



The Epistle

Unity Lutheran Parish ~ September 2026
Youth Group @ULP – 6pm Wed. Sept. 2nd
Labor Day ~ Mon. Sept. 7th Office Closed
Fall Begins – Tue. Sept. 22nd



From the Pastor

Go-Giver?

So, this month I read a business book titled “The Go-Giver” as it encourages, “a little story about a powerful business idea.”

Yes, it seems I like the shorter business books that are story form, it fits who I am. Over the years I believe the church is in the business process, Matthew 28:19-20.

¹⁹Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit ²⁰and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.”

I see that is our business. We may not get paid, “but the retirement benefits are out of this world.”

This is a story about a young man named Joe who yearns for success. Well just as the world teaches “If you want to get ahead, you have to be a “go-getter.” You know, the adage “work harder and faster”. Joe is low for his third quarter numbers and panics, yet he is encouraged to meet a very successful businessperson. Joe is told to go to an address on a Saturday to meet this successful man and learns that he is meeting at the man’s home. At the man’s home on a Saturday? The agreement they made was to meet Pindar for lunch every day.

Pindar is successful because of 5 laws. But Joe has to not only learn them he has to apply each law on the day he learns it.

As the week goes on, “Joe learns that when you give, you receive. And he learns that changing his focus from getting to giving – putting others’ interests first and continually

adding value to their lives – ultimately leads to unexpected returns.”

It is in giving that we receive.

I don’t know if the world lives that way.

Individuals may, but far too many don’t.

This is why we are called to “make disciples” for Jesus.

Matthew 20:26-28.

²⁶...but whoever wishes to be great among you must be your servant, ²⁷and whoever wishes to be first among you must be your slave, ²⁸just as the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve and to give his life a ransom for many.”

Oh, I know that not all business folks are cutthroat, I just wish I saw more giving caring business people out there in the world. Maybe there are so many, but the mass media doesn’t share enough stories. Oh well, we still have our mission to “make disciples.”

Proclaim God’s love to the world and make disciples.

Pastor Bob

Confirmation Class News!!! **Malta and Whitewater**

We’re back. September 2, we start classes.

Malta

Class schedule for September 2026.

September 2 – Back to Class!

September 9 – Class

September 16 – Class

September 23 – Class

September 30 – Class

The youth night meal is at 6:00pm with classes starting at 6:30pm. We will be finished each evening at about 7:15pm.

In Malta, there was a mandatory Parents meeting for those students who are beginning their first or second year of Confirmation on Tuesday, August 18 at 7:00 pm.

For those who couldn't make that meeting, there is another mandatory meeting on Tuesday September 22, 2026, at 7:00pm.

Whitewater

September 2 – Back to Class!

September 16 – Class

Are you interested? Become a LMA

Anyone interested in learning more about **Lay Ministry Assistant**, we will have a meeting on Thursday September 10, at 7:00pm.

As a parish and as with each individual congregation I am praying that leaders will rise up and help in some ministry aspects of the church. Please come and learn about it, God may be calling you to respond.

Scripture Discovery

We meet at **10 am on Monday mornings**.

This month we will look at the upcoming Sunday morning readings. Bring a friend. Please join us; there is always room for one more, invite a friend.

September schedule:

September 7 – **NO** Scripture Discovery

September 14 – Scripture Discovery

September 21 – Scripture Discovery

September 28 – Scripture Discovery

If there is interest in an evening Bible Study, please let me know.

Tuesday September 8, we will have a **Malta Lutheran Worship Ministry** meeting. Standard Lutheran meeting time of 7:00pm.

Prayer Time throughout the month

Pray for Peace

Pray for rain

Pray we listen to Jesus and love our neighbor

Pray for the world leaders.

Challenge for us all – to live out God's love for the world.

Pastor Bob



Secretary Note: Happy Labor Day! Reminder Parish Office will be closed Mon. Sept. 7th. SO

Do you have an October birthday to add?

HAPPY SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS!



- 1 – Judy Michael
- 6 – Hanna Nagy
- 6 – Kaleb McMillan
- 9 – Keenan VanWichen
- 13 – Linda Borst
- 16 – Kaydel Stiles
- 18 – Dale Enerson
- 18 – Bille Rae Holman
- 18 – Dixie Moore
- 20 – Scott Marino
- 22 – Clarice Lundman
- 22 – Silo Marino
- 23 – Cordell Holman
- 24 – Pete Skones
- 25 – Mitchell Demarais
- 25 – David Miller
- 25 – Drew Nagy
- 28 – Sherry (Simser) Ehrman

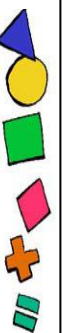
Newsletter Lifeline: Wednesday, Sept. 23rd for Oct.

SCHOOL KIT SUPPLY TIME!

Please leave items needed in front entry tub. Money donations please memo or give to Jan K. or Norma K.



Ball point pens
Blunt end scissors
Pencil sharpeners
2 ½ inch erasers
WIDE ruled 70 sheet notebooks



WELCA Meeting

resuming September 10, 2026

1:00pm meeting and 2:00pm Bible Study

New Business: 2026 MT SWO Convention is

Oct. 2nd & Gathering is Oct. 3rd at

St. John's United Kathy Lillis

Chapel/Center, 2429 Mission Way,

Billings, MT.

Come and listen to guest speakers, invitation to WELCA convention activities, crafting (Sat. afternoon), Bible Study, worship and great meals. Join us for a weekend filled with faith, fellowship, growth, learning and love.

The MT Synodical Women's Organization is offering \$50 scholarships for first time attendees. Registration and group rate hotel room deadlines are Sept. 11, 2026.

If you are interested in attending Parish Office has applications, contact Sarah Osmundson.

MLC Wednesday night youth group meal:

What will we be providing for a youth group meal on Wednesday, September 16th plan on about 60 to 70 (based on last year).

Next Meeting: Oct. 8th

Faithfully submitted: Sarah Osmundson

THANK YOU

ULP would like to give a BIG THANK YOU to LMA Cindy Clark for leading worship Sunday August 23rd and 30th.



Tylee VanWichen enjoys the Sunday, August 23rd worship led by LMA Cindy Clark from Aunt Casey Ost's lap.

Thank You

Thank you, all who helped me get to Flathead! It was an amazing experience with amazing people. The sounds, views, activities and food were an experience you couldn't get anywhere else. Silo Marino

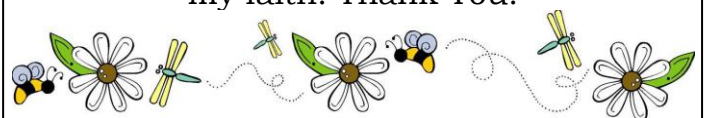


Scarlett & new friend Ellis Krane attended Wild Water Week Aug. 2nd to 7th

Sailing, paddleboarding and pontoon rides. Campers enjoyed swimming at night and took on an obstacle course in the water. They built relationships with others and learned more about their faith. Wild water campers slept in tents, used port-a-potties and limited showers, and learned new outdoor skills to prepare most of their meals. *Wow, that was wild!*



This is Scarlett Marino; I want to say how much I appreciate the people who made it possible to go to camp. I met a lot of new people, joined new activities, and grew in my faith. Thank You!



Worship @MLC, Brunch & Unity Lutheran Parish Council

Sunday, August 16th was another successful Unity Lutheran Parish event held at MLC. Welcome WLC!

The MLC Council provided a variety of egg, sausage & biscuit bakes, served with coffee, fruit and pastries provided by the Group #3 WELCA ladies. Everything was fresh and tasty. Thank you!

Congratulations Aimee Carney! She was officially voted in as the ULP treasurer. She has been acting in this position since Elaine Enerson resigned after 19 years of service in February 2026. Thank you, ladies!

LMA Rick Mikkelsen recruited some young men to help with communion and they did a great job!



LMA Rick, Nolan Moore and Archer James provided communion at the altar. Also pictured is Ted Kelly, Dori Swokoski and Dale Enerson.



The Kluck brothers, Kasen and Keaton served their parents Kyle & Bridgette Kluck by the pews. Also pictured is Lee Demarais.

STEWARDSHIP



August 30th the MLC Stewardship Kick-off began. Members of MLC please sign-up to share your Time & Talent throughout the year. Several play-by-play clip boards have what many have already signed up for in the past. If you would like to continue in the field you're in or try out for another team (ministry) please look over the options.

Walk-ons are always welcome, training is available, and our team is a friendly game of flag football. If you can't commit you can tag out with a replacement for that game day and rejoin for any event at any time! Just check in with one of our refs (Pastor Bob or Sarah) or another team member and they can help coordinate rescheduling any game (service) delays. Clip boards will be up and available through the September/October season.

Thank you, MLC Council member Anita Neumiller for providing theme & posters!

There are two kinds of people
you'll find for a fact;
those who add,
and those who subtract.

Yes, two kinds of people
you'll find far and wide;
those who multiply,
and those who divide.

-Paul Lintern

What did the custodian say when he jumped out of the janitor's closet? *"Supplies!"*

Why can't you take all of your acting classes at once?
You have to take them in stages.

What do you do if your chemistry teacher is sick?
If you can't helium and you can't curium, you may have to barium.

Why did the computer teacher quit? *He lost his drive.*

Why was the math book sad?

Because it had so many problems.

Why was the blanket so confident before the test?

It had the material covered.

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