



AN INVITATION FOR THIS FALL...

Friends in Christ Jesus. Grace and peace be with you from our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ our Lord.

We have just begun to study the book of Revelation and as I've been preparing to take folks on this journey, I've been thinking about Beauty quite a bit. If sharing our faith has something to do with sharing, Truth, Goodness and Beauty I suspect it is actually the encounter with the "Beauty" of God and Beauty within God's people that first opens the door through which the Spirit enters in order to bring a person into trusting our Lord Jesus Christ.

Revelation can at times be stark in it's imagery because at times what is being revealed is how ugly the reality of "unfaith" and "unreliance upon God" ACTUALLY IS! When evil in all its forms including some of the most insidious forms of conceit and presumption becomes unmasked it is ugly and stark and horrible. And yet what is also revealed to be the Truth, is that God in rich and abundant Beauty conquers all that is chaotic and broken and destructive bringing a suffering creation back to life. It is into that BEAUTY that we as followers of the Lamb are being brought to life to experience and ultimately enjoy. The Beauty and victory of kindness over cruelty, of forgiveness over condemnation, of mercy over vengeance, these are the gifts being given to us as a people of faith and in a world that at times is all too ugly in its broken sin-soaked reality, He comes and tells us "have no fear little flock."

We are called into this beauty and perhaps more incredibly still, we are called to become those who serve, proclaim and express this beauty into the lives of those starved for it. The beauty of friendship to the lonely... the beauty of shoulders to lean upon when loads are heavy... the beauty of a shared meal... the beauty to laugh even when tears flow... the beauty to share our Lord with those yet to know him... the beauty to accompany and seek the worst of sinners for Jesus loved them enough to die for them... and we would do well to see this in them with every encounter. Revelation opens with a call to "keep" what is revealed... to live within it... to be transformed by it... to worship in spirit and truth and

beauty in every aspect of our lives as those who believe and trust our Lord Jesus Christ. He is Beauty even as he is the Truth and the Way and the Life.

In short we, you and I and all of God's people are called to put the very beauty of God on display into a world oft-times dark with all that is ugly. Will not your family life transform should we focus on sharing the beauty of Christ and the character He molds in us to our husbands and wives and children? Will not our neighbors be touched should the beauty of the Lord become our highest priority marking our interactions with them? Would not our worship and the invitation bestowed upon the whole world to come and worship the Lord, become that much easier to perceive if we were to continually seek to participate and display all that is Beautiful as God is making it to be? Would not forgiveness itself become the very embodiment of Beauty the more we dwell in the One bestowing it? What would it look like the next time you engage in the hard conversation, should you seek to convey all that is beautiful in God and reduce the display of what in our humanity is not? What would our worship gatherings look like if each one of us on any given Sunday morning heard the call as our God given mission to express the Beauty of our Lord to friend and stranger alike?

The invitation I'm conveying is to invite you to experience, convey and focus upon our God who is Beautiful... may His beauty surround and fill you and teach you and bring you the fullness of life to be found only in Him. May the Beauty of Christ Jesus be on display in you each day of your life and may you discover your calling to serve as a Co-Creator of Beauty, bearing the very image and likeness of Christ Jesus our Lord into this world.

In Christ, who is Beauty incarnate!

Peace *Rev. Eric*

LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF

SCHOOL KIT Supplies needed

We know that everyone has been donating towards local and regional causes lately.

Thank you!

However, our group is working on assembling school kits as we have done in the past years.

We are in need of:

288 notebooks

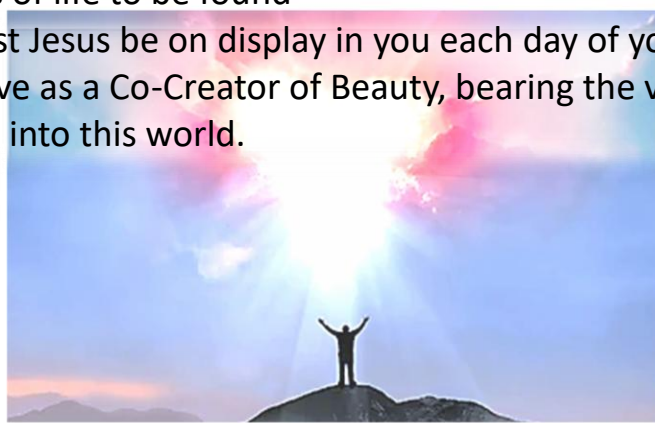
230 pens

12 crayons

27 rulers

27 scissors

Please call Glenda Kress with any question. Thank you for your continued support!



FROM THE PRESIDENT

A GIANT *Thank You* to ALL who participated one way or another in this year's TLC yard sale.

It was a great success again, and it would not have happened without those that helped. So, again, thank you to those that donated, set out, rearranged, made sales, cleaned up, and served beverages to the shoppers....you are all AWESOME! Here is the outcome of the generosity you showed by donating or giving of your time, items and effort:

1. We took in roughly \$2200 dollars that will be donated to the Union Gospel Mission
2. Kaci and Vera served up a lot of beverages, and they garnered \$101 dollars in tips that they want to donate to the Lewis Clark Animal Shelter. Great job girls!
3. Also, as a result of Donna Piraino's hard work, we opened up a whole bunch of room in the kitchen shelves by donating a huge number of unused dishes, and glassware.
4. I also want to thank Nora for helping set out things Thursday before the auction...I couldn't keep up with her! For all that came to help on Friday, you are all Angels...truly.
5. For those that stayed and helped box things up after services on Sunday, I can't believe how quickly things got boxed up, and I am so grateful for your help.
6. Thank you to Barry Erickson for being at the church and waiting for St Vincent's to come pick up the left-over items on Monday following the sale.
7. If I have forgotten to mention anyone, or anything I apologize...it seems my memory is like a sieve these days!!!

All of the effort, time, and donations that go into this activity are a great example of the Holy Spirit working in our congregation to make a positive impact on our community. May we always pray that seeds are planted in fertile soil through our efforts.

Love you all, *Denise*



FROM THE PRESIDENT continued

Some thoughts and gratitude from the President;

I have been attending Pastor Eric's bible study of the Book of Mark. We concluded today and Pastor asked us what we picked up from the study and how will we use what we learned in our Christian journey. The main lesson I learned is that we have to stop and LISTEN to Him, to study His Word to get to His message. It is easy to gloss over verses and not pick up what He is trying to tell us: I encourage you all to come to the next session, as we begin to study the Book of Revelation. I think it is a study that will be incredibly eye and heart opening. Please come if at all possible, Tuesday mornings at 8:30AM. I personally really enjoy the discussions and the insight that Pastor Eric provides.

We have many opportunities put in front of us on a daily basis where we can display our Christian values and shine our light. He tells us to take care of the less fortunate, and here are some ways that Trinity responds:

- 1) Last week was a great example. The donations we received for the victims of the Spokane fires was incredible. Over 1000 pounds of clothes!
- 2) We have a box in the Sanctuary that gets filled and delivered to the food bank.
- 3) Our Yard Sale proceeds go to the Union Gospel Mission who serves those that desperately need help.
- 4) We have members serving meals at the Salvation Army.
- 5) We give benevolence to many organizations, including Meals on Wheels.
- 6) Donna Piraino spearheads Thanksgiving dinner for a family in need every year.
- 7) The ladies that create such beautiful quilts to keep others warm are true heroes. I can say that because I have tried to help and mostly what I contribute is free entertainment. Marian has to thread my needle all the time! I really was trying hard and I looked up and she was "in stitches"! Sew, I don't think quilting is my area of talent. ☺

These are all examples of how we at TLC are listening to God and putting his instructions into action. I just want to say a big THANK YOU to all that work at spreading the Peace of the Lord through acts of kindness. I think we have done a great job of changing Love from a "noun" to a "verb".

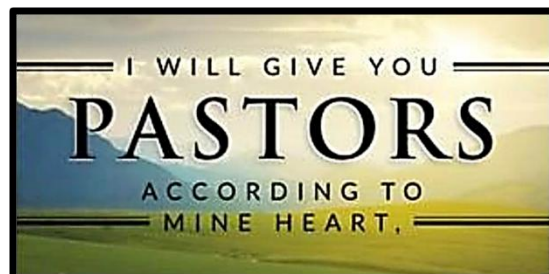
FROM THE PRESIDENT continued

I am sure there are other things that have slipped through the sieve known as my brain, but you get the point. These are activities that show we are putting our faith into action, and that is what He asks of us.

BUT.....is there more that we can do? Is there a better way to showcase our members, our church, and our outreach? Are there other opportunities we are missing to spread his Word? Are we listening daily to what our Lord and Savior is telling us, that service to others is the way we honor Him? Please ponder these things and bring to the council anything you think could be an opportunity for us.

All the unmet needs in the world can seem overwhelming, but then we remember what he did with two fish and five loaves. He can take our small efforts and turn them into miracles. We just have to listen and keep faith! Again, thank you to all who help keep Trinity in service to others, you are a loving, compassionate, generous group of people and that is noticed!

Love, *Denise*

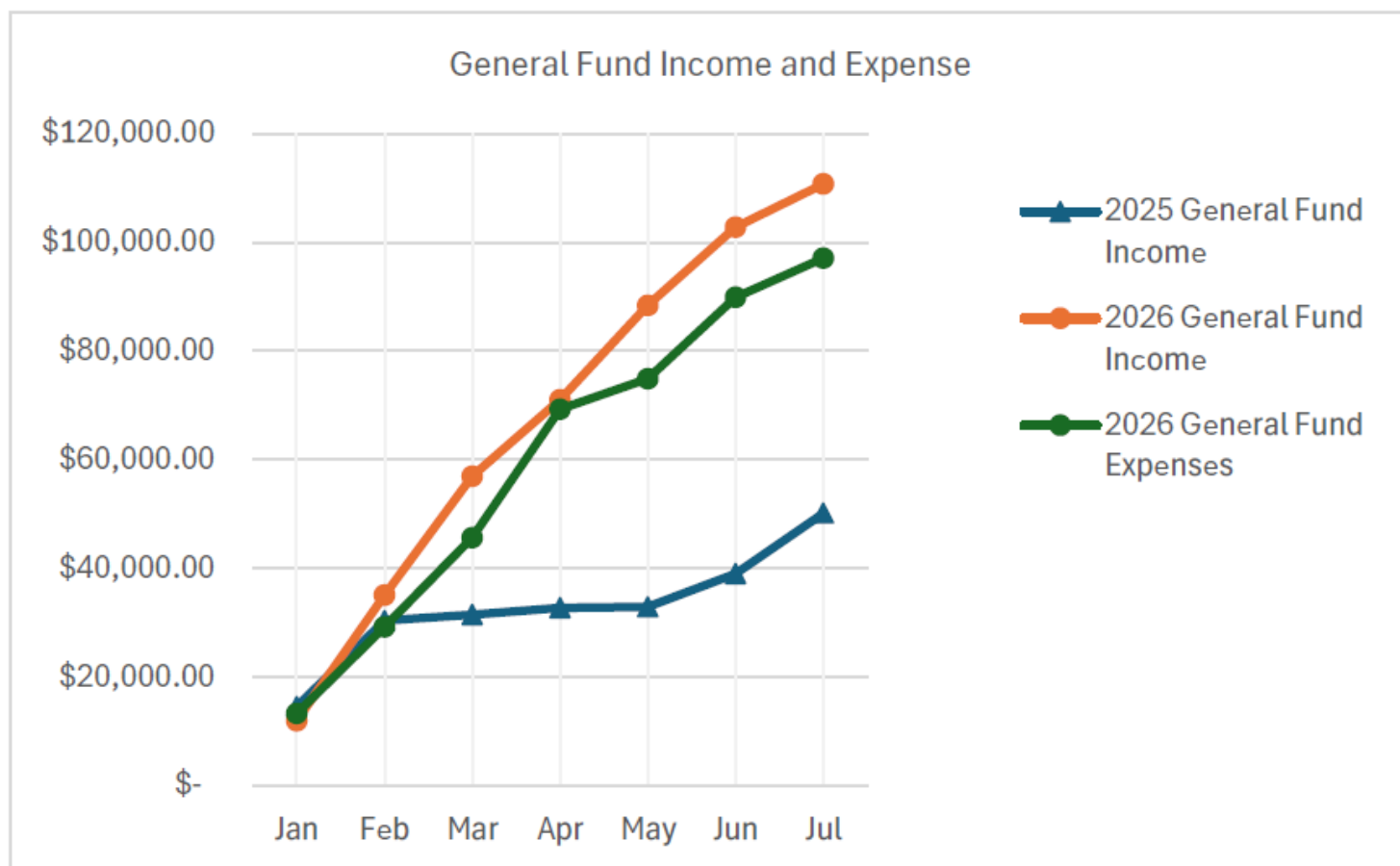


PASTOR ERIC'S INSTALLATION

We had a wonderful service on Sunday, August 16th when we installed Pastor Eric. Pastor Brodie Taphorn, LCMC - Ohio gave a stellar sermon, Pastor Phil Lee, NALC - Everett, WA did a fabulous job presiding over the installation, and Shelly Hauge, LCMC Vice Chair for NW District Council from Odessa, WA, also attended to represent our local LCMC and give support. We are so appreciative of their participation and support for Pastor Eric. In addition, we had a delicious potluck luncheon afterwards to celebrate. Thank you to all who brought the goodies! It was great to have the opportunity to share a meal with our guests and to celebrate Pastor Eric and Jana officially joining our Trinity family. I also want to give Phil Adamek a shoutout for providing accommodations for our long-distance out of town guests. You are always so willing to help Trinity, we thank you for that. So, if you were not able to attend, I really recommend checking it out on Facebook/YouTube, as it was a great service and day. God was present in his full Glory and giving us his blessing.

FROM THE TREASURER

Our treasurer, Ed Jasinski, is inviting you to review our General Fund income and expenses, as shown in the graph below. - The General Fund income is the income generated by congregational donations and the General Fund expenses are those costs to operate the church. It includes salaries, taxes, employee benefits, worship costs, benevolence payments, electricity, etc.



GIVING ENVELOPE SIGN UP SHEET – IN THE NARTHEX

Do you prefer to receive giving envelopes for the year 2027? Add your name to the sign-up sheet in the Narthex. OR You may contact Ed directly and let him know if you wish to receive an envelope packet. Our treasurer will need to place the order by mid-September!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

October Newsletter Articles Due: WEDNESDAY, September 16, 2026. Boards, committees, and groups are invited to submit articles for the newsletter. Please let the office know when your group has any changes for meeting times/dates. Email your articles to: tlclewis-ton@gmail.com or drop them by the church office.

NALC Newsletter: thenalc.org. **LCMC Newsletter:** lcmc.net

LCMC Northwest District Newsletter: <https://lcmc-nw.com/northwest-district-newsletter>.

Portals of Prayer: Portals of prayer (through the month of September) are available in the Narthex. The next batch will be available on Friday, September 18, 2026. If you would like a copy of this devotional, please call the church office (208.743.4414) and we will see that you get one.

MEETING SCHEDULE

Worship & Evangelism Boards: September 1st at 4:30 pm.

Property Board: September 1st 5:30 pm.

Church Council: September 8th at 5:30 pm.

LWR Quilting Dates: September 3rd, 10th, 17th and 24th at 9:00 am.

Choir Practice: September 9th and 23rd at 6:30 pm.

CANTOR, LECTOR, WORSHIP ASSISTANT:

Anyone who would like to serve as a lector during a future service is encouraged to contact ***Kim Cushman 208-743-1994***.

We also want to expand our pool of cantors and worship assistants. If you would like to Assist in leading worship, **please call the office.**

Mark your calendar!



MEN's BREAKFAST

September 26th
@ 9:00am
at the Hells Canyon Grand Hotel.

Come, enjoy good food
& fellowship.

Men of every age are welcome!

SPIRITUAL GROWTH INVITATION

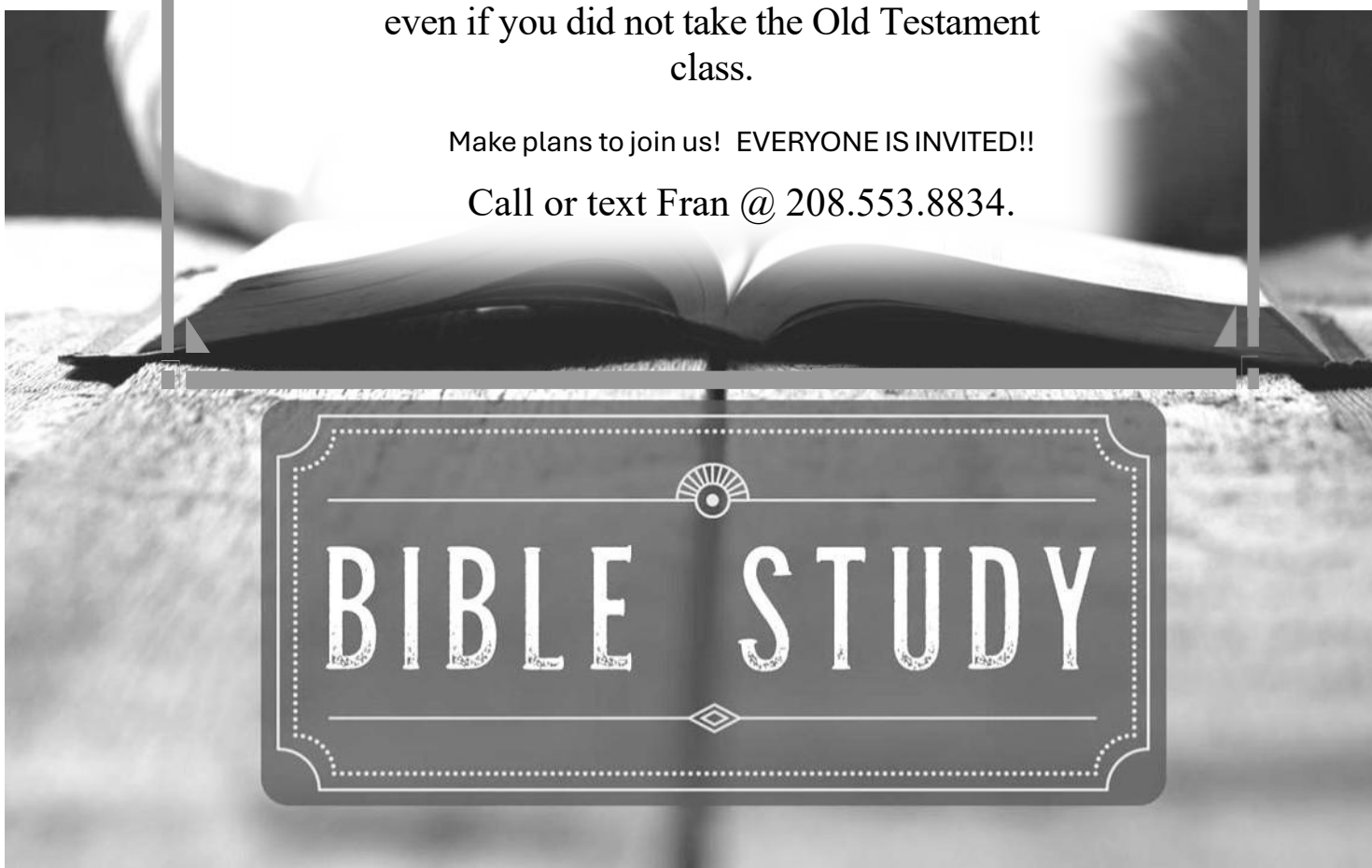
BETHEL BIBLE SERIES NEW TESTAMENT

Starting Thursday, September 17, 2026.
Fran will teach the same class at
1pm & 7pm each Thursday.

You may join the New Testament class,
even if you did not take the Old Testament
class.

Make plans to join us! EVERYONE IS INVITED!!

Call or text Fran @ 208.553.8834.



BIBLE STUDY

SPIRITUAL GROWTH INVITATION

Bible Study with Pastor Eric

Every Tuesday | **8:30 a.m.**

More sessions may be added based on interest.

AN INVITATION TO
READ AND PONDER
SCRIPTURE WITH
PASTOR ERIC



SALVATION ARMY COMMUNITY DINNER

We hope to add more volunteers from Trinity to morph our existing team of volunteers into two! The need is great, the workers are few. **UPCOMING: September 22rd at 4:00 pm.** Please contact Rebecca Matchey @ 208.305.0215 or the church office, if you can help serve in this ministry.

COME, JOIN OUR
CHOIR

starting **09.09.2026**
@ 6:30 pm



YOUTH MINISTRY & MISSION

Confirmation Ministry

Sessions will begin this fall and will be announced by Pastor Eric.

This year's curriculum will focus on the Lord's Prayer, the Sacraments and the Life as a Christian.

Though geared for Middle School Students, this Ministry is available to anyone who wishes to grow in faith and are willing to "go with the silly" as we encourage these students in faith.

Questions?

Rev. Eric

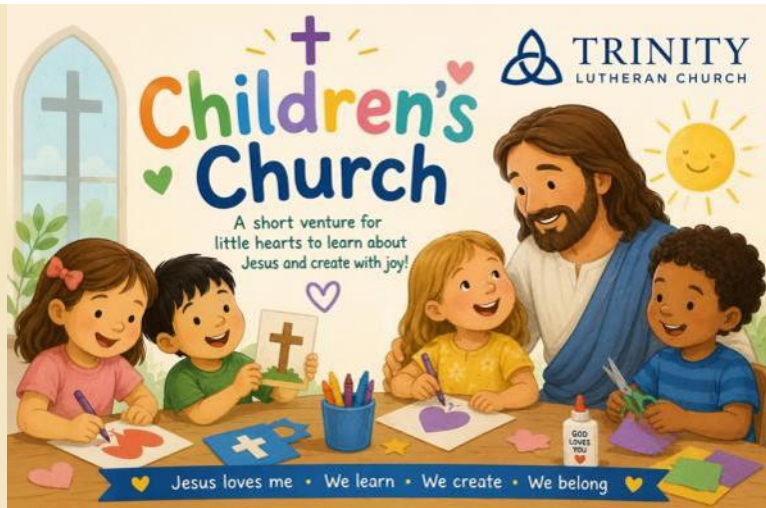


YOUTH Group Meetings

September 6th & 20th
after church services

If you have questions
please call **Rebecca
Matchey** 208.305.0215

Children's Church will
continue after Labor
Day.



THIS & THAT



Walk!

Do you like to walk?

Would you like to meet like-minded people that share your passion for movement?

Stay healthy, have interesting conversations, and keep your brain young!

Requirements for a Walking Club:

- name your group
- meet & walk at least twice a week on a consistent schedule
 - have a set walking route
 - consist of at least three members
 - have one leader and one co-leader

Let's start something new and make the LC Valley proud!

For more information or to sign up contact:

Kim @Interlink

Phone: 509.751.9143



THIS & THAT



We would like to welcome our new church family member:

Jacob Swart

who joined our congregation on August 29, 2026.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED DONATIONS!

COMMUNITY ACTION PARTNERSHIP
FOOD BANK
124 NEW 6TH STREET
LEWISTON, ID 83501

RECEIPT No. **143293**

DATE _____

RECEIVED FROM **Trinity Lutheran** \$ **152.85** DOLLARS

☐ FOR RENT
☐ FOR _____

ACCOUNT		☐ CASH
PAYMENT		☐ CHECK
BAL. DUE		☐ MONEY ORDER
		☐ CREDIT CARD

FROM **[Signature]** TO _____

BY _____

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Families really need your help!

Triple my impact to help my neighbors in urgent need:

- ☐ \$50 triples to \$150
- ☐ \$75 triples to \$225
- ☐ \$100 triples to \$300
- ☐ \$ _____ triples to help 3X as much

Trinity Lutheran Church
920 8th Ave.
Lewiston, ID 83501-2699



DOING
THE MOST
GOOD

PLEASE RESPOND BY: September 30



The Salvation Army Northwest Division
PO Box 773
Lewiston, ID 83501

EXCERPT...

Dear Friends,

Inflation has been brutal on people living in the Pacific Northwest. We've all seen the costs of basic needs like food, gas, and utilities continue to climb.

An escalating number of people in our community are struggling to stay afloat.

And this is where you, a caring supporter and loving neighbor, come in.

Even though we've stretched every dollar as far as possible, we're still short \$10,000. This directly affects our ability to provide families, seniors, and other people in Nez Perce County with food for meals and vital necessities.

Every day, people in critical situations come to The Salvation Army. The great news is, right now your gift will be TRIPLE MATCHED, up to \$50,000.

Please rush your gift now to help our neighbors. \$50 turns into \$150, while \$75 increases to \$225. And \$100 it triples to \$300. You can even mail it.

GIFT AMOUNT: \$ _____. Please process this amount as indicated below:

FREQUENCY: ☐ Monthly ☐ Quarterly ☐ Twice per year ☐ One-time gift

By checking one of the above boxes, you agree to have your gift(s) automatically processed from your account.

☐ PAY BY CREDIT CARD: ☐ VISA ☐ MASTERCARD ☐ AMERICAN EXPRESS ☐ DISCOVER

Credit Card # _____

Expiration Date _____

Signature _____

☐ WITHDRAW FROM BANK ACCOUNT: By checking this box, you authorize The Salvation Army to use the enclosed check to obtain your account and routing numbers and to automatically deduct your recurring gift from your checking or savings account, starting on the date your first donation is processed and continuing on the selected schedule until you notify us to stop. To update or cancel your gift, contact us at 1-800-SAL-ARMY. Authorization includes permission to correct any debit or credit errors.

YOUR GIFTS STAY LOCAL!

Visit salarmy.us/matchmailing

Please send me information on:

☐ Gifts that pay me lifetime income ☐ Will Planning Guide

☐ I have included The Salvation Army in my estate plans

To give with your Donor Advised Fund, please visit salarmy.us/DAFGift

Phone _____

Email _____

MY PRAYER REQUEST: _____

PRAYERS FOR THOSE GRIEVING

Family and Friends of Marilyn Cochran

Family and Friends of Kevin Boling

PRAYERS FOR OUR MEMBERS

Kathy Olson, Hunter Grossklaus, Jordan Bergeron, Claudette Woodland, Zeny Brown, Ollie Goldammer, LaVonne Heitmann, DeeLee Mendenhall, Connie Riddle, Samuel Poleson, Dennis Riddle, Rebecca Matchey, Carole Lemire, Steve Hanson, Anthony Nedrow, Mick Woodland, Dick Johnson.

PRAYERS FOR FAMILY & FRIENDS

Brian Garner: (brother of Mona Gish)

Israel Holden: (friend of Rebecca Matchey)

Ricky Shope: (requested by Carmen Petersen)

Melody and Ivan Thompson of Good Hope

Brook Henze: (daughter of Kim Cushman)

Nadia Skorobogatova: (Elena & Oksana's mom)

Eugeni Skorobogatov: (Elena & Oksana's dad)

Chuck Riddle: (son of Dennis & Connie Riddle)

Tamra Mead: (granddaughter of Anita Schneider)

Stacey Stamper: (friend of Bob Bergeron)

Neeraj and Nijhar and family: (missionaries)

John Jasinski: (son of Ed Jasinski)

Anna Walk-Bush: (daughter of Bob Walk)

PRAYERS FOR THOSE IN THE MILITARY

Sergeant First Class Matt Spears: (Son of Sandra Spears)

*TO HAVE YOUR REQUEST INCLUDED ON THIS PRAYER LIST OR PRAYER CHAIN, PLEASE
CONTACT EDY MATCHEY.*

September Birthdays



Lori Dammon	09/01
Kurt Erickson	09/01
Karyl Engel	09/10
Mary Neuman	09/13
Shelby Kingsley	09/14
Jim Harris	09/16
Bill Roper	09/17
Donna Baker	09/18
Fran Harris	09/19
Judith Smith	09/20
Janet Thorson-Mador	09/21
Jan Schmaling	09/22
Joseph Gish	09/23
Sheila Nedrow	09/24
Donna Piraino	09/24
Morgan Lawler	09/25
Denise Walk	09/27
Sandra Spears	09/30



Wedding Anniversaries

happy memories
happy times
happy anniversary.
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Joseph & Ramona Gish	09/11
Arlan & Rebecca Matchey	09/14
Barry & Carolyn Erickson	09/25
Brittany & Tyson Nickerson	09/26
Irvin & Barbra Lange	09/27



Baptism Anniversaries

Linda Stapp	09/04
Phyllis Bishop	09/05
Sandra Spears	09/13
LaVonne Heitmann	09/17
Madeline Braker	09/18
Henry Braker	09/18
Mary Neuman	09/23



SERVING US THIS MONTH

ALTAR CARE

GREETER

USHERS

Sheila Nedrow & Gail Scott

Lee Brown and friends

Sharon Claycomb / Phil Adamek /
Jacob Swart

COMMUNION SET UP

COMMUNION SERVERS

PEW SUPPLIES

Edy Matchey

rotating - announced in weekly bulletins

Hunter Grossklaus & Martha Hendry

SERVING THE COMMUNITY THIS MONTH

September 22nd 4:00 p.m.

SALVATION ARMY COMMUNITY DINNER: Rebecca Matchey

2026



SUNDAYS

9:00 am Worship
10:15 am Coffee Hour

Pastor:	Eric Griffith
Church Admin.:	Nora Fairchild
Organist:	Heidi Thornton
Lawn Care:	Property Board
Custodian:	Jake Fairchild
President:	Denise Walk
Vice President:	Arlan Matchey
Council Secretary:	Mary Neuman
Treasurer:	Ed Jasinski

BOARD CHAIRS

Education Board:	Carmen Petersen
Evangelism Board:	Elena Olson
Property Board:	Bob Walk
Finance Board:	Kurt Erickson Donna
Stewardship Board:	Piraino Sheila
Worship Board:	Nedrow Rebecca
Youth Board:	Matchey

DUE DATES

WORSHIP FOLDER

Announcements Due
Before noon on Wednesdays

NEWSLETTER ARTICLES DUE

**10:00 a.m., Wednesday
SEPTEMBER 16TH 2026**

