

# Grace Notes

**December 28, 2025**

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**Sunday – 12/28/2025 ~ First Sunday after Christmas**

***No Sunday School or Adult Bible Study***

10:00a

Divine Service

**Duty Elders ~ Bill Sybrant / Ron VanVoast**

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

**Monday – 12/29/2025**

*Nothing scheduled*

***Church Office Closed***

**Tuesday – 12/30/2025**

*Nothing scheduled*

***Church Office Closed***

**Wednesday – 12/31/2025**

*Nothing scheduled*

***Church Office Closed***

**Thursday – 01/01/2026 ~ New Year's Day**

*Church Office Closed*

*Wee Disciples Closed*

**Friday – 01/02/2026**

*Church Office Closed*

**Saturday – 01/03/2026**

9:30a

**LWML Group Gathering**

**Sunday – 01/04/2026 ~ Second Sunday after Christmas**

8:30a

Sunday School and Adult Bible Study

10:00a

Divine Service

**Duty Elders ~ Martin Bauer / Len Koelbel**

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

**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.

**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.**

**They're Back!!** Cards (both Christmas and all occasions) and calendars! **Prices:** All Occasion Cards \$7.00, Christmas Card \$7.00 and Calendars \$9.00. Check with the church office to get yours today!




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***The week of December 28<sup>th</sup> through January 4<sup>th</sup>***

***Celebrating their Wedding Anniversaries this week***

*January 1<sup>st</sup>* James ♥ Ashlee Graves (18)

*January 2<sup>nd</sup>* Gary ♥ Mary Somerfeld (44)

***Celebrating their Birthday this week***

*December 28<sup>th</sup>* Ed Hickel, Kenzie Legg

*December 30<sup>th</sup>* Kaden Hill

*December 31<sup>st</sup>* Ricardo Dominguez, Parker Mansch

*January 1<sup>st</sup>* Harper Lautenschlager

*January 4<sup>th</sup>* Alex Shabaan

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

*December 29<sup>th</sup>* Sarah Chapman, Caitee Miesmer

*December 30<sup>th</sup>* Rachel Hill

*December 31<sup>st</sup>* Cassidy Kotz, John Shaw

*January 1<sup>st</sup>* Mike Grams, Debbie Lee

Randi Meehan, Joy Suek

Sherri VanVleet

*January 3<sup>rd</sup>* Penny Hill, Courtney Schroeder

*January 4<sup>th</sup>* Shayna Kellogg

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

*January 1<sup>st</sup>* Arlene Andersen, Wendy Doll, Mike Grams

Alice Schuman, Henry Schuman, Joy Suek

## **Contribution and Attendance Numbers**

**for the week of December 15<sup>th</sup> through December 21<sup>st</sup>**

Adult Bible study ( <i>women's, men's Sunday</i> )	31
Sunday school	10
3 <sup>rd</sup> Advent Mid-Week	26
Divine Service	86
Offerings	\$3,826
Vanco	\$500

## **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 Suck	

## **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 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)

Tom & Nancy Wheeler (Seth Wheeler's parents)

**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

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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

## **The Lutheran Hour ~ January 4, 2026**

### **"Knowing and Being Known in a New Year"**

Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler

God invites us to speak with Him in prayer and hear from Him in the Bible, to know Him and to love as we are loved. *John 17:3*

**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 28<sup>th</sup>** ~ “Look back at how God changed you. Look ahead to what God promises for you. The future looks bright when you’re connected to the crucified and risen Lord Jesus. May the Lord continue to strengthen you to live in your baptismal grace all the days of your life.” *Rev. Peter Sulzle, St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church, Redwood Falls, Minnesota ~ A Life Quote from Lutherans for Life • [lutheransforlife.org](http://lutheransforlife.org)*

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### **Other Helpful Links**

Trinity Lutheran Church **[www.trinity-mt.org](http://www.trinity-mt.org)**

Also visit & “like” our Facebook page

Concordia Publishing House **[www.cph.org](http://www.cph.org)**

Higher Things **[www.higherthings.org](http://www.higherthings.org)**

Issues, Etc. **[www.issuesetc.org](http://www.issuesetc.org)**

The Word of the Lord Endures Forever **[thewordendures.org](http://thewordendures.org)**

LCMS Radio on the web **[www.kfuoam.org](http://www.kfuoam.org)**

LCMS **[www.lcms.org](http://www.lcms.org)**

Lutherans for Life **[lutheransforlife.org](http://lutheransforlife.org)**

LWML **[www.lwml.org](http://www.lwml.org)**

Montana District LCMS **[www.mtdistlcms.org](http://www.mtdistlcms.org)**

The Lutheran Witness **[www.lcms.org/witness](http://www.lcms.org/witness)**