

Grace Notes

December 7, 2025

Trinity Lutheran Church

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Sunday – 12/07/2025 ~ Second Sunday in Advent

8:30a Sunday school and Adult Bible study
10:00a Divine Service

**Duty Elders ~ Shawn Shaw / Ron VanVoast
Audio / Video / Music ~ Cheryl Bauer**

Monday – 12/08/2025

Nothing scheduled

Tuesday – 12/09/2025

9:00a Pastor's Winkel at Trinity
6:00p Hand Bell Choir practice

Wednesday – 12/10/2025

9:30a Women's Bible study
4:00p Confirmation class
5:30p Adult Choir practice
6:00p Soup Supper
7:00p **2nd Advent Mid-Week Service**

Thursday – 12/11/2025

8:30a Men's Bible study
6:00p **Board of Elders**

Friday – 12/12/2025

Church Office Closed

11:30am No host lunch at Old Chicago Pizza, 1101 7th St. S.
1:30pm Assisted Living Ministry ~ Highgate Senior Living

Saturday – 12/13/2025

10:00a LWML Advent Brunch

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

Advent Soup Suppers ~ Believe it or not Advent is only a few weeks away. We will be having Advent soup suppers followed by an Advent service each Wednesday 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.



Our **Sunday School Christmas program** will be during the church service on **December 14th** this year. We will be practicing during the Sunday School hour (8:30-9:30) on November 30th, December 7th and December 14th. We would love to have all of our church children come and participate - open to ages 3 and up. Please see Amy for more information.

Youth Group Get Together ~ We are planning on having a Youth Group event on **December 21st**. 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!



LWML Advent Brunch
Saturday, December 13th
10:00 am
Trinity Lutheran Church
Great Falls

“The Blessings of Christmas – Today”
Ingathering: diapers & wipes for Toby’s House
Please join us for fellowship and
time in God’s Word!
Bring a dish to share

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.

Baking for a Cause - It's time for the **LWML Cookie Walk!** This year we will have cookies available **Sunday, December 21st** 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 21st to raise money that provides for our neighbors' needs - here and across the world. Cookie donations are welcome!

Our next **LWML Group Gathering** will be **Saturday, January 3rd**. 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 3rd.

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 11th 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 also 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.

Holiday Schedule ~ 2025

Second Sunday in Advent ~ December 7th

Sunday school & Bible study ~ 8:30 am

Divine Service ~ 10:00 am

Second Advent Mid-week ~ December 10th

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

Children's Christmas Service

Third Sunday in Advent ~ December 14th

Sunday school & Bible study ~ 8:30 am

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

Third Advent Mid-week ~ December 17th

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

Fourth Sunday in Advent ~ December 21st

Sunday school & Bible study ~ 8:30 am

Divine Service ~ 10:00 am

Christmas Eve Family Worship

Wednesday, December 24th ~ 7:00 pm

Christmas Day ~ Thursday, December 25th

Divine Service ~ 10:00 am

First Sunday after Christmas ~ December 28th

Divine Service ~ 10:00 am

Trinity Scholarships ~ 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. There are special envelopes in the back of the Sanctuary to place your donations in.

Trinity Lutheran Church Contact Information

Phone ~ 406-452-2121

Email ~ trinity@trinity-mt.org

If you have the church cell number as the way to contact the church, please change the church cell phone number (406-590-6460) BACK TO the church landline number (406-452-2121) in your contacts. You can call the regular church number any time and Cheryl will either answer the phone in the office, or it will be forwarded to the cell phone. The only time she will NOT answer is if she is out of town on personal business and the cell phone will NOT be with her.

Please remove Cheryl's personal cell and email from your contacts as these are no longer valid.

Contribution and Attendance Numbers

for the week of November 24th through November 30th

Adult Bible study (<i>women's, men's Sunday</i>)	16
Sunday school	18
Thanksgiving Service	35
Thanksgiving Offering	\$995
Divine Service	86
Offerings	\$3,422
Vanco	\$150
5 th Sunday Missions	\$840

The week of December 7th through December 14th

Celebrating their Wedding Anniversaries this week

December 12th *Spencer ♥ Jessi Payne (10)*

Celebrating their Birthday this week

December 8th *Ezra Williams*

December 10th *Gunnar Tanksley*

December 14th *Zeke Morrison*

John Shaw

Celebrating their Baptismal Anniversaries this week

December 12th *Donna Hayes*

Ezra Williams

December 13th *Cheryl Bauer*

Celebrating their Confirmation anniversaries this week

December 9th *Rev. Gerald Paul*

December 11th *Linda Wade*

December 14th *Heidi Paul*

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

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 our expectant mothers and their families

William and Grace Harr (due in December)

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)

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 14th ~ "Pictures of Patience"

Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler

Patience can be practiced, tested, strained, and lost. Christians are called to return the patience God in His mercy has shown us, in Christ. (*James 5:7-8*)

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, 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.

Lutherans for Life ~ December 7th ~ “Children brightly signaled hope in our sin-infested world of old—consider the births of Seth, Isaac, Moses, Samson, Samuel, John, and, finally, of course and paramount, Jesus. And we, too, must become as children.” *James M. Kushiner, Fellowship of St. James ~ 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