

GRACE NOTES

Schedule for November 22, 2015 through November 29, 2015

Today – November 22

- 8:30 am *Sunday School*
8:30 am *Adult Bible Class*
10:00 am *Divine Service*
Quarterly Voter's meeting
6:00 pm Adult Information Class

Monday – November 23

- 11:30 am Wee Disciple's
Thanksgiving Celebration
7:00 pm Scouts

Tuesday – November 24

- 10:15 am Sing-Benefis SNC
1:00 pm Lamplighter work day

Wednesday – November 25

Nothing on schedule

Thursday – November 26

Church Office closed
Thanksgiving Day

- 10:00 am *Worship Service*

Friday – November 27

Church Office Closed

Saturday – November 28

Nothing on schedule

Next Sunday – November 29

- 8:30 am *Sunday School*
8:30 am *Adult Bible Class*
10:00 am *Divine Service*
Kitchen Dedication



Flowers adorning the altar today are in joyful celebration of the 62nd Anniversary of Chuck and Elsie Lorentz



Looking for the Prayer Requests?

You will find them as one of the inserts in your Grace Notes.

Looking for Mission newsletters and District and Synod news?

Please check out the table in the Narthex for the most current editions of "Montana Reflections" and the newsletter from Pastor Leif Camp-Ingria Russia as well as copies of *The Lutheran Witness* and *Portals of Prayer*. You will find the newsletters for Pastor Warner-Spain; Pastor Preus-Dominican Republic; Pastor Stinnett-Ethiopia and Pastor Thompson-Ghana on the bulletin board as you go downstairs to the Fellowship Hall.

Celebrating a Wedding Anniversary

November 23rd

Channing & Donna Hartelius

November 26th

Paul & Millie Birkholz

Chuck & Judy Lively

November 28th

Chuck & Elsie Lorenz

Birthday Blessings This Week

November 23rd

Michael Adelmeyer

Michael Grams

Gary Somerfeld

November 24th

Scott Mansch

November 25th

Roy Arves

Maryanne Chapman

Adrian Frederick

Yvonne Lee

November 28th

Heidi Paul

November 29th

Leslie Lee

Baptismal Anniversaries

November 23rd

Addison Teel

November 24th

Michael Adelmeyer

Chrissy Burkstrand

November 26th

Neil Burkstrand

Rochelle Sand

Aaron Sybrant

November 29th

Kenneth Chapman



Quarterly Voter's Meeting

There will be a quarterly Voter's meeting **TODAY, Sunday, November 22nd** immediately following the worship service. *All members of Trinity, 18 years of age and older are invited and encouraged to attend.*

On the agenda for this meeting: Trinity's Work Plan Budget for 2016, and election of officers. Let your voice be heard and be a part of the decisions that affect our congregation.

An Update on Giving and Attendance

Comparison of actual giving through November 15

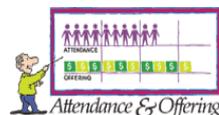
2014 - \$148,379 2015 - \$148,283 **DOWN \$96**

Comparison of Income to Our Goal

Our Goal (\$3,430** x 46) = \$157,780

Actual Giving = \$148,283 **\$9,497 BELOW** what was pledged.

The offering for 11-15-15 was \$3,683 ☺



After paying bills (11-16-15), TLC has about **\$-564**.

The minus sign means that TLC was **\$564 short on cash to cover the bills paid. It also means that TLC is using cash resources in the checkbook that are not designated to pay bills (i.e. Sunday School funds or WD funds or Thrivent Choice funds). TLC outstanding debt is now \$2,952.**

The next payroll (\$4,300) is scheduled for Monday, 11-30-15.

Comparison of Attendance – third Sunday of the month

Sunday worship, Wednesday worship, & Sunday School

2014 - 125

2015 - 113

Counters Needed



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 see James Lautenschlager or call the church office (452-2121) if you are willing to assist.

The Youth Group is once again selling “God’s Creation” calendars, pocket calendars and Christmas cards. They will be in the Narthex following Sunday services or you can come into the church office during the week. Calendars and cards are \$7 and pocket calendars are \$6. Funds will help the youth attend the Higher Things conference next summer.



Kitchen Dedication –The new kitchen will be dedicated following the Divine service on Sunday, November 29th. We will celebrate by having coffee and cookies in our lovely new space.



We will be adorning the altar and sanctuary with poinsettias for Christmas. If you would like to contribute to the purchase of one or more poinsettias, please call the church office at 452-2121. You may designate your donation in honor or memory of loved ones.

Spuds and Splits

Our next kitchen fundraiser is called *Spuds and Splits*. It will be held on **Sunday, December 6th at 5:00 pm**. The main course is a baked potato, with various toppings to choose from. Dessert will be ice cream, again with delicious options for on top. *Yum!* All served from our beautiful, new kitchen. Let's enjoy getting together for fellowship, food and fun.



Following the Spuds and Splits fun, join us in the Sanctuary for the **2nd Annual Peace and Trinity Choir Concert** starting at 7:00 pm. The evening will feature both Peace and Trinity's vocal choirs and Trinity's handbell choir.

If you are interested in sharing your talents by serving on the Altar Guild we would greatly appreciate your help. There are no formal meetings and duties are a month at a time to fit your schedule, with duties shared during Holy Week and Christmas. If you would be interested in just taking on one part of the altar duties such as filling the candles or washing the linens that would be appreciated as well. For more information please contact Denise Wegner at 452-2241 or 791-7275.



Trinity Lutheran Church Endowment Committee is now accepting requests for fund disbursement. The TLC Endowment Fund is a separate fund endowed by people whose goal was to further Christian education and mission work outside of the regular budget of Trinity Lutheran Church. The fund can only be used for Christian education and mission work in our community, state, country and around the world.

Please fill out the application and return it to the church office before the December 13th deadline. You will be notified as soon as the committee has made a decision whether or not your request has been accepted or denied.

“If you keep thinking of your life—which is utterly unique in the entire universe!—as a true gift, you will draw nearer to the Giver of that gift. So, Happy Thanksgiving!” *James M. Kushiner, the Fellowship of St. James – A “Life Quote” from Lutherans For Life • www.lutheransforlife.org*



Trinity LWML is joining in a recycling project with other LWML groups in the Rocky Mountain District. Funds raised through this recycling project will be used to help with the Host Committee expenses for the 2017 LWML National Convention in Salt Lake City, Utah. A recycling box has been placed in the narthex for collection of these items.



Recycle Items Needed:

Empty ink jet and laser jet cartridges

Also accepting the following items with their cords and accessories:

Used cell phones, PDAs, MP3 Players/iPods, Digital cameras, DVD video games/players, GPS systems, Laptops, Scientific/Graphing calculators, Tablets, eReaders and iPads

ITEMS NOT NEEDED:

- **Epson Cartridges or Toner Tubes,**
- **Remanufactured Cartridges,**
- **Printing Film for Fax Machines,**
- **Ink Ribbons for Printers**

Cross Explorations



Today in Sunday School, students will study “Worship in the tabernacle.” In the tabernacle, God dwelled with His people, cleansing them and making them holy through His blood, sacrificed for us on the cross. *Ask students, “Why did God direct the people to build the tabernacle? Where do we worship God today?”*

November 29 "**Are You Ready?**" Speaker Emeritus of The Lutheran Hour: Rev. Ken Klaus: Advent looks forward to Christmas and that final day when Christ will return. Are you ready? (*Luke 21:34-36*) Tune in on the radio or at 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).**



Christ-Centered, Cross-Focused...Issues, Etc. is a radio talk show produced by Lutheran Public Radio in Collinsville, IL and hosted by LCMS Pastor Todd Wilken. This week's topics include: *The Theology of ISIS; Joel*

Osteen's Book "The Power of I Am; "The Hymn "Now Thank We All Our God"; The Mayflower Pilgrims; The Season of Advent; The Patriarch Noah and more. You can listen on-demand at www.issuesetc.org and on the new Lutheran Public Radio mobile app.

Upcoming “Mark Your Calendar” Events

Advent Soup Suppers & Worship Services – December 2nd, 9th & 16th @ 6:00 pm
1st Annual Congregational Christmas Caroling Party – December 18th @ 6:30 pm



THIS WEEK

Old Testament—Isaiah 51:4-6
Epistle—Jude 20-25
Holy Gospel— Mark 13:24-37

11-22-15 (C) Last Sunday of the Church Year	Acolyte.....Elders
	Altar Guild.....Denise Wegner
	Audio.....William Harr
	Video.....Jon Chapman
	Duty Elders.....Roy Arves/Jerry Grosenick
	Organist.....Anita Chapman
	Trustee On-Call.....Rudy Tankink
	Ushers..... Gary Vik/Alan Wegner
 Roy Arves/Jerry Grosenick

11-26-15 Thanksgiving Day	Acolyte.....Elders
	Altar Guild.....Denise Wegner
	Audio.....Maryanne Chapman
	Video.....No video
	Duty Elders.....Len Koebel
	Organist.....Anita Chapman
	Trustee On-Call.....Rudy Tankink
	Ushers..... Gary Vik/Alan Wegner
Len Koebel

NEXT WEEK

Old Testament—Jeremiah 33:14-16
Epistle—1 Thessalonians 3:9-13
Holy Gospel— Luke 19:28-40

11-29-15 (C) 1st Sunday in Advent	Acolyte.....Elders
	Altar Guild.....Denise Wegner
	Audio.....Jon Chapman
	Video.....John Shaw
	Duty Elders.....Len Koebel/Bill Sybrant
	Organist.....Anita Chapman
	Trustee On-Call.....Rudy Tankink
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(C) - Communion

NOA - No one assigned

TBA - To be announced



*For prayer requests, please call the church office
452-2121 or email us at trinity@trinity-mt.org*

--- (11-22-15) We raise a prayer of thanksgiving for **Alec Jones**, OD and Patti Jones' son, who home from the hospital and is recovering.

--- (11-15-15) We pray for **Betty Tynes**, Sherri Blomstroms's mother who is dealing with health issues. We pray God would grant her peace and healing.

--- (11-15-15) We pray for **Sharon Goodrich**. Sharon and Ron are former members of Trinity. Sharon has cancer and is not expected to live very much longer. We pray for Sharon and her family that God's peace will come.

--- (11-8-15) We pray for **Betty Quickenden**. Betty has gone home to the care of her family. We pray for God's peace for Betty and her family.

--- (11-8-15) We pray for **Byron Theodore** (a friend of Gary & Rose Sheldon's daughter Debbe), He has been recovering slowly at home and with time is improving and better able to accept his 'new normal'. We thank you all for your prayers and concern for this family.

-- (11-8-15) We pray for **Marek Wojak** (son-in-law of Rose & Gary Sheldon) He had a CT and ultrasound on the kidney that had the mass...they are awaiting results We are pray for peace and strong faith for Debbe as she supports him through this time of crisis, while she is struggling with health issues of her own.

-- (10-25-15) We pray for **Char Reehl** who had surgery on her ankle recently. We pray for God's healing and comfort for Char during recovery and rehabilitation.

-- (10-4-15) We pray for **Sam Pappas** who has had additional testing that have now indicated the need for more radiation treatments. The cancer has returned and is now attacking other parts of his body. Pray God's healing and grace for Sam and his family.

--- (9-20-15) We pray for Jerry Grosenick's sister, **Janet**, who continues to recover but is doing better. We continue to pray God's healing and comfort for Janet and her family.

--- (9-6-15) We pray for Jenny Shaw's sister, **Kristal Dawson**, who has been diagnosed with CLLQ11 Leukemia . The treatment is to watch and wait. We pray God's peace and guidance for Kristal, her doctors and family during this difficult waiting period.

-- (8-23-15) We pray for **Reverend Erich Kaelberer** who has been diagnosed with ALS and is now in Cody, WY.

-- (8-9-15) We pray for **David** (Ellen Carpenter's son) that he may stay true to his faith in God and start coming back to church again.

-- (7-19-15) We pray for **Jennifer** (friend of Judy and Keener Boyce's niece) who has been diagnosed with stage 4 colon and liver cancer at age 34.

-- (7-19-15) We pray for **David Polley** (Ellen Carpenter's brother) who has progressive Alzheimer's. We pray for God to give his wife, Gloria, the strength she needs to continue to be his caregiver.

-- (5-3-15) We pray for **the grandson of a member of Trinity** who convalescing following chemotherapy treatments and a bone marrow transplant.

--We pray for our members who continue to struggle with health issues: **Sherrie Blomstrom, Alvina Presler** (Millie Birkholz's mother), **Alice Irion** and **Ted Young**. We pray God will give them peace and comfort in their lives.

--We pray for continued blessings upon our shut-ins: **Gary Adams, Alice Irion, Wes Johnson, Lydia Laubach, Evelyn McNaight, Emma Millet, Gladine Nehus, Alvina Presler, Char Reehl, Ruth Schwartzenberger, Myrtle Storhaug, and Ted Young**.



We Pray for Those Serving in the Military

Tech Sgt Tanner Tilton, US Air Force EOD, deployed to Kuwait in early July.

Senior Airman Brady Toole, US Air Force, serving at Malmstrom.

Tech Sgt Jared Dudden, US Air Force, deployed to Kuwait in May.

Steffen Meeks (grandson of Sherrie Blomstrom), **US Army** deployed to Germany.

Michael Somerfeld, US Navy Nuclear Submarine Tech (son of Gary & Mary Somerfeld), Charleston, South Carolina.

You're invited to Trinity LWML's annual

Advent Potluck Brunch



**December 12 @ 10:00 a.m.
Trinity's Fellowship Hall**

Breakfast casseroles will be provided.

Bring friends.

The more the merrier!

A freewill offering will be taken
for a Montana missionary.

See you there!