



## Set Apart To Serve... Vicarage Placement

*When [Jesus] saw the crowds, he had compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. Then he said to his disciples, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest." Matthew 9:36-38 - ESV*

For Seminarians preparing to serve as Pastors in The Lutheran Church -- Missouri Synod, there are two particular days that are especially significant. The first is Vicarage Placement, which typically happens in April during the second year of Seminary. The second special day is Call Day, when Seminarians (at the end of their studies) receive their first Call and find out where they will first serve as a pastor.

Our Seminarian - William Harr - will receive his vicarage placement on Tuesday, April 28<sup>th</sup>. A Vicarage is a year-long pastoral internship where seminarians are placed in congregations to receive hands-on experience serving under the supervision of a Pastor. The Seminarian is called a "Vicar" for that year, and spends their time preaching, visiting, attending meetings, counseling, answering phones, writing sermons and preparing Bible Studies, teaching Sunday School, and whatever else needs to be done. Later this summer, Will, Grace, and Ada will move to their Vicarage Congregation for the next year.

I was thinking about that a few weeks ago when I realized that my vicarage placement was twenty years ago this month. In April of 2006, I was finishing up my second year at Concordia Seminary in St. Louis, MO. Our class gathered in the Chapel of St Timothy and St Titus for the Vicarage Placement Service. After the sermon, we each walked across the front of the chapel where the Placement Director read our names and told us where we would serve our Vicarage. Amy and I found out that day that I would serve my vicarage at Trinity Lutheran Church in Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

For the two of us, it meant moving to the South to serve in a congregation significantly larger than what we were familiar with. At that time, Trinity Lutheran had two Pastors, four services a weekend, and a Lutheran Day School serving children from preschool through 8th grade. Amy spent the year teaching music at school, working for the after-school program, teaching Sunday School and directing choir with the Church. I spent the year doing a mission project for the church and school, writing sermons, preaching, teaching, planning and leading worship services, making lots of hospital visits, learning about the homeless population, running the youth program... the list went on and on.

Baton Rouge was a place with delicious foods, where we learned about a new culture and a new language (ask Amy what "fixin to make some groceries" means...).

It was a year full of blessings and challenges. We were far away from anywhere we had ever called home. The days were very long and incredibly busy. There were lots of people to get to know, friends to make, and far too many meetings to attend. Hardly anyone outside of Church knew what a Lutheran was. The City of Baton Rouge, as well as our congregation, had grown substantially in the previous year as transplants from New Orleans had moved to town following Hurricane Katrina.

At the end of that year, a few weeks before we were *fixin* to move back to St Louis for my final year of Seminary, Joshua was born. Our vicarage congregation supported us tremendously through a three-week NICU stay, and as we moved back to St Louis to complete my final year of studies.

Through all of those experiences, the Lord was at work in our lives and in the congregation, as we learned and grew together.

Our Seminarian, William Harr, will receive his vicarage placement on April 28<sup>th</sup> at 5:00pm MDT. The service will be streamed from the Concordia Theological Seminary website, and you can find it here: <https://portal.ctsfw.edu/s/vicar-intern-assignment-service>

I ask that you join me in prayer for all of those preparing to serve in the church as pastors, teachers, and other workers. Pray that God would be with the Harr family during this time of transition and preparation. Pray that God would give them peace, and safety in their travels. As the Lord bids us in Matthew 9, pray that the Lord of the Harvest will send more laborers into his harvest.

May the Lord of the Harvest bless our churches with Pastors and People, gathered together around His Word, to receive His Good Gifts!

*Pastor Jonathan Schultz*

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## **JUNE LAMPLIGHTER DEADLINE**

*Please have your calendar items into the church office by:*

**Tuesday, May 26<sup>th</sup>!!**



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## **WEE DISCIPLES**

*For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, plans for welfare and not for evil, to give you a future and a hope.*

*Jeremiah 29:11*



Thank you to everyone who attended our *Easter Family Chapel* on April 7<sup>th</sup>. The children did a wonderful job of enthusiastically sharing the **GOOD NEWS** of Jesus 'resurrection with their families and friends!

Another school year is rapidly drawing to a close, and we are currently enrolling students for summer and for the 2026-2027 school year. If you have questions concerning available openings, please talk to Debbie Lee or Amy Schultz.

Wee Disciples will be closed for Memorial Day on Monday, May 25<sup>th</sup>. The last day of school for this school year is June 5<sup>th</sup>. Our *End-of-Year/Preschool Graduation Family Chapel* will be held on June 4<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm. Refreshments will be served following the service. Join us as the children share the songs and Bible passages they have learned throughout this past school year.

Watch for future announcements about when our *Back-to-School Open House* will be held. Also, coming up next fall we will be celebrating the 35<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Wee Disciples!

Wee Disciples is currently hiring for the summer and fall. We are looking for full and part-time Early Childhood staff members. We are open Monday-Friday from 7:00am to 6:00pm with flexible scheduling. If you enjoy working with children and spreading the message and love of God, this is the opportunity for you! Please contact Director Debbie Lee at (406) 799-5881 or Amy Schultz, Assistant Director, at (970)480-7776, or Trinity Lutheran Church at (406) 452-2121 for more information.

Did you know that our fundraising evenings continue the third Tuesday of each month at Fuddruckers throughout the summer months? Our next evening will be May 19<sup>th</sup> from 5:00 to 9:00pm. Fuddruckers donates 20% of your total ticket purchase to Wee Disciples. Coupons are available on the announcement board by the church office. Thank you to everyone who has attended these fundraising evenings! Also, thanks to everyone who participates in the Smith's Rewards Program—this program runs year around!

***Praise God from whom all blessings flow!***

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? The application is available on our website ([www.trinity-mt.org](http://www.trinity-mt.org)) or in the church office. **NOTE ~ The congregation is encouraged to contribute to the scholarship fund just as we do the roof repair or any other special fund. There are special envelopes in the back of the Sanctuary to place your donations in.**



Wee Disciples is proud to announce that our Foster Grandma, Ann Marie, was awarded the **Volunteer of the Year Award** for the local Foster Grandparent program through the county and AmeriCorps Seniors. Ann Marie has been a foster grandparent for 16 years, with 11 of those being at Wee Disciples. Ann Marie reads to and with the children, helps with meals, fixes torn books, and helps in many other ways. She is so caring and has a great relationship with the children in our care. We are thankful to have her!

### **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.*



**Wednesday Ladies Bible study** ~ Wednesday mornings from 9:30 to 11:00am in the Stahlecker Room. All the ladies of the congregation are invited and encouraged to attend.

**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.

**Fellowship Time Help Needed!!** We are looking for individuals or couples who would be willing to help set up the coffee and cookies for Sunday mornings. This would be one or two Saturdays a month (the more people who volunteer the less often you would be asked to help). If you are interested, please talk to Pastor (406-402-2081) or Cheryl (406-452-2121).

**We are also looking for individuals, couples, families or groups** who would be willing to help with the tear down and clean-up follow Fellowship time each Sunday. If you are interested, please talk to Pastor (406-402-2081) or Cheryl (406-452-2121).

**A/V Help** ~ 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 to help with this very important ministry. No experience is needed; we will teach you what you will need to know.** If you would be interested in helping, contact Pastor (406-402-2081) or Cheryl (406-452-2121) for more information.



**COMPARISON OF GIVING REPORT ~ 2026**

For the period March 29<sup>th</sup> through April 19<sup>th</sup>



March 29 <sup>th</sup>	\$4,375
April 3 <sup>rd</sup> ( <i>Maundy Thursday, Good Friday</i> )	\$2,850
April 5 <sup>th</sup> ( <i>Easter Vigil, Sunrise</i> )	\$ 926
April 5 <sup>th</sup>	\$5,990
April 12 <sup>th</sup>	\$3,642
April 19 <sup>th</sup>	3,124
Vanco	\$1,580
Roof Repair Fund ( <i>as of April 19<sup>th</sup></i> )	\$32,577

**Actual giving for report period: \$22,487**

If you have any questions, please call me at (406) 403-3596 ~ *Cindy Stene, Bookkeeper*

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**Offering Counters are needed** to assist the Treasurer and Bookkeeper in counting and recording 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 with this necessary mission.



### **Our shut-ins**

**Mildred Birkholz** (The Lodge), **Ellen Carpenter** (Eagle's Manor), **Anita Erickson** (at home), **Ed Hickel** (at home), **Arleen Nelson** (Rosetta Assisted Living), **Lauretta Stanfield** (at home); **Barbara Zafft** (The Lodge)

**Bob Blomstrom** (Helena), **Darlene Murray** (at son's home in Kansas)

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

Roy & Carolyn Arves, Jim & Barb Going (*Washington*), Chuck & Judy Lively

Jerry & Colleen Mans, Henry & Alice Schuman

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

**Sam Birkett**, Cascade County 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; **Mattie Young**, ANG

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### **We pray for our Montana District missionaries...**

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

**John & Jenn Wolf** ~ Kenya

**Rev. Dr. Gerald & Heidi Paul** ~ Peru

**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](http://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](mailto:mission.giving@lcms.org).

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**Christ for the Deaf Rummage Sale** ~ Members of Christ for the Deaf will host a rummage sale on May 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> at Peace Lutheran Church 3340 11<sup>th</sup> Avenue S. Donations can be brought over anytime. The church office is open Monday through Thursday from 9:00am to 1:00pm.

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**VBS at Peace Lutheran** will be **June 15<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup>** and theme will be *Wake, Awake: Watching for Jesus*. More information will come later.



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### **Montana District Red Lodge Camp 2025**

**Family Camp:** June 26<sup>th</sup> ~ 28<sup>th</sup> registration is \$150 / family

**Youth Retreat:** June 22<sup>nd</sup> ~ June 25<sup>th</sup> registration is \$75 / camper

*Camp is for 7<sup>th</sup> grade graduates through students going into 12<sup>th</sup> grade*

*Campers should attend with a church group or parent*

**Remember** - Trinity will pay half of the registration fee for your student(s) so register early! **Make checks payable to Trinity Lutheran Church.**

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**Trinity Lutheran Camp** ~ Big Fork ~ Online registration is now open for Trinity Lutheran Camp in Bigfork, MT at: [www.TrinityLutheranCamp.org](http://www.TrinityLutheranCamp.org). **Trinity's discount code is "TRINITYGREATFALLS50"**



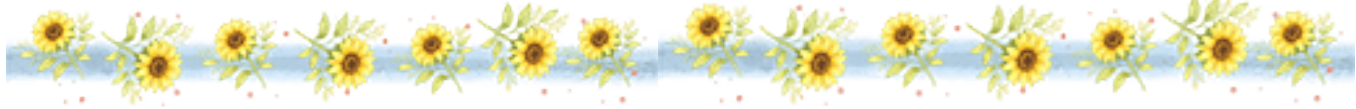
**We will honor our graduates with a cake reception on May 17<sup>th</sup> following the Divine Service.**



**Tracy Lou Miesmer** was born February 27, 2008, to Christopher and Amanda Miesmer, she is the eldest grandchild of Scott Mansch, and her siblings are Caitee Miesmer and Serenity Miesmer. Tracy was baptized: April 27, 2008, and confirmed: May 11, 2025, both at Trinity Lutheran Church and she attended Wee Disciples for preschool. She will be graduating from Great Falls High School with an Honors Diploma on May 31, 2026. Tracy has already completed most of her prerequisite college classes. She has been accepted into the Neuroscience program and will begin at the University of Montana in Missoula this coming fall. In addition to taking dual credit courses and honors classes she has enjoyed working at Wee Disciples and hopes to continue to help out in between semesters.

**Adalyn Jacey Voegel** was born August 1, 2008, to Robert Voegel and Bobbie (Taylor) Voegel. She was baptized: August 2, 2009, and confirmed: May 16, 2021, both at Trinity Lutheran Church. Adalyn has two siblings; Mason Voegel and Taylyn Voegel. She is graduating from CM Russell High School on May 31, 2026. She has worked hard throughout her education and is privileged to be receiving an Honors Diploma. She completed the course and testing to become a Certified Nursing Assistant (CNA) and is currently employed at Benefis Hospital as a CNA. She plans to go to college in the fall at Montana State University in Bozeman to pursue a Bachelor of Science degree in Nursing.





**Serving this Month**

*Altar Guild* ~ Denise Wegner / Sandy Baranko / Candace Tanksley

*Ushers* ~ Alan Wegner / Roy Arves / Elders

**Mid-Week Service ~ Duty Elders**

<b>May 6<sup>th</sup></b>	Ron VanVoast
<b>May 13<sup>th</sup></b> ( <i>Ascension</i> )	Shawn Shaw
<b>May 20<sup>th</sup></b>	Martin Bauer
<b>May 27<sup>th</sup></b>	Martin Bauer

**May 3, 2026 ~ Fifth Sunday of Easter (white)**

Duty Elders	Scott Broberg / Bill Sybrant
Audio/Video/Music	Issac Schultz
Fellowship Set-up ~ Jessica Brookie	Fellowship Clean-up ~ Judy Boyce

**May 10, 2026 ~ Sixth Sunday of Easter (white)**

Duty Elders	Martin Bauer / Shawn Shaw
Audio/Video	Cheryl Bauer
Organist	Gloria Creek
Fellowship Set-up ~ Jessica Brookie	Fellowship Clean-up ~ Alice Schuman

**May 17, 2026 ~ Seventh Sunday of Easter (white)**

Duty Elders	Bill Sybrant / Ron VanVoast
Audio/Video/Music	Denise Rutledge
Fellowship Set-up ~ Alyssa Birkett	Fellowship Clean-up ~ Elsie Lorenz

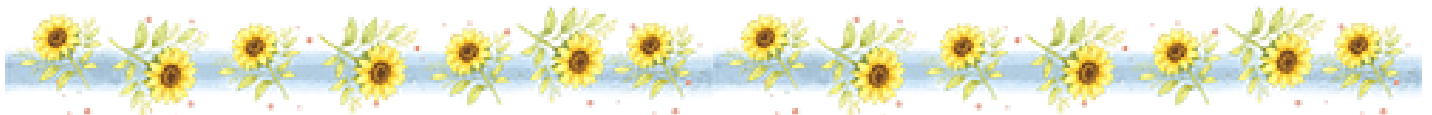


**May 24, 2026 ~ The Day of Pentecost (red)**

Duty Elders	Len Koelbel / Ron VanVoast
Audio/Video/Music	Issac Schultz
Fellowship Set-up ~ Jessica Brookie	Fellowship Clean-up ~ Sandy Baranko

**May 31, 2026 ~ The Holy Trinity (white)**

Duty Elders	Scott Broberg / Ron VanVoast
Audio/Video/Music	Denise Rutledge
Fellowship Set-up ~ Jessica Brookie	Fellowship Clean-up ~ Sam & Alyssa Birkett



# Birthdays and Wedding, Baptismal and Confirmation Anniversaries

May 1<sup>st</sup> Christian Neumann  
 May 2<sup>nd</sup> Zachary Smith  
 May 3<sup>rd</sup> Helyn O'Meara  
 May 6<sup>th</sup> Cheri Zrawka  
 May 7<sup>th</sup> Morgan Shaw  
 May 8<sup>th</sup> **Henry Schuman (90+)**  
           Ruby Willey  
 May 9<sup>th</sup> Michele Mans  
 May 11<sup>th</sup> Ryan Neumann  
 May 12<sup>th</sup> Baylie Isakson  
           Gwendolyn Taylor  
 May 13<sup>th</sup> Linda Bergan, Isaac Lee



May 17<sup>th</sup> Brydger Ginnaty  
           Delaney Lautenschlager  
 May 19<sup>th</sup> James Lautenschlager  
 May 21<sup>st</sup> Kristen Mansch  
           Trey Wheeler  
 May 22<sup>nd</sup> **Alice Schuman (90+)**  
 May 25<sup>th</sup> Kane Smith  
 May 28<sup>th</sup> Colton Martello  
           Russell Martello  
 May 30<sup>th</sup> Carter Bicsak  
           **Joyce Bush (90+), Kim Kimmerle**  
 May 31<sup>st</sup> Judy Boyce, Cory Phillips, Rob Voegel

May 2<sup>nd</sup>  
 May 4<sup>th</sup>  
 May 8<sup>th</sup>  
 May 9<sup>th</sup>  
 May 25<sup>th</sup>  
 May 26<sup>th</sup>  
 May 27<sup>th</sup>  
 May 28<sup>th</sup>

Christian ♥ Stephanie Neumann (7)  
 Matthias ♥ Marie Paul (2)  
 Russell ♥ Tracy Martello (21)  
 Mychal ♥ Ericka Taylor (6)  
 Josh ♥ Denise Rutledge (13)  
**Kenneth ♥ Sandra Heinert (53)**  
 Patrick ♥ Lucy Hall (22)  
 Alan ♥ Denise Wegner (33)



May 20<sup>th</sup>  
 May 21<sup>st</sup>  
 May 22<sup>nd</sup>  
 May 23<sup>rd</sup>  
 May 30<sup>th</sup>

May 1<sup>st</sup> Ron VanVoast  
 May 2<sup>nd</sup> Wes Bauer  
 May 3<sup>rd</sup> Rachel Schultz  
 May 4<sup>th</sup> Rayn Ginnaty  
 May 5<sup>th</sup> Evelyn Dominguez  
 May 8<sup>th</sup> Len Christianson  
           Rev. Gerald Paul  
           Ryan Copp  
 May 9<sup>th</sup> Melissa Soldano  
 May 11<sup>th</sup> Randy Klatt  
 May 12<sup>th</sup> Ryan Nommensen  
           Marlyn Gersak  
           Gary Vik  
           Dani Carlstadt  
 May 18<sup>th</sup> Don Lee, Taylyn Voegel  
           Lucy Ann Hall, Helyn O'Meara  
           Carter Bicsak



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Bonnie Bauer, Michael Bicsak  
Tim Chapman, Kristen Hamm

Maryanne Kingland, Michele Mans, Melissa Soldano

Joyce Bush, Mick Jones, Treve Mans

Trey Mans, Amanda Miesmer, Charlotte Morrison

Patrick Norris, Matthias Paul, Shawn Shaw

Adalyn Voegel

Chad Mans

Cheryl Bauer, William Harr

John Shaw, Trey Wheeler

May 1<sup>st</sup>

May 2<sup>nd</sup>

May 3<sup>rd</sup>

May 4<sup>th</sup>

May 5<sup>th</sup>

May 6<sup>th</sup>

Carolyn Arves, Brianna Backus  
Joseph Nommensen, Alicia O'Meara

Jessi Payne, Austin Webb

Emily Justice, Morgan Shaw

Pam Grosenick, Matthew Kade

Christian Neumann, Ryan Nommensen

Mychal Taylor, Blaize Wegner

Samantha Williams

Laura Filson, Kristen Mansch, Jasen Remus

Wes Bauer, Brittnie Clark

Patty Jones, Mikaela Neill

Matt Clark, Alec Jones, Tracy Martello

Jim Going

OD Jones

Donald Hamm, Harper Lautenschlager, Caitee Miesmer

Tracy Miesmer, Alex Shabaan, Meredith Tabbert, Leif Tanksley

Carter Bicsak, Delaney Lautenschlager, Sarah Lautenschlager, Trevyn Mans

Helyn O'Meara, Isaac Schultz, Gunnar Tanksley



Logan Stene, Ericka Taylor

Alyssa Birkett, Doris Hamm

Rayn Ginnaty, Tyson Wheeler, Mattie Young

Jenny Eberly, Pam Nommensen

Roy Craven, Deborah Farris, Jillian Homen, Chris Magis

Cheryl Dalla Mura, Jane Green, Gary Neumann

Keith Bicsak

Ed Hickel

Shayna Kellogg

Martin Bauer, Ada Burkstrand, Ellen Carpenter, Marlyn Gersack

Jan Bicsak, Scott Broberg

Cody Stene