

# Grace Notes

**December 14, 2025**

Trinity Lutheran Church

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**Sunday – 12/14/2025 ~ Third Sunday in Advent**

8:30a Sunday school and Adult Bible study  
10:00a Divine Service  
10:00a **Children's Christmas Message**  
**Duty Elders ~ Len Koelbel / Bill Sybrant**  
**Audio / Video ~ Denise Rutledge**  
**Organist ~ Gloria Creek**

**Monday – 12/15/2025**

*Nothing scheduled*

**Tuesday – 12/16/2025**

11:00a ~ 1:00p **Wee Disciples Staff Luncheon**  
5:00 to 9:00pm *Burgers for Benefits* at Fuddruckers'  
6:00p Hand Bell Choir practice

**Wednesday – 12/17/2025**

9:30a Women's Bible study  
11:30a **LWML Board meeting**  
4:00p Confirmation class  
5:30p Adult Choir practice  
6:00p **Soup Supper**  
7:00p **3rd Advent Mid-Week Service**

**Thursday – 12/18/2025**

8:30a Men's Bible study  
6:00p **Church Council**  
6:30p **Wee Disciples Family Christmas Chapel**

**Friday – 12/19/2025**

*Church Office Closed*

**Saturday – 12/20/2025**

*Nothing scheduled*

**Sunday – 12/21/2025 ~ Fourth Sunday in Advent**

8:30a Sunday school and Adult Bible study  
10:00a Divine Service  
11:15a **LWML Cookie Walk**  
**Duty Elders ~ Scott Broberg / Shawn Shaw**  
**Audio / Video/Music ~ Isaac Schultz**

**Youth Group Get Together** ~ We are planning on having a Youth Group event on **December 21<sup>st</sup>**. One of the activities we are planning is making up the Christmas goodie bags that are normally handed out after the Christmas Eve service. We are also planning supper (or lunch) and games, as well. Plan on joining us!



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.

**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.

Our next **LWML Group Gathering** will be **Saturday, January 3<sup>rd</sup>**. We will finalize our budget - which means we get to vote on which Mission Projects we will support in 2026! What a joyful time it is to make plans to support church workers here and abroad, help our neighbors in need, share Jesus' love with kids at camp and through military chaplains... there are so many possibilities! Ladies - come help us plan for the outreach of the Gospel on January 3<sup>rd</sup>.

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

**Baking for a Cause** - It's time for the **LWML Cookie Walk!** This year we will have cookies available **Sunday, December 21<sup>st</sup>** after church. You can fill up a plate of delicious Christmas delicacies to take to work parties or family gatherings...or take them home to enjoy. We will even wrap your plate for you! Funds raised will be split between Family Promise and our local 2026 LWML Mission Grants. Previous grants have gone to support missionaries, seminarians, chaplains, Trinity Lutheran Camp, and various local organizations. Family Promise is one such organization that helps families experiencing homelessness and provides support through local services and resources. Please join us December 21<sup>st</sup> to raise money that provides for our neighbors' needs - here and across the world. Cookie donations are welcome!



**LWML Cookie Walk** after church on **Sunday, December 21<sup>st</sup>**. 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 be split between Family Promise and our local 2026 LWML Mission Grants.

**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).

**A/V Help** ~ 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 (406-402-2081) or the church office (406-452-2121) for more information.

**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.



**A Reminder to Use Your New Offering Envelopes** ~ New boxes of offering envelopes for **2026 (BUFF in color)** will be issued Wednesday, December 17, 2025.

The last time to use the 2025 green envelopes is December 31, 2025! **Please destroy any remaining 2025 green offering envelopes after December 31, 2025. Begin using the BUFF offering envelopes SUNDAY, January 4, 2026.**

**End-of-Year Contributions** will need to be in **NO LATER THAN DECEMBER 31, 2025**, in order to be counted toward your pledge for 2025. 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 2025 on December 31, 2024.**

**Contribution and Attendance Numbers**

**for the week of December 1<sup>st</sup> through December 7<sup>th</sup>**

Adult Bible study ( <i>women's, men's Sunday</i> )	32
Sunday school	17
1 <sup>st</sup> Advent Mid-Week	38
Divine Service	108
Offerings	\$6,851
Vanco	\$1,000

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**Holiday Schedule ~ 2025**

***Third Advent Mid-week ~ December 17<sup>th</sup>***

Soup Supper ~ 6:00 pm      Worship 7:00 pm

***Fourth Sunday in Advent ~ December 21<sup>st</sup>***

Sunday school & Bible study ~ 8:30 am

Divine Service ~ 10:00 am

***Christmas Eve Family Worship***

***Wednesday, December 24<sup>th</sup> ~ 7:00 pm***

***Christmas Day ~ Thursday, December 25<sup>th</sup>***

Divine Service ~ 10:00 am

***First Sunday after Christmas ~ December 28<sup>th</sup>***

Divine Service ~ 10:00 am

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## **Camp Trinity Christmas Special**

**\$75 off registration until December 25th!**

Not sure which camp to sign up for? Read the following descriptions for our 2026 camp programs, which includes three new camps! Registration will be live at the following link on-

<https://www.trinitykalispell.org/camp>

### **2026 Summer Camps**

**Junior Counselor Training** (June 23, 2026)

**NEW - Base Camp - Entering 1st & 2nd Grade - Day Camp**  
(June 22 - 24, 2026)

**NEW - KinderCamp - Entering Pre-K - 2nd Grade - w/parent.**  
(June 24 - 26, 2026) **Registration for parents is separate!**

**NEW - Adventure Camp - Entering Grades 3rd - 4th - Overnight Camp** (June 28 - July 3, 2026)

**Summit Camp - High School Camp** (July 5 - July 10, 2026)

**Pathfinder's Camp - Entering Grades 5th/6th** (July 12 - July 17, 2026)

**Expedition Camp Entering Grades 7th/8th** (July 19 - 24, 2026)

We sure do miss having you at camp and pray that you have been doing well! God's blessings to you and your family this Christmas as we celebrate our Savior's birth.

**Rachel Doucette**

**Trinity Lutheran Camp Director**

[www.trinitylutherancamp.org](http://www.trinitylutherancamp.org)

For more information, please see the posters in the Narthex.

***The week of December 14<sup>th</sup> through December 21<sup>st</sup>***  
***Celebrating their Wedding Anniversaries this week***

*None*

***Celebrating their Birthday this week***

<i>December 14<sup>th</sup></i>	<i>Zeke Morrison</i> <i>John Shaw</i>
<i>December 16<sup>th</sup></i>	<i>Jessi Payne</i>
<i>December 17<sup>th</sup></i>	<i>Charlie Kingland</i>
<i>December 18<sup>th</sup></i>	<i>Maycee Graves</i>
<i>December 19<sup>th</sup></i>	<i>Sean Ginnaty</i> <i>Leif Tanksley</i>

***Celebrating their Baptismal Anniversaries this week***

<i>December 16<sup>th</sup></i>	<i>Patrick Norris</i>
<i>December 19<sup>th</sup></i>	<i>Kathie Sybrant</i>
<i>December 20<sup>th</sup></i>	<i>Elisa Broberg</i>
<i>December 21<sup>st</sup></i>	<i>Ron Lee</i>

***Celebrating their Confirmation anniversaries this week***

<i>December 14<sup>th</sup></i>	<i>Heidi Paul</i>
<i>December 17<sup>th</sup></i>	<i>Gary Headington</i>
<i>December 18<sup>th</sup></i>	<i>Grace Harr</i> <i>Larry Homen</i>
<i>December 19<sup>th</sup></i>	<i>Kat Blumhorst</i>
<i>December 21<sup>st</sup></i>	<i>Ron Lee</i>

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## ***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***

Baby J (Aaron & Megan Sybrant's nephew)  
Fran Holt (Michael Garver's mother)  
Janet Hussli (Pam Grosenick's sister-in-law)  
Marge Johnsten (member of Peace Lutheran)  
Dawn & Dorothy Krueger (Pam Grosenick'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)  
Nancy Wheeler (Seth Wheeler's mother)

### ***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 Sheriff's Deputy

Matt Clark, Great Falls Emergency Services

Joshua Graham, Helena Police Department (Bob Blomstrom's  
grandson-in-law)

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Chaplain Jonathan Schultz, USAF Reserves

Scott Backus, MANG

Scott Broberg, USAF

Daniel Crème', USAF

Ricardo Dominguez, USAF

Landon Grosenick, MANG (Pam Grosenick's grandson)

Matthew Erickson, USAF (Anita Erickson's grandson)

## **The Lutheran Hour ~ December 21<sup>st</sup>**

### **"Everybody Is Somebody"**

Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler

God sends His people--the Church--to be His letters to the world, delivering His Word of promise. (*Romans 1:7*)

**FM 106.9** will be 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** ~ **December 14<sup>th</sup>** ~ “And every life matters to God. It is impossible to live—even for a few moments on this earth—and not influence somebody in one way or another. We are all always influencing somebody—either for good or for bad. Life matters. Your life matters. Lives of kings and lives of shepherds all matter. We all matter and are important to God.” *Dennis D. Nelson, Lutheran CORE ~ A Life Quote from Lutherans for Life • [lutheransforlife.org](http://lutheransforlife.org)*

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### **Other Helpful Links**

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