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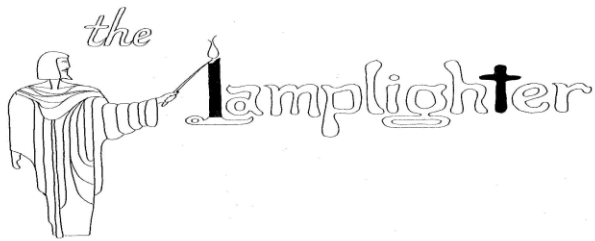
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Wee Disciples Preschool & Daycare
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EASTER



Easter is a moveable feast. Easter isn't on the same calendar date every year in the way that Christmas is always celebrated on December 25th. The date for Easter each year always falls on the first Sunday after the first full moon after the Spring equinox. And once you find the date of Easter, everything else finds its place—Good Friday and Maundy Thursday, Ash Wednesday and the Transfiguration, the Ascension of our Lord and Pentecost.

All this is a long way of saying that Easter determines everything. Easter defines everything. It orders not only the entire church year, but it orders our very lives. It defines and gives meaning to our lives, as well to the things that happen in them. And since Easter defines everything, which means it changes everything too. It redefines who we are and where we stand with God and with one another. Easter makes all things new.

Without Easter, Jesus would not be raised from the dead. Without Easter death would still reign, we would still be in our trespasses and sins, and our faith and hope would be in vain. But Jesus is raised from the dead. Easter changes everything. It makes all things new. Therefore, darkness is overcome with light, wrath with peace, fear with hope, angst with rest, sadness with joy, hatred with love, sin with righteousness, and death with life. Easter changes everything, redefines everything, and determines everything. Easter makes all things new.

Thus, Easter also changes our attitude about giving. For if God gave us His own Son into death so that we will live, how will He not give us everything else we need? He will, and He does. He provides for us. He even gives us the gifts that we give back to Him for service in the church. Easter demonstrates that we have a God who loves us, a God who provides for us, a God who presses us into His service, a God who has made us new in the death and resurrection of His Son.

For when you give to the church, you pass along those things that God alone has given to you. You pass along the message to others that Easter changes everything and makes all things new, even as it has done this for you. This is not a burden, but pure joy. For God has given you a part in the administration of His kingdom. He provides for the needy through your hands. He ensures that the Gospel is preached and the Sacraments are given out through the work of your hands and in the gifts that you give. And He honors and blesses this work and generosity as it redounds to those around you.

So when you sit down on the first day of the week to make your offering to the place where Easter is proclaimed and where the gifts of Easter are given out, remember: Easter changes everything. It makes all things new. More than that: Easter has changed you and made you new. Because Jesus who was crucified for our transgressions is raised for our justification. *(From LCMS Stewardship Ministries)*

Christ is risen!

Your shepherd in Christ

Pastor Gerald Paul

Wee Disciples Lutheran School and Child Care Center



We have the opportunity to share many Lent Activities and then Palm Sunday before our Easter Celebration in the classrooms this month.

Thank you to everyone who joined us for our Fish Fry meal - it was so well attended and enjoyed by people of various ages of Trinity and Wee Disciples. We also were thankful for the attendance at the following Sunday video and refreshment time after church.

We would like you to join us for our Easter Celebration with the Wee Disciples children and their families on Thursday, April 20, 2017 at 6:30 pm with refreshments to follow.

We are registering for our summer programs and school year of 2017-18.

Wee Disciples Staff
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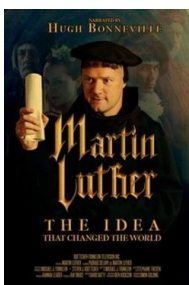
MAY LAMPLIGHTER AND CALENDAR DEADLINE Thursday, APRIL 20TH!!

THE LAMPLIGHTER WILL GO OUT ON THURSDAY, APRIL 27TH

News from the Church Office ~ Due to the computer “crash” in January we have lost all previous bulletins, Grace Notes, Lamplighters, calendars, Worship Assistant schedules, and inserts. We are back up and running but need your help going forward. Please make sure that **ANY** events, forms, changes, information, etc. is given to the office either by email or in writing so that we can rebuild our information base for future use. Your help will make the loss of the old information less “painful” as we recreate the Grace Notes and Lamplighters for the future.



In this year of the 500th Anniversary of the Reformation and the 125th Anniversary of Trinity Lutheran Church in Great Falls, we are excited to bring you a film of the life of the man who would ultimately change the world, Martin Luther.



We have set up our very own *Martin Luther: The Idea That Changed the World* screening Thursday, June 29, 2017 at 6:30 pm at AMC Theater - Great Falls — 1601 Market Place Drive Suite 75, Great Falls, MT, 59403. (Formerly Carmike 10)

**Purchase your tickets by
June 22, 2017
Ticket price - \$9.00**

You can get your tickets at: <https://www.tugg.com/events/martin-luther-the-idea-that-changed-the-world-ubdh>. For members who do not have computer access or would prefer not to purchase online, please contact the church office (406-452-2121) and we will help you get your tickets.

***Please join us as we celebrate
the 500th anniversary of the Reformation
and
Trinity's 125th anniversary!***



Wednesday Morning Ladies' Bible Study

The Wednesday morning ladies' Bible study group meets every Wednesday morning from 9:30 am to 11:00 am in the Stahlecker Room. We are currently doing a Bible study titled *Praying the Psalms*. Each lesson is a "stand alone" lesson, so even if you can only attend occasionally you will be able to follow along easily. Come and join us for a morning of fellowship and Bible study!



Awesome April arrives!! With it come the tulips, daffodils, and hyacinths that have been sleeping under the winter snowbanks in our yards. And in the foothills the lavender pasque flowers bloom with white spring beauties and the first magenta shooting stars. Take a drive to the Highwoods or Little Belts to see the beginning of the Lord's spring flowers.



Also enjoying the return of spring are those who attend **Friday Ladies Bible Class**. Studying God's Word is as soothing to the soul as viewing the flowers of springtime. Come and join them for a session or two as they study the book of *Matthew*. They will meet April 7th & 21st from 1:00-3:00 pm at the home of Marge Johnsten, 3000 8th Ave S.



Assisted Living Ministry with a devotion and hymn singing continues at the following locations. On Tuesday, April 11th at 11:00 am ladies and gentlemen will meet at Bee Hive Home #2, 2816 15th Ave S. There will be a no host lunch Friday, April 28th at 11:45 am at 5 Loaves Coffee House, 4117 2nd Ave N. After lunch many will go to Highgate House, 3000 11th Ave S. Let's celebrate Easter with these residents!

Comparison of Giving Report - 2017

For the Period January 1st through March 26th

Comparison of Income to our Monthly budget needs ~ March

Our Monthly budget need for February: \$16,070

Actual Giving to date ~ \$ **\$ short of minimums ☹**

The offerings and attendance since last report:

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| February 26 th | \$2,647 | Attendance: | 113 |
| March 5 th | \$5,306 | | 132 |
| March 12 th | \$3,795 | | 102 |
| March 19 th | \$2,841 | | 134 |
| March 26 th | \$4,762 | | 146 |



If you have any questions, please call me at 761-7073. Gary Shelden, Asst. Treasurer

The Lutheran Witness and Portals of Prayer ~ It is time again to renew our subscriptions to *The Lutheran Witness* and *Portals of Prayer*. *The Lutheran Witness* subscription is \$15.96 for a year and the *Portals of Prayer* subscription is \$8.60 for regular; \$16.00 For Digest size; and \$17.00 for Large Print. If you are currently receiving these items and wish to continue those subscriptions, please place your renewal with check in the offering plate, mail it or bring it to the church office. Be sure to indicate what you are subscribing to with specifics so that we get the products you want. **Deadline is Monday, April 10, 2017!**

May the Lord in His grace continue to give strength, faith, patience and peace to each of His own: **Gary Adams** at home; **Alice Irión** at her daughter's home in Havre; **Lydia Laubach** at the Rainbow; **Richard & Melba Mauseth** at home; **Evelyn McNaight** at home; **Emma Millet** at Golden Eagles; **Alene Morrell** at Hosanna House; **Gladine Nehus** in Helena; **Bob & Norma Nommensen** at home; **Alvina Presler** at Park Place; **Bud Quickenden** at home; **Audrey Remus** at Golden Eagles; **Ruth Schwartzenberger** at home; **Myrtle Storhaug** at Golden Eagles; and **Ted Young** at Missouri River Manor.



The audio/video crew is looking for a few good people! Our video ministry goes out each week to a number of our shut-ins and is an important part of their continuing connection to the church. No experience is needed, we will teach you what you will need to know. Training will be provided for those who are unfamiliar with our system. If you would be interested in helping with this very important ministry contact the church office for more information.

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.



The Altar Committee will once again be placing an order for lilies to grace our altar for Easter. If you would like to donate toward the purchase of these lilies, please make your check payable to *Trinity Lutheran Church*, designate on the check "**For Easter Lilies**" and drop it into the offering. **If you would like your donation in memory or honor of a loved one, please attach a note with the details to your check or contact Cheryl Bauer at the church office 452-2121 with that information.**

We need **YOUR** help with these remaining 125th Anniversary activities and invite you to get together with one or two friends to take on the planning of the celebration one month. Please contact one of the members of the 125th Anniversary Committee. We will gladly work with you.

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| April / May | Catechism / Confirmation |
| June | Missions – <i>Martin Luther: The Idea that Changed the World</i> |
| July | Marriage - already being worked on |
| August | Baptism |
| September | Lord's Supper |
| October | 500 th Anniversary of the Reformation |



November 18, 2017 (tentatively) **125th anniversary celebration of Trinity Lutheran Church**

Thank you and God's blessings,

The 125th Anniversary Committee ~ Cheryl Bauer (406) 231-3968; Jay Schlecht (406) 761-4510; Heidi Paul (307) 413-9672; Lauretta Stanfield (406) 788-2353



Please update your directories with the following changes. If you are missing any information, please call the church office and we will get the update to you.

SCHROEDER, Jon & Sandy (Cailyn, Courtney)

address change
247 Madison River Rd
Three Forks, MT 59752-9545



At our March 11th LWML Group Gathering, Linde Friman gave an excellent presentation about *Farm in the Dell*. Trinity LWML presented Linde with a check for \$100 for Farm in the Dell, which is one of our 2017 mission projects.

Thank you to all who donated to the “Recycle for Albuquerque” program. The LWML Central zone sent in approximately 55 lbs. for recycle.

Thank you to the ladies who crocheted the dishcloths. There were 64+ dishcloths made.

LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF KITS

LWML will be assembling the layettes and school kits for Lutheran World Relief in April. We are in need of a few items to finish out the layettes—hooded jackets, cloth diapers, hand towels (preferably a dark color) and baby gowns or sleepers (without feet) or pant/shirt sets. Sizes can be between 6 months and 24 months in size. These items can be new or GENTLY used. If you would like to donate any of these items, please bring them to the church and leave them in the library before April 8th or bring them to the April 8th LWML group gathering. Thank you for your continued donations to these projects!



Upcoming happenings:

The April Group Gathering will be Saturday, April 8th at 9:30 am.

LWML Board will meet April 26th at 11:15 am.

The Central Zone Spring Rally will be May 6th in Power. Watch for further details.

The Lutheran World Relief drive is May 13, 2017 at Mount Olive in Billings.

The LWML 37th Biennial Convention is June 22-25, 2017 in Albuquerque, NM. The theme is *Jesus Christ Above All* the Scripture verse is *Philippians 2:9 ~ Therefore God has highly exalted Him and bestowed on Him the name that is above every name.* The 37th Biennial LWML Convention in Albuquerque will also celebrate the 75th Anniversary of the LWML.



Endowment Committee ~ The Endowment Committee met on March 12, 2017 to review the submissions for the distribution for 2017. Members present were Jenny Shaw, Scott Sommerfield, Kathie Sybrant and Keener Boyce. The distributions were made to the following:

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| Pastor Andrew Schlund – Mexico | \$ 3,000.00 |
| Pastor Douglas Thompson – Sierra Leone (Ghana) | \$ 3,000.00 |
| Pastor David Warner – Spain | \$ 3,000.00 |
| Pastor David Preus – Dominican Republic | \$ 3,000.00 |
| Pastor Eric Stinnett – Ethiopia | \$ 3,000.00 |
| John & Jen Wolf – Kenya | \$ 3,000.00 |
| Great Falls Rescue Mission | \$ 3,000.00 |
| Issues Etc. radio broadcast | \$ 2,000.00 |
| Wee Disciples | \$ 2,500.00 |
| Total distribution | \$25,500.00 |

Read through the Gospels or New Testament in Lent ~ continues

Last year you were challenged to read through the New Testament during the 40 days of Lent. Some of you took that challenge. We are again throwing down the challenge to Trinity to read through God’s word during Lent. This year however, we are going to give you an option: read through the New Testament like last year OR, if you found that to be too daunting a challenge, read through just the Gospels. What better way to prepare for Easter than to read the complete story of Jesus' birth, life, death and resurrection? So dust off your Bible and we’ll see you in through these 40 days of Lent!



| Read through the Gospels or New Testament in Lent | | |
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| Day | Gospels only | New Testament |
| April 1 | Luke 23-Luke 24 | Galatians 1 - end |
| 2 | Take a Break | |
| April 3 | John 1-John 2 | Ephesians 1 - end |
| 4 | John 3-John 4 | Philippians & Colossians |
| 5 | John 5-John 6 | 1 Thessalonians & 2 Thessalonians |
| 6 | John 7-John 8 | 1 Timothy & 2 Timothy |
| 7 | John 9-John 10 | Titus & Philemon & Hebrews 1 - 7 |
| 8 | John 11-John 12 | Hebrews 8 - end |
| 9 | Take a Break | |
| April 10 | John 13-John 14 | James |
| 11 | John 15-John 16 | 1 Peter & 2 Peter |
| 12 | John 17-John 18 | 1 John & 2 John & 3 John & Jude |
| 13 | John 19-John 20 | Revelation 1 - 7 |
| 14 | John 21 | Revelation 8 - 16 |
| 15 | 1 Corinthians 15 | Revelation 17 - end |
| 16 | It's Easter! He is risen! | |



Once again with the coming of spring we look to celebrate the accomplishments of the graduates of our congregation. If you or a family member are graduating this spring please let the church office know so that we can include you (them) in our May addition of the Lamplighter. You can write up a short article about the person or just give the office the information (name, birth date, parents, siblings, school graduating from, special awards, future plans, etc.) and we will write the piece for you. Don’t forget to include a picture of your graduate. You can bring this into the office or email it to trinity@trinity-mt.org. The deadline for the May Lamplighter is Monday, April 24, 2017.

Birthdays

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| April 1 st | Anita Pecukonis |
| April 3 rd | Alec Jones |
| April 4 th | Jenny Eberly |
| April 6 th | Nathan Green Teddy Young |
| April 7 th | Emma Millet (80+) |
| April 8 th | Emil Neumann Myrna Philipp |
| April 9 th | Ryan Copp Melba Mauseth Emma Paul |
| April 10 th | Trey Mans Nevah Cree McCurdy Bill Wegner (80+) |
| April 11 th | Molly Jones |
| April 13 th | Jeannine Eastley Amayah Hill Colleen Mans Cindy Stene |
| April 14 th | |
| April 16 th | Lidia Neumann Gary Vik |
| April 17 th | David Sand |
| April 18 th | Amanda Mansch |
| April 19 th | Monique McCurdy Michelle Neumann Reverend Gerald Paul |
| April 21 st | Garrett Nelson |
| April 24 th | Carl Andersen Haley Hansen Richerd Hutchinson Diane Thompson |
| April 26 th | Wes Bauer Hannah Houle |
| April 27 th | Treve Mans |
| April 28 th | Sandra Heinert Arleen Nelson (80+) Brent Stanger |
| April 29 th | Len Christianson Logan Vining |

Baptismal Anniversaries

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| April 1 st | Austin Johnson Lauretta Stanfield |
| April 2 nd | Terry Pearsall |
| April 3 rd | Louise Kuki Nathan Redenbaugh Zechary Redenbaugh |
| April 5 th | Roy Arves Bill Sybrant |
| April 6 th | Sandra Baranko Bob Blomstrom Marjory Fischer |
| April 8 th | Chad Mans |
| April 9 th | Olivia Martello Jay Schlecht |
| April 10 th | Janelle Clausen Jarrid Clausen Kynslie Dear Brielyn Ginnaty Nevah Cree McCurdy Ruth Schwartzenberger (80+) |
| April 11 th | Jordan Larsen Jill O'Moore |
| April 13 th | Janice Bicsak Richerd Hutchinson Kayla Kelly Emily Neumann |
| April 14 th | Jenny Eberly |
| April 16 th | Cheri Hansen Haley Hansen Niklas Hansen |
| April 19 th | Derek Jones |
| April 21 st | Bob Magis |
| April 22 nd | Chris Magis |
| April 23 rd | Millie Birkholz (80+) Matthias Paul |
| April 24 th | Sylvia Adams Shelly Vernon Linda Wade |
| April 27 th | Tracy Lou Miesmer Bonnie Nommensen |
| April 29 th | Emma Paul |



Worship Assistants ~ 2017

Serving this Month




Acolyte ~ Tim Chapman / Elders

Counters ~ Denise & Alan Wegner

Altar Guild ~ Denise Wegner / Dayna VanVleet

Trustee On-Call ~ NOA

Ushers ~ Alan Wegner / Elders

| Fifth Sunday in Lent | | | Lenten Worship | | |
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| 04/02/17 | Audio/Video Duty Elders Organist | Cody Stene Len Koelbel Dennis Philipp Joy Suek | 04/05/17 | Audio/Video Duty Elders Organist | Maryanne Chapman Bob Nommensen NOA |
| Palm Sunday / Passion Sunday | | |  | | |
| 04/09/17 | Audio/Video Duty Elders Organist | Jon Chapman Marty Bauer James Neumann Anita Chapman | Maundy Thursday | | |
|  | | | 04/13/17 | Audio/Video Duty Elders Organist | Maryanne Chapman Jerry Grosenick Roy Arves Anita Chapman |
| | | | Good Friday | | |
| | | | 04/14/17 | Audio/Video Duty Elders Organist | Maryanne Chapman Bob Nommensen Len Koelbel Anita Chapman |
| The Resurrection of Our Lord / Easter Sunday | | | Divine Service | | |
| 04/16/17 | Audio/Video Duty Elders (Sunrise) Organist (Sunrise) | Jon Chapman Roy Arves Jerry Grosenick (Divine Service) Marty Bauer Len Koelbel Jeannine Eastley (Divine Service) Anita Chapman | 04/19/17 | Audio/Video Duty Elders Organist | Maryanne Chapman Bob Nommensen NOA |
| Second Sunday of Easter | | | Divine Service | | |
| 04/23/17 | Audio/Video Duty Elders Organist | John Shaw James Neumann Don Lee Jeannine Eastley | 04/26/17 | Audio/Video Duty Elders Organist | Maryanne Chapman Bob Nommensen NOA |
| Third Sunday of Easter | | |  | | |
| 04/30/17 | Audio/Video Duty Elders Organist | John Shaw Len Koelbel Bill Sybrant Anita Chapman | | | |

If unable to serve on your designated Sunday / Wednesday please contact the church office (406-452-2121) as soon as possible to allow time to find a substitute.