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“¹¹ You have turned for me my mourning into dancing; you have loosed my sackcloth and clothed me with gladness, ¹² that my glory may sing your praise and not be silent. O Lord my God, I will give thanks to you forever! “¹

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

We all know how quickly things can change around us. We see change around us everywhere that we look. Some changes are good, as they are given to us by God. It was God that placed the plants, earth, and sea. It was God that set the stars, Sun, and moon to govern the day, night, and ordered the seasons. These changes happen, like clockwork, every few months as seasons come and seasons go. Many people are looking forward with joy to the April rains that water the earth to bring forth May flowers, as well as the bounty of the Earth.

Many changes happen as a result of living with a sinful flesh in a sinful world. We can see this fact clearly, especially as we get older. We get more gray hair. More wrinkles come upon our faces and our bodies. We get more aches and pains. When we were younger our joints never hurt, now it seems as though they hurt constantly. The ultimate effect of sin is death. Because we sin, we die.

This separation of body and soul from life upon this Earth causes mourning and sadness, especially because this was not how God created us to be. We were not created to die and return to dust. That happens as a result of sin.

Even as we face the effects of our sins upon our bodies and minds, eventually our own deaths, we do so knowing the end result. In love, God does not leave us wallowing in the dust of death. Rather, He sent His only Son, Jesus Christ. Jesus wallows in the dust of the cross. He takes upon Himself our humanity that He might indeed taste the dust of death, dying our death in our place. It does not end there! Christ is alive! Jesus rose from the dead on the third day as proof that your sins and mine are forgiven. We have life abundantly, not only in this age but also in the age to come.

Because of Christ, our mourning has been changed into dancing. We can rejoice even in the face of death because by dying, Jesus has destroyed the power of death forever!

Your servant in Christ,

Rev. Joshua Reinke

¹ [*The Holy Bible: English Standard Version*](#) (Wheaton, IL: Crossway Bibles, 2025), Ps 30:11–12.

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Everyone for cooking, setting up, cleaning, serving and attending the potluck meals during Lent. **Val Martin, Gloria Creek and Tristin Reinke** for playing the organ and piano during our Worship Services.

Tristin Reinke leading the voice choir and the bell choir.

The members of the voice choir and the bell choir for enhancing our worship services with these gifts.

Bob Fletcher for cleaning the church.

Everyone on the Prayer Chain for their time and prayers.

Everyone who has donated treats for our fellowship time.

All of the men who volunteer to usher.

Cheri Magnuson for cleaning the Communion linens.

Elsie Huss for changing the banners and paraments.

This list is not inclusive. Please accept our apologies if we have missed giving you credit for serving the Lord in any fashion. We know that the Lord knows your service to Him.

LWML

- ♥ **The Parade of Tables is now on Saturday, April 18.** Theme is Spring and the guest speaker will be **Mary Hoy** from Grace Haven, which is a transitional home for homeless Veteran women. Hosts are asked to bring a salad and a dessert to share. The ingathering items can be found at the QR code provided on the insert in the bulletin. Tickets cost \$10 each are available in the church office. Plan now to come!!
- ♥ **Our next meeting will be Saturday, May 9 at 10:00 a.m. with a Bible study.** All ladies of Peace are invited and encouraged to come and join us! We will have the election of officers at the May meeting. Remember your Mite Boxes!

Camp Dates Set

The dates for camp this year are **August 13 through 16, 2026**. We will again be meeting at Trinity Camp in Bigfork, Montana. All are welcome to come and join us for some fun in the sun!!

Vacation Bible School

Vacation Bible School dates have been set for **June 15 through 19, 2026 from 8:30 AM to Noon**. Children through grade 6 are welcome to come and join us for crafts, study of God's Word, music, snacks, and play time! Children older than that are welcome to come and be helpers. If you are interested in helping in any way, please contact Linda Aguiar or Pastor Reinke.

Rummage Sale Dates

Dates for the rummage sale have been set for May 15 and 16. Bring items to sell and place them in the classroom across from the office. Members of Christ for the Deaf would love to have help with the sale. Please come for as long as your schedule will allow! Thank you!



April Anniversaries

April 12 Jeff and Vonnie Blomgren

Baptismal Anniversaries

April	1	Brian Mittelstedter
	2	Karen Birkholz
	5	Trisha Hasselstrom
	8	Carol Thurston
	10	Blair Johnson
	12	Gary Creek
	17	Atley Johnson
	17	Bailey Johnson
	17	Kole Johnson
	17	Taylor Martin
	26	Darrell Greenwood
	26	Hunter Denning

Wee Disciples Fund Raiser

Every third Tuesday of the month, you can help raise funds for Wee Disciples by eating at Fuddruckers! No coupon necessary! Just mention Wee Disciples and they will donate 20% of your meal proceeds to them! Easy! Go between **5 and 9 PM on April 21!**

Ushers for April

April 5 -----	Mitch and Taylor Martin
April 12-----	Patrick Tenold
-----	Arnie Gidlow
April 19-----	Lyle and Andrew Onstad
April 26-----	Jeff Blomgren
-----	Pat Lewis



INCLUDE THESE PEOPLE IN YOUR PRAYERS:

The following people are experiencing health problems:

- Ben Aagaard** – 13 year old with health issues
- Marylan Dallum** – health issues - Fort Benton
- Jody Decker** – health issues - Fort Benton
- Michael Drummond** – Lupus
- Rev. Mark Grunst** of Billings who has Lewy Body disease
- Marge Johnsten** - cancer
- Rev. Erich Kaelberer** – ALS
- Bruce Kempf** – health issues
- Becky Schlund** - MS
- Steven Schlund** - Parkinsons

Annual Spring Banquet for Foothills Community Christian School

Tuesday, April 21, 2026

6:30 PM

Heritage Inn

Guest Speaker is Kathy Koch

My help comes from the Lord, maker of heaven and earth.

Psalm 121:2

Call Foothills at (406)-452-5276 to reserve your seats!

62nd Annual Banquet Great Falls Rescue Mission

Thursday, April 14, 2026

6:00 PM

Mansfield Convention Center
2 Park Drive

Catered by Clark and Lewie's
Guest Speaker is Tony Cloud

“The Lord is near to the brokenhearted and saves the crushed in spirit.”

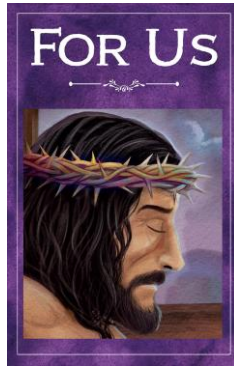
Psalm 34:18

To register online go to www.gfrm.org/banquet
To register by phone call 406-761-2653

Join us for great fellowship, music, testimonies, and excellent food.

\$50 per seat or sponsor a table for 8 people for \$500

Register by the day of the event.



Holy Week Schedule

Sunday March 29 – Palm Sunday

Palm Processional during Worship at 10 AM

Thursday April 2 – Maundy Thursday

Worship with Communion at 7 PM

Friday April 3 – Good Friday

Service of Darkness at 7 PM

Easter Sunday – April 5

Sunrise Worship at 6:30 AM

Youth host breakfast from 7:30 – 9:30 AM

Divine Worship with Communion at 10 AM

**You are invited to attend the
LWML Montana District Convention**

The theme is “Rooted in Christ” based on Colossians 2:1
Rooted and built up in Him and established in the faith just as you were taught,
abounding in thanksgiving.

Friday, April 24 through Sunday the 26, 2026

Yogo Inn and St Paul Lutheran Church

Lewistown, Montana

125 C Street

Registration forms are in the church office and can be given to Ruth Denning. \$85 before April 1, 2026.

Servant Events will happen on Friday as well as paint the town purple by wearing purple and doing a scavenger hunt in the town. Convention begins Friday night at the Yogo Inn at 6:30 PM followed by Opening Worship at 8 PM at St. Paul Luthern Church. The in-gathering is larger size diapers and wipes that will be shared evenly between Echoz in Great Falls, Havre Hi-Line Pregnancy Center and Inspire in Lewistown. The monetary offerings will go towards the Mite Goal, Memorial Scholarships, and Mission Central for Montana missionaries.

EASTER SUNDAY

(5 April 2026)

Acts 10:34–43 or Jeremiah 31:1–6

Colossians 3:1–4

Matthew 28:1–10

The Victory of Christ Crucified Is Given to You in the Preaching of His Resurrection

Every Sunday is the Lord's day, the day of His resurrection, "after the Sabbath, toward the dawn of the first day of the week" (Matt. 28:1). In the Divine Service, the Church enters upon the eternal "eighth day." The Lord Jesus, "who was crucified," who "has risen, as he said" (Matt. 28:5–6), is the firstborn from the dead and the firstfruits of the new creation. Because "you have died" with Him in Holy Baptism, "you have been raised with Christ" and "your life is hidden with Christ in God" (Col. 3:1, 3). The Lord Jesus has become our God, as surely as He is "the God of all the clans of Israel," and we now belong to His people (Jer. 31:1). In this, He "shows no partiality" (Acts 10:34), but "everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name" (Acts 10:43). As "God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power" and "raised him on the third day," He also raises us up and pours out His Spirit upon us through the Gospel (Acts 10:38, 40).

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

(12 April 2026)

Acts 5:29–42

1 Peter 1:3–9

John 20:19–31

Christ Jesus Breathes His Spirit and His Life into Us by the Ministry of the Gospel

The crucified and risen Lord Jesus establishes the ministry of the Gospel in order to bestow His life-giving Holy Spirit and His peace upon the Church. To those who are called and ordained to this office, and to those they serve in His name, He grants the Holy Absolution of all sins. By the fruits of His cross, He replaces fear and doubt with peace and joy, and thus gives "repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins" (Acts 5:31). Through the preaching of His sent ones, He calls us to believe that He "is the Christ, the Son of God," so that by such faith we "may have life in his name" (John 20:31). In His resurrection, we have the "living hope" to which we have been "born again" and by which we are guarded "for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time" (1 Peter 1:3, 5). Until then, "though you have not seen him, you love him," and by the mercies of God "you believe in him and rejoice with joy that is inexpressible and filled with glory" (1 Peter 1:8).

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

(19 April 2026)

Acts 2:14a, 36–41

1 Peter 1:17–25

Luke 24:13–35

The Risen Lord Jesus Is with Us in Holy Baptism and in ‘the Breaking of the Bread’ From “before the foundation of the world” until heaven and earth pass away, “the word of the Lord remains forever” (1 Peter 1:20, 25). This “living and abiding word of God” is the preaching of Christ Jesus, namely that God “raised him from the dead and gave him glory” (1 Peter 1:21, 23). By this living word, we “have been born again” to eternal life (1 Peter 1:23) and ransomed from our sinful and mortal life “with the precious blood of Christ” (1 Peter 1:18–19). This living word also calls us to repentance, to dying and rising in Holy Baptism “in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins” (Acts 2:38). In this, we receive the Holy Spirit “for you and for your children and for all who are far off” (Acts 2:39). Through the preaching of His cross and resurrection, Jesus draws near to bring us “into his glory” (Luke 24:26). As He opens the Scriptures, He opens our minds to comprehend “the things concerning himself” (Luke 24:27), and He brings us to know Him “in the breaking of the bread” (Luke 24:35).

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

(26 April 2026)

Acts 2:42–47

1 Peter 2:19–25

John 10:1–10

The Crucified and Risen Lord Jesus Christ Is Our Good Shepherd

Although we “were straying like sheep,” the Lord Jesus Christ has willingly suffered and died for us, bearing our sins “in his body on the tree” (1 Peter 2:24–25). We are healed by His wounds (1 Peter 2:24), and in His resurrection He gathers us to Himself as our Good Shepherd, by whose righteousness we “have life and have it abundantly” (John 10:10). Now through other shepherds whom He calls and sends in His name, He guards and keeps us in the green pastures of His Church, leading us beside the quiet waters of our Baptism and spreading the feast of His table before us. Since He has called us by the Gospel to be His own dear sheep, we also “hear his voice” and “know his voice” (John 10:3–4) in the faithful preaching of His Gospel, and we follow Him by faith. When we receive His Gospel, we have the abundant life and common unity of the entire flock under one Good Shepherd, in “the apostles’ teaching and the fellowship” and in “the breaking of bread and the prayers” (Acts 2:42).