

Announcements

MAY BIRTHDAYS

May 1st Malia Dimler-Garcia, Sami Heimer
May 2nd Scout Phillips-Gogan
May 4th Dennis Spargur
May 6th Jackson Leong, Lauren Shultz-Newell
May 7th Brad Samuels
May 9th Sara Reed
May 11th Curt Scott
May 15th Rachael Mrozinsky
May 16th Marti DeLano
May 17th Angie Page
May 19th Janalyn Shultz
May 22nd Rachel Schoessler
May 23rd Wendy Corr
May 24th Fred Hynek

Christian Education – Children’s Sunday School
TODAY in the Church Youth Room at 10:45am

FPCC Deacons Outreach Ministries

Prayer Requests

Contact Mary Mellinger (307-250-3896) or marymell3@yahoo.com

Grief Resource Regarding the Loss of a Loved One from Stephen’s Ministry

Contact Coletta Kewitt (307)-272-7369 or cbeckmaier@gmail.com

Meal Train Meals for the Acutely ill or Those Having Surgery

Contact Mackenzie Scott at (307)-899-7939 or
mackenziescott540@gmail.com

If you would like to volunteer to make meals, please contact Mackenzie Scott

Homebound Individuals Who would like Visitation

Contact Mary Mellinger (307-250-3896) or marymell3@yahoo.com

Want to take a hike with your fellow church-goers in YNP?

For Hikers & Non Hikers!!!!

DATE: May 17, 2025

FPCC Provides: Full Day Hike, Guided

Please Bring (not provided):

Water Bottle & Sack Lunch

Meet at the church at 7am to carpool up.

Sign-up sheet in Narthex.



Deacons – Outreach

Larry Rickell is in the Long Term Care Center at
Cody Regional Hospital. He would love a visit!
Room 219

Joanne would also love to see her church family,
please call Joanne at 307-587-5707.

Presbyterian Women Birthday Brunch Saturday, May 10th at Noon

Presbyterian Women and friends are invited to the annual
Birthday Brunch. Please bring a dish to share.

We will be sharing our “Family Treasure”
so bring an item such as a book, recipe card, flower vase, etc.

that has a special family memory for you.
Be sure to join us for food, fellowship and fun!



May 4th, 2025

*Please fill out attendance form
and pass it along your row*

Praise Music

“Open the Eyes Of My Heart”

“Worthy One”

“Cry Of My Heart”

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Unison Call to Worship

Sing praises to God, O you saints of God!

Give thanks to God’s holy name.

Praise God for the joyous gift of a new day.

Thank God for healing and ever-present help.

Extol the one who lifts us up from defeat.

Praise the one who upholds us when we are discouraged.

God sees and hears our weeping.

God lifts our souls from the pit of despair.

Give thanks to God who turns mourning into dancing.

Praise God who hears our cries and answers our prayers.

We have cried to you in our need, O God.

We believe you are working to make us whole.

Invocation

Come to us as a light from heaven, O God. Pierce the shadows of doubt and despair, anger and scorn, that we allow to rule in our lives. Turn us from ways that deny your rule among us. Awaken us from dull routines to worship that is alive with awe and wonder, spontaneity, and joy. Surprise us with a presence we cannot avoid, a summons we dare not evade, a mission we may not escape. We are gathered by the love of Christ, that we may feed others as we have been fed. Amen.

Hymn “When Morning Gilds the Skies” *Hymnal #487*

Unison Prayer of Confession

Loving God, we admit to attitudes that exclude rather than embrace. We prefer to associate with others who think and act as we do. We turn away from those who are different from us. We identify some as enemies to be avoided or even destroyed. Forgive us, God, for seeking to limit your family. Awaken us to the limits of our understanding and the narrowness of our dealings. Show us the better ways you intend and make us bold to respond. We pray in Jesus’ name. Amen.

Silent Prayers of Confession

Assurance of Pardon

Friends, believe the good news of the Gospel!
In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Amen

Gloria Patri

Offertory “Through All Of It” *Quincy Sondeno/Tim Schoessler*

Doxology

Prayer of Dedication

Children’s Time *Kathy Reed*

Hymn "All Hail the Pow’r of Jesus’ Name” *Hymnal #142*

Scriptures John 21:1-19 (NIV) *Roy Holm*

Message "The New Shepard” *Richard Brown*

The Lord’s Prayer

Order of Communion *Fred Hynek*

Unison Prayer of Thanksgiving

Closing Hymn "Lift High the Cross” *Hymnal #371*

Postlude

Ushers: Dave &Jan Bensink
Worship Leader: Wendy Corr
Accompanist/Choir Director: Tim Schoessler
Message: Richard Brown

John 21:1-19 (NIV)

¹ Afterward Jesus appeared again to his disciples, by the Sea of Galilee. It happened this way: ²Simon Peter, Thomas (also known as Didymus), Nathanael from Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two other disciples were together. ³“I’m going out to fish,” Simon Peter told them, and they said, “We’ll go with you.” So they went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing. ⁴Early in the morning, Jesus stood on the shore, but the disciples did not realize that it was Jesus. ⁵He called out to them, “Friends, haven’t you any fish?” “No,” they answered. ⁶He said, “Throw your net on the right side of the boat and you will find some.” When they did, they were unable to haul the net in because of the large number of fish. ⁷Then the disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, “It is the Lord!” As soon as Simon Peter heard him say, “It is the Lord,” he wrapped his outer garment around him (for he had taken it off) and jumped into the water. ⁸The other disciples followed in the boat, towing the net full of fish, for they were not far from shore, about a hundred yards. ⁹When they landed, they saw a fire of burning coals there with fish on it, and some bread. ¹⁰Jesus said to them, “Bring some of the fish you have just caught.” ¹¹So Simon Peter climbed back into the boat and dragged the net ashore. It was full of large fish, 153, but even with so many the net was not torn. ¹²Jesus said to them, “Come and have breakfast.” None of the disciples dared ask him, “Who are you?” They knew it was the Lord. ¹³Jesus came, took the bread and gave it to them, and did the same with the fish. ¹⁴This was now the third time Jesus appeared to his disciples after he was raised from the dead. ¹⁵When they had finished eating, Jesus said to Simon Peter, “Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?” “Yes, Lord,” he said, “you know that I love you.” Jesus said, “Feed my lambs.” ¹⁶Again Jesus said, “Simon son of John, do you love me?” He answered, “Yes, Lord, you know that I love you.” Jesus said, “Take care of my sheep.” ¹⁷The third time he said to him, “Simon son of John, do you love me?” Peter was hurt because Jesus asked him the third time, “Do you love me?” He said, “Lord, you know all things; you know that I love you.” Jesus said, “Feed my sheep. ¹⁸Very truly I tell you, when you were younger you dressed yourself and went where you wanted; but when you are old you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will dress you and lead you where you do not want to go.” ¹⁹Jesus said this to indicate the kind of death by which Peter would glorify God. Then he said to him, “Follow me!”



Bio:
Richard Brown

Richard Brown, L.P.A. / S.A.M.
*Lay Pastoral Associate /
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Richard is an admitted introvert with a deep passion for storytelling—some tales only slightly exaggerated.

A third-generation Codyite and a Vietnam veteran, Richard lives with recurring PTSD, most noticeably in the first 10–15 seconds of each morning. What motivates him to rise each day is a joyful and humbling responsibility: driving 17 special needs students to school. For Richard, it's more than a job—it's a calling.

Since 2016, Richard has served as a Lay Pastoral Associate (L.P.A.) and Synodically Authorized Minister (S.A.M.) at Trinity Lutheran Church in Cody. The L.P.A./S.A.M. program, established by the Montana Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) in 1997, was designed to train and equip qualified laypeople to lead congregational ministry—preaching the Word and administering Sacraments, leading worship, teaching, offering spiritual care, and more.

S.A.M.s are authorized by the Synod Bishop to serve congregations during times of pastoral vacancy or need. At Trinity, Richard shares this responsibility with Larry Jones; both are certified and licensed to provide Word and Sacrament ministry.

Since the age of twenty, Richard has pursued a path of personal and spiritual growth—both to manage the effects of PTSD and to better serve others. The L.P.A. program has played a vital role in deepening his faith and commitment to Christ. To serve others as Christ served is not only his purpose—it is a profound honor.