Grace Notes

November 15, 2026

Trinity Lutheran Church

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Check your Narthex mailboxes, please

Sunday – 11/15/2026 ~ *Twenty-fifth Sunday after Pentecost*

8:30a Sunday school & Adult Bible study

10:00a Divine Service

4:30p ~ 6:30p
Circuit Youth Event at First Lutheran, Fort Benton

Duty Elders ~ Shawn Shaw / Ron VanVoast

Audio/Video ~ Isaac Schultz

Organist ~ Gloria Creek

Monday – 11/16/2026 *Nothing scheduled*

Tuesday – 11/17/2026

5:45p Hand Bell Choir practice

Wednesday – 11/18/2026

9:30a Ladies Bible study

5:30p Adult Choir practice

6:30p Mid-week Divine Service

Duty Elder ~ Martin Bauer

Thursday – 11/19/2026

8:30a Men's Bible study

6:00p **Board of Elders**

Friday – 11/20/2026 ***Church Office Closed***

Saturday – 11/21/2026 *Nothing scheduled*

Sunday – 11/22/2026 ~ *Last Sunday of the Church Year*

8:30a Sunday school & Adult Bible study

10:00a Divine Service

11:30a **Quarterly Voter's meeting**

Duty Elders ~ Matthew Clark / Bill Sybrant

Audio/Video/Music ~ Cheryl Bauer

Don't forget….

Quarterly Voter's meeting ~ **Next Sunday, November 22nd** following the Divine Service will be Trinity's next Quarterly Voter's meeting. On the agenda is the Work Plan for 2027 and the election of officers for 2027-2028. All members 18 years-old to 118 years-old are invited and encouraged to attend.

LWML Dues ~ The LWML is collecting their annual subscription fees and membership dues. If you would like to receive the national LWML magazine, ***The Quarterly***, or our Montana District newsletter, ***The Missive***, you can order those for **$6.50 and $4.00 respectively**. If you are an active member of the LWML, the **total dues this year are $17.50/person**, which includes the magazine and newsletter, plus a **$7.00 district fee** to help send Montana ladies as delegates to the national LWML conventions. Please contact Sherri Van Vleet for more information or to pay for subscriptions and dues.

Undie Sunday ~ **December 6th** the LWML will be collecting underwear to donate to the Rescue Mission. Packages of new undies for men, women and children can be donated at the display in the Narthex - all styles and sizes. (We will also be gathering more donations at our ***Advent Brunch*** **on December 12th** and taking our donations to the Rescue Mission that afternoon.) Please help us provide for the needs of others and bring new underwear on Undie Sunday!

Advent Soup Suppers ~ Believe it or not Advent is here! We will be having Advent soup suppers followed by an Advent service each Wednesday (December 2nd, 9th & 16th) again this year. There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board outside the church office. Please sign up for items to bring each week. See you on **December 2nd** for our first Advent Mid-Week service.

Poinsetta Orders ~ 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.



They're Back!!

Cards ~ (both Christmas and all occasion)

Calendars and Notepads!

Price:	Note Pads	$3.00
	Cards	$8.00
	Calendars	$10.00

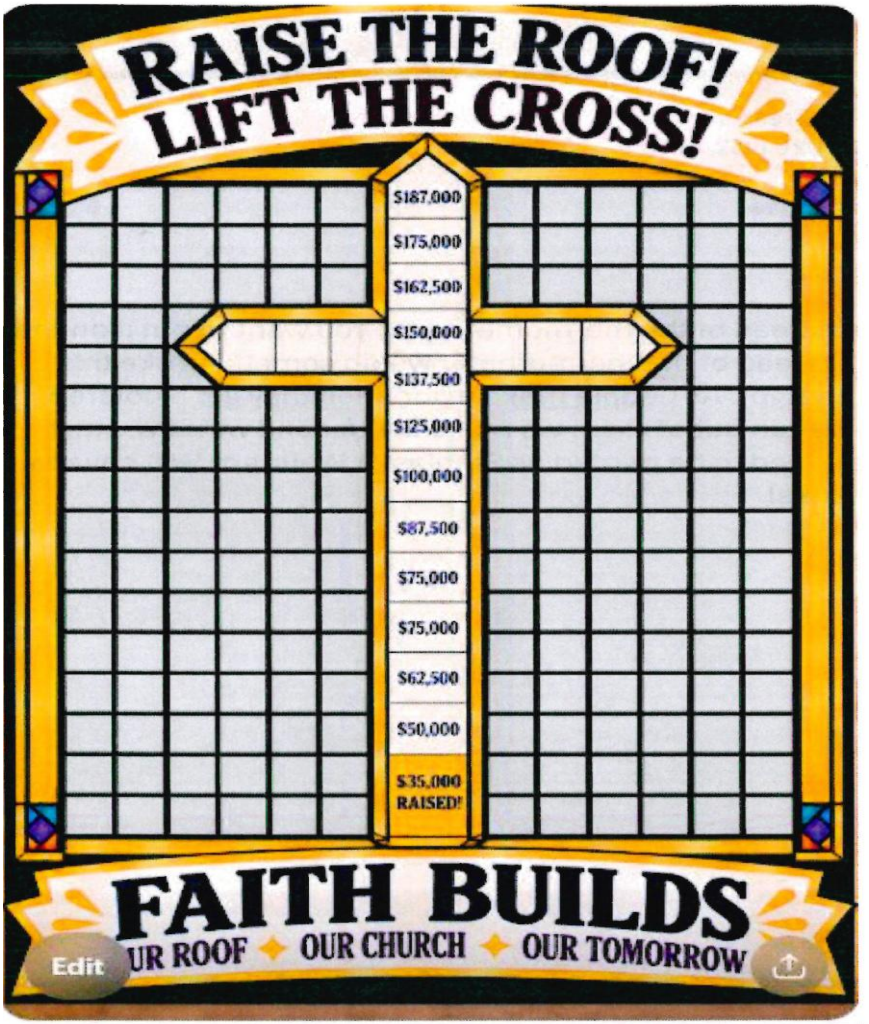
Check with the Youth Group to get yours today!

Snow Removal Sign-up ~ Help is needed 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.

Trinity Scholarships ~ The application is available on our website (www.trinity-mt.org) or in the church office. There are special envelopes in the back of the Sanctuary to place your donations in.

Coffee and Chat ~ Want to learn sign language? New to American Sign language? Not sure where to start? Join us for Coffee and Chat! Learn more signs and practice what you know in a calm environment. **Every third Saturday of the month 11:00am-12:30pm** at the **Double Barrel Coffee House,** 1500 9th Ave S. Sponsored by Peace Lutheran Church and Christ Lutheran Church for the Deaf, 3340 11th Ave S. Great Falls MT 59405.

<u>Roof Replacement Fund</u> ~ The project will include the Sanctuary roof, Narthex roof, flat roof and seamless gutters. We have scheduled this project for June 2027. Members are encouraged to continue contributing to the **Roof Replacement Fund**. There are special envelopes in the back of the Sanctuary to place your donations in and the tracking thermometer in the Narthex. If you have questions about this project, please talk to James Neumann, Cheryl Bauer or Pastor Schultz.





What: *decorating the church for Advent*
Where: *Trinity Lutheran Church*
When: *Saturday, November 28th*
Time: *9:30am to Noon-ish*
Who: *Y'ALL!!*

Each year on the Saturday after Thanksgiving we gather in the Sanctuary to put up the Christmas trees, hang the banners, set up the Nativity scene and get the church ready for the beginning of the new church year, also known as Advent.

This year we would like you to join us and help with the set up.

We need help with the following:

- Getting all the Christmas decorations out of their various storage places
- Setting up the two trees on the Chancel area in the Sanctuary
- Setting up the two trees in the Narthex/entryway
- Hanging the banners
- Setting up the Nativity by the pulpit

If you have any questions, or would like to volunteer to help, please call the office or talk to Cheryl.

Congregational Christmas Decorating
Saturday, November 28th ~ 9:30am



First Sunday in Advent ~ November 29th
Sunday school & Bible study ~ 8:30 am
Divine Service ~ 10:00 am

First Advent Mid-week ~ December 2nd
Soup Supper ~ 6:00 pm
Worship ~ 7:00 pm

Second Sunday in Advent ~ December 6th
Sunday school & Bible study ~ 8:30 am
Divine Service ~ 10:00 am

Second Advent Mid-week ~ December 9th
Soup Supper ~ 6:00pm
Worship ~ 7:00 pm





Third Sunday in Advent ~ December 13th
Sunday school & Bible study ~ 8:30 am
Divine Service w/Children's Christmas Message ~ 10:00 am

Third Advent Mid-week ~ December 16th
Soup Supper ~ 6:00 pm
Worship ~ 7:00 pm

Fourth Sunday in Advent ~ December 20th
Sunday school & Bible study ~ 8:30 am
Divine Service ~ 10:00 am





Christmas Eve ~ Thursday, December 24th
Family Worship ~ 7:00 pm

Christmas Day ~ Friday, December 25th
Divine Service ~ 10:00 am

First Sunday after Christmas ~ December 27th
Divine Service ~ 10:00 am

A BIG THANK YOU to all members of Trinity that donated to my mission trip to India.

With donations from family, friends, and Trinity members we are able to place nine (9) wells in remote villages in India. Due to rainy weather only two of the nine have been placed. The other seven will go in as soon as possible. They will send me photos when completed.

While in India at Mercy Orphanage I was informed that there are 10 orphans that need sponsors. These are children from 5-10 years old. 40 more orphans are being processed but can't be sponsored yet.

The cost to sponsor a child is on $15 per month or $180 per year. $15 provides food, clothing, housing, educational needs, and Medical needs. Orphans are given spiritual guidance and an opportunity to know Jesus loves them. I don't have the profile for any of the orphans yet but should have them soon. Please let me know if you are interested.

In God's service

Bob Bergan

The week of November 15th through November 22nd

Celebrating their Wedding Anniversaries this week

None

Celebrating their Birthday this week

November 15th	*Tim Fairbanks*
November 16th	*Denise Rutledge*
November 19th	*Neil Burkstrand Jr.*
	Tim Chapman
November 21st	*Rochelle Kimmerle*

Celebrating their Baptismal Anniversaries this week

November 17th	*Kane Smith*
November 18th	*Macie Wheeler*
November 21st	*Marty Eberly*

Celebrating their Confirmation anniversaries this week

November 16th	*Isaac Lee*
	Gary Vik

Contribution and Attendance Numbers

for the week of November 2nd through November 8th

Mid-week Service	15
Adult Bible study *(Ladies', Men's, Sunday)*	25
Sunday School	14
Divine Service	90
Offerings	$4,745
Vanco	$720
Roof Replacement	$2,300

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

Judy Boyce
Ellen Carpenter
Neil Hamm
Lidia Neumann
David O'Meara
Joyce Bush
Michael Garver
Larry Homen
Kirk Norris

We pray for friends and family of our members

Martie Curl (VanVoast's friend)
Gary Headington
Fran Holt (Michael Garver's mother)
Janet Hussli (Pam Grosenick's sister-in-law)
Dawn Krueger (Pam Grosenick's sister)
Laura (Denise Wegner's friend)
Roger & Marlene Lienau (Cheryl Bauer's parents)
Kyla Moyle (Lively's friend)
Rebecca (Debbie Lee's sister)
Jim Smith (VanVoast's friend)
Rick Sotak (Matt Clark's grandfather)
Betty Stene (Brett Stene's mother)
Don Ullrich (VanVoast's daughter-in-law's father)
Ryan VanVoast (Ron VanVoast's son)
Tom & Nancy Wheeler (Seth & Clint Wheeler's parents)
Fred & Beverly Wibert (Sam Birkett's grandparents)
Kathy Zagel (wife of former pastor Bruce Zagel)
Merle Ziegleman (VanVoast's friend)

We pray for our shut-ins

Mildred Birkholz (The Lodge)
Ellen Carpenter (Golden Eagle)
Lucy Ann Hall (at home)
Arleen Nelson (Rosetta Assisted Living)
Barbara Zafft (The Lodge)
Bob Blomstrom (Helena)
Joyce Bush (at home)
Anita Erickson (at home)
Ed Hickel (at home)
Joy Suek (at home)
Darlene Murray (in Kansas)

We pray for our members battling health issues and their caregivers

Roy & Carolyn Arves
Chuck & Judy Lively
Henry & Alice Schuman
Jim & Barb Going (Washington)
Jerry & Colleen Mans
Lindy & Lauretta Stanfield

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

Pastor Robin Fish (pastor at Power/Fairfield)
Pastor John Valle (former member of Trinity)

We pray for those serving in the military and for our First Responders

Sam Birkett, Cascade County Sheriff's Detective
Matt Clark, Great Falls Emergency Services

Scott Backus, MANG
Scott Broberg, USAF
Ricardo Dominguez, USAF
Caleb Eberly, USA
Jacob Eberly, USA
Matthew Erickson, USAF (Anita Erickson's grandson)
Landon Grosenick, MANG (Pam Grosenick's grandson)
Chaplain Jonathan Schultz, USAF Reserves
Mychal Taylor, MANG
Vail VanVoast (LaVelle & Ron's granddaughter), MANG
Mattie Young, ANG

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.

Other Helpful Links

Trinity Lutheran Church	**www.trinity-mt.org**
Also visit & **"like"** our Facebook page	
Montana District LCMS	**www.mtdistlcms.org**
LCMS	**www.lcms.org**
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**
Lutherans for Life	**lutheransforlife.org**
LWML	**www.lwml.org**
The Lutheran Witness	**ww.lcms.org/witness**
LCMS Radio on the web	**www.kfuoam.org**
Lutheran Hour Ministries	**www.lhm.org**
The Reporter	**www.lcms.org/reporter**