

GRACE NOTES

Schedule for November 29, 2015 through December 6, 2015

Today – November 29

- 8:30 am *Sunday School*
8:30 am *Adult Bible Class*
10:00 am *Divine Service*
Kitchen Dedication
6:00 pm Adult Information Class

Monday – November 30

- 7:00 pm Scouts

Tuesday – December 1

- 10:15 am Sing-Benefis SNC
5:30 pm **Trustees' meeting**
6:30 pm Bell Choir practice
7:00 pm **BOECE**

Wednesday – December 2

- 9:00 am Wee Disciple's Chapel
9:30 am Ladies Bible study
6:00 pm Soup Supper-Elders
6:00 pm Adult Choir practice
6:15 pm Pre-confirmation
7:30 pm *Advent Midweek Service*

Thursday – December 3

- 9:00 am Quilters @ Peace
10:00 am Park Place
7:00 pm Scouts

Friday – December 4

Church Office Closed

- 1:00 pm Friday Ladies Bible Class
Ann Nimmick's
2327 15th Ave S

Saturday – December 5

- 8:00 am Men's Bible study

Next Sunday – December 6

- 8:30 am *Sunday School*
8:30 am *Adult Bible Class*
10:00 am *Divine Service*
5:00 pm Spuds & Splits Fundraiser
7:00 pm Choir Concert



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 30th *Gene & Joy Suek*

Birthday Blessings This Week

December 2nd **Jean Craven**
December 3rd Brielyn Ginnaty
Nickolas Kessel
December 4th Sarah Chapman
Shantelle Hutchinson
Aaron Neumann
December 5th Donna Hayes
Kelly Norris
Courtney Walker
December 6th Kali Holmberg

Baptismal Anniversaries

December 1st Ashley Doll
Channing Hartelius
December 3rd Heidi Paul
December 4th Evelyn McNaight
December 5th Nickolas Kessel
Colton Martello
Logan Stene
December 6th Shelley McClellan

An Update on Giving and Attendance

Comparison of actual giving through November 15

2014 - \$151,924 2015 - \$150,633 **DOWN \$1291**

Comparison of Income to Our Goal

Our Goal (\$3,430** x 47) = \$161,210

Actual Giving = \$150,633

\$10,577 BELOW what was pledged.

The offering for 11-15-15 was \$2,350 ☹



After paying bills (11-24-15), TLC has about **\$1,770**.

\$5000.00 was transferred to checking from Wilkins Foundation Distribution to help cover the bills paid.

The next payroll (\$4,300) is scheduled for Monday, 11-30-2015. If the offering for 11-29-15 is not greater than \$2,530, TLC will not have enough cash to meet the payroll 11-30-15 and to pay bills at the beginning of December.

Comparison of Attendance – third Sunday of the month

Sunday worship, Wednesday worship, & Sunday School

2014 - 125

2015 - 104

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.



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.



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.



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.

“Why was God’s Son in a manger, a feeding trough for animals? Because He is the Bread of Life, spiritual food for starving mankind. So the True Bread from Heaven is first encountered by humble shepherds in a place where food is placed for animals, in Bethlehem, which means ‘House of Bread.’ What’s more, the Good Shepherd was found by the shepherds!” *James M. Kushiner, the Fellowship of St. James – A “Life Quote” from Lutherans For Life • www.lutheransforlife.org*



Cross Explorations



Today’s Sunday School lesson, “The Bronze Serpent,” is one of the more challenging stories in the Old Testament. Just as the bronze serpent was lifted up to heal and save the Israelites, Christ was lifted up on the cross to heal and save us from sin, death, and the devil. *Ask students, “How did God rescue people bitten by the serpent? How does God rescue you?”*

December 6 "The Voice" Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Gregory Seltz: The voice of John the Baptist calls us to repent and trust in the Savior Who walked in our shoes. (*Luke 3:1-20*)



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)**.



Talk Radio for the Advent Season...You can listen to expert guests discuss topics like: *The Return of Christ; Saint Nicholas; The Birth of John Foretold; The Movie "Mockingjay Part 2"; The 95 Theses and more.* **Issues, Etc.** is a radio talk show hosted by

LCMS Pastor Todd Wilken and produced by Lutheran Public Radio in Collinsville, IL. You can listen to what you want when you want at www.issuesetc.org and on the new Lutheran Public Radio mobile app.



THIS WEEK

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

11-29-15 (C) 1 st Sunday in Advent	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

12-2-15 Advent Mid-week	Acolyte.....Elders
	Altar Guild.....Denise Wegner
	Audio.....Maryanne Chapman
	Video.....No video
	Duty Elders.....Bob Nommensen
	Organist.....NOA
	Trustee On-Call.....Barry Eastley
	Ushers.....Gary Vik/Alan Wegner
Bob Nommensen

NEXT WEEK

Old Testament–Malachi 3:1-7b
Epistle–Philippians 1:2-11
Holy Gospel– Luke 3:1-14 (15-20)

12-6-15 (C) 2 nd Sunday in Advent	Acolyte.....Elders
	Altar Guild.....Denise Wegner
	Audio.....Jon Chapman
	Video.....Maryanne Chapman
	Duty Elders.....Dennis Philipp/Len Koebel
	Organist.....Joy Suek
	Trustee On-Call.....Barry Eastley
	Ushers.....Gary Vik/Alan Wegner
Dennis Philipp/Len Koebel

(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*

--We pray for **Sam Pappas** who has completed his radiation treatments and will have further testing at a later date but is doing well. Pray God's healing and grace for Sam and his family.

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

--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.

--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.

--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.

--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.

--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.

--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.

--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.

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

--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.

--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.

--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.

--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 McNaught, 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!