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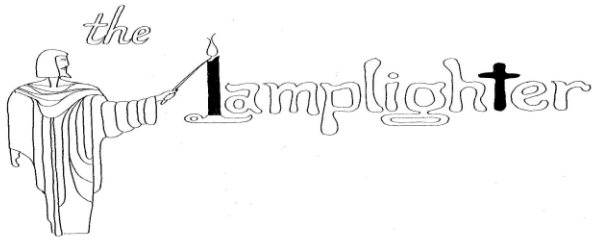
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“Whatever your hand finds to do, do it with all your might” (Ecclesiastes 9:10)

God bids us to be faithful in the tasks He calls us to do. He calls us to be members of a family (husbands and wives; fathers and mothers; sons and daughters). He calls us to be members of society (those who govern and those who are governed). And He calls us to be members of His family, the Church (those who preach and teach and those who hear and learn). Each of these callings from God places a duty on us.

As members of a family, husbands are given the duty to die for their wives as Christ gave His life for His bride, the Church; while wives are given the duty to respect their husbands and submit themselves to them as the Church does to Christ. Fathers and mothers are to raise their children in the fear and admonition of the Lord, teaching them the Ten Commandments, the Creed, the Lord’s Prayer, and the Scriptures concerning Baptism, Confession, the Office of the Keys, and the Lord’s Supper. Children are to honor their parents throughout their lives, and even when their parents are no longer alive, serving and obeying them, loving and cherishing them, and speaking well of them. (*Ephesians 5 & 6*)

As members of society, God calls those who govern to bear the sword, that is, to punish those who do evil—those who live contrary to God’s will—and to reward those who do good—those whose lives are lived in conformity with God’s will. Those who are governed are to obey their leaders as to the Lord Himself, for their leaders bear the sword of God’s temporal justice for a purpose. (*Romans 13*)

As members of God’s own family, the Church, He calls those who preach and teach to do so in faithfulness to His holy Word. To preach and teach the Law of God to convict the hearts of hearers of their sin and to encourage, admonish, and exhort them to do good works in accordance with God’s will. They are to preach and teach the Gospel, the full forgiveness of their sins accomplished by Christ and received through faith, not by works. They are to administer the means of grace in accordance with the Gospel and the Word of God. They do all this for the young and old alike, for those who are near and far off. Those who hear and learn are to submit themselves to their preachers and teachers. They are to support them by their prayers and their gifts. (1 Timothy 5; 1 Thessalonians 5; Hebrews 13)

Each of these callings from God places a duty on us. They make a claim on our presence, our prayers, and on our time, talents, and treasures. So, *“Whatever your hand finds to do, do it with all your might” (Ecclesiastes 9:10)*. Pray for your family, for your government, and your church. Give of yourself by means of your time, your talents, and your treasures to your family, your government, and your Church. That is what it means to be faithful in the tasks that God has given us. That is what it means to do it with all your might.

(Adapted from LCSM Stewardship)

Your Shepherd in Christ,
Pastor Gerald Paul

OCTOBER LAMPLIGHTER CALENDAR DEADLINE Monday, SEPTEMBER 18TH!!
THE LAMPLIGHTER WILL GO OUT ON THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 21ST

A Prayer For Peace In Our Nation

O Lord Christ, Hope of the World, Savior of the Nations:

In Your blessed incarnation, You took upon Yourself human flesh (*John 1:14*), flesh like that of every child born in the history of the world (*Galatians 4:4-5*), that You might bear the sins of all humanity on a cross (*John 1:29*).

In Your earthly ministry, You served humankind without regard to race, even contrary to prevailing racial views of the day (*Matthew 15:21-28; John 4*);

From the first days of Your Church, it pleased You to gather together people without regard to race or origin (*Acts 2*);

Through the centuries, Your Holy Word, the Scriptures of the Old and New Testament, have borne and continue to bear witness to the truths of both reason and divine revelation—that all people are created by God, that all are equally accountable to God, and that all are equally beloved by God and redeemed by Christ (*Romans 5*).

You, O Lord, teach us to “love your neighbor as yourself” (*Mark 12:31*), and that my neighbor includes everyone I meet in my daily vocations, and specifically without regard to race (*Luke 10:25-37*);

Forgive me, O Lord, for my many sins of commission and omission where I have failed my neighbor in thought, word or deed, especially where I have begrudged another Your compassion and love based upon race or anything else (*Romans 7:19f.*);

Strengthen Your Church, O Lord, that she may be a beacon of joyous unity in the Gospel and a light of blessed forgiveness and grace, calling all to repentance and to trust in Jesus as the only Savior from sin (*Acts 2:38-41*);

Let Your Gospel flow forth into every crooked, corrupt and hardened heart, to bring repentance, faith in Your Gospel and joy in the manifold uniqueness of Your created peoples—a very foretaste of heaven itself (*Revelation 7:9*);

O Lord, grant justice in Your left-hand kingdom, especially in the governments of this nation and of all the earth. Correct wrong. Punish and thwart evil, and especially racist evil. Grant peace that Your Gospel may flow all the more freely, especially to those most blinded by evil. Remind us, O Lord, of Your own prayer for those who crucified You, “Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do” (*Luke 23:24*). Let us not be overcome with anger, but overcome hatred with love.

Finally, O Lord, grant faith, peace and hope to the bereaved.

Lord, have mercy, Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy. Amen.

(From the Office of LCMS President, Rev. Dr. Matthew Harrison)



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 McNaight** 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 home; **Ruth Schwartzenberger** at home; **Myrtle Storhaug** at Golden Eagles; **Betty Tynes** (Sherri Blomstrom's mother) and **Ted Young** at Missouri River Manor.

We pray for those serving in the military: **Jaymes Crumley USAF**; **Tech Sgt Jared**

Dudden USAF; **Joshua Graham** (Sherrie Blomstrom's grandson-in-law); **Clifton Grilley** (Gary & Janet Headington's son); **Jared Grina** (Janet & Gary Headington's son-in-law); **Steffen Meeks** (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); and **Senior Airman Brady Toole USAF**





Calling all committees, groups, etc.

With summer winding down we will soon be ramping up our schedules and getting back into our routines. If your committee or group has begun or will begin meeting again, please send your schedule to the church office so that we can include it on the calendar and in the Grace Notes and Lamplighter.

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 continuing the Bible study book we started in June. Please join us whenever you can for a morning of Bible study and fellowship time.



Fall is in the air. Gardens have produced in abundance, and September is the big harvest month. It's a joy to see the Lord's bounty ripen after a warm

growing season. Now school bells are ringing and students are back in school eager to be one grade higher on the education ladder.

As school begins, the **Friday Ladies Bible Class** is eager to pick up their study of Matthew's gospel. They will meet for Bible study on September 8th, 15th, and 22nd from 1:00-3:00 pm at the home of Marge Johnsten, 3000 8th Ave S. If you have not stopped in to one of their Bible studies in the past, try to attend one this month! Unlike students with the grade levels, this group all learns together, whether one is new to Bible study or has been studying for many years. Always know you are welcome to come as often or infrequently as your schedule allows.

Assisted Living Ministry

continues through September with hymn singing and a devotion. Join them at the following locations. On Tuesday, September 12th at 11:00 am ladies and gentlemen will meet at Bee Hive Home #2, 2816 15th Ave S. On Friday, September 29th at 11:45 am they will gather for a no host lunch at the Bar S, 5100 North Star Blvd. After lunch many will go to Highgate House, 3000 11th Ave S. Treat yourself and bring a friend to lunch and join them at Highgate to spread the joy of God's promises!



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.

The LWML fall retreat "*As Far As the East Is From the West*"



(Psalm 103:12) will

be held at Camp Utmost between Missoula and Seeley Lake, **September 15th-17th**. We have made a few changes. First we will all come together for one retreat. Second we have extended our time together. The retreat will begin with registration on Friday at 4:00 pm and end at noon on Sunday. The registration fee is \$85. Registration forms (with fees included) must be received no later than **September 5th**. Registration forms are available on the bulletin board in the narthex or you can go to **<http://www.mtdistrictlwml.com>** and click on **Resources** and find a registration form there.

- ❖ Trinity LWML is starting its 2017-18 year with a Group Gathering, **September 9th at 10:00 am**. This is a temporary time change.
- ❖ Trinity LWML is also collecting school supplies and baby layette supplies for next spring. Posted in the narthex are lists of items needed.
- ❖ The Fall Rally will be at Peace Lutheran, Great Falls, MT. More information is coming.
- ❖ LWML Sunday will be celebrated October 1st.

Comparison of Giving Report - 2017

For the Period July 30th thru August 20th



Comparison of Income to our Monthly budget needs

Our minimum monthly budget need
each month: \$16,070
Actual giving for report period ~
\$15,659

The offerings since last report:

July 30 th	\$3,786
August 6 th	\$4,135
August 13 th	\$5,141
August 20 th	\$2,597

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

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.*



Your generosity is bringing smiles to babies and families in our community. To date, we have received over \$41,000 for our 2017 Baby Bottle

Campaign. Our Baby Bottle Campaign was a success, thanks to your participation and support. Every year you bless us by exceeding our fundraising goal. Thank you!!! We couldn't do this without you.

*The Board, staff and volunteers of
Echoz Pregnancy Care Center*

A Letter from the Seminary Student We Support

Dear Trinity Lutheran Congregation,

Thank you for your generous support and prayer for both the seminary and myself. It is truly a blessing to have congregations like yours take such an active role in the training of pastors. I pray that God continues to raise up congregations like yours, which are able and willing to provide this kind of support. I will also keep you in my prayers that God would continue to bless you so that you may continue to be a blessing to others. I am particularly aware of these blessing as I grew up in the parsonage of the church where my father was the pastor. This gave me an inside look at all that a congregation does to help pastors and future pastors. This support does not go unnoticed and I am extremely grateful for all that you do, and this sentiment is shared by all here at the seminary. So again, thank you for all you do and God bless you. I have put my email address at the bottom, please feel free to contact me if you want to know more about me, or about the seminary in general.

Your brother in Christ,

Gideon Pullman

email address: gideon.pullman@ctsfw.edu

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.



*Transferred membership to Trinity LC Greeley, CO
SOMMERFIELD, Scott & Jordan (Carson)
2209 70th Avenue
Greeley, CO 80634-7925*

COMING IN SEPTEMBER!

A new church directory!



Please let the church office know if there are any changes to your directory information so that we can print an accurate directory.



SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

Adam ♥ Tina Bink (10)

Chad ♥ Michele Mans (20)

Dwayne ♥ Shelley McClellan (39)

Jerry ♥ Colleen Mans (56)

Ed ♥ Sherrie VanVleet (47)

Wally ♥ Diane Thompson (43)

Seth ♥ Jamey Wheeler (16)

September 3rd

September 5th

September 7th

September 7th

September 8th

September 20th

September 23rd

Birthdays

September 1st

Kathie Gessaman

September 5th

Jacksin Graves

September 6th

Bud Quickenden (80+)

September 7th

Carolyn Arves

Scott Kessel

Denise Wegner

September 8th

Dorothy Rosenberg (80+)

September 10th

Brian Felstet

Pam Grosenick

Pam Nommensen

September 11th

Ada Burkstrand

Christopher Meehan

September 12th

Jaymes Crumley

September 13th

Alice Irion (80+)

Patty Jones

Al Redenbaugh

Brett Stene

September 15th

Robin Western

September 16th

Ericka Neumann

September 18th

Shawna Burkstrand

September 19th

Briana McClendon

September 22nd

Zander Martello

Charlotte Morrison

September 24th

Jimmy Norris

September 26th

Helen Suek (80+)

September 27th

Janet Headington

Tonya Wandke

September 29th

Hailey Houle

Aaron Sybrant

September 30th

Michael Bush

Dayna VanVleet

Baptismal Anniversaries

September 1st

Jonathan Sybrant

September 2nd

Monique McCurdy

September 6th

Bob Nommensen Sr (80+)

Gene Suek (80+)

September 8th

Malachi Dusek

September 9th

Clifton Grilley

Collette Grina

September 10th

Doug Nelson

Albert Pearsall

September 12th

Dorothy Rosenberg (80+)

September 13th

Michella Dusek

Betty Guderjahn

Timothy Guderjahn

Patty Jones

Russell Young

September 14th

Chuck Lorenz (80+)

September 15th

Karla Adelmeyer

Cody Stene

September 16th

Connie Felstet

September 20th

Tracy Martello

September 22nd

Wally Thompson

Suzan Huestis

September 23rd

Joseph McClellan

September 24th

Pam Grosenick

September 25th

Cathy Christianson

September 27th

David Kempff

September 30th

Mason Voegel



SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS



Worship Assistants ~ September 2017

Serving this Month

Acolyte ~ Elders
Altar Guild ~ Denise Wegner

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

Ushers ~ Alan Wegner / Elders

August 27, 2017 ~ Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost (green)

Readings	<i>Old Testament</i>	Isaiah 51:1-6	<i>Epistle</i>	Romans 11:33-12:8
	<i>Psalm</i>	Psalm 138	<i>Holy Gospel</i>	Matthew 16:13-20
	Audio/Video			Jon Chapman
	Duty Elders			Dennis Philipp / Marty Bauer
	Organist			Anita Chapman
08/30/17	Duty Elders			Bob Nommensen

September 3, 2017 ~ Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost (green)

Readings	<i>Old Testament</i>	Jeremiah 15:15-21	<i>Epistle</i>	Romans 12:9-21
	<i>Psalm</i>	Psalm 26	<i>Holy Gospel</i>	Matthew 16:21-28
	Audio/Video			Gary Somerfeld
	Duty Elders			Dennis Philipp / Marty Bauer
	Organist			Joy Suek
09/06/17	Duty Elders			Bob Nommensen

September 10, 2017 ~ Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost (green)

Readings	<i>Old Testament</i>	Ezekial 33:7-9	<i>Epistle</i>	Romans 13:1-10
	<i>Psalm</i>	Psalm 32:1-7	<i>Holy Gospel</i>	Matthew 18:1-20
	Audio/Video			John Shaw
	Duty Elders			James Neumann / Jerry Grosenick
	Organist			Anita Chapman
09/13/17	Duty Elders			Bob Nommensen

September 17, 2017 ~ Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost (green)

Readings	<i>Old Testament</i>	Genesis 50:15-21	<i>Epistle</i>	Romans 14:1-12
	<i>Psalm</i>	Psalm 103:1-12	<i>Holy Gospel</i>	Matthew 18:21-35
	Audio/Video			Gary Somerfeld
	Duty Elders			Roy Arves / Dennis Philipp
	Organist			Jeannine Eastley
09/20/17	Duty Elders			Bob Nommensen

September 24, 2017 ~ Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost (green)

Readings	<i>Old Testament</i>	Isaiah 55:6-9	<i>Epistle</i>	Philippians 1:12-14, 19-30
	<i>Psalm</i>	Psalm 27:1-9	<i>Holy Gospel</i>	Matthew 20:1-16
	Audio/Video			Jon Chapman
	Duty Elders			Marty Bauer / Jerry Grosenick
	Organist			Anita Chapman
09/27/17	Duty Elders			TO BE ANNOUNCED



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.