

GRACE NOTES

Schedule for December 27, 2015 through January 3, 2016

Today – December 27

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

Monday – December 28

Nothing scheduled

Tuesday – December 29

Nothing scheduled

Wednesday – December 30

Nothing scheduled

Thursday – December 31

7:30 pm *New Year's Eve worship*
8:30 pm *Family Game Night*

Friday – January 1, 2016

Church Office Closed

Saturday – January 2

2:00 pm Higher Things
Streaming Conference
We Confess

Next Sunday – January 3

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



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

Celebrating a Wedding Anniversary

December 30th

Robert & Norma Nommensen

Birthday Blessings This Week

December 28th

Edward Hickel

Kenzie Legg

December 30th

Kaden Hill

January 1st

Harper Lautenschlager

Baptismal Anniversaries

December 29th

Sarah Chapman

Johnathan Larsen

Caitee Miesmer

December 30th

Rachel Hill

December 31st

John Shaw

Yvonne Lee

January 1st

Michael Grams

Debbie Lee

Leslie Lee

Randi Meehan

Emma Millet

Norma Nommensen

Gary Shelden

Helen Suek

Joy Suek

Sherri Van Vleet

January 3rd

Penny Hill

Courtney Schroeder

The 2016 offering envelope boxes are in your mailboxes in the



narthex. The 2016 envelopes are **GREEN** in color. **Please DO NOT begin using the new envelopes until Sunday January 3, 2016.**



Thank you to everyone who helped to adorn the Sanctuary with poinsettias for Christmas.

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.

The youth group is hosting streaming of the Higher Things Conference, *We Confess* on January 2nd. We would like to invite the congregation to attend as well and would ask you to bring a potluck item for dinner.



Streaming will start at 2:00 pm and will end with evening prayer at 8:00 pm. Attendees are encouraged to stay for all but should come even if their schedule only allows them to stay for part.



Today in Sunday School children studied "The Birth of John." Zechariah spoke God's Word announcing that this baby, John, would give people knowledge of salvation in the forgiveness of sins. God speaks through His holy Word to give us knowledge of salvation and forgiveness through Jesus, His Son. *In your family discuss, "How does Jesus remind us of the work He has done for us? Consider asking, "How or when does God fill us with His presence today?"*

Join The Celebration

You are cordially invited to attend the installation of Reverend David Johnson at First Lutheran Church, Missoula, MT on January 10th at 6:00 pm. Following the service, please join us for a dessert reception honoring Pastor Johnson and his wife Jane. We look forward to having you join us to celebrate God's blessing the First Family with a new Senior Pastor.





January 3 "Life in Context"

Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Gregory Seltz

Life is not up for grabs or out of control. Find real life in the context of Christ's cross and resurrection. (Ephesians 1:3-14) 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).**

December 27 "Satan would love us to believe that the Herod-like destruction of unborn children and the abuse of women through this destruction are political issues and do not belong in the Church. But that is precisely where they do belong! We have the Gospel, the only message that can shatter the darkness and bring hope." *Rev. Dr. James I. Lamb, executive director of Lutherans For Life – A "Life Quote" from Lutherans For Life • www.lutheransforlife.org*



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 20

2014 - \$165,727 2015 - \$167,105 **UP \$1,378**

Comparison of Income to Our Goal

Our Goal (\$3,430** x 51) = \$174,930

Actual Giving = \$167,105 **\$7,825 BELOW** what was pledged.

The offering for 12-20-15 was \$3,856

Bills paid kitchen remodel - \$46,243
annual charities - \$3,000
other expenses - \$972

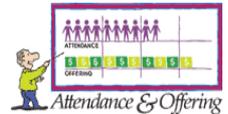
TLC has an estimated bank balance of **\$1,100**

The next payroll (\$4,300) is scheduled for Thursday, December 31, 2015.

Comparison of Attendance – third Sunday of the month

Sunday worship, Wednesday worship, & Sunday School

2014 - 260 2015 - 149





THIS WEEK

Old Testament—Exodus 13:1-3a, 11-15
Epistle—Colossians 3:12-17
Holy Gospel— Luke 2:22-40

<p>12-27-15 (C)</p> <p>First Sunday after Christmas</p>	<p>Acolyte.....Elders</p> <p>Altar Guild.....Denise Wegner</p> <p>Audio.....Jon Chapman</p> <p>Video.....John Shaw</p> <p>Duty Elders.....Scott Mansch/Bill Sybrant</p> <p>Organist.....Anita Chapman</p> <p>Trustee On-Call.....Barry Eastley</p> <p>Ushers.....Gary Vik/Alan Wegner</p> <p>.....Scott Mansch/Bill Sybrant</p>
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<p>12-31-15</p> <p>New Years Eve</p> <p>Eve of the Circumcision and Name of Jesus</p>	<p>Acolyte.....Elders</p> <p>Altar Guild.....Denise Wegner</p> <p>Audio.....Maryanne Chapman</p> <p>Video.....NOA</p> <p>Duty Elders.....James Neumann/Roy Arves</p> <p>Organist.....Anita Chapman</p> <p>Trustee On-Call.....Barry Eastley</p> <p>Ushers.....Gary Vik/Alan Wegner</p> <p>.....James Neumann/Roy Arves</p>
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NEXT WEEK

Old Testament—1 Kings 3:4-15
Epistle—Ephesians 1:3-14
Holy Gospel— Luke 2:40-52

<p>01-03-16 (C)</p> <p>Second Sunday after Christmas</p>	<p>Acolyte.....Elders</p> <p>Altar Guild.....Denise Wegner</p> <p>Audio.....Jon Chapman</p> <p>Video.....Maryanne Chapman</p> <p>Duty Elders.....Jerry Grosenick/Don Lee</p> <p>Organist.....Joy Suek</p> <p>Trustee On-Call.....NOA</p> <p>Ushers.....Gary Vik/Alan Wegner</p> <p>.....Jerry Grosenick/Don Lee</p>
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(C) - Communion

NOA - No one assigned

TBA - To be announced



Prayer Requests

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

--We pray for **Marc Morrell** (Alene Morrell's son) that he may find his way back to the Lord and church.

--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 **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 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, 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.