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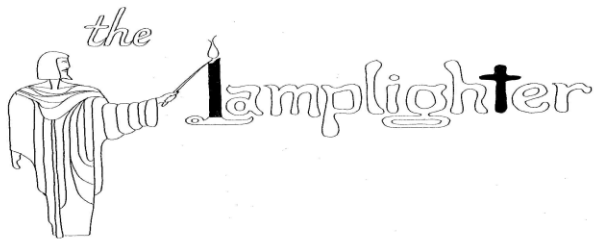
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God Loves a Cheerful Giver

We are nearing the 500th Anniversary of the beginning of the Reformation, All Saints' Eve, 1517, when Martin Luther posted the Ninety-Five Theses to the door of the Castle Church in Wittenberg. So, let's hear from Luther himself on the topic of giving and stewardship.

In the Small Catechism under the Table of Duties, Martin Luther gives specific Bible passages to help Christians know their duty in their various vocations as members of their family, society at large, and in God's family, the Church. Under the heading

"What Hearers Owe Their Pastors," Luther lists five passages from the Bible, three of which have to do with giving to your local congregation. They are these:

"The Lord has commanded that those who preach the gospel should receive their living from the gospel" (1 Corinthians 9:14).

"Anyone who receives instruction in the word must share all good things with his instructor. Do not be deceived: God cannot be mocked. A man reaps what he sows" (Galatians 6:6-7).

"The elders [presbyters, i.e., pastors] who direct the affairs of the church well are worthy of double honor, especially whose work is preaching and teaching. For the Scripture says, 'Do not muzzle the ox while it is treading out the grain,' and 'The worker deserves his wages'" (1 Timothy 5:17-18).

Luther comments on these passages in his 1535 Lectures on Galatians. He wrote:

When Paul says "all good things," this is not to be taken to mean that everyone should share all his possessions with his preacher. No, it means that he should provide for him liberally, giving him as much as is needed to support his life in comfort. . . . The apostle is so serious in advocating this topic of support for preachers that he adds a threat to his denunciation and exhortation, saying: "God is not mocked." . . . All this pertains to the topic of support for ministers. I do not like to interpret such passages; for they seem to commend us, as in fact they do. In addition, it gives the appearance of greed if one emphasizes these things diligently to one's hearers. Nevertheless, people should be taught also about this matter, in order that they may know that they owe both respect and support to their preachers. Christ teaches the same thing in *Luke 10:7*: "Eating and drinking what they provide, for the laborer deserves his wages"; and Paul says elsewhere (*1 Corinthians. 9:13-14*): "Do you not know that those who are employed in the temple service get their food from the temple, and those who serve at the altar share in the sacrificial offerings? In the same way the Lord commanded that those who proclaim the Gospel should get their living by the Gospel." It is important for us who are in the ministry to know this, so that we do not have a bad conscience about accepting for our work wages . . . it happens when those who proclaim the glory of God and faithfully instruct the youth derive their livelihood from them. It is impossible that one man should be devoted to household duties day and night for his support and at the same time pay attention to the study of Sacred Scripture, as the teaching ministry requires. Since God has commanded and instituted this, we should know that we may with a good conscience enjoy what is provided for the comfortable support of our lives from church properties to enable us to devote ourselves to our office. (*LW 27:125-126*).

In other words, pastors are not to suffer from low wages just because they are servants of Christ and the Word. They are to share in the livelihoods of all to whom they preach the gospel and instruct in the faith, so that the Word can be proclaimed and the faith carried from one generation to the next. (From LCMS stewardship)

Thank you for your generosity and faithful support!

Your Shepherd in Christ,
Pastor Gerald Paul

Oktoberfest Family Fellowship Night

All families and friends of Wee Disciples and all members and friends of Trinity Lutheran Church are invited to an *Oktoberfest Family Fellowship Night* on Friday, October 27th, from 5:00 to 7:00 pm in the church fellowship hall. Bratwursts, hotdogs, and drinks will be provided. Please bring a potluck dish to share. A sign-up list is posted on the chapel doors—please sign up to let us know you are attending (and how many) so we can order enough meat and buns. Come and enjoy an evening of fellowship time and an opportunity to get acquainted!



May the Lord in His grace continue to give strength, faith, patience and peace to each of His own:



Gary Adams at home; **Alice Irion** at her daughter's home in Havre; **Lydia Laubach** at the Rainbow; **Ilene Leishman** at home; **Richard Mauseth** at home; **Evelyn McNaught** at home; **Emma Millet** at Golden Eagles; **Alene Morrell** at Hosanna House; **Gladine Nehus** in Helena; **Alvina Presler** (Millie Birkholz's mother) at Park Place; **Bud Quickenden** at Bee Hive Homes; **Ruth Schwartzenberger** at home; **Gordan Stach** at home; **Myrtle Storhaug** at Golden Eagles; **Ted Young** at Missouri River Manor

We pray for those serving in the military:

Jaymes Crumley USAF; **Tech Sgt Jared Dudden USAF**; **Joshua Graham USA** (Sherrie Blomstrom's grandson-in-law); **Clifton Grilley USN** (Gary & Janet Headington's son); **Jared Grina USN** (Janet & Gary Headington's son-in-law); **Steffen Meeks USA** (Sherrie Blomstrom's grandson); **Brendan Murphy, USMC** (Gary & Sylvia Adams grandson); **Michael Somerfeld USN** (Gary & Mary Somerfeld's son);



Tech Sgt Tanner Tilton USAF (Millie Birkholz's grandson); **Senior Airman Brady Toole USAF**

A Letter from the Seminary Student We Support

Dear members of Trinity Lutheran,

Greetings from Concordia Theological Seminary! Classes have once again begun, and by the time you read this they should be in full swing. This will be my fourth, and Lord willing, my final year here at seminary. This means that I have just spent a year away from school, and from doing school-like work. There is a bit of a difference between preparing sermons and Bible studies, and writing papers for a class. So, I am trying to readjust to a classroom mentality. That being said, I have enjoyed the start of this year immensely. There have been joyful reunions with friends who also are returning from vicarage, and there has been the process of meeting and getting to know new people who started while I was gone, or just arrived.

My schedule for this quarter, and all year, is about average in terms of credit hours. All of my classes this quarter are continuations in class series. For example, I am taking a class on the Gospel of John, since I have already taken a class on the other three gospels. There is a bit more expectation of those who have already been on vicarage, but I do not think the class load will be too difficult.

I continue to keep you and the rest of Montana in my prayers as drought and fire continue to cause havoc. It is hard not to think of Montana when it rains here, and I pray that moisture would find its way to you. I also pray that God would continue to keep you safe during these difficult times. I ask that you continue to keep me in your prayers as I go through this year. May God continue to bless you.

In Christ, *Gideon Pullmann*

NOVEMBER LAMPLIGHTER DEADLINE Monday, OCTOBER 21ST!!
THE LAMPLIGHTER WILL GO OUT ON THURSDAY, OCTOBER 26TH



Men's Bible Study Changes
Men's Bible Study have begun meeting on **Thursday mornings at 6:30 am** for an hour of study and fellowship. All the men of the congregation are invited and encouraged to attend.

Wednesday Morning Ladies' Bible Study

Wednesday morning ladies' Bible study meets every Wednesday morning from 9:30 am to 11:00 am in the Stahlecker Room. Each lesson is an independent lesson, so if you can only come occasionally you will still be able to follow right along. Join us for a morning of fellowship as we study God's Word together.



How refreshing the crisp cool days of October are! Red and yellow leaves on the trees in Great Falls show off autumn's colors. Every season has its special qualities to cherish and enjoy!

The **Friday Ladies Bible Class** invites you to join them as they begin a new Bible study. They have chosen *Psalms* as their next study. On October 6th, 13th and 20th they will meet from 1:00-3:00 pm at the home of Marge Johnsten, 3000 8th Ave S. Learn and enjoy the richness of God's songbook and poetry!

Assisted Living Ministry with a devotion and hymn singing will be at the following



locations this month. On Tuesday, October 10th at 11:00 am ladies and gentlemen will gather at Bee Hive Home #2, 2816 15th Ave S. Friday, October 27th they start the Reformation weekend with a no host lunch at 11:45 am at Rikki's Pizza and Pasta, 1220 9th St S. Afterward many will go to Highgate House, 3000 11th Ave S. Singing the oldies but goodies is such good spiritual therapy for the residents. Us, too!



Need a Ride to Church? Weather and roads keeping you from getting to Sunday worship? Just don't drive? Need a ride to church? Call the church office (406-452-2121) Thursdays before 3:00 pm and we have a group of people in the congregation who will be more than happy to give you a ride.

Drivers Needed! We are looking for individuals who would be willing to occasionally give a ride to church to some of our members who do not drive. If you would be willing to be on the "on-call" list, please contact the church office.

*A warm hug and a big **Thank You** to all of you for helping make our 50th anniversary extra special. Having "all four chicks" and their families together made the weekend over the top. The cards and best wishes from all of you, our church family, make us feel so totally blessed. You all are awesome!*

Sending you all our Father's blessings and our love.

Gary & Sylvia Adams

Thanks to Gary and Rose Shelden for the beautiful Hydrangeas they have provided for the altar the last couple of months.

Comparison of Giving Report - 2017

For the Period August 27th through September 17th

Comparison of Income to our Monthly budget needs

Our **minimum monthly budget need** each month: \$16,070

Actual giving for report period ~ \$14,246

The offerings since last report:

August 27 th	\$3,124
September 3 rd	\$4,820
September 10 th	\$3,897
September 17 th	\$2,405

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

Gary Shelden, Assistant Treasurer

Fall Church Cleaning



It's that time again—time to clean the church to get it ready for winter as well as to have everything nice and clean as we celebrate reformation, Trinity's 125th anniversary, Advent, and Christmas! On **Saturday,**

October 14th at 9:00 am, we will be cleaning the kitchen. On **Saturday, October 21st at 9:00 am,** we will be cleaning the sanctuary, narthex and other upstairs areas of the church.

Trinity Lutheran LWML has a number of events coming up. We invite you ladies to join us.



Event 1: is LWML Sunday. We will celebrate the 75 years of LWML. The theme for this year is "*Be Ready In Season And Out Of Season*". LWML will serve refreshments after the service.

Event 2: is the LWML Fall Rally. October 7th.

Peace Lutheran Church, Great Falls is hosting this event. Please watch for further details.

Because of the fall rally, there will be **NO GROUP GATHERING** for October. Instead, we encourage you to attend the rally. Val Martin, our Zone President will give a report on the LWML National Convention held in Albuquerque, NM.

Event 3: There will be a kitchen cleaning day October 14th at 9:00am. Please watch for further details.

Event 4: There will be a church cleaning day October 21st at 9:00 am. Please watch for further details.

Membership dues are now due. They are \$12.00. Please give monies to Elsie Lorenz. LWML will continue to gather items for the layettes and backpacks. Items needed lists are posted on the Narthex bulletin board. The LWML Board meeting is October 25th at 11:15 am.

The next LWML Group Gathering will be November 11th at 9:30 am.

Thank you for your continued support.

Save the date!

Trinity Lutheran Church will
be celebrating its 125th
Anniversary
with a special service and
dinner



November 18, 2017

4:00 pm

Guest preacher: Reverend Terry Forke
(Montana District President)

Please contact the church office (406-452-2121) or sign-up on the Chapel doors in the Narthex and let us know how many will be joining us so that we can plan for dinner.

Take A Stand!

Join us for:

National Life Chain Sunday
October 1, 2017 2:00-3:30pm

Meet at the east end of Holiday Village Parking Lot 10th Ave. S. and 13th St. (south of Fiesta En Jalisco restaurant) Look for the orange Honda Element.

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Scott ♥ Stacie Olson (18)

October 9th

Cory ♥ Lois Phillips (30)

October 23rd

Henry ♥ Alice Schuman (51)

October 23rd

Birthdays

October 1 st	Tarl Legg
October 2 nd	Channing Hartelius
October 3 rd	Vi Biberdorf (80+)
	Evelyn McNaight (80+)
October 4 th	Jim Going (80+)
	Elsie Lorenz (80+)
October 7 th	Ashley Hill
	Kolter Legg
October 8 th	Triston Burkstrand
	Logan Stene
October 9 th	Kayla Christianson
October 11 th	Jan Bicsak
October 12 th	Ryon Burkstrand
October 13 th	Jacob Eberly
October 14 th	Arlene Royland (80+)
October 15 th	Caitee Miesmer
October 16 th	Brian Flynn
	Brad Norris
	Zachary Phillips
	Cody Western
October 18 th	Jacalyn Lee
October 19 th	Ruth Waetzig (80+)
October 22 nd	Clifton Grilley
	Penny Hill
October 23 rd	Paul Nordwall
October 24 th	Alexandria Thompson
October 25 th	Shayna Kellogg
October 26 th	Clayton Walker
October 27 th	Addison Teel
October 28 th	Gladine Neuhus (80+)
October 29 th	Cheri Bauer
	Bonnie Nommensen
October 30 th	Kay Kessel
	Justin Wade
October 31 st	Samarah Hill
	Courtney Schroeder

Baptismal Anniversaries



October 1 st	Flo Winter (80+)
October 4 th	Robin Western
October 6 th	Scott Kessel
October 7 th	Cally Felstet
	Bayley Ginnaty
October 9 th	Kelsie VanVoast
October 12 th	Dayna VanVleet
October 15 th	Kayla Christianson
October 17 th	Christopher Meehan
October 18 th	Vi Nell (80+)
October 21 st	Diane Thompson
October 23 rd	Jacob Eberly
	Nolan Teel
October 24 th	Ericka Neumann
	Teddy Young
October 25 th	Jeff Thompson
October 26 th	Peggy Norris
	Arlene Royland (80+)
October 27 th	Ashley Hill
October 29 th	Jimmy Norris
	Brent Stanger



Worship Assistants ~ October 2017

Serving this Month

Acolyte ~ Elders
Altar Guild ~ Dayna VanVleet

Counters ~ Alan & Denise Wegner
Trustee On-Call ~ NOA

Ushers ~ Alan Wegner / Elders

October 1, 2017 ~ Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost (green)

Readings	<i>Old Testament</i>	Ezekial 18:1-4, 25-32	<i>Epistle</i>	Philippians 2:1-18
	<i>Psalm</i>	Psalm 25:1-10	<i>Holy Gospel</i>	Matthew 21:23-32
	Audio/Video			Gary Somerfeld
	Duty Elders			Jerry Grosenick / Roy Arves
	Organist			Joy Suek
10/04/17	Duty Elders			Bob Nommensen

October 8, 2017 ~ Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost (green)

Readings	<i>Old Testament</i>	Isaiah 5:1-7	<i>Epistle</i>	Philippians 3:4b-14
	<i>Psalm</i>	Psalm 80:7-19	<i>Holy Gospel</i>	Matthew 21:33-46
	Audio/Video			Jon Chapman
	Duty Elders			Len Koelbel / Dennis Philipp
	Organist			Anita Chapman
10/11/17	Duty Elders (Reading service)			Bob Nommensen

October 15, 2017 ~ Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost (green)

Readings	<i>Old Testament</i>	Isaiah 25:6-9	<i>Epistle</i>	Philippians 4:4-13
	<i>Psalm</i>	Psalm 23	<i>Holy Gospel</i>	Matthew 22:1-14
	Audio/Video			Cody Stene
	Duty Elders			Len Koelbel / James Neumann
	Organist			Jeannine Eastley
10/18/17	Duty Elders (Reading service)			Bob Nommensen

October 22, 2017 ~ Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost (green) ~ Reading Service

Readings	<i>Old Testament</i>	Isaiah 45:1-7	<i>Epistle</i>	1 Thessalonians 1:1-10
	<i>Psalm</i>	Psalm 96:1-13	<i>Holy Gospel</i>	Matthew 22:15-22
	Audio/Video			To be announced
	Duty Elders			Don Lee / Bill Sybrant
	Organist			Jeannine Eastley
10/25/17	Duty Elders			Bob Nommensen

October 29, 2017 ~ Reformation Sunday (red)

Readings	<i>First Reading</i>	Revelation 14:6-7	<i>Epistle</i>	Romans 3:19-28
	<i>Psalm</i>	Psalm 46	<i>Holy Gospel</i>	John 8:31-36 or Matthew 11:12-19
	Audio/Video			Jon Chapman
	Duty Elders			Marty Bauer / James Neumann
	Organist			Anita Chapman
11/01/17	Duty Elders			Bob Nommensen



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.