

Grace Notes

December 1, 2024

Trinity Lutheran Church

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Sunday – 12/01/2024 ~ First Sunday in Advent

8:30a Sunday school and Adult Bible study
10:00a Divine Service
Duty Elders ~ Martin Bauer / Len Koelbel
Audio / Video ~ Cheryl Bauer
Acolytes ~ Alex Shabaan / Samuel Schultz
Organist ~ no one assigned

Monday – 12/02/2024

Nothing scheduled

Tuesday – 12/03/2024

9:00a Winkel @ Trinity
6:00p Hand Bell Choir practice

Wednesday – 12/04/2024

9:30a Ladies Bible study
4:30p Confirmation class
5:30p Adult choir practice
6:00p Advent Soup Supper
7:00p 1st Advent Mid-Week Service

Thursday – 12/05/2024

8:30a Men's Bible study
6:30p Board of Early Childhood Education

Friday – 12/06/2024

Church office closed

1:00p Friday Ladies Bible study
@ Marge Johnsten's, 3000 8th Ave. S.

Saturday – 12/07/2024

10:00a LWML Advent Brunch

Sunday – 12/08/2024 ~ Second Sunday in Advent

8:30a

Sunday school and Adult Bible study

10:00a

Divine Service

Duty Elders ~ Roy Arves / Shawn Shaw

Audio / Video ~ Josh Schultz

Acolytes ~ Caitee Miesmer / Mason Vogel

Organist ~ no one assigned

Please, check your Narthex mailbox!



Advent Soup Suppers ~ We will be having Advent soup suppers on **December 4th, 11th, and 18th**. As always there is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board outside the church office.

Please sign-up for items to bring each week. Soup suppers will be at 6:00pm followed by Advent Mid-Week Service at 7:00pm.

The Altar Committee will once again be placing an order for poinsettias to grace our altar 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 the details to your check or contact the church office at 452-2121 with that information.



Snow Removal Sign-up ~ Help is need for the winter to remove snow from the sidewalks before church on Sunday mornings. If you would be willing to help, there is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board outside the church office.

They're Back!! Cards (both Christmas and all occasions) and calendars! **Prices:** All Occasion Cards \$8.00, Christmas Card \$9.00 and Calendars \$9.00. Check with the church office to get yours today!



LWML In-Gathering ~ LWML is having an in-gathering for Toby's House Crisis Nursery **November 24th through December 8th**, which is committed to the prevention of child abuse and neglect by providing crisis, respite, and transitional care for children ages 0-6 here in Great Falls. Needed donation items include diapers (any size, brand), diaper rash creams, wipes, formula (any type or specialty type, for example Nutramigen, Alimentum or Enfamil AR or any brand, unopened), Kleenex, and monetary donations. **The donation box is in the Narthex.**



LWML Cookie Walk after church on **Sunday, December 15th**. Donated goodies (from anyone in the congregation) will be available choose from. Trays will then be wrapped for your convenience. A suggested donation per dozen will be collected. All proceeds from the Cookie Walk will go toward Echoz Pregnancy Care Center Renovation Fund, as they are doing some remodeling and expansion.

Audio/Video Help ~ Our video ministry goes out each week on our Facebook page and reaches countless people. The audio/video crew is looking for a few good people. No experience is needed, we will teach you what you will need to know. If you would be interested in helping with this very important ministry, contact Pastor Schultz or Cheryl Bauer (406-590-6460) for more information.



AUDIO-VISUAL
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Did you know that Trinity has scholarships available for families of Trinity who have, or would like to have, their children attending Wee Disciples Preschool and Day Care? The application is available on our website (www.trinity-mt.org) or in the church office. **NOTE ~ The congregation is encouraged to contribute to the scholarship fund just as we do the roof repair or any other special fund.**



OFFERING COUNTERS

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 call Cheryl in the church office (452-2121) or sign up on the bulletin board outside the church office if you are willing to assist.

A Reminder to Use Your New Offering Envelopes ~ New boxes of offering envelopes for **2025 (GREEN in color)** will be issued Wednesday, December 18, 2024.



The last time to use the 2024 blue envelopes is December 31, 2024! **Please destroy any remaining 2024 blue offering envelopes after December 31, 2024. Begin using the GREEN offering envelopes SUNDAY, January 5, 2025.**

End-of-Year Contributions will need to be in **NO LATER THAN DECEMBER 31, 2024**, in order to be counted toward your pledge for 2024. Please be sure to bring those contributions to the church office as soon as possible, either by mail or drop-off at the church Monday through Friday (you may use the locked mailbox outside the office). **The counters will make one final deposit for 2023 at the close of business (3:00pm) on December 31, 2024.**



First Advent Mid-week ~ December 4, 2024

Soup Supper ~ 6:00 pm

Worship 7:00 pm

Second Sunday in Advent ~ December 8, 2024

Sunday school & Bible study ~ 8:30 am

Divine Service ~ 10:00 am

Second Advent Mid-week ~ December 11, 2024

Soup Supper ~ 6:00pm

Worship 7:00 pm

Third Sunday in Advent / Children's Christmas Message

December 15, 2024

Sunday school & Bible study ~ 8:30 am

Divine Service w/children's message ~ 10:00 am

Third Advent Mid-week ~ December 18, 2024

Soup Supper ~ 6:00 pm

Worship 7:00 pm

Fourth Sunday in Advent ~ December 22, 2024

Sunday school & Bible study ~ 8:30 am

Divine Service ~ 10:00 am

Christmas Eve Family Worship

Tuesday, December 24, 2024 ~ 7:00 pm

Christmas Day ~ Wednesday, December 25, 2024

Divine Service ~ 10:00 am

First Sunday after Christmas ~ December 29, 2024

Reading Service ~ 10:00 am

PRAYER REQUESTS

For prayer requests, please call the church office (406-452-2121)

or email us at trinity@trinity-mt.org

We pray for our members

Carolyn Arves	Joyce Bush
Jim Going	Penny Hill
Clay Isakson (Marfan Syndrome)	Louise Kuki
Lidia Neumann	Kirk Norris
David O'Meara	Joy Suek
Juanita Winter	

We pray for friends and family of our members

Jessica Beaman (Sandra Hanford's daughter)
Betty (Sybrant's daughter's mother-in-law)
Doris (Jillian Homen's grandmother)
Carrie Jetton (VanVoast's friend)
Evelyn Johnson (Jillian Homen's niece)
Cindy Kern (VanVoast's friend)
Kevon (friend of the Lively's)
Dorothy Krueger (Pam Grosenick's mother)
Laura (Denise Wegner's friend)
Roger & Marlene Lienau (Cheri Bauer's parents)
Jim Smith (VanVoast's friend)
Ross VanVoast (Ron VanVoast's son)
Marek & Debbe & Taylor Wojack
(Rose Sheldon's daughter and son-in-law and grandson)

We pray for the pastors of the Montana District with health concerns

Pastor Paul Shupe (Bridger / Belfry)
Pastor John Valle (former member of Trinity)

Members of Zion~ Power

Arianna (member of Zion ~ Power)

Becky Lutke (member of Zion ~ Power)

David Lutke (Zion~ Power)

Anita McCaughin (member of Zion ~ Power)

Paul, Lindsey & Agnes Eliza Ryan Neal (friends of Zion ~ Power)

The Stolte family (members of Zion~Power)

We pray for our members battling health issues and their caregivers

Chuck & Judy Lively

Chuck & Elsie Lorenz

Henry & Alice Schuman

We pray for our shut-ins

Millie Birkholz

Bob Blomstrom (Helena)

Ellen Carpenter

Anita Erickson

Ed Hickel

Jerry & Colleen Mans

Darlene Murray (Kansas)

Vi Nell (Spokane, WA)

Arlene Nelson

George & Myrtle Pence

Lauretta Stanfield

We pray for those serving in the military and law enforcement

Sam Birkett, Cascade County Sheriff's Deputy

Chaplain Jonathan Schultz, USAF

Nathan Brenner, USAF

Scott Broberg, USAF

Daniel Crème', USAF

Ricardo Dominguez, USAF

Howard Filbert, USAF

Kale Martin, USAF

Isaac Monroe, USAF (deployed)

Martin Shabaan, USAF

Kalainee Teaney, USAF

Joshua Graham, Helena Police Department

(Blomstrom's grandson-in-law)

Landon Grosenick, MANG (Pam Grosenick's grandson)

Matthew Erickson, USAF (Anita Erickson's grandson)

Julie Timms (Waetzig's granddaughter)

The Lutheran Hour ~ December 8th
"Completely Ordinary Human"

Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler

Everyone has a story to tell and yours can be one through which Jesus is working to make the world new again. (*Malachi 3:7*)

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 on SiriusXM Family Talk Channel 131 at 10:00 am (EST)**. Also available on **SENTRadio 24/7 @ lhm.org/sentradio**.

Lutherans for Life ~ December 1st ~ “Do you ever doubt the love of God? Perhaps you are just ‘looking for love in all the wrong places,’ if you’ll pardon the expression. Don’t look to your own feelings and emotions which can change with the wind but look to Bethlehem and the manger. See God’s love in this that His only begotten Son was sent to be humbled and to die for you. Understand that at Christmas ‘God so loved the world that He gave ...’” Daily Devotion, Redeemer Lutheran Church, Sister Lakes, Michigan ~ *A Life Quote from Lutherans for Life • lutheransforlife.org*

Other Helpful Links

Trinity Lutheran Church	www.trinity-mt.org
Also visit & “like” our Facebook page	
Concordia Publishing House	www.cph.org
Higher Things	www.higherthings.org
Issues, Etc.	www.issuesetc.org
The Word of the Lord Endures Forever	thewordendures.org
LCMS Radio on the web	www.kfuoam.org
LCMS	www.lcms.org
Lutherans for Life	lutheransforlife.org
LWML	www.lwml.org
Montana District LCMS	www.mtdistlcms.org
The Lutheran Witness	www.lcms.org/witness

CONCERNING THE LORD’S SUPPER

The Lord’s Supper is celebrated at this congregation in the confession and glad confidence that, as He says, our Lord gives into our mouths not only bread and wine but His very body and blood to eat and to drink for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our union with Him and with one another. Our Lord invites to His table those who trust His words, repent of all sin, and set aside any refusal to forgive and love as He forgives and loves us, that they may show forth His death until He comes.

Because those who eat and drink our Lord’s body and blood unworthily do so to their great harm and because Holy Communion is a confession of the faith which is confessed at this altar, any who are not yet instructed, in doubt or who hold a confession differing from that of this congregation and The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, and yet desire to receive the Sacrament, are asked first to speak with the pastor or an usher.

For further study, see Matthew 5:23ff; 10:32ff; 18:15–35; 26:26–29; 1 Corinthians 1:28; 11:17–34.

FOR THOSE with YOUNG CHILDREN...

In Matthew 19, Jesus said, *“Let the little children come to me and do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of heaven.”* Jesus wants your little ones present with Him during our worship service. So do we.

While children may often fidget and fuss during the service, we consider the noise that they make to be a form of sacred music – the song of God’s children learning more and more what it means to be Christians. And it is for this reason that we invite the children to stay with us for the entire service. We also suggest the following steps to help them learn.

- Sit toward the front where it is easier for them to see what is happening.
- Sing the liturgy and hymns, boldly. The more engaged you are, the more quickly they will learn to follow along.
- Explain to them what is happening throughout the service.

If you feel that your children are being too disruptive, please feel free to sit in the Narthex. There are also activity books and “quiet time” bags in the back for your children. Ask an Elder or usher for assistance.

Finally, if your attempt to get through the service today was a disaster, come back next week. The more consistently you show up, the easier it will get. And, whenever you come, just like Christ, we will always be overjoyed to have you and your little ones with us.