

# GRACE NOTES

## Today Sunday – *December 18<sup>th</sup> ~ Fourth Sunday in Advent*

8:30 am Sunday school & Bible class

10:00 am *Divine Service*

11:30 am Youth Christmas Gathering

**2:00 pm Paul's Open House**

## Monday – **December 19<sup>th</sup>**

10:00 am Pastor @ Winkel @ Peace LC

6:00 pm **Church Council**

## Tuesday – **December 20<sup>th</sup>**

10:15 am Sing @ Benefis SNC

## Wednesday – **December 21<sup>st</sup>**

9:00 am Wee Disciple's Chapel

6:00 pm Advent Soup Supper – Youth

7:30 pm *Advent Service*

## Thursday – **December 22<sup>nd</sup>**

**Lamplighter deadline**

9:00 am Quilters @ Peace

10:00 am Park Place

## Friday – **December 23<sup>rd</sup>**

*Church Office Closed*

## Saturday – *December 24<sup>th</sup> – The Nativity of Our Lord - Christmas Eve*

7:00 pm *Christmas Eve Candlelight Service*

## Next Sunday – *December 25<sup>h</sup> ~ The Nativity of Our Lord – Christmas Day*

10:00 am *Divine Service*

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**The Church office and Wee Disciples will be closed on Monday, December 26<sup>th</sup> for staff to enjoy an additional day off.**

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**2016 Contributions** – Any contributions that you would like to have credited to 2016 **MUST be into the church office by December 31, 2016** to be included in the final deposit of the year. Any contributions received January 1, 2017 and beyond will be credited to your 2017 totals regardless of the date on the check/envelope. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation with this.

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**Youth Group calendar and cards sales have begun!** Calendars are \$7 each and Christmas card packs are \$5 each. Help support our youth as they raise funds to go to Higher things in Bozeman, MT next July.

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**Celebrating a Wedding Anniversary this week**

December 19<sup>th</sup>

Jerry ♥ Pam Grosenick (46)

Robert ♥ Shelly Vernon (35)

**Celebrating a Birthday This Week**

December 18<sup>th</sup>

Maycee Graves

December 19<sup>th</sup>

Keith Dalke, Sean Ginnaty, Evelyn Pearsall

December 20<sup>th</sup>

Matthew Maddox, James Schuman Jr

December 22<sup>nd</sup>

Austin Johnson

December 23<sup>rd</sup>

**Eleanor Boumans (80+)**, Michell Thornton

December 24<sup>th</sup>

Christopher Magis, Cheyenne Sharrah

December 25<sup>th</sup>

Kyle Huestis

**This Week's Baptismal Anniversaries**

December 19<sup>th</sup>

Kathie Sybrant

December 21<sup>st</sup>

Ronald Lee, Cody Western

December 22<sup>nd</sup>

Dustin Dalla Mura

December 23<sup>rd</sup>

Rochelle Kimmerle, Yvonne Lee



We will be adorning the altar and sanctuary with poinsettias for Christmas. If you would like to donate toward the purchase of these poinsettias, please make your check payable to **Trinity Lutheran Church**, designate on the check "**For Poinsettias**" and drop it into the offering. If you would like your donation in memory or honor of a loved one, please attach a note with specifics or call the church office with that information. If you have any questions, please contact the church office 406-452-2121.

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**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, call the church office (452-2121) or sign-up on the Chapel doors in the Narthex if you are willing to assist.

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**Looking for an alternative web-based LCMS supported radio station?** KFUAO is the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod answer. On the web at [www.kfuam.org](http://www.kfuam.org) they broadcast seven days a week from 6:00 am to 8:00 pm Mountain Time (times vary by month). Check them out on the web at [www.kfuam.org](http://www.kfuam.org).

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**Don't Forget the Kitchen Loan!!** We are still making payments on the loan we took out to remodel our beautiful kitchen. We have made 11 of 120 payments so far. The monthly payment is \$477.29. The kitchen fund currently has \$22,900 in it but we are using that to make the payments each month. **These funds will not last**, we will still need donations to continue to pay the loan off. Please consider making a donation to the kitchen fund.

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**Lutheran Hour - December 25<sup>th</sup> - "What We Really Want"**

Speaker Emeritus of The Lutheran Hour: Rev. Dr. Ken Klaus. What do you want this Christmas? Jesus is God's greatest gift to a sinful world.

(Galatians 4:4-5). 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)**.

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**Issues Etc. – Equipping the Priesthood of All Believers...** 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: A New Study on Marriage & Religious Affiliation; The Movie "Rogue One"; Adam & Eve; Katie Luther; The Apostle Thomas and more.* You can listen to what you want when you want at **[www.issuesetc.org](http://www.issuesetc.org)** and on the Lutheran Public Radio mobile app.

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**Lutherans for Life - December 18<sup>th</sup>** "As Christmas approaches, I'm reminded of another man more than 2,000 years ago who also made a difficult choice about a mother and a baby. Joseph could have cut and run, but he didn't. When men commit themselves to stand for life and for their families, they experience blessings far greater than wealth and fame." *Bradley Mattes, executive director of Life Issues Institute – A Life Quote from Lutherans for Life • [www.lutheransforlife.org](http://www.lutheransforlife.org)*

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**2016 Advent and Christmas Schedule**

<i>December 18<sup>th</sup> ~ 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent</i>	<i>10:00 am</i>
<i>December 21<sup>st</sup> ~ Soup Supper</i>	<i>6:00 pm</i>
<i>4<sup>th</sup> Mid-Week Advent</i>	<i>7:30 pm</i>
<i>December 24<sup>th</sup> ~ Christmas Eve Service</i>	<i>7:00 pm</i>
<i>December 25<sup>th</sup> ~ Christmas Day Divine Service</i>	<i>10:00 am</i>
<i>December 31<sup>st</sup> ~ New Year's Eve Service</i>	<i>7:00 pm</i>

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**WORSHIP ASSISTANTS**

*First Reading – Isaiah 7:10-17*

*Psalm – Psalm 24*

*Epistle – Romans 1:1-7*

*Holy Gospel – Matthew 1:18-25*

<b>THIS WEEK</b>	<b>12/18/16</b> <b>Fourth Sunday in</b> <b>Advent</b>	<b>12/21/16</b> <b>Advent Service 4</b>	<b>12/24/16</b> <b>The Nativity of Our</b> <b>Lord</b> <b>Christmas Eve</b>
<b>Acolyte</b>	Elders	Elders	Elders
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Denise Wegner Dayna Vik	Denise Wegner Dayna Vik	Denise Wegner Dayna Vik
<b>Audio</b>	Jon Chapman	Tim Chapman	Cody Stene
<b>Video</b>	John Shaw	NOA	John Shaw
<b>Duty Elders</b>	Roy Arves James Neumann	Bob Nommensen	James Neumann Dennis Philipp
<b>Organist</b>	Jeannine Eastley	NOA	Anita Chapman
<b>Trustee On-Call</b>	NOA	NOA	NOA
<b>Counters</b>	Shawn & Jenny Shaw		
<b>Ushers</b>	Alan Wegner		

<b>THIS WEEK</b>	<b>12/25/16</b> <b>The Nativity of Our</b> <b>Lord</b> <b>Christmas Day</b>
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<b>Altar Guild</b>	Denise Wegner Dayna Vik
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<b>Video</b>	Jon Chapman
<b>Duty Elders</b>	Marty Bauer Len Koelbel
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***First Reading***  
*Isaiah 9:2-7*  
*Isaiah 52:7-10*

***Psalm***  
*Psalm 96*  
*Psalm 2*

***Epistle***  
*Titus 2:11-14*  
*Hebrews 1:1-6 (7-12)*

***Holy Gospel***  
*Luke 2:1-14 (15-20)*  
*John 1:1:14 (15-18)*

## ***PRAYER REQUESTS***

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

*We pray for:*

- ~**Lisa Bauer** (Martin Bauer's sister-in-law) - reconstructive surgery
- ~**Jenny Eberly** – continues to recover and heal
- ~**Dorothy Krueger** (Pam Grosenick's mother) - heart related concerns
- ~**Roger Lienau** (Cheryl Bauer's father) – recovering from shoulder surgery
- ~**Chuck Lively** – recovering from ankle surgery
- ~**Gertie Rayment** (Anita Erickson's cousin) – who suffered a stroke
- ~**Gary Shelden** - cancer treatments
- ~**Janet Hussli** (Jerry Grosenick's sister) – reconstructive surgery
- ~**Harry**, (Penny Hill's brother) – medical/health issues
- ~**Marek & Debbe Wojak** (son-in-law and daughter Rose & Gary Shelden) - health issues
- ~**Kim Mansch** (sister in law of Scott Mansch) - brain tumor removed
- ~**Freddy** (Rose & Gary Sheldon's daughter Debbe and son-in law Marek's nephew) - brain tumor removed
- ~**Reverend Erich Kaelberer** - battling ALS
- ~**Kristal Dawson** (Jenny Shaw's sister) - diagnosed with Leukemia
- ~**Jennifer** (friend of Judy and Keener Boyce's niece) - diagnosed with stage 4 colon and liver cancer
- ~**David & Gloria Polley** (Ellen Carpenter's brother) - David has progressive Alzheimer's

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*We pray God's peace and comfort for our members who continue to battle health issues:*

**Paul Birkholz, Ilene Leishman, Bud Quickenden, Betty Tynes** (Sherri Blomstrom's mother),

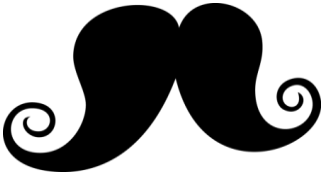
*and for our shut-ins:*

**Gary Adams, Alice Irion, Lydia Laubach, Evelyn McNaight, Emma Millet, Alene Morrell, Gladine Nehus, Bob & Norma Nommensen, Alvina Presler** (Millie Birkholz's mother), **Audrey Remus, Ruth Schwartzenberger, Myrtle Storhaug and Ted Young.**

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*We pray for those serving in the military:*

**Jaymes Crumley; Tech Sgt Tanner Tilton** (Millie Birkholz's grandson); **Senior Airman Brady Toole; Tech Sgt Jared Dudden; Steffen Meeks** (Sherrie Blomstrom's grandson); **Michael Somerfeld** ( Gary & Mary Somerfeld's son) **Clifton Grilley** (Gary & Janet Headington's son and grandson of the late Adolf Neumann)



## “10 Reasons President Harrison Should Shave”

1. Everyone could stand to lose a little weight.
2. Montana is Cowboy country where they take their mustaches very seriously.
3. Lutherans should loosen up and have a little fun.
4. President Forke’s children have never seen him without a mustache.
5. President Harrison would demonstrate true love for his neighbor (President Forke), by shaving.
6. Leadership requires true sacrifice for the cause.
7. We want our President to give more than lip service to fund raising.
8. Without a mustache, President Harrison would look a lot like Martin Luther.
9. President Forke *does* have the better mustache.
10. Raising money for future Church workers is good!

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Donations can be made over the phone Monday through Friday, 7:45am to 4:10pm,  
by calling: the LCMS Church Information Center 888-THE- LCMS (888-843-5267)

or by email at: [infocenter@lcms.org](mailto:infocenter@lcms.org).

Or Mailing the donation form (on back) to:  
Marie Muhlke

Executive Office of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod

1333 South Kirkwood Road

St. Louis, MO 63122-7295

# ***“Mustache Campaign” Donation Form***

***Deadline: December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2016***

**Minimum contribution of \$15 is encouraged. (\*) REQUIRED**

Contributor Name\* \_\_\_\_\_

Billing Address of Credit/Debit Card\* \_\_\_\_\_

City\* \_\_\_\_\_ State\* \_\_\_\_\_ Zip\* \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address (if different than above)\* \_\_\_\_\_

City\* \_\_\_\_\_ State\* \_\_\_\_\_ Zip\* \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone Number\* \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail Address \_\_\_\_\_

**Donation Amount** \$ \_\_\_\_\_ .00 **Check number** \_\_\_\_\_

Card is:\*  Credit Card  Debit Card

*MasterCard, VISA, Discover and American Express cards only.*

Card Type\*  MasterCard  Visa  Discover  American Express

Card Number\* \_\_\_\_\_

Card Expiration Date\* \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_ (CVS code on back of the card is **not** required) Name as

Shown on Card\* \_\_\_\_\_

Vote is for:  **Rev. Matthew C. Harrison**

**Rev. Terry Forke**(select ONE):

Joint Seminary Fund

Church-worker scholarships/financial aid, and

Divide between ALL CUS schools, or

Direct to \_\_\_\_\_

Print specific CUS school name

**Other notes/comments:**



## Highlighted District Ministries

Montana District has four highlighted missions for the 2016 year.

Our Native American ministries

o Circle of Life Lutheran Ministries, Lame Deer, MT, served by Pastor Bauer and Pastor Timber

o Crow Lutheran Ministry, Crow Agency, MT, served by Pastor Jacobs

Our newest congregation, previously a “mission start,” Emmaus Lutheran Mission, Big Timber/Livingston, MT, served by Pastor Schopp

The Montana District Mercy Fund

o The Mercy Fund is a program to provide relief for catastrophic healthcare expenses for Montana District LCMS church workers and their immediate family members. The Montana District Board of Directors is vested with the sole granting authority, and grant applications are considered on a case by case basis.

o In order to be tax deductible donations for the donor and non-taxable gifts to the donor or recipient, IRS regulations state that no individual recipient can be required by the donor. (see IRS Publication 526, page 6, and IRS Publication 559, page 25)

o Current recipients of Mercy Fund grants:  The Rev. Erich Kaelberer family. Rev. Erich Kaelberer is suffering from ALS. He has grown weaker but continues to live the life of faith with a bold witness that the present sufferings are not worth being compared to the glory of salvation in Christ. He lives with wife, Jennifer and two daughters, Daelyn and Devyn in Cody, Wyoming.

If you wish to support one or more of the highlighted ministries, your tax deductible donation may be made out to “**Montana District LCMS**” and mailed to Montana District LCMS, 30 Broadwater Avenue, Billings, MT 59101

Please include this informational page with your donation.

Name:

Date:

Ministry Supported:

Circle of Life Lutheran Ministries \$

Crow Lutheran Ministry \$

Emmaus Lutheran Mission \$

Mercy Fund \$ As required by the IRS guidelines, no Mercy Fund recipient is designated.

**Total Donation: \$**

