

GRACE NOTES

Schedule for December 13, 2015 through December 20, 2015

Today – December 13

- 8:30 am *Sunday School*
8:30 am *Adult Bible Class*
10:00 am *Divine Service*
LWML Christmas Bake Sale

Monday – December 14

WINKEL

- 7:00 pm Scouts

Tuesday – December 15

- 10:00 am **Mission & Evangelism**
10:15 am Sing-Benefis SNC
6:30 pm Bell Choir practice

Wednesday – December 16

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

Thursday – December 17

- 9:00 am Quilters @ Peace
10:00 am Park Place
3:45 pm **LWML Board meeting**
6:30 pm *Wee Disciple's
Christmas Celebration*
7:00 pm **Church Council meeting**
7:00 pm Scouts

Friday – December 18

Church Office Closed

- 11:45 am Friday Ladies Bible Class
No host lunch @ The Prime Cut
3219 10th Ave S

- 6:30 pm *Congregational Christmas
Caroling Party*

Saturday – December 19

- 8:00 am Men's Bible study

Next Sunday – December 20

- 8:30 am *Sunday School*
8:30 am *Adult Bible Class*
10:00 am *Divine Service*
3:00 pm *Pastor & Heidi's
Christmas Open House*



Looking for the Prayer Requests?
You will find them as one of the
inserts in your Grace Notes.

Celebrating a Wedding Anniversary

December 19th ~ Jerry & Pam Grosenick
~ Robert & Shelly Vernon

Birthdays Blessings This Week

December 13th Deryk Pearsall
December 14th Zeke Morrison
John Shaw
December 15th **Lydia Laubach**
December 16th Hui-Min Meehan
Jessi Webb
December 17th Hayden Olson
December 19th Keith Dalke
Sean Ginnaty
Evelyn Pearsall
December 20th Matthew Maddox
James Schuman Jr

Baptismal Anniversaries

December 13th Cheryl Bauer
December 16th Jacob Lietz
Scott Mansch
Patrick Norris
December 17th Kali Holmberg
December 18th Wesley Johnson
December 19th Kathie Sybrant



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.

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.

An Update on Giving and Attendance

Comparison of actual giving through December 6

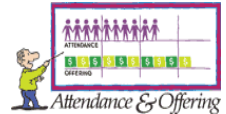
2014 - \$158,663 2015 - \$158,949 UP \$286

Comparison of Income to Our Goal

Our Goal (\$3,430** x 49) = \$168,070

Actual Giving = \$158,949 **\$9,121 BELOW** what was pledged.

The offering for 12-6-15 was \$4,855



After paying bills (12-8-15), TLC has about **\$2,900**

TLC has outstanding bills of \$1,768.

The next payroll (\$4,300) is scheduled for Tuesday, December 15, 2015.

Comparison of Attendance – third Sunday of the month

Sunday worship, Wednesday worship, & Sunday School

2014 - 136

2015 - 138



Wee Disciples will be having their **Christmas Celebration** on December 17th at 6:30 p.m. There will be treats downstairs after the children share the message of Jesus birth. Everyone is invited to attend!

Warm up your vocal chords and tune up you smile for the **First Annual Trinity Christmas Caroling Party!** Friday, December 18th the congregation is invite to gather at church at 6:30 pm. We will caravan to one or two of the local retirement homes and a few of our shut-in's homes and share the joy of the season with those who are not able to get out. We will end the evening back at church for hot cocoa and goodies. Plan to be a part of bringing the joy of the season to others and share in the fellowship.



Need something to do on New Year's Eve? Join us at church at 7:30 pm for New Year's Eve worship and then come to the Fellowship Hall and join in the first **Trinity Family Game Night**. Bring a snack to share and your best game face and challenge other members to Dominos, Spoons, Canasta and other fun. There will be games for all ages.

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.



Lutherans
For Life

December 13 “He whom nothing can contain has been contained in a womb. He is in the Father’s bosom and His Mother’s embrace. How can this be, but as He knows and willed and was well pleased.

Fleshless as He was, He willingly took flesh. And He Who Is became what He was not, for us. And while departing not from His own nature, He shared in our nature’s substance. So Christ was born with dual natures, wishing to replenish the world on high. Christ is born! Glorify Him!” *Father Barnabas Powell, Cumming, Georgia – A “Life Quote” from Lutherans for Life • www.lutheransforlife.org*

Cross Explorations

In Sunday School today, the children will hear the message “*The Birth of Jesus Foretold.*” God favored Mary, choosing her to be the mother of Jesus. God favors us because of Jesus Christ, choosing us to be His children! *Ask your children, “How did God show Mary, and us, His unmerited grace and favor?”*



A Mobile Lutheran Bible Study...Issues, Etc. is a radio talk show hosted by LCMS Pastor Todd Wilken and produced by Lutheran Public Radio in Collinsville, IL. *This week's topics include: Adam & Eve; The Prophet Daniel; Mary*

Visiting Elizabeth; The Doctrine of Justification; Katie Luther and more.

You can listen on-demand at www.issuesetc.org and on the new Lutheran Public Radio mobile app.

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.

December 20 ~ "The Gift in the Manger" Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Gregory Seltz; From the manger to the cross to resurrection life, God is in the giving

business for all of us to receive and believe. (Luke 2:8-12) 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).**



WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

THIS WEEK

Old Testament–Zephaniah 3:14-20

Epistle–Philippians 4:4-7

Holy Gospel– Luke 7:18-28 (29-35)

12-13-15 (C) 2nd Sunday in Advent	Acolyte.....Elders Altar Guild.....Denise Wegner Audio.....John Shaw Video.....Maryanne Chapman Duty Elders.....Dennis Philipp/Jerry Grosenick Organist.....Anita Chapman Trustee On-Call.....Barry Eastley Ushers.....Gary Vik/Alan WegnerDennis Philipp/Jerry Grosenick
---	---

12-16-15 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 WegnerBob Nommensen
---	--

NEXT WEEK

Old Testament–Micah 5:2-5a

Epistle–Hebrews 10:5-10

Holy Gospel– Luke 1:39-45 (46-56)

12-20-15 (C) 4th Sunday in Advent	Acolyte.....Elders Altar Guild.....Denise Wegner Audio.....Maryanne Chapman Video.....William Harr Duty Elders.....Len Koelbel/Don Lee Organist.....Jeannine Eastley Trustee On-Call.....Barry Eastley Ushers.....Gary Vik/Alan WegnerLen Koelbel/Don Lee
---	---



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

--We pray for **the grandson of a member of Trinity** Due to the nature of his treatment at the Mayo Clinic, he will be home-bound at least until March of 2016. We pray that the treatment will be successful and that the different therapies he receives several times a week will improve his mobility and speech issues. May the Lord fill him and his parent's hearts with the Holy Spirit so they may know Him.

--We pray for **Lydia Laubach**. Lydia fell recent but is home recovering. We pray God's peace and healing for Lydia.

--We pray for **Paul Birkholz** that God would grant him healing and patience during difficult days and peace and joy all the time.

--We pray for **Freddy** (Rose & Gary Sheldon's daughter Debbe and son-in law Marek's 3 year old nephew), who had a 7 hour surgery November 20th to remove a brain tumor. They haven't received biopsy results yet. The family is in need of prayer support and asked us to join them, in praying for Freddy and his parents while they wait and wonder. May God grant them peace and patience in this difficult time.

--We pray for **Dorothy**, (an elderly friend of Juanita Winter) who fell recently. Dorothy has very serious cuts and bruises as a result. We pray God's healing for Dorothy.

--We pray for **Steve** (Juanita Winter's coworker's brother) who is in a Seattle hospital battling a very serious form of throat cancer. May God be with Steve, his family and the doctors during this trying time.

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

--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 **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 our members who continue to struggle with health issues: **Alvina Presler** (Millie Birkholz's mother), **Alice Irlon** 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 Irlon, Wes Johnson, Lydia Laubach, Evelyn McNaught, Emma Millet, Gladine Nehus, Alvina Presler, 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.