



Trinity Lutheran Church
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DECEMBER LAMPLIGHTER DEADLINE

Please have your newsletter items into the church office by:

Monday, November 18th!!

Abide with Us, Lord

On the Day of the Resurrection, two disciples were walking the road to Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem. As they walked, they talked about all that had happened in Jerusalem over the past few days. Jesus came and walked with them, although they didn't recognize Him. He asked them what they were talking about, and they told Him what they had seen and heard about Jesus' death and resurrection. Go ahead and read this in Luke 24:13-35.

One phrase in that reading sticks in my mind: as they approached the town of Emmaus, Jesus acted as if He was going to continue on. But the two Disciples urged Him to stay: "*Abide with us, for it is toward evening and the day is now far spent.*" (Luke 24:29)

I think of that passage often this time of year as the evenings lengthen and the daytime dwindles. Jesus stayed with those two Disciples. He ate with them, and when "He took the bread and blessed and broke and gave it to them, their eyes were opened and they recognized Him."

The Hymn, *Abide with Me* (LSB 878) is inspired by this text. We frequently sing this hymn at our Wednesday evening service as darkness descends. In the words of that hymn, we are reminded of the Lord's presence in our life. Jesus abides with us. He remains with us. He stays with us. He is with us as the darkness deepens, when temptations come upon us, and through all the changes in life.

There is a short service in *Lutheran Service Book* called "Compline: Prayer at the Close of the Day." It starts on page 253 of LSB and works really well for family or personal devotions in the evening. One of the prayers in that service summarizes that hymn:

Abide with us, Lord, for it is toward evening, and the day is far spent. Abide with us and with Your whole Church. Abide with us at the end of the day, at the end of our life, at the end of the world. Abide with us with Your grace and goodness, with Your holy Word and Sacrament, with Your strength and blessing. Abide with us when the night of affliction and temptation comes upon us, the night of fear and despair, the night when death draws near. Abide with us and with all the faithful, now, and forever. Amen.



God provides everything that we need in life. He sustains us with His grace and mercy. He protects us from all danger. He gives us strength and blessing, even in our darkest moments. And He is there for us and with us as death draws near.

*Hold Thou Thy cross before my closing eyes;
Shine through the gloom, and point me to the skies.
Heav'n's morning breaks, and earth's vain shadows flee;
In life, in death, O Lord, abide with me. ~LSB 878:6*

Abide in the peace of the Lord. He will preserve you.

Pastor Jonathan Schultz

WEE DISCIPLES



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



Following the busy fall activities of October—harvesting our garden box here at Trinity and harvesting our garden at *Pea Pods Community Gardens*, making a visit to the Tilleras Pumpkin Patch, having our annual

school picture day, and so many other fun activities—Wee Disciples is getting ready for the busy holiday season.

During the month of November, along with our regular school and daily activities, we will be practicing and preparing for our first family chapel service of this new school year. Please join us for our **Thanksgiving Family Chapel on Monday, November 25th, at 11:00am**. Following the chapel service there will be a Thanksgiving meal served in the Fellowship Hall.

Our November Fuddruckers’ *Burgers for Benefits* night will be from 5:00 to 9:00pm on **Tuesday, November 19th**. 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*.

Save the date—Join us for the Wee Disciples’ **Christmas Family Chapel on Thursday, December 19th at 6:30pm**. Refreshments will be served in the Fellowship Hall following the service.

HAVE A HAPPY AND BLESSED THANKSGIVING!

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.

Saturday, Nov 2 nd	10:00 am	Tour at Toby’s House
Wednesday, Nov 20 th	11:30 am	Board Meeting
Saturday, Dec 7 th	10:00 am	Advent Brunch @ Trinity
Sunday, Dec 15 th	after church	Cookie Walk
June 26-29, 2025	Omaha, NE	National LWML Convention
April 24-26, 2026	Lewistown, MT	District LWML Convention



We will be hosting an Advent Brunch on **Saturday, December 7th at 10:00 am** and all ladies of Trinity and surrounding LCMS churches are encouraged to attend. *This would be a wonderful event to bring your daughters to!* We will have a short devotional program and lots of fellowship with our Sisters in Christ. Everyone is welcome to bring a breakfast brunch item to share. The theme will be “Seasons of Life – Advent by Candlelight.”

We will have an ingathering at the Advent Brunch for Toby’s House Crisis Nursery, which is committed to the prevention of child abuse and neglect by providing crisis, respite, and transitional care for children ages 0-6 here in Great Falls. For more information about what services they provide, please visit <https://tobysousemt.org/>
Needed donation items include:

- Diapers (any size, brand)
- Diaper rash creams
- Wipes
- Formula (any type or specialty type, for example Nutramigen, Alimentum or Enfamil AR or any brand, unopened)
- Kleenex
- Monetary donations

We will again host a Cookie Walk after church on **Sunday, December 15th**. Donated goodies (from anyone in the congregation) will be available to pick-and-choose from. Trays will then be wrapped for your convenience. Grab a tray to fill and take to an office party; Take cookies to a family event! All of the variety you want with much less of the baking involved. A suggested donation per dozen will be collected. All proceeds from the Cookie Walk will go toward Echoz Pregnancy Care Center Renovation Fund, as they are doing some remodeling and expansion.

The National LWML Convention will be next June in Omaha, NE, and our District LWML Convention will be in April of 2026. *What a fun time to gather with your fellow Lutheran Ladies to hear how our Mites are used, reports from missionaries in the Harvest Field, worship together, and have great times of fellowship, Bible Study and more!* Please ask Sylvia or Amy for more information. We would love to have several people from Trinity attend these wonderful events!

Our next Group Gathering will be **Saturday, November 2nd at 10:00 am** at Toby’s House, where we will get a tour of their facilities and hear more about their ministry to the children and families of Great Falls. The following Group Gathering will be the Advent Brunch on Dec. 7th. The LWML Board will next meet on Wednesday, November 20th.

LWML Ladies ~ To all active members of the LWML...a reminder. Every November the Montana District LWML expects each local society to send monies to cover the cost of *The Quarterly* and the delegate fee for each of our members. These dues cover \$6.00 for 10 or more copies of *The Quarterly* (\$7.50 for less), \$7.00 for the National Convention Delegate fee and \$3.00 for the Missive if you want it mailed to you or free by email from the website. The total is \$14.00 (the society pays the extra \$2.00). If you can contribute to help us make our commitment, that would be appreciated. You can place your check, made payable to Trinity LWML, in the LWML Treasurer’s (Sherri VanVleet) Narthex box.

Calling ALL Young Women ages 18 to 35 years!

We would love to give you the opportunity to attend the National LWML Convention in Omaha, NE, June 26th - 29th 2025. It's at no cost to you! You could be a Young Woman Representative (YWR) for our beautiful state of Montana and be surrounded by women of like-faith with Christ at the center. If you are interested in applying for this unforgettable experience, please contact Sylvia Adams or Amy Schultz, or you could contact Whitney Marsh, the MT District Young Woman Chair, at wmarsh@ennisschools.org. We will help guide you in the application process and give you exciting insights to look forward to! Applications can be found here: LWML MT District: <http://www.mtdistrictlwml.org/> - Look under the Forms tab.

Wednesday Morning Ladies Bible study ~ In November the Wednesday Morning Ladies' Bible study group will continue with the Bible study by Donna Snow titled *Overflowing Abundance* based on Matthew 14:13-21 about Jesus feeding the five thousand. The next Bible study has not yet been determined. Join us for a morning of Bible study and fellowship time as we study God's Word together.

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.

November brings the beginning of the holidays with a focus this month on gratefulness. On the 11th we honor and thank veterans of the military for the years of service that they gave to protect our way of life and our country. On the 28th we celebrate Thanksgiving remembering the blessings God has showered on us during the year. In thanking God for our blessings, we also remember those in need whom we can help.

The Friday Ladies Bible study ~ Paul in writing to the Philippians encourages us in Chapter 4, verse 6: *"Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God."* The Friday Ladies Bible study will be examining this teaching about thankful prayers and others in their study of Philippians. Come and join them from 1:00-3:00pm on November 1st and 15th at the home of Marge Johnsten, 3000 8th Ave. S.

Assisted Living Ministry ~ Come to "raise a song of harvest home" with the Assisted Living Ministry as they bring hymn singing and a devotion to residents. On **Friday, November 22nd from 1:30-2:30pm** they will be at Highgate Senior Living, 3000 11th Ave. S. Before the Highgate activity, there will be a no host lunch at **11:45am at The Montana Club, 907 Smelter Ave. NE.**

Pastor Reinke will hold worship services on the following dates. On **Wednesday, November 13th at 1:30pm** he will be at *The Lodge* and on **Monday, November 18th 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.



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.

Quarterly Voter's Meeting ~ Don't forget the Quarterly Voter's Meeting **Sunday, November 24, 2024** immediately following the Divine Service. All members of Trinity who are at least 18 years old are invited and encouraged to come and be a part of the process of making decisions about Trinity.





COMPARISON OF GIVING REPORT ~ 2024

For the period September 29, 2024 through October 20, 2024

September 29 th	\$3,360
October 6 th	\$4,719
October 13 th	\$3,100
October 20 th	\$2,618
Vanco	\$1,755

Actual giving for report period: \$14,797

Roof Repair Fund –through 10/20/2024 \$49,149

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

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The next generation of giving

Please visit our website www.trinity-mt.org, go to the "Fellowship" tab and sign up for online giving. You can also download the Vanco mobile app to your smart phone for even more convenience.



Offering Counters are needed to assist the Treasurer and Assistant Treasurer count and record the offerings following each Sunday service. No experience is needed. Please call Cheryl in the church office (452-2121) or sign up on the bulletin board outside the church office if you are willing to assist.

Offering Envelopes ~ The time is approaching when we will be issuing offering envelopes for 2025 to the congregation. If you are currently not using your envelopes, perhaps you are contributing through Vanco, and would prefer NOT to be issued envelopes for next year, please let the church office know so that we can account accordingly. ***Please note ~ If you opt out of envelopes your contributions will still be tracked and reported.***

End-of-Year Contributions will need to be in **NO LATER THAN DECEMBER 31, 2024**, in order to be counted toward your pledge for 2024. Please be sure to bring those contributions to the church office as soon as possible, either by mail or drop-off at the church Monday through Friday (you may use the locked mailbox outside the office). **The counters will make one final deposit for 2023 at the close of business (3:00pm) on December 31, 2024.**

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 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); **Kale Martin**, USAF; **Isaac Monroe**, USAF; **Martin Shabaan**, USAF; **Chaplain Jonathan Schultz**, USAF Reserves; **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

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.

They're Back!!

Cards (both Christmas and all occasion)
and **calendars!**

Price:	All Occasion Cards	\$8.00
	Christmas Card	\$9.00
	Calendars	\$9.00



Check with the church office or the Youth Group to get yours today!

Please make these changes to your church directory



Ed & Sherrie VanVleet
Home ~ (406) 452-6863
Sherri's cell ~ (406) 831-9851
Ed's cell ~ (406) 870-1839

Arlene Nelson
Rosetta Assisted Living
2020 16th Ave. S.
Great Falls, MT 59405



Congregational Tree Decorating ~ As is tradition here at Trinity, the last Saturday before Advent is the day to decorate our Sanctuary in preparation for the Advent/Christmas season. We need your help to accomplish this task. You are invited to join us on **Saturday, November 30th at 9:00am.** We will have many tasks at many different skill levels so

everyone can lend a hand. There will also be doughnuts and coffee and bottled water to sustain you. Please prayerfully consider coming and helping us adorn our Sanctuary as we anticipate the coming of our Lord.

Abide with Me

*Abide with me, fast falls the eventide.
The darkness deepens; Lord, with me abide.
When other helpers fail and comforts flee,
Help of the helpless, O abide with me.*

*I need Thy presence ev'ry passing hour;
What but Thy grace can foil the tempter's pow'r?
Who like Thyself my guide and stay can be?
Through cloud and sunshine, O abide with me.*

*Come not in terrors, as the King of kings,
But kind and good, with healing in Thy wings;
Tears for all woes, a heart for ev'ry plea.
Come, Friend of sinners, thus abide with me.*

*Swift to its close ebbs out life's little day;
Earth's joys grow dim, its glories pass away;
Change and decay in all around I see;
O Thou who changest not, abide with me.*

Called Home to Glory

November 25, 2023
Robert Norman Nommensen Sr.

January 4, 2024
Arlene Martha (Mattis) Royland

February 2, 2024
Sherrie Ann ((Tynes) Bicsak Blomstrom

April 9, 2024
Florine Elaine (Odegaard) Winter

April 19, 2024
Wallace Reginald Thompson

April 19, 2024
Diane Lynne (Gault) Thompson

June 25, 2024
Dennis Herbert Zafft

September 23, 2024
Robert Norman Nommensen, Jr.



Worship Assistants



N · O · V · E · M · B · E · R

Serving this Month

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

Ushers ~ Alan Wegner / Elders

Mid-week Services

November 6 th	Duty Elder	Shawn Shaw
November 13 th	Duty Elder	Martin Bauer
November 20 th	Duty Elder	Shawn Shaw

November 3, 2024 ~ All Saints' Day (white)

Duty Elders	Shawn Shaw / Bill Sybrant
Audio/Video	Isaac Schultz
Organist	Gloria Creek
Acolytes	TBA
Counters	Alan & Denise Wegner

November 10, 2024 ~ Twenty-fifth Sunday after Pentecost (green)

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

November 17, 2024 ~ Twenty-sixth Sunday after Pentecost (green)

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

November 24, 2024 ~ Last Sunday of the Church Year (green)

Duty Elders	Len Koelbel / Bill Sybrant
Audio/Video	Josh Schultz
Organist	NOA
Acolytes	TBA
Counters	Martin & Cheryl Bauer

November 28, 2024 ~ Thanksgiving Day (white)

Duty Elder	Len Koelbel
Audio/Video	Issac Schultz
Organist	NOA
Acolytes	TBA



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

<i>November 3rd</i>	<i>Tyson Wheeler</i>		<i>November 15th</i>	<i>Tim Fairbanks</i>
<i>November 5th</i>	<i>Niklas Hansen</i> <i>Mick Jones</i>		<i>November 16th</i>	<i>Wendy Doll</i> <i>Denise Rutledge</i>
<i>November 7th</i>	<i>Patrick Norris</i>		<i>November 19th</i>	<i>Neil Burkstrand</i> <i>Tim Chapman</i>
<i>November 8th</i>	<i>Kenny Chapman</i> <i>Evie Tanksley</i>		<i>November 21st</i>	<i>Rochelle Kimmerle</i>
<i>November 11th</i>	<i>Sam Birkett</i> <i>Dennis Philipp</i>		<i>November 23rd</i>	<i>Michael Adelmeyer</i> <i>Mike Grams</i>
<i>November 12th</i>	<i>Randy Bogden</i> <i>Keener Boyce (80+)</i> <i>DeAnna Martin</i>		<i>November 25th</i>	<i>Gary Somerfeld</i> <i>Roy Arves (80+)</i> <i>Maryanne Kingland</i>
<i>November 14th</i>	<i>Paul Soldano</i> <i>Rochelle Sand</i> <i>Jeffrey Williams</i>		<i>November 28th</i>	<i>Heidi Paul</i> <i>Rachel Wied</i> <i>Ashlee Graves</i>

<i>November 4th</i>	<i>Gary ♥ Janet Headington (29)</i>
<i>November 12th</i>	<i>Matt ♥ Chrissy Gollahon (8)</i>
<i>November 16th</i>	<i>Mike ♥ Lisa Romig (33)</i>
<i>November 22nd</i>	<i>Michael ♥ DeAnna Martin (38)</i>
<i>November 23rd</i>	<i>Channing ♥ Donna Hartelius (17)</i>
<i>November 26th</i>	<i>Chuck ♥ Judy Lively (19)</i>
<i>November 28th</i>	<i>Chuck ♥ Elsie Lorenz (71)</i>



<i>November 1st</i>	<i>Brian Flynn</i> <i>Charlotte Morrison</i>	<i>November 14th</i>	<i>Sandy Schroeder</i> <i>Kane Smith</i>
<i>November 5th</i>	<i>Caleb Bicsak</i> <i>Treve Mans</i>	<i>November 17th</i>	<i>Macie Wheeler</i> <i>Marty Eberly</i>
<i>November 6th</i>	<i>Barb Going</i>	<i>November 18th</i>	<i>Crosley Kotz</i>
<i>November 8th</i>	<i>Jim Going</i> <i>Jonathan Schultz</i>	<i>November 21st</i>	<i>Michael Adelmeyer</i> <i>Chrissy Gollahon</i>
<i>November 9th</i>	<i>Caden Bicsak</i>	<i>November 24th</i>	<i>Neil Burkstrand</i> <i>Rochelle Sand</i>
<i>November 10th</i>	<i>Dale Andersen</i>	<i>November 26th</i>	<i>Kenny Chapman</i> <i>Sam Birkett</i>
<i>November 11th</i>	<i>Noah Jones</i>	<i>November 29th</i>	
<i>November 14th</i>	<i>Janet Headington</i> <i>Brad Norris</i>	<i>November 30th</i>	



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