central Zone consists of the Groups from many of the congregations in Chinook, Havre, Ft. Benton, Great Falls, Lewistown, Power, Fairfield, Stanford and Denton.

Upcoming Dates

Saturday, September 7th ~ Group Gathering ~ **9:30 am** in the Stahlecker Room

September 20th ~ 22nd ~ Camp Trinity, Bigfork or District Retreat at Mountain Top Retreat, Bozeman

Wednesday, September 18th ~ Board Meeting ~ **1:30 am** in the Stahlecker Room

Saturday, September 28th ~ Zone Fall Rally ~ **9:30 am** at St. Paul Lutheran, Lewistown, MT

June 26 - 29, 2025 ~ National Convention ~ Omaha, NE

Last winter the Council decided to use each month that we have five Sundays as a way to show additional support to a Mission project. In January we collected a free-will offering and sent it to Pastor Gerald and Heidi Paul in the Cayman Islands. In June it was decided to wait until fall for our next “Mission Sunday.” And now in September....

Sunday September 29th

following the Divine Service

“Olde Fashioned Ice Cream Social”

There will be ice cream, toppings and fellowship.

Come join in the sweet fun!

A free-will offering will be taken to help support our seminarians, William and Grace Harr





Handbells and Adult Choir will start rehearsing in September - and we are always looking for new members! Handbells will meet Tuesdays at 6:00 pm beginning 9/10 and Adult Choir will meet Wednesdays at 5:30 pm beginning 9/11. Please contact Judy or Amy for more information. Come join us in making music to the Lord!



Our video ministry goes out each week on our Facebook page and reaches countless people. The audio/video crew is looking for a few good people. No experience is needed, we will teach you what you will need to know. If you would be interested in helping with this very important ministry, contact Pastor Schultz or Cheryl Bauer (406-590-6460) for more information.



Wednesday Morning Ladies Bible study ~ The Wednesday Morning Ladies' Bible study group is continuing their study using LWML Bible studies. A new Bible study for this Fall has not yet been chosen. Join us for a morning of fellowship as we study God's Word each Wednesday from 9:30 am to 11:00 am in the Stahlecker Room.

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

Summer 2024 is in its last few weeks of glory. September's moderate temperatures encourage us to get out for those last fishing, boating, and camping trips. Gardens are still producing their final bounty of tomatoes, squash, and potatoes. School schedules are packed with academic, music, and sports activities.

The Friday Ladies Bible study ~ As school bells ring the Friday Ladies Bible Class resumes their meetings beginning a new study of *Philippians*. They will meet from 1:00 – 3:00 pm on September 6th, 13th, and 20th at the home of Marge Johnsten, 3000 8th Ave. S. Starting a new study is a great time to join the group!

Assisted Living Ministry ~ Assisted Living Ministry, with hymn singing and a devotion will meet as follows. On **Friday, September 27th** the no-host lunch will meet at the Bar S, 5100 North Star Blvd, at **11:30am**. Afterward many will go to Highgate Senior Living, 3000 11th Ave. S., to share in fellowship and song with the residents. Transportation to any of these activities is available by calling Marge at 406-788-0180.

Pastor Reinke will hold worship services on the following dates. On **Wednesday, September 11th at 2:30pm** he will be at *The Lodge* and on **Monday, September 16th at 1:30pm** he will be at *Highgate Senior Living*. This is another opportunity to share your presence with some of "God's older children" as Pastor brings God's word.

COMPARISON OF GIVING REPORT ~ 2024

For the period July 28, 2024 through August 18, 2024



July 28 th	\$2,627
August 4 th	\$5,688
August 11 th	\$4,198
August 18 th	\$2,346
Vanco	\$2,025

Actual giving for report period: \$16,884

Roof Repair Fund –through 08/18/2024 \$49,149

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



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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), **George Pence** (The Rainbow), **Myrtle Pence** (Benefis Extended Care), **Lauretta Stanfield** (at home); **Juanita Winter** (Bee Hive Homes-Clover)



Bob Blomstrom (Helena), **Darlene Murray** (at son's home in Kansas), **Vi-Nell** (at son's home in Spokane, WA)

Our members who continue to battle health issues and their caregivers

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

We pray for our expectant mothers and their families:

Chris & Meredith Wiegert (Bauer's nephew)

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

Nathan Brenner, USAF; **Scott Broberg**, USAF; **Daniel Crème'**, USAF; **Ricardo Dominguez**, USAF; **Matthew Erickson**, USAF (Anita Erickson's grandson); **Howard Filbert**, USAF; **Landon Grosenick**, MANG (Pam Grosenick's grandson); **Kelli Lynch**, USAF; **Kale Martin**, USAF; **Isaac Monroe**, USAF; **Martin Shabaan**, USAF; **Chaplain Jonathan Schultz**, USAF; **Kalainee Teaney**, USAF; **Julie Timms** (Waetzig's granddaughter)

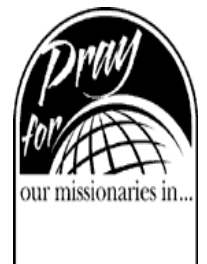
Rev. Dr. David & Jennifer Preus ~ Eurasia (Romania)

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



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Worship Assistants



SEPTEMBER

Serving this Month

Altar Guild ~ Denise Wegner / Barb Going / Sandy Baranko / Candace Tanksley

Ushers ~ Alan Wegner / Elders

Mid-week Services

September 4 th	Duty Elder	Bob Nommensen
September 11 th	Duty Elder	TBA
September 18 th	Duty Elder	TBA
September 25 th	Duty Elder	TBA

September 1, 2024 ~ Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost (green)

Duty Elders		Roy Arves / Len Koelbel
Audio/Video		Isaac Schultz
Organist		Joy Suek
Acolytes		TBA
Counters		Alan & Denise Wegner

September 8, 2024 ~ Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost (green)

Duty Elders		Shawn Shaw / Bill Sybrant
Audio/Video		Cheryl Bauer
Organist		NOA
Acolytes		TBA
Counters		Alan & Denise Wegner

September 15, 2024 ~ Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost (green)

Duty Elders		TBA
Audio/Video		Josh Schultz
Organist		NOA
Acolytes		TBA
Counters		Alan & Denise Wegner

September 22, 2024 ~ Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost (green)

Duty Elders		TBA
Audio/Video		Cheryl Bauer
Organist		Joy Suek
Acolytes		TBA
Counters		Alan & Denise Wegner

September 29, 2024 ~ Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost (green)

Duty Elders		TBA
Audio/Video		Isaac Schultz
Organist		NOA
Acolytes		TBA
Counters		Alan & Denise Wegner

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

September 1st Kathie Gessaman
 September 5th Jacksin Graves, Serenity Miesmer
 September 7th Carolyn Arves (80+), Denise Wegner
 September 10th Brian Felstet, Pam Grosenick
 Pam Nommensen
 September 11th Ada Burkstrand, Christopher Meehan
 September 12th Jaymes Crumley, Meredith Tabbert
 September 13th Patty Jones, **Myrtle Pence (90+)**
 Al Redenbaugh, Brett Stene
 September 16th Ericka Taylor



September 18th Shawna Burkstrand
 September 19th Briana Bishop
 September 22nd Bob Bergan, Zander Martello
 Charlotte Morrison
 Jimmy Norris
 September 24th Janet Headington, Tonya Wandke
 September 27th Hailey Houle
 September 29th Michael Bush, Kaleigh Smith
 September 30th



September 3rd Jerry ♥ Colleen Mans (63)
 September 5th Ed ♥ Sherri VanVleet (54)
 September 7th Seth ♥ Jamey Wheeler (23)
 Adam ♥ Tina Bink (17)
 Daniel ♥ Deborah Farris (13)
 Chad ♥ Michele Mans (27)



September 9th Clifton Grilley, Collette Grina
 September 10th Doug Nelson
 September 11th Matt Gollahon
 September 13th Tim Guderjahn, Myrtle Pence
 September 14th Chuck Lorenz
 September 15th Karla Adelmeyer, Cody Stene
 September 16th Connie Felstet

September 19th Mychal Taylor
 September 20th Tracy Martello
 September 24th Pam Grosenick
 September 25th Cathy Christianson
 September 27th David O'Meara
 September 30th Mason Voegel

September 11th Matt Gollahon
 September 13th Myrtle Pence

