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“After Jesus was born in Bethlehem in Judea, during the time of King Herod, Magi from the east came to Jerusalem saying, “Where is He who has been born King of the Jews? For we have seen His star in the East and have come to worship Him.” Matthew 2:1-2

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Have you ever looked up at the stars on a clear moonlit night? It is a favorite activity of both kids and adults, staring in awestruck wonder at the glimmers of light and trying to make out the constellations. People have done this for many years, going as far back as 3,000 years ago. As we celebrate the season of Epiphany this month, we continue the age-old tradition of looking at stars.

According to Matthew, Wise men, often referred to as Magi come to King Herod because they “saw his star in the east and have come to worship him.” They were looking at the stars and saw this special one that heralded the birth of a new king. They packed their bags, their gifts of frankincense, gold, and myrrh, and followed the star. When it disappeared, they go to Jerusalem, figuring that that is where the king is to be born as that is where the king lives. Herod tells them that there is no new king and consults the scribes who state that they need to go to Bethlehem.

So they go to Bethlehem, rejoicing when the star reappears. The star leads them to the house, where they find Mary, Joseph, and the young Jesus. They bow and worship Him as the King, all because they followed a star.

We too follow this Epiphany season, yet we follow not a star but the very One who made the stars. Having followed the wisemen to the house, we continue to follow our Lord as He is revealed as the One who is the Light of the World. Ultimately, we follow Him to Calvary, there to see Him suffer, bleed, and die so that we could be reconciled to God and made His holy people. We follow the women and disciples to the empty tomb. There we see the empty grave cloths as proof of His resurrection, thus giving to us everlasting life. We follow to the Mount of Olives, seeing our Lord ascent to the very heights of heaven to prepare a place for us. We hear the promise that He will return again, as we confess in the creeds to judge the living and the dead.

Dear Christian, as we begin a new year, may we always continue following, not a star, but the very One who made the stars, our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ who became flesh and blood, died, and rose from the dead for you and me.

Your Servant in Christ,  
Rev. Joshua Reinke

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**Everyone** who helped decorate the church for the Christmas season.  
**Everyone** who came and baked the goodies for the baskets for the people we caroled to.  
**Val Martin** for being so generous with her Thrivent Action Team cards and paying for most of the Thanksgiving meal, the baking supplies for the goody baskets and everything else she bought.  
**LWML ladies, the youth, and Kevin Aguiar and Val Martin** for sponsoring the soup suppers during Advent.  
**Val Martin and Toni Nivens** for leading the adult choir.  
**Tristin Reinke** for leading the bell choir.  
**Everyone** who sings in the choir and plays the bells in the bell choir.  
**Tristin Reinke, Val Martin and Gloria Creek** for playing the organ and piano during all of our worship services.  
**All those who volunteer to teach Sunday school and Bible class** on Sundays.  
**Elsie Huss** for changing the banners and paraments.  
**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.  
**Everyone** who counts the offering.  
**Cheri Magnuson** for cleaning the Communion linens.

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.

## Ladies Bible study schedule

And another new year rolls in the door! God's blessings as you begin 2022! May it be one of spiritual growth and enrichment!

The FRIDAY LADIES' BIBLE CLASS is a place for growth, where you are always welcome. They will be meeting at a new location in January. Join them at the home of Ann Nimmick, 2327 15th Avenue South from 1-3 pm on January 7th, 14th, and 21st as they continue their study of the book of Acts.

Later in the month plan to go out to the no host lunch on Friday, January 28th at 11:30am at the Black Bear Restaurant, 1420 Market Place Drive. After lunch many will go to Highgate House, 3000 11th Avenue South for hymn singing and a devotion. Come and join this Assisted Living Ministry as they reach out to our Great Falls community. Spiritual enrichment is guaranteed!

## Camp Dates

Camp Dates for our annual congregational camp at Trinity Camp in Bigfork are August 11 – 14, 2022. Mark your calendars now and save the dates to come and have a great time at camp. If you would like to help in any way, please contact Pastor Reinke.

## Family Night resumes

Family Night resumes on Wednesday January 5th. The potluck dinner will be at 6:00 with the theme being Chinese food. We will continue our study of Christ in the Old Testament. Join us for this time of fellowship and fun. If you have any questions, please talk with Pastor Reinke.

## Sign Language Class resumes

The sign language class will resume on **Wednesday, January 12**. This gives pastor an extra week to prepare.

# LWML



- ♥ **Thank you to everyone who helped in any way at the soup supper.**
- ♥ **During the month of January, we will have a Baby Shower for Denice Combs who gives baby layettes to the mothers at Benefis who have babies but have no clothes to put on them. You may bring new or clean, gently used baby items and place them in the box provided. We will also be making no sew fleece blankets that will be given to**

Denice Combs.

- ♥ **Our next meeting will be Saturday, January 8 at 10 a.m. with a Bible study.** We will be making no sew fleece blankets for the layettes that Denice Combs makes for the hospital. If you want to make a fleece blanket, bring 1 and ¼ yards of any print fleece and we will show you how to make the blankets. There will also be Bible study and a business meeting. All ladies of Peace are invited and encouraged to join us. Remember your Mite Boxes!
- ♥ **Ladies mark your calendars for Saturday, February 12<sup>th</sup> when LWML will sponsor Peace's first "Parade of Tables."** We will host a luncheon of salads and desserts at our themed tables, inspired by Valentine's Day. Cost is \$7 per person with all proceeds going to support Toby's House in Great Falls. **Susie Zeak**, administrator at Toby's House, will be our guest speaker. This is an opportunity of outreach providing a chance to invite those you know who are unchurched, so please plan on attending. If you would like to host a table or for more information, contact Toni Nivens on her cell phone at 865-742-2248 or her home phone at 406-315-1419. Tickets will be available to purchase beginning January 16<sup>th</sup>. Come and join us!



## Baptismal Anniversaries

January	3	Mitch Martin
	4	Dan Martin
	11	Gary Lux
	16	James Onstad
	17	Peter Doscher
	17	Talitha Reinke
	19	Shirley Smelser
	19	Deloris Brown
	26	Ken Meske
	28	Kaye Franczyk

## Ushers for January

2	Kevin Aguiar Tyler Denning
9	Arnie Gidlow Peter Doscher
16	Greg Franczyk Gary Link
23	Mitch Martin Eric Fletcher
30	Arnie Gidlow Tyler Denning



**INCLUDE THESE PEOPLE IN YOUR PRAYERS:**  
The following people are experiencing health problems:

**Ben Aagaard** – 8 year old with kidney cancer  
**Jody Decker** – Fort Benton  
**Michael Drummond** – Lupus  
**Rev. Mark Grunst** of Billings who has Lewy Body disease  
**Connie Juden**  
**Rev. Erich Kaelberer** – ALS  
**Ed and Sarah Ostlund**, in assisted living in Billings  
**Becky Schlund**, MS  
**Steven Schlund**, Parkinsons  
**Ron Van Horn** – Fort Benton  
**Van Oman family** – Fort Benton

Happy New Year ♡ Happy New Year ♡ Happy New Year

#### Offerings October2021

Total Offerings & Interest Income	\$	11,963.86
Expenses	\$	11,155.45
Excess Income	\$	808.41

#### Offerings November2021

Total Offerings & Interest Income	\$	8,910.69
Expenses	\$	14,404.36
Shortage	\$	5,493.67

## **Connect to Disciple Conference January 29<sup>th</sup> at Peace Lutheran Church, Great Falls, MT**

Trinity Lutheran and Peace-Christ Church for the Deaf-First Lutheran of Great Falls, MT and Ft. Benton MT invite our Montana District congregations and their members to a conference at Peace Lutheran Church, Great Falls, 3340 11<sup>th</sup> Ave S., on Jan. 29<sup>th</sup> from 10 AM till 4 PM. The topic will be the module from the LCMS Synod resource Connect To Disciple: Engaging the Nonchurched in Our Community. The conference will be led by Pastor Johnathon Shultz and Pastor Joshua Reinke with a lunch served. There is no cost for the conference and pre-registration is requested for the delivery of workbooks from the Synod in St Louis and for planning of the lunch. The deadline for workbook printing will be Jan. 10<sup>th</sup>, we still welcome registrants later than that however. Please contact the Peace Lutheran office at 761-7343 or e-mail at [Peacesecretary@bresnan.net](mailto:Peacesecretary@bresnan.net) from Monday through Thursday from 9 AM-1 PM. Other hours contact Arnie Gidlow at 468-9385 or [mobows@mcn.net](mailto:mobows@mcn.net).

1 Corinthians 3 v. 7-9 (NIV) 7. “ So neither he who plants nor he who waters is anything, but only God, who makes it grow. 8. The man who plants and the man who waters have one purpose, and each will be rewarded according to his own labor. 9. For we are God’s fellow workers, you are God’s field, God’s building”