

Grace Notes

October 4, 2026

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Check your Narthex mailboxes, please

Sunday – 10/04/2026 ~ Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

LWML Sunday

8:30a

Sunday school & Adult Bible study

10:00a

Divine Service

Duty Elders ~ Martin Bauer / Matthew Clark

Audio/Video/Music ~ Denise Rutledge

Monday – 10/05/2026

Tuesday – 10/06/2026

5:45p

Hand Bell Choir practice

Wednesday – 10/07/2026

9:30a

Ladies Bible study

5:30p

Adult Choir practice

6:30p

Mid-week Service

Duty Elder ~

Thursday – 10/08/2026

8:30a

Men's Bible study

6:00p

Board of Elders

Friday – 10/09/2026

Church Office Closed

Nothing scheduled

Saturday – 10/10/2026

Nothing scheduled

Sunday – 10/11/2026 ~ *Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost*

8:30a

Sunday school & Adult Bible study

10:00a

Divine Service

Duty Elders ~

Audio/Video/Music ~

Noisy Offering ~ Check those couch cushions and between the seats in the truck, because there will be a chance to chuck your change on **LWML Sunday, October 4th**. We will be collecting coins and bills after church to support mission work here in Montana and all over the world - just look for the metal bucket and listen for the difference you can make in spreading the Gospel and the love of Jesus.

Endowment Fund ~ The Endowment Committee has determined that the Endowment Fund has money to be distributed. The congregation is invited to stop in the church office and pick up an application and submit it for the committee to consider. Your project must be outside Trinity Lutheran Church's regular mission outreach programs, be for Christian education, missions and outreach. Deadline for applications is **October 18, 2026**.

Roof Replacement Fund ~ On September 9th at a Special Voter's meeting, it was decided to go with MK Roofing to replace the roof here at Trinity. The project will include the Sanctuary roof, Narthex roof, flat roof and seamless gutters. We have scheduled this project for June 2027. Members are encouraged to continue contributing to the Roof Replacement Fund. There are special envelopes in the back of the Sanctuary to place your donations in. If you have questions about this project, please talk to James Neumann, Cheryl Bauer or Pastor Schultz.

Undie Sunday ~ **December 6th** the LWML will be collecting underwear to donate to the Rescue Mission. Packages of new undies for men, women and children can be donated at the display in the Narthex - all styles and sizes. (We will also be gathering more donations at our Advent Brunch on December 12th and taking our donations to the Rescue Mission that afternoon.) Please help us provide for the needs of others and bring new underwear on Undie Sunday!

Don't forget....

Check your Narthex mailboxes, please

Snow Removal Sign-up ~ Help is needed for the winter to remove snow from the sidewalks before church on Sunday mornings. If you would be willing to help, there is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board outside the church office.

Trinity Scholarships ~ The application is available on our website (www.trinity-mt.org) or in the church office. There are special envelopes in the back of the Sanctuary to place your donations in.

Wee Disciples Job Opening ~ Please contact Director Debbie Lee at (406) 799-5881 or Trinity Lutheran Church at (406) 452-2121 for more information.

Board of Education Chairperson ~ Please contact Pastor (406-402-2081) or James Neumann (406-868-2570).

Offering Counters are needed ~ Please call the Ron VanVoast (307-631-5949) or the church office (406-452-2121)

Fellowship Time Set-up Help Needed!! ~ If you are interested, please talk to Pastor (406-402-2081) or Cheryl (406-452-2121).

Fellowship Time Clean-up Help Needed!! ~ If you are interested, please talk to Pastor (406-402-2081) or the church office (406-452-2121).

Coffee and Chat ~ Want to learn sign language? New to American Sign language? Not sure where to start? Join us for Coffee and Chat! Learn more signs and practice what you know in a calm environment. **Every third Saturday of the month 11:00am-12:30pm** at the **Double Barrel Coffee House**, 1500 9th Ave S. Sponsored by Peace Lutheran Church and Christ Lutheran Church for the Deaf, 3340 11th Ave S. Great Falls MT 59405.

The week of October 4th through October 11th

Celebrating their Wedding Anniversaries this week

None

Celebrating their Birthday this week

<i>October 4th</i>	<i>Jim Going (90+)</i>
<i>October 5th</i>	<i>Scott Backus</i>
	<i>Elsie Lorenz (90+)</i>
<i>October 7th</i>	<i>Ashley Hill</i>
	<i>Taylyn Voegel</i>
<i>October 8th</i>	<i>Jacob Russell</i>
	<i>Logan Stene</i>
<i>October 10th</i>	<i>Hannah Schultz</i>
<i>October 11th</i>	<i>Jan Bicsak</i>

Celebrating their Baptismal Anniversaries this week

<i>October 5th</i>	<i>Jessica Brookie</i>
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Celebrating their Confirmation anniversaries this week

<i>October 4th</i>	<i>Bob Magis</i>
<i>October 5th</i>	<i>Jessica Brookie</i>

Contribution and Attendance Numbers

for the week of September 14th through September 20th

Mid-week Service	16
Adult Bible study (<i>Ladie's, Men's, Sunday</i>)	29
Sunday School	11
Divine Service	69
Offerings	\$4,030
Vanco	\$395
Roof Replacement	\$5,250

for the week of September 21st through September 27th

Mid-week Service	20
Adult Bible study (<i>Ladie's, Men's, Sunday</i>)	27
Sunday School	9
Divine Service	85
Offerings	\$2,960
Vanco	\$495
Roof Replacement	\$250

Returning to India: My Sixth Mission Trip

On October 17th, I will be returning to *Mercy Orphanage* in India for two weeks. This will be my sixth trip in nearly 20 years, and most likely my last.

Isaiah 1:17 sums up much of why this work has remained so important to me: *“Learn to do right; seek justice. Defend the oppressed. Take up the cause of the fatherless; plead the case of the widow.”*

Over nearly 20 years, I’ve had the blessing of returning to the same place and seeing what happens over time. Children I first met at the orphanage have grown up. Some have become nurses and teachers. Some have gotten married and are building lives of their own. Being able to return and see them as adults has been one of the greatest blessings of these trips.

Our work also takes us beyond the orphanage. We visit families living in slum areas, widows, people with disabilities, people affected by leprosy, and remote villages where something as basic as clean water can make an enormous difference.

What Your Gift Can Do

\$3–\$5• A gift for one of more than 600 orphan children

\$16• Food for a family living in the slums

\$18• Food and clothing for a widow

\$15• A solar-powered audio Bible for someone who cannot read

\$220• A well providing clean water to a remote village

A Memorial That Gives Clean Water

On my last trip, one of the wells I visited was the one my family sponsored in memory of my mother-in-law. For just \$220, sponsoring a well can be a hugely impactful way to honor someone you love while providing clean water to a village of people who need it.

This year, we hope to raise \$2,000–\$3,000 to fund as many of these projects as possible.

We pay for our own airfare and travel expenses, so the money we raise is used to fund these projects.

How You Can Help

If you would like to support these projects, donations of any amount are greatly appreciated.

PayPal: @Bergan10087

Or simply scan the PayPal QR code on this page.

Checks can also be made out to **Bob Bergan** and marked “*Mercy Orphanage Mission Trip.*”

We also greatly appreciate your prayers for safe travel, our team members, the children at the orphanage and others we will visit, the projects we hope to complete, and that everything we do will be to the glory of God.

Thank you for your prayers and support.

Bob Bergan

PRAYER REQUESTS

*For prayer requests, please call the church office (406-452-2121)
or email us at trinity@trinity-mt.org*

We pray for....

the family of Phyllis Mansch (Kristen Mansch's grandmother)

We pray for our members

Joyce Bush	Ellen Carpenter
Michael Garver	Lucy Ann Hall
Neil Hamm	Larry Homen
Lidia Neumann	Kirk Norris
Myrna Philipp	David O'Meara
Joy Suek	

We pray for friends and family of our members

Martie Curl (VanVoast's friend)
Greyson (6-year-old friend of Arves grandson)
Gary Headington
Fran Holt (Michael Garver's mother)
Janet Hussli (Pam Grosenick's sister-in-law)
Dawn Krueger (Pam Grosenick's sister)
Laura (Denise Wegner's friend)
Roger & Marlene Lienau (Cheryl Bauer's parents)
Kyla Moyle (Lively's friend)
Rebecca (Debbie Lee's sister)
Jim Smith (VanVoast's friend)
Rick Sotak (Matt Clark's grandfather)
Betty Stene (Brett Stene's mother)
Don Ullrich (VanVoast's daughter-in-law's father)
Tom & Nancy Wheeler (Seth & Clint Wheeler's parents)
Fred and Beverly Wibert (Sam Birkett's grandparents)
Kathy Zagel (wife of former pastor Bruce Zagel)
Merle Ziegleman (VanVoast's friend)

We pray for our shut-ins

Mildred Birkholz (The Lodge)	Ellen Carpenter (Golden Eagle)
Anita Erickson (at home)	Ed Hickel (at home)
Arleen Nelson (Rosetta Assisted Living)	Barbara Zafft (The Lodge)
Bob Blomstrom (Helena)	Darlene Murray (in Kansas)

We pray for the pastors of the Montana District with health concerns

Pastor Robin Fish (pastor at Power/Fairfield)

Pastor John Valle (former member of Trinity)

Pastor Ray Wiegert (former pastor at Messiah-Missoula)

We pray for our members battling health issues and their caregivers

Roy & Carolyn Arves	Jim & Barb Going (Washington)
Chuck & Judy Lively	Jerry & Colleen Mans
Henry & Alice Schuman	Lindy & Lauretta Stanfield

We pray for those serving in the military and for our First Responders

Sam Birkett, Cascade County Sheriff's Detective

Matt Clark, Great Falls Emergency Services

Scott Backus, MANG

Scott Broberg, USAF

Ricardo Dominguez, USAF

Caleb Eberly, USA

Jacob Eberly, USA

Matthew Erickson, USAF (Anita Erickson's grandson)

Landon Grosenick, MANG (Pam Grosenick's grandson)

Chaplain Jonathan Schultz, USAF Reserves

Mychal Taylor, MANG

Vail VanVoast (LaVelle & Ron's granddaughter), MANG

Mattie Young, ANG

CONCERNING THE LORD’S SUPPER

The Lord’s Supper is celebrated at this congregation in the confession and glad confidence that, as He says, our Lord gives into our mouths not only bread and wine but His very body and blood to eat and to drink for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our union with Him and with one another. Our Lord invites to His table those who trust His words, repent of all sin, and set aside any refusal to forgive and love as He forgives and loves us, that they may show forth His death until He comes.

Because those who eat and drink our Lord’s body and blood unworthily do so to their great harm and because Holy Communion is a confession of the faith which is confessed at this altar, any who are not yet instructed, in doubt or who hold a confession differing from that of this congregation and The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, and yet desire to receive the Sacrament, are asked first to speak with the pastor or an usher.

For further study, see Matthew 5:23ff; 10:32ff; 18:15–35; 26:26–29; 1 Corinthians 1:28; 11:17–34.

Other Helpful Links

Trinity Lutheran Church	www.trinity-mt.org
Also visit & “like” our Facebook page	
Montana District LCMS	www.mtdistlcms.org
LCMS	www.lcms.org
Concordia Publishing House	www.cph.org
Higher Things	www.higherthings.org
Issues, Etc.	www.issuesetc.org
The Word of the Lord Endures Forever	thewordendures.org
Lutherans for Life	lutheransforlife.org
LWML	www.lwml.org
The Lutheran Witness	www.lcms.org/witness
LCMS Radio on the web	www.kfuoaam.org
Lutheran Hour Ministries	www.lhm.org
The Reporter	www.lcms.org/reporter