

## GRACE NOTES

### This Sunday – February 5<sup>th</sup> ~ *5<sup>th</sup> Sunday after the Epiphany*

8:30 am Sunday school  
8:30 am Adult Bible study  
10:00 am *Divine Service*

### Monday – February 6<sup>th</sup>

11:00 am *Funeral of Reverend Arnie Fischer*  
6:30 pm **Board of Education**

### Tuesday – February 7<sup>th</sup>

10:15 am Sing @ Benefis SNC  
5:30 pm **Board of Trustees**  
6:30 pm Hand Bell Choir

### Wednesday – February 8<sup>th</sup>

9:00 am Wee Disciples Chapel  
9:30 am Ladies Bible study  
6:00 pm Adult Choir practice  
6:00 pm Pre-confirmation classes  
7:30 pm *Divine Service*

### Thursday – February 9<sup>th</sup>

9:00 am Quilters @ Peace  
10:00 am Sing @ Park Place  
11:00 am Hymn Planning meeting

### Friday – February 10<sup>th</sup>

*Church Office Closed*  
1:00 pm Ladies Bible study  
@ Ann Nimmick's, 2327 15<sup>th</sup> Ave S

### Saturday – February 11<sup>th</sup>

8:00 am Men's Bible study  
9:00 am **Board of Elders**

### Next Sunday – February 12<sup>th</sup> ~ *6<sup>th</sup> Sunday after the Epiphany*

8:30 am Sunday school  
8:30 am Adult Bible study  
10:00 am *Divine Service*

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**Celebrating a Wedding Anniversary This Week**

February 11<sup>th</sup>

Murlyn ♥ Shawna Burkstrand

**Celebrating a Birthday This Week**

February 5<sup>th</sup>

Lacey Kuki-Isakson

February 7<sup>th</sup>

Mary Somerfeld

February 8<sup>th</sup>

Brayden Ginnaty, Ron Lee

February 9<sup>th</sup>

Jill O'Moore

February 10<sup>th</sup>

Laura Lee

February 11<sup>th</sup>

Linda Wade

**This Week's Baptismal Anniversaries**

February 7<sup>th</sup>

Kenzie Legg

February 1<sup>st</sup>

Justin Lee

February 8<sup>th</sup>

Martin Bauer, James Schuman Jr.

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**The Endowment Committee** has determined that the Endowment Fund has money to be distributed. The congregation is invited to stop in the church office and pick up an application and submit it for the committee to consider. Your project must be outside Trinity Lutheran Church regular mission outreach programs, be for Christian education, missions and outreach. Deadline for applications is **February 28, 2017**.

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**Offering Counters are needed** to assist the Treasurer and Assistant Treasure count and record the offerings following each Sunday service. No experience is needed. Please call the church office (452-2121) or sign-up on the Chapel doors in the Narthex if you are willing to assist.

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**The audio/video crew is looking for a few good people!** Our video ministry goes out each week to a number of our shut-ins and is an important part of their continuing connection to the church! We will teach you what you will need to know. If you would be interested in helping with this very important ministry contact the church office (406-452-2121) for more information.

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**Need a Ride to Church?** Weather and roads keeping you from getting to Sunday worship? Need a ride to church? Call the church office (406-452-2121) and we have a group of people in the congregation who will be more than happy to swing by and give you a ride.

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**Wee Disciples Infant Toddler Caregiver position** - We are seeking a Christian caregiver for children ages 6 weeks to 2 years of age. Childcare experience is preferred but training will be provided. Hours are 7:30 am - 12:30 pm Monday to Friday. Starting wage is dependent on previous experience.

**Wee Disciples Custodial position opening -** Care of God's House: Preparing the church for use by Wee Disciples and Trinity. All lower level areas would need to be cleaned, including the fellowship hall, classrooms and bathrooms. Set up for Bible Class and church functions such as meals would be helpful. Also, every Friday afternoon/evening for approximately 3 hours with additional hours possible. For more information on either position, please contact Debbie Lee via email at [wee.disciples@gmail.com](mailto:wee.disciples@gmail.com) or text/call 406-799-5881.

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**Looking for an alternative web-based LCMS supported radio station?** KFUA is the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod answer. On the web at [www.kfuoam.org](http://www.kfuoam.org) they broadcast seven days a week from 6:00 am to 8:00 pm Mountain Time (times vary by month). Check them out on the web at [www.kfuoam.org](http://www.kfuoam.org).

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**Lutheran Hour - February 12<sup>th</sup>** ~ "Here's to Life!" ~ Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Gregory Seltz. Even as the world becomes a meaner, angrier place, God calls us to share His life with others. (Deuteronomy 30:15-20). Tune in on the radio or at [www.lutheranhour.org](http://www.lutheranhour.org) The Lutheran Hour can be heard on **KMON, 560 AM Sundays at 7:00 am; or XM Radio 170 at 10:00 am-(EST)**.

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**Issues Etc.** – Week of February 5<sup>th</sup> - Talk Radio for the Thinking Christian... You can listen to in-depth conversations on topics like: *An Interview with President Obama's Faith Vote Director; The Bible & Immigration; The Story of a Philadelphia Abortionist Convicted of Mass Murder; The Apology of the Augsburg Confession and more.* **Issues, Etc.** is a radio talk show produced by Lutheran Public Radio in Collinsville, IL and hosted by LCMS Pastor Todd Wilken. You can listen at your convenience at [www.issuesetc.org](http://www.issuesetc.org) and on the Lutheran Public Radio mobile app.

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**Lutherans for Life - February 5<sup>th</sup>** “Why do we speak up for those in the womb who cannot speak? Because they are created, redeemed, and little ones whom God wants to call.” *Rev. Dr. James I. Lamb, former executive director of Lutherans for Life – A Life Quote from Lutherans for Life • [www.lutheransforlife.org](http://www.lutheransforlife.org)*



## WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

*First Reading – Isaiah 58:3-9a*

*Psalm – Psalm 112:1-9*

*Epistle – 1 Corinthians 2:1-12 (13-16)*

*Holy Gospel – Matthew 5:13-20*

THIS WEEK	02/05/17 Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany	02/08/17 Reading Service	02/12/17 Sixth Sunday after the Epiphany
<b>Acolyte</b>	Elders	Elders	Elders
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Dayna Van Vleet	Dayna Van Vleet	Dayna Van Vleet
<b>Audio/Video</b>	John Shaw	Maryanne Chapman	Cody Stene
<b>Duty Elders</b>	Dennis Philipp Roy Arves	Bob Nommensen	Jerry Grosenick Len Koelbel
<b>Organist</b>	Joy Suek	NOA	Anita Chapman
<b>Counters</b>	Martin & Cheryl Bauer		Martin & Cheryl Bauer
<b>Ushers</b>	Alan Wegner		Alan Wegner

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## *PRAYER REQUESTS*

*For prayer requests, please call the church office 452-2121 or email us at [trinity@trinity-mt.org](mailto:trinity@trinity-mt.org)*

*We pray for:*

~the family of **Reverend Arnold Fischer**

passed into Glory January 31<sup>st</sup>

~ **Jessica Heiser**, (daughter-in-law of Ardyth Jeszenka a friend of Kay Kessel)  
removal of a brain cyst

~ **Lydia Laubach** ~ hospitalized for flu and pneumonia

~ **Bob Nommensen** ~ injured in an auto accident recently

~ **Derek Boyce** (son of Judy & Keener Boyce) ~ severely frost-bitten hands

~ **Janet Headington** ~ ankle surgery recently

~ **Ellen Carpenter** – heart surgery February 6<sup>th</sup>

~ **Betty Adelmeyer** (Mike Adelmeyer's mother) ~ serious heart problems

- ~**Lisa Bauer** (Martin Bauer's sister-in-law)  
reconstructive surgery March 10<sup>th</sup>
- ~**Jenny Eberly** ~ continues to recover and heal
- ~**Dorothy Krueger** (Pam Grosenick's mother) ~ heart related concerns
- ~**Janet Hussli** (Jerry Grosenick's sister) ~ reconstructive surgery
- ~**Harry**, (Penny Hill's brother) ~ medical/health issues
- ~**Marek & DebbeWojak** (Rose & Gary Shelden's son-in-law and daughter)  
health issues
- ~**Kim Mansch** (Scott Mansch's sister in law) ~ brain tumor removed
- ~**Reverend Erich Kaelberer** ~ battling ALS
- ~**Kristal Dawson** (Jenny Shaw's sister) ~ diagnosed with Leukemia
- ~**Jennifer** (friend of Judy and Keener Boyce's niece)  
diagnosed with stage 4 colon and liver cancer
- ~**David & Gloria Polley** (Ellen Carpenter's brother)  
David has progressive Alzheimer's
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*We pray God's peace and comfort for our members who continue to battle health issues:*

**Paul & Millie Birkholz; Ilene Leishman; Bud Quickenden; Betty Tynes** (Sherri Blomstrom's mother),  
*and for our shut-ins:*

**Gary Adams; Alice Irion; Lydia Laubach; Evelyn McNaight; Emma Millet; Alene Morrell; Gladine Nehus; Bob & Norma Nommensen; Alvina Presler** (Millie Birkholz's mother); **Audrey Remus; Ruth Schwartzenberger; Myrtle Storhaug; and Ted Young.**

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*We pray for those serving in the military:*

**Jaymes Crumley; Tech Sgt Tanner Tilton** (Millie Birkholz's grandson);  
**Senior Airman Brady Toole; Tech Sgt Jared Dudden; Steffen Meeks** (Sherrie Blomstrom's grandson); **Michael Somerfeld** ( Gary & Mary Somerfeld's son); **Clifton Grilley** (Gary & Janet Headington's son and grandson of the late Adolf Neumann)

# DEFENDING LIFE IN THE POST-OBAMA ERA

February 17 – 18, 2017  
Peace Lutheran Church  
3340 11<sup>th</sup> Avenue S, Great Falls

Colonel John Eidsmoe, a retired Air Force Lt. Colonel from Alabama will be our speaker. Colonel Eidsmoe is an ordained pastor, and serves on the National Board for Lutherans for Life. He is a Professor of Law at Oak Brooks College of Law and Government, a Constitutional scholar and the author of 14 books. Presentations include:

*Defending Life in*                      *the Church with the Scriptures*  
*the Courts with the Constitution*  
*the Legislature with the Media*

This is an annual statewide gathering Sponsored by Montana Lutherans for Life. Hosted this year by Cascade County Lutherans for Life, it is an educational seminar aimed to reach pro-life Christians in this part of the state.

Complimentary meals are provided.

There is no charge for this event. Our aim is to inform.

## **Schedule of events:**

Friday 6:30 - 9:00 pm with a light meal at 5:30 pm

Saturday 9:00 am – 3:00 pm

Breakfast begins at 7:30 am; lunch is provided

For more information or to register for the event contact:

Jim or Barb Going [jim@iamgoing.com](mailto:jim@iamgoing.com) or 727-4878

For more information on Colonel Eidsmoe go to  
[www.lutheransforlife.org](http://www.lutheransforlife.org)

# Puzzle!

Write a word that fits each definition. Then place the letters in the numbered boxes to read a Beatitude, one of the special statements Jesus shares in Matthew 5.

*The color of coal*

1 2 8 17 21

*Flower with thorns*

9 4 3

*Woman's Sunday garment*

7 23 6 5 24

*Vegetable in a pod*

14 10 16

*A light for my \_\_\_\_\_*

20 11 12

*Electric fish*

13 15

*Dark green gem*

18 19 22

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1 2 3 4 5 6 7

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8 9 10

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11 12 13

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# Every One His Witness

Equipping individual believers to be more effective witnesses of Jesus in their everyday lives

Witness & Outreach Ministry of the  
LCMS Office of National Mission  
presents this evangelism workshop for  
**the Montana District of the LCMS  
at Peace Lutheran Church  
Saturday, February 25, 2017  
from 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.**

**3340 11<sup>th</sup> Ave South in Great Falls, MT**

*The “Every One His Witness” workshop is designed to equip individual believers to be more effective witnesses of Jesus in their everyday lives.*

*It draws on God’s Word and the Lutheran Confessions to build a solid foundation for bearing witness of Jesus and provides practical resources for sharing the simple Gospel in today’s complex world.*

**Learn how to LASSIE: Listen, Ask, Seek, Share, Invite, Encourage!**

Registration is requested for materials and food prep; there is no cost and lunch is provided. To register, contact the church office (M-Thur. 9AM-1PM) at 406-761-7343 or email [peacesecretary@bresnan.net](mailto:peacesecretary@bresnan.net).

***Deadline for registration is February 5<sup>th</sup>***



REFORMATION  
2017 It's *Still* All About  
**Jesus**

# Reformation Reflections

WITNESS

When called to give “a reason for the hope that is within you,” (1 Peter 3:15) what do you say?

Martin Luther, standing alone before Emperor Charles V at Worms in 1521 said, “Here I stand, I can do no other. God help me.” George, margrave of Brandenburg, standing with the other Lutheran princes before the same Charles V, this time in Augsburg in 1530, declared: “Before I let anyone take from me the Word of God and ask me to deny my God, I will kneel and let him strike off my head.”

The year is now 1537 and a new occasion to give witness to the faith has arisen for the Lutherans. The previous summer, Pope Paul III finally called for a general council of Church to be held in Mantua, Italy, in the spring.



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“To go or not to go” is the question on the minds of the reformers and their princes. Of course, the Pope didn’t help matters when he declared in September of 1536 that the purpose of the council was “the utter extirpation of the poisonous, pestilential Lutheran heresy.” So much for a free and open council.

Regardless, a skeptical Elector John Frederick of Saxony commissions an equally skeptical Luther to write up a list of articles of those things “which we cannot yield without becoming guilty of treason against God, even though property and life, peace or war, are at stake.”

The plan is for the Elector to present these articles to a meeting of allied Lutheran territories in February in Schmalkalden, Germany. A curious thing happened, though, between the

commissioning of the articles and the delivery of them. Luther became ill—so ill, in fact, that he believed he was dying. As a result, he looked upon the articles he was writing as his last will and testament.

As he would write in the preface to the Smalcald Articles (as they came to be known) when they were finally published in 1538: **“I wanted to do this so that those who live and remain after me will have my testimony and confession to present, ... I have held fast to this confession until now and, by God’s grace, I will continue to hold to it.”**



The Elector did present them on February 8<sup>th</sup> but, as he and Luther suspected, the council did not take place. In fact, it would be another eight years (1545) before a council would be convened—this time in Trento, Italy—less than a year before Luther died.

The Smalcald Articles would go on to have a tremendous effect on the movement Luther left behind, eventually being included in the 1580 Book of Concord. Elector John Frederick appreciated them so much that, as he was approaching his death in 1554, he ordered them attached to his own last will and testament.

Giving witness to our faith as part of a will is just as wonderful an idea now as it was way back then. You can even make it far shorter than Luther’s 60 or so pages. Here’s a sample preamble for a will published today by organizations such as LWML and LCEF:

*First, realizing the uncertainty of this life, I place full confidence and trust in my Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, who promised: “I am the resurrection and the life; he that believeth in Me, though he were dead yet shall he live; and whosoever believeth in Me shall never die.” (John 11:25-26).*

*Second, knowing that the wages of sin is death, I believe that Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, suffered and died for me, for the forgiveness of all my sins, which I neither deserve nor merit, but receive as a free gift of God, who is rich in grace and mercy.*

*Third, I urge my heirs not to set their hopes on uncertain riches, but to take hold of the life which is indeed through faith in Jesus Christ.*