

November

WLC Harvest Festival Sun. Nov. 22nd & ULP Council Meeting! Thanksgiving is Thur. Nov. 26th!

The Epistle

Unity Lutheran Parish ~ November 2026

Daylight Saving Time ends - Sun. Nov. 1st
Election Day – Tue. Nov. 3rd
Parish Office Closed – Thur. Nov. 26th & Fri. 27th



Sat. 11 to 3
Nov. 14th

From the Pastor

Oh, bummer. (sad emoji face)

I did not get a book read this month. I guess it's okay. It was a goal to read a book a month, I didn't reach that goal this month, but I am thankful for how many books I have read this year so far. I have learned some new ideas or have been reminded of many others.

But still God was and is with me, the Holy Spirit is working in me and having the joy of my relationship with Jesus keeps growing.

I am thankful for that. Then again, November is traditionally the time when we give thanks to God for all we have been given.

I looked up the word "thanks" on Bible Gateway (a free website where you can look up scripture or do word searches). I am thankful for Bible Gateway.

According to the English Standard Version of the Bible, there are 133 references to "thanks" in the whole Bible.

In Leviticus, there are the procedures for a Peace or Thank offering.

11"And this is the law of the sacrifice of peace offerings that one may offer to the Lord. 12If he offers it for a thanksgiving, then he shall offer with the thanksgiving sacrifice unleavened loaves mixed with oil, unleavened wafers smeared with oil, and loaves of fine flour well mixed with oil. 13With the sacrifice of his peace offerings for thanksgiving he shall bring his offering with loaves of leavened bread. 14And from it he shall offer one loaf from each offering, as a gift to the Lord. It shall belong to the priest…" Leviticus 7

1 Chronicles 16:34

"Oh, give thanks to the Lord, for He is good; for His steadfast love endures forever!"

Psalm 9:1. This is a psalm from David.

I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart; I will recount all of your wonderful deeds.

All of Psalm 136 is a great Psalm to read about giving thanks and praise to God.

And in the New Testament, 1 Corinthians 11:23-25, our words of Institution during Communion.

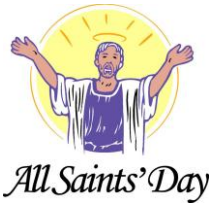
23For I received from the Lord what I also delivered to you, that the Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took bread, 24and when he had given thanks, he broke it, and said, "This is my body, which is broken for you. Do this in remembrance of me." 25In the same way also he took the cup, after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

There are many more, you can look them up.

May God bless you this month while you are praying and thinking about all that we are thankful for.

Pastor Bob

Lay Ministry Assistant, is how many congregations in Montana Synod are being served in a ministry way. Is God calling you to use the gifts you have been given to serve God and the community in this way? Please call Pastor Bob and let him know if you have more questions.



Sunday, November 1st during worship is remembrance of our loved ones who have passed since November 1, 2025.

Confirmation Class News!!! Malta and Whitewater

Malta

Class schedule for November 2026.

November 4 – Class
November 11 – Class
November 18 – Class.
November 25 – *No Class – Thanksgiving*

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

In Malta, I have had 2 mandatory Parents meeting for those students who are beginning their first or second year of Confirmation. A letter will be sent if you have not had the time or opportunity to attend. We will get together.

Whitewater

November 4 – Class
November 18 – Class

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.

November schedule:
November 2 – Scripture Discovery
November 9 – Scripture Discovery
November 16 – Scripture Discovery
November 23 – Scripture Discovery
November 30 – Scripture Discovery

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

Prayer Time throughout the month

Pray and Ask if God is calling you to use your gifts in Lay Ministry

Thank God for the gifts God has given you and the gifts God has given to your neighbor

Let's thank God we can worship as we wish.

Let's thank God for any moisture, but we can still pray for more moisture

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

Office Notes

Secretary Note: *Happy Thanksgiving. Office closed Thur. & Fri. Nov. 26 & 27. Enjoy & be thankful, God is good! SO*



1 – Jakob Drabbs
6 – Maria Meneely
11 – Wreklan VanWichen
22 – Trevor Simser
23 – Dustin Holman
25 – Dina Meneely

HAPPY OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS!

Do you have a December birthday to add?

Newsletter Lifeline: Monday, Nov. 23rd for Dec.



Jan Kirkwood, Archer James & Maria Meneely packed Personal Care Kits.
Photo by Mariah Marino. *Thank you all!*

Kits, Shipping & Handling!

Lutheran World Relief Personal Care kits were assembled downstairs Sunday, Oct. 18th after fellowship. Helpers were Maria Meneely, Archer James, Scarlett Marino, Mariah Marino and Jan Kirkwood. Two boxes of 12 Personal Care kits.

LWR School Kit bags were filled by Norma Kelly, Marlene Holman & Jan on Saturday, Oct. 7th. Seven boxes of 39 School kits.

WELCA Meeting

October 8, 2026

Opening: Jan Kirkwood opened the meeting with all reciting The Purpose. There were 4 ladies present, Elaine Enerson, Marlene Holman, Rosemary S. Veseth & Jan Kirkwood.
Secretary minutes: The Sept. 10th 2026 minutes were read and passed as written.
Correspondence: MT SWO newsletter Sept. 2026 is in Wick Hall to read.
Treasurer report: Elaine gave a detailed report of the checking & saving accounts. Rosemary made a motion to accept treasurer report, 2nd by Marlene, motion passed.
Committee Report: Jan reported there are 14 all cotton quilts, and 3 children's quilts. Norma Kelly made the school kit bags for the LWR. Jan, Norma & Marlene filled 39 School Kits on October 7th.
Prayer Chain: If you want someone on the this please call the church office: 406-654-1434.
Old Business: WELCA ladies served the youth group supper Wed. Sept. 16th Menu; hotdogs/buns, chips, carrot sticks, fruit & Rice Krispie bars.
73 people were served.
New Business: Wed. Oct. 14 Kitchen clean-up day. 10am to noon.
Lefse Committee: Billie Rae Maxie & Paula Morrison met with us explaining how to make them. They brought the recipes & directions. We are to buy 5 lbs. of Russet (white) Potatoes – take them home, cook & prepare them for the next day. Bring them to the church and they will direct us on how to add flour, roll & bake. Sign-up sheets are in the MLC entrance: one for the recipe, one for cooking & packaging, and one for pre-orders $8/bag with a deadline of Oct. 23rd. Don't be afraid to sign-up as most of us have never made Lefse before. Our dates are Oct. 24th & 25th and again Oct. 30th & 31st all at 10:00am.
WELCA's Fall Bazaar: Saturday, November 14th.
Please note the date has been changed to the 2nd week of November on Saturday the 14th time 11AM to 3PM.
Thank Offering: 9am MLC worship Sun. Nov. 15th
Harvest Festival: Sun. Nov. 22nd Whitewater Lutheran Church 11:15am worship, meal and ULP Council meeting. Sarah has been asked to look into getting the Transit for rides. NO MLC worship.
Ministerial Thanksgiving: Sun. Nov. 22nd 6pm @MHS Auditorium. WELCA ladies were asked to provide 3 pies.
Next Board Meeting: November 12th, 2026, 1:00pm meeting & 2:00pm Bible Study.
Closing: with all praying the *Lord's Prayer*.
Faithfully submitted by: Marlene Holman

Thank you to Pastor Bob, Rick Mikkelson and the WELCA ladies for the cards, gifts and very nice luncheon. As you get older it's not often you get to celebrate your birthday on your actual birthday! My church family came through when I'm not surrounded by my own. Thank you, so much! Sarah O





SAVE THE DATE!

Saturday
November 14th
@MLC
11:00am - 3:00pm

- ***PIE SLICE & COFFEE!***
- *Boxes of Sympathy Cards*
- Homemade Lefse $8/bag
  Pre-order pick-up! *(limited extra for sale!)*
- ***NEW Doc's Cage Free Eggs***

WANTED: - pies, baked goods, jellies, salsa, canned fruit, garden produce, hand-crafted items & miscellaneous.

HELPERS NEEDED: - SET-UP, SALE TABLES, KITCHEN & CLEAN-UP.

Our successful Bazaars in the past have volunteers share their time & talents for our only fund-raising event of the year. Thank you ~ WELCA

Little White Church ~ Chili Cook-off

Missions Chili Cook-off ~ Sat. Nov. 14th
11:30am to 1:30pm ~ Freewill Donations appreciated.
You could have dinner and dessert all in the same day!



Some people have food, but no appetite; others have appetite, but no food; I have both. The Lord be thanked.
Oliver Cromwell

National Collection week is November 16th – 23rd

Thank you to the Wednesday night Youth Groups for continuing this service!

A donation collection for Samaritan's Purse Operation Christmas Child shoebox collection will be set out in November.



Sunday, November 22nd 11:15am Worship @Whitewater Lutheran Church & Harvest Festival!

ULP Council meeting to follow.

NO 9:00am MLC service. Malta bring a side salad or dessert.

Malta Lutheran Church Contact Information Form

NAME_____ DOB __/__/_____
EMAIL_____ PHONE (___) ___-_____
SPOUSE_____ DOB __/__/_____
EMAIL_____ PHONE (___) ___-_____
MAILING ADDRESS_____
PHYSICAL ADDRESS_____

I would be willing to serve (please circle): **Prayer Team:** Email or Text Message
Music Ministry: Vocals or Instrument **Youth Group:** Leader or Meals
Summer Vacation Bible School **Men in Mission**
WELCA: Fellowship or Funerals **Sunday:** Communion, Reader or Projector

Please list name(s), M/F, DOB & Grade of children in household on back.

Return to the Parish Office, POB 1379, Malta, MT 59538 or drop off at the door.

Thank you, MLC Council 2026.

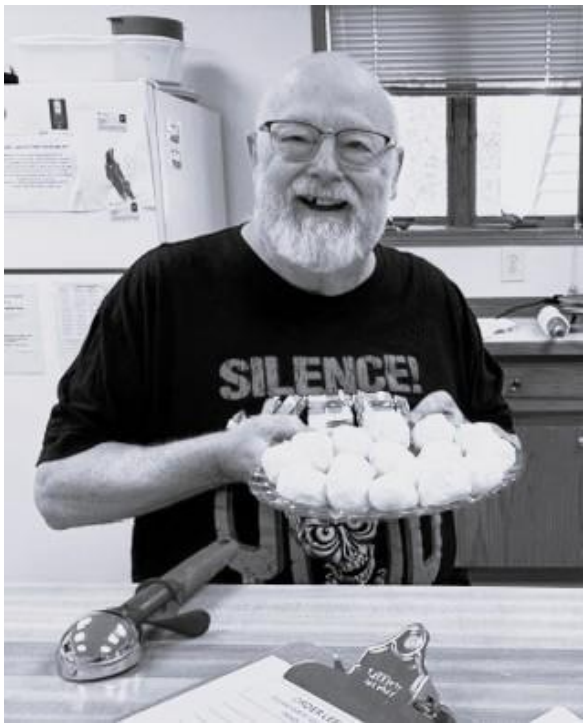
MLC Council

This form is at the request of the MLC Council for continued Stewardship Drive and to assist in planning for the 110th Anniversary in 2028 and a new church directory. We'd also like adult children updates. Thank you for any assistance!



LET'S MAKE LEFSE!

Saturday & Sunday, Oct. 24th & 25th the WELCA ladies held planned Lefse making for fun & fundraising at 10:00am. This was the first year at trying as the well know Granrud's Lefse of Scobey and originally Opheim closed their doors. Pre-orders were taken until Fri. Oct. 23rd with 35 bags at $8 being spoken for. There will be a limited supply for sale at the Bazaar on Sat. Nov. 14th. Please come and pick-up your orders on that day between 11am & 3pm. Enjoy a slice of pie & cup of coffee and shop the many specialty items available. Need them sooner? Please contact Sarah at the Parish Office 406-654-1434 or any of the Malta WELCA ladies and arrange a pick-up time.



This was a test; this was only a test! We're not sure if this tradition will continue. We would need more help with prep & packaging. Never made lefse? Please know that this was open to anyone who would also like to learn the process not just fun & fellowship. But that's the love that goes into the recipe! Happy Thanksgiving!!

Pictured l to r: Paula Morrison, Marlene Holman, Billie Rae Maxie and Rick Mikkelson on Sun. Oct. 25th. Thank you, Rosemary S. Veseth for the photos.

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MALTA FOOD BANK ~ TRICK OR TREAT NIGHT ~ WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 21ST



TRICKS



TREATS



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STEWARDSHIP

Once again, the churches of Malta held a successful Trick or Treat Food Bank Drive! Malta Lutheran Church had a great turnout. The Wednesday night 6pm meal was served by Danette Love, Mercedes Simanton & KayDel Stiles. Thrivent came through with 'Live Generously' t-shirts and $250 gift card used to purchase beef. Pastor Bob created area maps for the following churches: Elim Lutheran, Grace Fellowship, St. Mary's Catholic & MLC for door-to-door pick-up. The Malta Food Bank had lots of help with the bringing in, weighing and organizing of donations. Thank you, to our community churches for providing so much for so many in need. Happy Reformation and All Hallows!

Congratulations as of Tue. Oct. 27th over 1,165 lbs collected per June Cornell at Malta Food Bank!



THANK YOU, THRIVENT FOR THE T-SHIRTS & GIFT CARD. DONATIONS GALORE!