

# GRACE NOTES

Schedule for December 6, 2015 through December 13, 2015

## Today – 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*

## Monday – December 7

- 6:30 pm *Board of Education*  
7:00 pm *Scouts*

## Tuesday – December 8

- 10:15 am *Sing-Benefits SNC*  
11:00 am *Bee Hive Homes #2*  
2:00 pm *Golden Agers*  
6:00 pm *Board of Elders*  
6:30 pm *Bell Choir practice*

## Wednesday – December 9

- 9:00 am *Wee Disciple's Chapel*  
11:00 am *Char Reehl's Memorial*  
6:00 pm *Soup Supper-LWML*  
6:00 pm *Adult Choir practice*  
6:15 pm *Pre-confirmation*  
7:30 pm *Advent Midweek Service*

## Thursday – December 10

- 9:00 am *Quilters @ Peace*  
10:00 am *Park Place*  
11:00 am *Hymn Planning*  
7:00 pm *Scouts*

## Friday – December 11

*Church Office Closed*

- 1:00 pm *Friday Ladies Bible Class*  
*Ann Nimmick's*  
*2327 15<sup>th</sup> Ave S*

## Saturday – December 12

- 8:00 am *Men's Bible study*  
10:00 am *LWML Advent Brunch*  
4:00 pm *Webb ~ Payne wedding*

## Next Sunday – December 13

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

*LWML Christmas Bake Sale*

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

December 9<sup>th</sup> Ronald & Yvonne Lee

## Birthday Blessings This Week

December 6<sup>th</sup> Kali Holmberg  
December 13<sup>th</sup> Deryk Pearsall

## Baptismal Anniversaries

December 6<sup>th</sup> Shelley McClellan  
December 12<sup>th</sup> Donna Hayes  
December 13<sup>th</sup> Cheryl Bauer

The congregation is cordially invited to attend the wedding of Jessi Webb and Spencer Payne on Saturday, December 12<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 pm.





All ladies are invited to attend the Advent Brunch sponsored by LWML this Saturday, December 12<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 am. Breakfast casseroles, juice and coffee will be provided. Please bring a side dish to share for the potluck.

### LWML Bake Sale

If you are planning to bring baked goods for the plates for the shut-ins and/or baked goods for next Sunday's bake sale, please bring them to the church by noon on Saturday. We will be setting up for the bake sale and packaging the plates for the shut-ins at that time. If you are unable to bring your baked goods on Saturday, please bring them to the Stahlecker Room before church service on Sunday. Thanks!

### An Update on Giving and Attendance

#### **Comparison of actual giving through November 29**

2014 - \$153,367      2015 - \$154,094      **UP \$727**

#### **Comparison of Income to Our Goal**

Our Goal (\$3,430\*\* x 48) = \$164,640

Actual Giving = \$154,094      **\$10,546 BELOW** what was pledged.

The offering for 11-26-15 (Thanksgiving) was \$1,759 and 11-29-15 was \$1,702



After payroll (11-30-15) and paying bills (12-1-15), TLC has about **-\$554**. **The minus sign means that TLC was \$554 short on cash to meet payroll/bills. 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). To-date, TLC outstanding bills stand at \$1,747.** 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 - 63      2015 - 138

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.



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 13<sup>th</sup> deadline**. You will be notified as soon as the committee has made a decision whether or not your request has been accepted or denied.



Lutherans  
For Life

“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 is **“The Birth of John Foretold.”** The children learned that God in His mercy promised to send John to prepare sinful people for the coming of the Lord. God in His Word calls us to repentance, declaring us righteous because of His Son, Jesus. In your family discussions ask, *“When have you doubted God’s Word? How does God forgive and relieve our doubts?”*



**December 13 "The Lord is Near"** Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Gregory Seltz: God's message is simple and straightforward: *Jesus is near-put your trust in Him!*

(Philippians 4:4-7) 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)**.

**Your Daily Lutheran Bible Class...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: *Faith & Works; The Birth of Jesus Foretold; Christians & Social Media; The Movie "Spotlight"; Martin Luther's Heidelberg Disputation and more.* You can listen at your convenience at [www.issuesetc.org](http://www.issuesetc.org) and on the new Lutheran Public Radio mobile app.



**THIS WEEK**

*Old Testament–Malachi 3:1-7b*  
*Epistle– Philippians 1:2-11*  
*Holy Gospel– Luke 3:1-20*

<b>12-6-15</b> <b>(C)</b> <b>2<sup>nd</sup></b> <b>Sunday</b> <b>in</b> <b>Advent</b>	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

<b>12-9-15</b> <b>Advent</b> <b>Mid-week</b>	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–Zephaniah 3:14-20*  
*Epistle–Philippians 4:4-7*  
*Holy Gospel– Luke 7:18-28 (29-25)*

<b>12-13-15</b> <b>(C)</b> <b>2<sup>nd</sup></b> <b>Sunday</b> <b>in</b> <b>Advent</b>	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 Wegner
	.....Dennis Philipp/Jerry Grosenick

(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](mailto:trinity@trinity-mt.org)*

--We raise a prayer of thanksgiving for **Byron Theodore** (a friend of Gary & Rose Sheldon's daughter Debbe), He has been recovering slowly and is improving and coping pretty well with the 'new normal' now. God be praised for this.

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--We pray for the family of **Char Reehl**. Char passed away on Tuesday morning. We pray for God's peace and comfort for her family as they grieve her loss.

--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 20<sup>th</sup> 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 **the grandson of a member of Trinity** who convalescing following chemotherapy treatments and a bone marrow transplant.

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--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.