



OCTOBER 2014

COLORS

October – Fall, it is a time of many colors. The bright golden yellows of the turning leaves bring color into a season that is turning dreary. Our eyes are also drawn to the mountains where the deep reds of the mountain maple contrast with the yellow of the aspen and the green of the pines. It is a beautiful time of year, and thankfully we live in a place where we can enjoy this season too! Oh, and there is one more color, how could I forget, and that is orange! Not only the orange of the pumpkins that decorate the yards during this time of year, but especially the orange that is much more important; the blazing, bright, orange of hunting season!

Colors not only brighten our lives but colors can have wonderful meaning and significance on our lives. This is also true for us Lutherans. Especially this month where we remember in thanksgiving to God for the renewal of His Church through the Reformation.



The Luther Rose proclaims our Lutheran identity. It is a summary of our Christian faith. It depicts in color the message of what God has done for us in Christ. In the center is a **black** cross that reminds us that Jesus died to take the punishment for our sins. Jesus is the center of our lives. The **red** heart represents the love God has for us in sending Jesus to be our Savior who shed His blood for our forgiveness. The **white** rose helps us remember the work of the Holy Spirit who brings us to faith, strengthening us with His comfort and peace and equipping us to live our lives for Him as we grow in faith. The **sky blue** background stands for the joy of the new life and hope of heaven that God gives to all who believe and trust in Him for life and salvation. The **gold** circle symbolizes our most precious gift – eternal life in heaven – where we will enjoy complete joy and happiness with Jesus Christ, our Savior.

Colors bring much joy to our lives. Not only for this season, but especially if colors can remind us of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. What He has done for us in His cross and resurrection is the source of all our joy – eternal joy!

This colorful Luther's Seal can be a wonderful conversation starter for you with people who visit you, if you have it displayed in your house, or here at church. Remembering the colors and their meaning gives you a wonderful opportunity to share the Gospel with the people God puts in your life. Displaying this symbol encourages us to "always being prepared to make a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you" (1 Peter 3:15).

Wishing you a colorful season of sharing the joy in Christ!

Your shepherd in Christ
Pastor Gerald Paul



The October calendar of events is up!
Every lady member of Trinity is invited to each of the following:
Mark your calendars:

- October 5th:** **LWML Sunday**
- October 11th:** **LWML Group Gathering at 9:30 am**
- October 30th:** **LWML Board Meeting at 3:45 pm**



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 currently each person takes on the duties a month at a time to fit their 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.



FRIDAY LADIES BIBLE CLASS

"Living with Pain - Strength and Survival" by Roxanne M. Smith is an enriching Bible study. Even those who do not have problems with chronic pain, gain insight and better understanding of those who suffer. During October FRIDAY LADIES BIBLE CLASS will meet only once for Bible study. They will meet on October 31st from 1:00 – 3:00 pm at the home of Marge Johnsten, 3000 8th Avenue South.

Assisted Living Ministry with hymn singing and a devotion will be held at the following locations: Tuesday, October 14th at 11:00 am, ladies and gentlemen will meet at Bee Hive Home #1 at 2816 15th Avenue South. On Friday, October 24th, the group will gather at Maple Garden Restaurant, 5401 9th Avenue South. Always feel welcome to join in these activities! It's a joy to share the blessings of God's Word and hymns with these residents!



Do you need help getting your yard cleaned up and ready for winter?

Do you have leaves to rake, grass to be mowed, bushes to be trimmed or trash to be collected and piled up for the garbage man to pick up? Trinity Lutheran High School Youth will be doing a work day on Saturday, October 25th. Please contact Vicki in the church office (452-2121) and leave your name and number or sign up on the board in the narthex, then sit back and let our young people get the job done for you.

Wee Disciples Lutheran School & Child Care Center



As we continue into the school year, we consider the joy we have because we are privileged to be messengers of the joy that is Jesus. Wee Disciples is considered an early childhood center by most – a Lutheran School for the youngest learners. We serve children and their families from six weeks to twelve years.

“The world perceives joy as confined to an earthly stage or circumstance: fun at the school picnic, adventures at an amusement park, success on a school test, victory at an athletic contest or a graduation celebration. John’s Gospel presents joy in Jesus. “These things I have spoken to you, that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be full” (John 15:11). The apostle Paul celebrates that there is joy “in the Lord” (Phil. 4:4). Earthly situations are joyful when Jesus is there. Even settings that many perceive as sad — personal crises or family tragedies — offer joyful outcomes in Jesus. There are many times of joy in Lutheran school settings and interactions: the beginning of another school year, the smiles of children as they arrive at school, giggles on the playground, a catchy song or accomplishments of a student or teacher. The foundation of a Lutheran school is always the joy of salvation through Jesus. There is the Easter joy of the risen Jesus in every season of the school year.”

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We will not be having our annual fundraiser until November 15th this year and it will be a ‘Wee Disciples Art Walk’. Please watch for details in the November Lamplighter.

God’s Blessings,
Wee Disciples Staff

Debbie Lee, Director
Amy Meek, Childcare Administrator
Telephone: 406-771-7882 Email: childcare@trinity-mt.org



A CIRCUIT REFORMATION SERVICE
will be held at Peace Lutheran Church
on Sunday, October 26th @ 4:00 pm.



Dear Trinity family,

Comfort, comfort My people, says your God ..Isaiah 40:1

You carried out those words of God when you reached out to our family in so many different and touching ways, and we thank you from the bottom of our hearts.

There are no words to express how deeply grateful we are for each of you. Most especially for your prayers as we dealt with the death and funeral of our granddaughter, Daphne, in July. Your words, your hugs, your cards were all gifts of such comfort. But also the gifts of food, and spoken prayers on our behalf during little visits by phone, in person or in the Narthex....each gift is precious and priceless to us...a reminder of how essential church family, the body of Christ, is to each member.

God bless and keep each of you safely in His care

Jill O'Moore, Darryl Sellers, Austyn, Kynslie, and Isaac
Gary and Rose Shelden

TOWN PUMP/FISH CHALLENGE 2014

We are fortunate that Town Pump has selected **FISH** as one of the “Be A Friend, Helping Those In Need” food bank program fundraising campaigns. Town Pump will “MATCH” up to \$15,000.00 contributed between September 1st and November 30th. What a wonderful way for **FISH** to raise \$30,000.00 in support of our feeding program!!

If you would be willing to help **FISH** reach this goal, please send your donation to:

FISH, PO Box 662, Great Falls, MT 59403

FISH Board of Directors

A NOTE FROM THE TREASURER

COMPARISON REPORT

Comparison of Income This Year to the amount Needed
For the Period January 1 through September 21, 2014



DATE	NEEDED	RECEIVED
January-August	\$112,945	\$111,920
September 7	\$3,227	\$3,820
September 14	\$3,227	\$3,091
September 21	\$3,227	\$2,899
TOTAL	\$122,626	\$121,730

**** To obtain this number, the projected income for 2014 (envelope \$162,772 + plate \$5,000) is divided by 52 or \$167,772/52 = \$3,227. Remember that this number (\$167,772) is below our total budget needs. So we are tracking what has been pledged - if I can use that word. Hopefully, the actual giving will be FAR ABOVE this number.**

If you have any questions, please call me at 761-7073.

Gary Shelden, Treasurer



2015 CALENDAR SALES

Get your 2015 Wall Calendar, Pocket Calendar and Christmas Cards from the Trinity Youth Group! The group will be selling these items each Sunday in the narthex until they are gone!

EQUIP, EMPOWER, & SEND

Dear Pastors, Directors & Teachers,

I am excited to have Mr. Mark Schoepp as our main presenter at the 10th annual Early Childhood Conference at Trinity Lutheran in Great Falls October 4th. Mark is a national speaker for Wheat Ridge Ministries and is the Director of Congregation Engagement. I would encourage all our Early Childhood teachers and as many Elementary teachers that can, to attend. The topics will definitely be of interest to other church leaders, Pastors and other Called staff as well as lay leaders. A brief synopsis on the four sessions can be sent on request. His sessions are titled:

- # 1 Brain - Living Inside God's Design
- #2 Play/ Rest/ Sleep
- #3 The Brain & Planning in the Church
- #4 Bridge Ministries

President Forke will also be a presenter, as well as Patricia Stricker. I encourage the teachers to bring hands on art projects, teaching materials or ideas they can share with the group. Storytelling ideas will be welcomed and you may come ready to perform your story method if you wish. Finger Action Rhymes and Chants will also be shared as well as favorite classroom music. Seasonal music will also be shared so if you have favorite Thanksgiving Christmas or Easter music you use in your program come ready to share. I look forward to seeing you all again and growing in our ministry to God's children.

Don't forget there is a 7:30 P.M. Wine Reception Friday evening at the MidTown Motel MT View Room.

Patricia Stricker mrsred39@juno.com 406-652-1704
Parish Education Chair

(Registration forms and agendas are available in the church office.)



You are invited to a presentation by Rev. Kenneth Wieting on "The Blessings of Weekly Communion" Wednesday Evening October 15, 7:00PM at Peace Lutheran Church. Pastor Wieting is the author of the book with the same title and the speaker at the Montana District Fall Pastors' Conference, at Peace.

VAN AVAILABLE – SUNDAY MORNINGS

The church van is available for individuals who are shut-in to attend services at Trinity. Please contact Kathie Sybrant at 231-1291. Pick up will now be every Sunday, because Holy Communion will be celebrated every week. **Drivers are needed!** If you would be interested in helping drive, please call the church office. If three or four people would be willing to serve in this area, you would only have to drive approximately one Sunday a month.





Anniversaries

October	7 Max ♥ Joyce Bush	October	23 Henry ♥ Alice Schuman
	9 Scott ♥ Stacie Olson		25 Bud ♥ Betty Quickenden
	23 Cory ♥ Lois Phillips		



Birthdays

October	1 Tarl Legg	October	16 Zachary Phillips
	2 Channing Hartelius		Cody Western
	3 Vi Biberdorf		17 Daniel Chapman
	Evelyn McNaight		18 Jacalyn Lee
	4 Jim Going		19 Ruth Waetzig
	5 Elsie Lorenz		22 Penny Hill
	7 Ashley Hill		23 Paul Nordwall
	Kolter Legg		24 Alexandria Thompson
	Char Reehl		25 Shayna Kellogg
	8 Triston Burkstrand		26 Clayton Walker
	Logan Stene		28 Ron Guderjahn
	11 Jan Bicsak		Gladine Nehus
	Kate Duncan		29 Cheryl Bauer
	12 Ryon Burkstrand		Bonnie Nommensen
	13 Jacob Eberly		30 Kay Kessel
	14 Kris Chapman		31 Samarah Hill
	Arlene Royland		Norma Nommensen
	15 Caitee Miesmer		Courtney Schroeder
	16 Brad Norris		



BAPTISMAL ANNIVERSARIES

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October	1 Flo Winter	October	21 Mia Hoffman
	4 Robin Western		Diane Thompson
	6 Scott Kessel		23 Jacob Eberly
	7 Cally Felstet		Nolan Teel
	Bayley Ginnaty		24 Ericka Neumann
	9 Kelcie Pearsall		Ted Young
	11 David Lietz		25 Jeff Thompson
	Joshua Pecukonis		26 Peggy Norris
	12 Kate Duncan		Arlene Royland
	Dayna Vik		27 Ashley Hill
	17 Christopher Meehan		29 Jimmy Norris
	18 Vi Nell		Brent Stanger



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