

November 2015

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We Give Thee but Thine Own



All We
 Have
 Is His

*We give Thee but Thine own,
 Whate'er the gift may be;
 All that we have is Thine alone,
 A trust, O Lord, from Thee.*

*May we Thy bounties thus
 As stewards true receive
 And gladly, as Thou blessest us,
 To Thee our first-fruits give!*
 (LSB 781vs 1-2).

In many congregations these stanzas are sung every Sunday when the offerings of God's faithful people are received. It's a sung reminder of who God is and who we are in relation to Him, of what God does for us and gives to us, and how we respond to His generosity.

We are stewards of God's varied grace to us. As stewards we acknowledge that God owns all things and that everything in heaven and on earth belongs to Him (1 Chron 29:14; Ps 24:1; Ps 100:3; 1 Cor 4:7; 1 Cor 6:19). Even we ourselves—all that we are and all that we have—are His. We are His because He created us, preserves us, redeemed us, and sanctifies us. As the stewards of what He has done for us and given to us, we give of our first fruits to Him and His Church.

And the Lord receives them and presses them into a use all His own. He sanctifies it. He hallows it. He uses it to ensure that the Word of God is still preached among us. He uses it to ensure that there is water for Baptism, bread and wine for His Holy Supper. He uses what He gives to you and what you give back to Him for your good. Everything that happens in the church is purchased with the giving of the saints from what God has provided them. Holy giving from holy people pressed into holy service.

But there's more. For our giving does not just make the liturgical life of the church possible. It's not just the necessary means by which the vessels and sacramental elements, the hymn books and pastors are made available. The giving of God's stewards is

part of the liturgy itself, part of the Divine Service. It is one of our responses within the liturgy where we, not just with words spoken or sung, but with deeds declare, live out and live in, the excellencies of Him who called us out of darkness into His marvelous light (1 Pet 2:9). Our offerings are part of God's sanctifying work that He has us do in the Divine Service for the life of the world.

That's what makes our stewardship so precious and significant. God hallows what we give and employs it to sanctify us and others. And that is why we sing: "And gladly, as Thou blessest us, To Thee our first-fruits give!" (This article is from LCMS Stewardship Ministries)

Wishing you a blessed November as we give thanks to the Lord for his manifold blessings in our lives!

Your shepherd in Christ
Pastor Gerald Paul

2015 Holiday Worship Schedule

	November 26	10:00 am
	Thanksgiving Day	
	November 29	10:00 am
	<i>1st Sunday in Advent</i>	
December 2	<i>Soup Supper - Elders</i>	6:00 pm
	<i>1st Mid-Week Advent</i>	7:30 pm
December 6	<i>2nd Sunday of Advent</i>	10:00 am
	Choir Concert @ TLC	6:00 pm
December 9	<i>Soup Supper - LWML</i>	6:00 pm
	<i>2nd Mid-Week Advent</i>	7:30 pm
December 13	<i>3rd Sunday of Advent</i>	10:00 am
December 16	<i>Soup Supper - Youth</i>	6:00 pm
	<i>3rd Mid-Week Advent</i>	7:30 pm
December 20	<i>4th Sunday of Advent</i>	10:00 am
December 24	Christmas Eve Service	7:00 pm
December 25	Christmas Day Service	10:00 am
December 27	<i>1st Sunday after Christmas</i>	10:00 am
December 31	New Year's Eve Service	7:00 pm



Spuds and Splits

Our next kitchen fundraiser is called *Spuds and Splits*. It will be held on **Sunday, December 6th at 4:00 pm**. The main course is a baked potato, with various toppings to choose from. Dessert will be ice cream, again with delicious options for on top. **Yum!** All served from our beautiful, new kitchen. Let's enjoy getting together for fellowship, food and fun.



With the new kitchen soon to be finished it was decided by the members of the **Golden Agers** group that we needed new dishes to go along with the new kitchen. To that end the group has purchased 96 place settings of a simple red and white Corelle® ware pattern for the congregation to use at potlucks, funeral luncheons, and any other meals we may host. Please thank the Golden Agers for their generous gift.



Christ's Care for the Persecuted & Displaced



Our partner church in Germany, die Selbständige Evangelisch—Lutherische Kirche (SELK), is preparing to respond to the immediate physical needs — food, clothing, shelter — of the refugees currently in their country and the expected 800,000 more to come, and with that, spiritual care centered on the Gospel.

As they do, the LCMS will be walking alongside them. We will remember the Refugees during the Service on November 22. We will also have a special offering on that day to support our Sister Church in Germany as they deal with the many refugees flooding to their borders.

The November LWML Group Gathering will be held on November 14. There will be a **SHORT** business meeting at 9:30am. Beginning at 10:00am Susan Rivera Johnson from the *National Alliance on Mental Illness* will be giving a presentation about mental illness and resources available in our community. All women of Trinity are invited to attend.



On November 10 at 6:30pm, all ladies from Trinity are invited to the Peace LWML meeting to attend a presentation by *My Neighbor in Need*.

The November LWML Board Meeting will be held on November 19 at 3:45pm.

Women's Bible Study



The Wednesday morning Bible class has just begun a 12 lesson study on *Old Testament Characters*. We meet every Wednesday morning from 9:30am to 11:00am. Please join us for a morning of Bible study and fellowship time.

FRIDAY LADIES BIBLE CLASS

November ushers in the holidays! Harvest dinners with craft and bake sales begin the festivities at many area churches. Make it a goal to attend one this month! In November the Friday Ladies Bible Class will have Bible study from 1 - 3 pm on Fridays, November 6th and 20th. They will continue their study of 1 Corinthians at the home of Ann Nimmick, 2327 15th Ave S. **Please note the change of meeting place.**



Assisted Living Ministry will meet for hymn singing and a devotion at the following locations. Tuesday, November 10th at 11:00 am ladies and gentlemen will go to Bee Hive Home #2, 2816 15th Ave. S. On Friday, November 13th many will gather at *JB's Family Restaurant, 1322 10th Ave. S. at 11:45 a.m. for a no host lunch*. Afterward some of the group will go to Highgate House, 3000 11th Ave. S. How these residents love to sing the hymns of Thanksgiving! Come and share in the joy!

Quarterly Voter's Meeting



There will be a quarterly Voter's meeting on **Sunday November 22nd** immediately following the worship service. **All members of Trinity, 18 years of age and older are invited and encouraged to attend.** On the agenda for this meeting: Trinity's Work Plan Budget for 2016, and election of officers. Let your voice be heard and be a part of the decisions that affect our congregation.



NEWSLETTER DEADLINE
DECEMBER LAMPLIGHTER DEADLINE
NOVEMBER 18th

On **November 8th at 4:00 pm** Reverend Chad Schopp will be installed at Emmaus Lutheran Mission 601 E 4th Ave, Big Timber, and their new church building will be dedicated. All are invited to attend.



Wee Disciples Lutheran School & Child Care Center

As we continue in a new school year, we are confronted with different challenges than some previous years. We need to look for God's leading in this time of change in our physical dwelling. We need to consider new ways of preparing the environment to serve children and their families. Sometimes logistics are difficult and as we seek solutions, we need to continually be reminded to keep our focus on the real mission of Wee Disciples.

We are so thankful for the leadership Myrna brings to our board. As we reviewed some basic information, it brings us to review materials. In our family handbook, the philosophy is stated. This is a good time to review it, perhaps revise it, share it and live it.

It is our belief at Wee Disciples that children are a gift from God and that each individual child is God's unique creation. With this in mind our primary mission is, with the Spirit's help, to bring children into the presence of Christ. We do this by maintaining a warm, loving and stimulating environment that is centered around Christ with activities that are appropriate for the child's age and their developmental stage. We support the families we serve. We do this by providing a place where young children can explore the world in a safe, secure environment filled with love and acceptance.

The Lutheran School Portal is a rich online resource! Abraham is a major topic in the CPH produced *One in Christ Materials*. The following devotion provides insight.

God's promises are part of every dealing He has with His people. However, we read in Genesis that in Abraham God begins to locate His promises in a specific family. From the descendants of Abraham would come the greatest blessing to the whole world: Jesus, God's Son, the promised Messiah. Throughout Scripture, the home is the place where the story of salvation is passed from one generation to another; that's how the people of Israel knew they were "children of Abraham." So are we! Important to our teaching ministry is modeling faith-filled living for the next generation as we enfold children into the family of God, while also encouraging and equipping the adults in their homes to tell and retell the stories of God's promises in Jesus.

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Be sure to mark your calendars for the Wee Disciple's Thanksgiving Celebration, November 23rd at 11:30 am. Come join the children as they thank God for His many blessings and gifts.

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\$ A NOTE FROM THE TREASURER \$ COMPARISON REPORT

For the Period January 1 through October 18, 2015

NEEDED	DATE	RECEIVED
** \$133,770	January-September	\$125,630
\$3,430	October 4	\$4,237
\$3,430	October 11	\$3,202
\$3,430	October 18	\$2,700
\$144,060	TOTAL	\$135,769

After payroll (10-15-15) and paying bills (10-20-15), I estimate that TLC has about \$78. TLC is now experiencing a cash flow problem. Unless the offering for 10-25-15 is \$4,300+ TLC will not have enough cash on hand to make payroll 10-30-15.

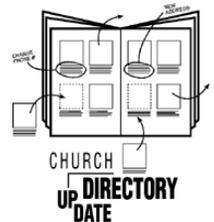
To obtain this number, the projected income for 2015 (envelope \$171,366 + plate \$7,000) is divided by 52 or $\$178,366/52 = \$3,430$. Remember that this number (\$178,366) is below our total budget needs. So we are tracking what has been pledged - if I can use that word. Hopefully, the actual giving will be **FAR ABOVE this number. **If you have any questions, please call me at 761-7073.**

Gary Shelden, Treasurer

DIRECTORY UPDATE

It has been far too long since we did an actual update on our directory and so I am requesting that each member of Trinity please contact to church office in the next few months, either by email (trinity@trinity-mt.org) or telephone (406-452-2121), and verify that we have the correct and current information on your family (i.e.: home phone, cell phones, email addresses, etc.). Also, if you know of someone that is not coming to church regularly and has changed address or telephone numbers, please let me know this as well.

It is my objective to get a new, updated directory out to the congregation in the first quarter of 2016 so that we will all have better information to stay in touch with each other.



- Cheryl Bauer, Church Secretary



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 is every Sunday. **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.

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 duties are a month at a time to fit your 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.



A Church Bulletin Bloop

The Associate Minister unveiled the church's new campaign slogan last Sunday: 'I Upped My Pledge – Up Yours' ☺



Senior Choir rehearses every **Wednesday evening at 6:00 pm**, and sings twice a month. Come raise your voices to the Lord.

Handbell Choir rehearses every **Tuesday evening at 6:30 pm**, and plays once a month on the third Sunday.

Please prayerfully consider joining one (or both) of our choirs and help us lift our hands and voices in worship to our Lord.

Be sure to check out our website at www.trinity-mt.org

If you happen to have any ideas for content, wish to contribute to the website or notice any typographical errors, our Webmaster can be reached at support@trinity-mt.org.



We also have a Facebook page!

Be sure to 'Like'  us on Facebook!

May the Lord in His grace continue to give strength, faith, patience and peace to each of His own: **Gary Adams** at home; **Sherrie Blomstrom** at home; **Alice Irión** at daughter's home in Havre; **Wes Johnson** in Conrad; **Lydia Laubach** at the Rainbow; **Evelyn McNaight** at home; **Emma Millet** at Golden Eagles; **Gladine Nehus** in Helena; **Alvina Presler** at Cambridge Court; **Char Reehl** at home; **Ruth Schwartzberger** at home; **Myrtle Storhaug** at The Lodge; and **Ted Young** at Missouri River Manor.



Trinity LWML is joining in a recycling project with other LWML groups in the

Rocky Mountain District. Funds raised through this recycling project will be used to help with the Host Committee expenses for the 2017 LWML National Convention in Salt Lake City, Utah. A recycling box has been placed in the narthex for collection of these items.

Recycle Items Needed: Empty ink jet and laser jet cartridges

Also Accepting the Following Items with Their Cords

and Accessories: Used cell phones, PDAs, MP3 Players/iPods, Digital cameras, DVD video games/players, GPS systems, Laptops, Scientific/Graphing calculators, Tablets, eReaders and iPads

ITEMS NOT NEEDED:

- **Epson Cartridges or Toner Tubes,**
- **Remanufactured Cartridges,**
- **Printing Film for Fax Machines,**
- **Ink Ribbons for Printers**

WORD SEARCH GAME

Find 16 Books of the Bible

I once made a remark about the hidden books of the Bible (merely by a fluke). It kept people looking so hard for the facts and for others it was a revelation. Some were in a jam, especially since the name of the books were not capitalized, but the truth finally struck home to numbers of readers. To others it was a real job. We want it to be a most fascinating few moments for you. Yes, there will be some really easy ones to spot. Others may require judges to help them. I will quickly admit it usually takes a minister to find one of them, and there will be loud lamentations when it is found. A little lady says she brews a cup of tea so she can concentrate better. See how well you can compete. Relax now. There really are sixteen names of books in this story.

The answer will be in next month's Lamplighter. Good luck!



Jay Schlecht, Vi Biberdorf and Myrna Philipp for folding the bulletins every week.

Vi Biberdorf, Jay Schlecht, Marjory Fischer, and Arleen Nelson, for collating and distributing the Lamplighter every month.

Vi Biberdorf for coordinating the volunteers for the Lamplighter, printing the labels and taking those that need to be mailed to the post office.

Judy Boyce, Marjory Fischer, Jeannine Eastley and Anita Chapman for assisting Pastor Paul in selecting the worship hymns each month.

The Adult Choir members and director, Judy Boyce, for blessing us with their beautiful voices.

The Bell Choir members and director, Marjory Fischer, for their wonderful music.

Our organists: Anita Chapman, Jeannine Eastley and Joy Suek, for their many hours of practice and accompaniment for our worship services.

Our Altar Guild: Denise Wegner for changing banners and paraments, filling candles and taking care of the flowers on the altar.

Head Ushers, Gary Vik and Alan Wegner, and all who assist with ushering every Sunday.

Jon Chapman, Maryanne Chapman, John Shaw, Williams Harr and Debbie Lee and all who help with the audio/visual equipment on Sundays, for funerals, weddings and special services.

Paul Birkholz for making DVD copies of our worship services for our shut-ins every week and Len Koelbel and Russ & Ruth Waetzig for delivering DVD's to our shut-ins.

Jerry Grosenick for taking care of all the maintenance for the Wee Disciples van.

Kristen Mansch for her excellent job of keeping the church so clean.

Kathie Sybrant for driving the church van almost every Sunday.

Barb Going, Judy Boyce and Pat Eastman for keeping the library in order.

Alice Schuman, Myrna Philipp, Elsie Lorenz and all the ladies who sing at the nursing homes each week.

LWML President, Myrna Philipp, and all LWML members who serve others in so many different ways. All who bring cookies and bars for our coffee fellowship after worship.

Reverend Fischer for planning and leading the Golden Agers Bible study.

Our Prayer Chain members who faithfully pray so many prayers for so many members, family and friends all year.

Henry Schuman and the Board of Trustees who spend many hours at the church repairing, building, changing many light bulbs and coordinating with professional maintenance companies.

Our Sunday School teachers, Midweek teachers and all our VBS teachers and volunteers.

Jamey Wheeler for leading our youth group and helping plan great servant and fellowship activities.

Debbie Lee and the Wee Disciples staff who teach so many children about Jesus.

All those who volunteer to count the offering each week.

Barb Going for recording the attendance each week, Myrna Philipp for recording the offerings each week, and Vi Biberdorf for coverage when needed.

All of our Board members and Council members who volunteer so much time to attend meetings, lead meetings, take minutes and make important decisions for our church.

Jeannine Eastley, Judy Boyce and Alice Schuman for their hard work and perseverance to get our kitchen remodeled. To all those who helped paint and patch walls, move furniture and "stuff", sort all our old unneeded items, price and sell those items and those who prayed for the whole project...Thank YOU!

(Our prayer is that we didn't forget anyone. If we did, please let us know and please forgive us!)



Bob & Bonnie Nommensen	11/3	Chuck & Judy Lively	11/26
Mike & Lisa Romig	11/16	Chuck & Elsie Lorenz	11/28
Channing & Donna Hartelius	11/23	Gene & Joy Suek	11/30
Paul & Millie Birkholz	11/26		



11/1	Dennis Chapman
	Dallas Koke
11/3	Tyson Wheeler
11/5	Niklas Hansen
	Mick Jones
11/7	Patrick Norris
11/8	Kenneth Chapman
11/11	Dennis Philipp
11/12	Randy Bogden
	Keener Boyce
	DeAnna Martin
	Paul Soldano
11/14	Rochelle Sand
	Joan Vining
11/16	Wendy Doll



11/18	Jacob Lietz
11/19	Neil Burkstrand
	Timothy Chapman
	Yvonne Lee
11/20	Johnathan Larsen
11/21	Rochelle Kimmerle
11/23	Michael Adelmeyer
	Michael Grams
	Gary Somerfeld
11/24	Scott Mansch
11/25	Roy Arves
	Maryanne Chapman
11/28	Heidi Paul
11/29	Leslie Lee
11/30	Ashlee Doll



...and Look Who's Celebrating 80+

11/2	Gordon Stach	11/25	Adrian Frederick
11/12	Wes Johnson		



Baptismal Birthdays This Month

11/1	<i>Charlotte Morrison</i>	11/14	<i>Brad Norris</i>
11/4	<i>Hayden Olson</i>		<i>Sandy Schroeder</i>
11/5	<i>Caleb Bicsak</i>	11/18	<i>Macie Wheeler</i>
	<i>Treve Mans</i>	11/20	<i>Audrey Strand</i>
11/6	<i>Barbara Going</i>	11/21	<i>Marty Eberly</i>
	<i>Ruth Waetzig</i>	11/23	<i>Addison Teel</i>
11/7	<i>Alice Irion</i>	11/24	<i>Michael Adelmeyer</i>
11/8	<i>Micah Brady</i>		<i>Chrissy Burkstrand</i>
	<i>Jim Going</i>	11/26	<i>Neil Burkstrand</i>
11/9	<i>Caden Bicsak</i>		<i>Rochelle Sand</i>
	<i>Eric Mills</i>		<i>Aaron Sybrant</i>
11/10	<i>Dale Andersen</i>	11/29	<i>Kenneth Chapman</i>
11/11	<i>Noah Jones</i>		
	<i>Bob Nommensen II</i>		



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