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“Therefore encourage one another and build one another up, just as you are doing.” 1  
Thessalonians 5:11

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

Who inspires and encourages you? There are many people that can inspire us. Our parents, friends, other relations, maybe even a great public speaker. October is Pastor Appreciation month, so I would like to share with you some of the pastors that inspired me throughout the years and how they can point you to Christ Jesus.

First would be my father. I spent many hours at church with him when I was young, both in worship and outside of worship. I got to see first hand how to be a carer of souls when he had meetings, counseling sessions, and hospital or evangelism visits. I would often sit someplace, book in hand, reading and listening, sometimes for hours on end as he was beside someone's hospital bed or working on sermons.

From my grandfather I learned how to balance work and family time. He was always busy pastoring a small, rural town in North Dakota. Yet, whenever we came to visit, he would always make time for us. We would go with him on walks to the post office to get the mail. We would pass people who would ask how he was doing and mean it, sometimes given home baked goodies in thanks for his service.

One of the other pastors that had the biggest inspiration for me was Pastor Paul Garchow. He was the pastor that taught my confirmation class in eighth grade. He was always teaching using illustrations and jokes which made learning fun and exciting. He was one of the first to ask me if I had ever considered being a pastor. He saw something in me and helped to cultivate my love of learning and history, as well as humor.

I could continue. I am sure that you have pastors that have inspired you and encouraged you in your faith. That is the charge of every pastor, to proclaim Law and Gospel, to convict of sins, forgive them because of Jesus Christ death and resurrection from the dead. As well as to encourage, as Saint Paul reminds us, encourage in the newness of life that Jesus has won, and given, to us until life everlasting.

Your Servant in Christ,  
Rev. Joshua Reinke

# J H A N K S TO

**Everyone** who cleaned, watered and cared for the flower beds all summer.  
**Everyone** who came and fixed, repaired, replaced, and took care of the Lord's house during the summer months.  
**Everyone** who attends Family Night and helps with food preparation and clean up.  
**Tristin Reinke, Gloria Creek and Val Martin** for playing the organ and piano during our worship services.  
**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.  
**Bob Fletcher** for cleaning the church.  
**All of the ladies** who stay after and clean the kitchen after Bible study.  
**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 Friday Bible Study

The bright blue skies of October reveal an abundance of golden trees with their leaves dancing down the streets like children on a runaway merry-go-round. With the rustling leaves people are putting their flower gardens to bed, trimming back perennials and pulling up frost nipped annuals, as another growing season draws to a close.

While a chapter closes on plant growth, the Friday Ladies Bible Class is continuing fellowship and spiritual growth with their study of Philippians this fall. You are most welcome to join them whenever your schedule allows October 4th, 11th, and 18th from 1-3pm at the home of Marge Johnsten, 3000 8th Avenue South.

The Assistant Living Ministry will bring a devotion along with hymn singing to Highgate Senior Living, 3000 11th Avenue South, on Friday, October 25th from 1:30-2:30pm. Preceding that activity the no host lunch bunch will gather at 11:45am at McKenzie River Pizza, 500 River Drive South. Pastor Reinke will hold the monthly worship service at The Lodge, 1801 9th Street South, on Wednesday, October 16th at 2pm. He will be at Highgate Senior Living on Monday, October 21st at 1:30pm. Plan to join in one of these gatherings as your presence around God's Word encourages others and strengthens you.

## Trunk or Treat anyone?

The youth of Peace Lutheran are planning to do Trunk or Treat again this year! It will be on **Thursday, October 31 from 5 to 7 PM**. You may decorate your trunk and hand out candy to all of the kids who come trick or treating. The youth will also be selling calendars and notepads for the year of 2025. Be watching for more details!





## October Anniversaries

- Oct. 10 Kevin and Kristen Jacobsen
- Oct. 10 Steven and Trisha Hasselstrom
- Oct. 12 Ernest and Alana Keitzman
- Oct. 15 Bill and Elsie Huss
- Oct. 25 Henry and Val Schnackenberg

## Baptismal Anniversaries

- October 1 Lyle Onstad
- 2 Gloria Creek
- 3 Molly Whitesitt
- 16 Ly Doscher
- 16 Leila Doscher
- 22 Sapphira Reinke
- 25 Logan Rubino
- 27 Lee Henselin
- 28 Ruth Denning

## October ushers:

- 6 – Mitch and Taylor Martin
- 13 – Brian Mittelstedter and Arnie Gidlow
- 20 – Pat Lewis and Tyler Denning
- 27 – Dennis Nivens and Kevin Aguiar



### INCLUDE THESE PEOPLE IN YOUR PRAYERS:

The following people are experiencing health **Ben**

**Aagaard** – 11 year old with liver cancer

**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

**Mary Ann Haugen** – health issues, Fort Benton

**Connie Juden**

**Rev. Erich Kaelberer** – ALS

**Bruce Kempf** – health issues

**Rachel Manley** – cancer

**Eloise Morehead** – health issues

**Becky Schlund** - MS

**Steven Schlund** – Parkinsons

**Rev. John Vallie** – Alzheimer's Disease

## Life Issues information


**TO HIM WHO IS ABLE** is the theme of the 2024 ECHOZ Banquet at The Heritage Inn, at 7:00 PM, Thursday, October 31. For several years banquets were not held but this year it has been rescheduled. Lutherans for Life of Cascade County and Vicinity purchases a table for twelve and invites interested people to a meal and the opportunity to hear about the work of Echoz Crisis Pregnancy Center. The speaker, Steven's story is one of hope based on the Gospel of Jesus Christ. We have seats available if you would be interested in learning more about the sanctity of life work in Great Falls. Contact Jim or Barb Going 406-727-4878 or 899-3716.

### National Life Chain Sunday

For the past 16 years, on the first Sunday in October, Lutherans for Life of Cascade County has had a presence in the National Life Chain. The Life Chain was established in 1987. We stand on both sides of Tenth Ave South in front of the mall with laminated signs urging that people pray to end abortion. The backs of our signs have scripture verses and songs with which to fill the quiet time. We meet at 1:30 PM at the north east corner of the parking lot to get a sign and stand at good distances along the side walk. A quiet way to make statement for the sanctity of life and the time commitment is about 90 minutes of standing and praying. It is okay to bring a chair. The date is October 6<sup>th</sup>. For more information contact Barb Going 406-899-3716.

**CI128** is a bill on **Reproductive Health Rights** and will be on the Montana ballot in November. This bill will make Montana officially an Abortion providing state if voted in. Those proposing the bill have spent time and money to move this forward. Hopefully you will encourage others to see that it is contrary to God's view of life. Pray that there are enough Christians who care about the sanctity of life.

# LWML

- ♥ **LWML Sunday will be October 6.** LWML has an updated display on the bulletin board with some historic facts and information about where the Mites go and some of the projects and events that we have sponsored locally, nationally and around the world. Thank you to **Linda Aguiar** for organizing the display. The LWML worship service will be used for the 10:00 service and altar flowers will be provided.
- ♥ **Honey Sunday** is a simple way for us to support Dakota Boys and Girls Ranch. It is paid for and ordered here at the church, but is sent from the Ranch. Honey will be sold for \$10 per bottle. Peace's LWML will keep 30% of the proceeds and the Ranch gets 70%. Please make checks payable to Peace LWML. 
- ♥ **LWML Purple Pockets** – The Purple Pocket concept goes back many years and was started at the Montana District level by then President Pam Kercher. The idea is to put a penny in, and each month for a year, double what you put in. So the first month = 1 cent, then 2 cents, then 4 cents, then 8 cents, then 16, then 32, then 64 then \$1.28, then \$2.56, then \$5.12, then \$10.24, then \$20.48. At the end of the year the total is \$40.95. These funds are very important because they go toward our missions. We send them to Stinnetts in Ethiopia and Mekane Yesus Seminary in Ethiopia. If you don't have a Purple Pocket, please see Elsie Huss and she will get one for you. Thank you for your support!
- ♥ **Our next meeting is November 9 – Saturday at 11:00 AM.** Our guest speaker is Jim McCormick from the Great Falls Rescue Mission. We are eager to hear what is new at the mission and how things have changed. Our ingathering for them is hats, gloves, and scarves.

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## Treasurers Notes:

The monthly treasurer's report is now published on the [Peacelutherangreatfalls.org](http://Peacelutherangreatfalls.org) website. You can access it by going to the website and clicking on "Information" on the top bar and then click on "Reports." The treasurer's monthly report will come up and I will be keeping the 12 most current reports available for you. I have also put the 2025 Budget for the church that was proposed by the Board of Directors and approved at their meeting on September 16, 2024. That is available for you to view prior to the fall Voters Meeting.

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