

# Grace Notes

**January 18, 2026**

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***Happy New Year! Welcome 2026!***

**Sunday – 01/18/2026 ~ Second Sunday after the Epiphany**

## 8:30a Sunday School and Adult Bible Study

## **Duty Elders ~ Scott Broberg / Len Koelbel**

## **Audio/Video/Music ~ Isaac Schultz**

Monday – 01/19/2026

## *Lamplighter deadline*

**Tuesday – 01/20/2026**

**5:00 to 9:00pm** *Burgers for Benefits* at Fuddruckers'

6:00p Hand Bell Choir practice

**Wednesday – 01/21/2026**

9:30a Ladies Bible study

4:00p Confirmation

5:30p Adult Choir practice

Thursday – 01/22/2026

8:30a Men's Bible study

**Friday – 01/23/2026**

## *Church Office Closed*

**Saturday – 01/24/2026**

## 5:00p Wild Game Feed & Chili Cook-Off

**Sunday – 01/25/2026 ~ Third Sunday after the Epiphany**

## 8:30a Sunday School and Adult Bible Study

## **Duty Elders** ~ Shawn Shaw / Bill Sybrant

**Audio/Video/Music** ~ Denise Rutledge

**Year-End Contribution Statements** ~ Your 2025 Year-End Contributions Statements are in your Narthex mailboxes. **PLEASE** pick them up and take them home. On January 29<sup>th</sup> Trinity is required by law to mail the unclaimed statements to the recipients. Help us keep postage costs down.



**A Reminder to Use Your New Offering Envelopes** ~ New boxes of offering envelopes for **2026 (BUFF in color)** were issued Wednesday, December 17, 2025. **Please destroy any remaining 2025 green offering envelopes and begin using the BUFF offering envelopes**

### **Calendars and cards**

We still have calendars and both types of cards (both Christmas and all occasions)!

**Prices:**      All Occasion Cards \$7.00  
                    Christmas Cards \$7.00  
                    Calendars \$9.00



Plan to join us for a savory potluck dinner and fellowship at our annual  
***Wild Game Feed / Chili Cook-off***  
**Saturday, January 24<sup>th</sup> at 5:00pm**

You are welcome to bring a main course (*wild game if you have it*) or side dish to share. Volunteers are needed to help set up at 4:00pm and for cleaning up after the meal. This is always a fun event for everyone, so join us for a blessed good time.

**Please save your old Portals of Prayer** and turn them into the church office for the LWML ladies' new project. More information to come.

**Sewing and quilters needed!** Our LWML will be donating a baby quilt on behalf of our congregation at our District Convention in April. We want this to be a group effort and are looking for people to donate fabric, cut squares and even help sew the quilt top together. We are hoping to tie the quilt in February - more info about that to come later. Please contact Sylvia Adams for more details (406) 781-3911.

**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 11<sup>th</sup> Ave S. Great Falls MT 59405.

**Fellowship Time Help Needed!!** We are looking for individuals or couples who would be willing to help set up the coffee and cookies for Sunday mornings. This would be one or two Saturdays a month (the more people who volunteer the less often you would be asked to help). If you are interested, please talk to Pastor (406-402-2081) or Cheryl (406-452-2121).

**We are looking for individuals, couples, families or groups** who would be willing to help with the tear down and clean-up follow Fellowship time each Sunday. If you are interested, please talk to Pastor (406-402-2081) or the church office (406-452-2121).

**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.

***The week of January 18<sup>th</sup> through January 25<sup>th</sup>***

**Celebrating their Wedding Anniversaries this week**

January 24 <sup>th</sup>	Mason ♥ Courtney Walker (23)
January 25 <sup>th</sup>	Mel ♥ Ruby Willey (53)

**Celebrating their Birthday this week**

January 19 <sup>th</sup>	Lucy Hall
January 20 <sup>th</sup>	Martin Bauer
	Anita Chapman
	Chuck Lively (80+)
January 21 <sup>st</sup>	Hayden Houle
	Blaize Wegner
	Seth Wheeler

**Celebrating their Baptismal Anniversaries this week**

January 19 <sup>th</sup>	Samarah Hill
January 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Gerda Broberg
January 24 <sup>th</sup>	Kolter Legg
January 25 <sup>th</sup>	Ada Burkstrand

**Celebrating their Confirmation anniversaries this week**

January 18 <sup>th</sup>	Jamie Wheeler
	Seth Wheeler
January 19 <sup>th</sup>	Scott Backus

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**Contribution and Attendance Numbers**

**for the week of January 5<sup>th</sup> through January 11<sup>th</sup>**

Mid-Week Worship	17
Adult Bible study (women's, men's Sunday)	32
Sunday school	14
Divine Service	85
Offerings	\$3,621
Vanco	\$150

## ***PRAYER REQUESTS***

*For prayer requests, please call the church office (406-452-2121)  
or email us at [trinity@trinity-mt.org](mailto:trinity@trinity-mt.org)*

### **We pray for our members**

Joyce Bush	Ellen Carpenter
Lucy Ann Hall	Neil Hamm
Gary Headington	Chuck Lively
Lidia Neumann	Kirk Norris
David O'Meara	Shelley Rossberg
Lauretta Stanfield	Lindy Stanfield
Joy Suek	

### **We pray for friends and family of our members**

Ann Marie (Wee Disciples foster grandma)
Baby J (Aaron & Megan Sybrant's nephew)
Fran Holt (Michael Garver's mother)
Janet Hussli (Pam Gosenick's sister-in-law)
Marge Johnsten (member of Peace Lutheran)
Dawn & Dorothy Krueger (Pam Gosenick's sister and mother)
Laura (Denise Wegner's friend)
Roger & Marlene Lienau (Cheryl Bauer's parents)
Phil (Kathie Sybrant's father)
Rebecca (Debbie Lee's sister)
Rick Sotak (Matt Clark's grandfather)
Betty Stene (Brett Stene's mother)
Tom & Nancy Wheeler (Seth Wheeler's parents)
Fred and Beverly Wibert (Sam Birkett's grandparents)

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

Pastor John Valle (former member of Trinity)

Pastor Ray Wiegert (former pastor at Messiah-Missoula)

**We pray for our members battling health issues and their caregivers**

Roy & Carolyn Arves

Chuck & Judy Lively

Jerry & Colleen Mans

Henry & Alice Schuman

**We pray for our shut-ins**

Mildred Birkholz (The Lodge)

Bob Blomstrom (Helena)

Ellen Carpenter (Eagle's Manor)

Anita Erickson (home)

Ed Hickel (home)

Darlene Murray (Kansas)

Arlene Nelson (Rosetta House)

Barbara Zafft (The Lodge)

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

Sam Birkett, Cascade County Detective

Matt Clark, Great Falls Emergency Services

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Scott Backus, MANG

Scott Broberg, USAF

Ricardo Dominguez, USAF

Matthew Erickson, USAF (Anita Erickson's grandson)

Landon Grosenick, MANG (Pam Grosenick's grandson)

Chaplain Jonathan Schultz, USAF Reserves

Mychal Taylor, MANG

## **The Lutheran Hour ~ January 25<sup>th</sup>** **"Cross Words–Words of Power"**

Guest Speaker: Rev. Dr. Daniel Paavola

A crossword puzzle uses an answer only once, but Christ is the answer for all people in every place and time. (*1 Corinthians 1:17-18*)

**FM 106.9** is transmitting *The Lutheran Hour* on Sunday mornings at 8:00am. The weekly broadcast of *The Lutheran Hour* is also available at [www.lutheranhour.org](http://www.lutheranhour.org), on the **Connected by LHM** mobile app, on **Sirius XM Family Talk Channel**, and platforms like **Spotify**, **iHeartRadio**, dialing in on your phone, and more.

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**Lutherans for Life ~ January 18<sup>th</sup>** ~ “Our task is to make sure that our fellow Lutherans and our neighbors know how much God loves us just as we are. Look at this fingerprint: God made each of us unique. There is no one else just like you. God knew you before you were born (*Jeremiah 1:5*). He knitted you together in your mother’s womb. You were fearfully and wonderfully made, and God had a plan for your life even before you took a breath in this sinful, beautiful world that He created for you (*Psalm 139:13-16*).” *Diane Albers, President of Lutherans For Life ~ A Life Quote from Lutherans for Life • lutheransforlife.org*

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### **Other Helpful Links**

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