

**THIS WEEK AT TRINITY: December 14 - 21, 2025**

**Third Sunday in Advent**

- Sunday 12/14: 8:00 & 10:30am Worship Services with Communion  
9:30am Sunday School & Adult Bible Class  
1:00pm Ladies Christmas Celebration in Fellowship Hall
- Tuesday 12/16: 6:00am Men's Bible Study @ TYM Square  
9:00am Quilting  
6:00pm Council Meeting  
7:00pm Bible Study with Rev. Zigel (online option)
- Wed. 12/17: 1:00pm Wrinkled Righteous Game Day  
1:30pm Christmas Program Matinee @ TLS  
5:00pm Advent Dinner hosted by Trinity Youth  
6:30pm Advent Worship Service  
7:15pm Youth Group @ TYM
- Thurs. 12/18: 10:30am Bible Study in Fellowship Hall  
6:30pm Christmas Program @ TLS
- Friday 12/19: 8:30am Chapel @ TLS  
6:00pm High School Youth Group @ TYM
- Saturday 12/20: 3:00pm 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Youth @ TYM Square  
5:00pm Worship with Communion  
6:15pm 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Youth @ TYM Square
- Sunday 12/21: 8:00 & 10:30am Worship Services  
9:30am Sunday School Christmas Program

***Every Heart  
Prepare***

Advent Devotional  
Books are available  
in the narthex and  
by the church  
office.

Loved by Christ  to Live for Christ



**The Altar Flowers** are given in praise and thanksgiving to God by the Poinsettia donors.



**SPECIAL PRAYERS THIS WEEK FOR:**

**Recent requests:** Vicki Case, Linda Jaroscak, Linda Kesler, Lyndsay Richholt, Holly Ulmer, Tom West, and Kathy Zigel; May God's love and grace continue to preserve, guide & bless our Trinity Lutheran Church & School Family.

**Ongoing needs:** Becky (Velma Gammon's daughter), Willeen Brese, Katie Cardillo, Cateleya Castanon, Morgan Clark, Brooke Davis, Walter Flechsig, Kevin Frank, Tim Grove, Jeff Hanson, Brittney Hatzell, Beverly Hoose, David Jinguji, Keith Johnson, Alan Jordan, Elaine Jordan, Gloria Kern, Lydia Kehrwald, Joe Kusek, Jay Lastusky, Kinsley Murri, Noah Oloff, Karen Oset, Lyndsay Richholt, Melissa Richholt, Lynette Rudio, Sheryl Scheafer, Duane Schultz, Shawn Seymanski, and Mark Wollenburg

**Advent Dinners** Trinity Youth Group is hosting the December 17<sup>th</sup> brats & hot dogs dinner. The freewill offering will go toward the Trinity Youth Food Fund. The dinner is served from 5:00pm to 6:00pm. Come and join us with food & fellowship before worship!

**Musicians & Singers** If you would like to share your musical gifts during the Church services this Christmas season, please inform Pastor Mews for planning purposes – [davidmews@trinitybillings.org](mailto:davidmews@trinitybillings.org)



**2026 Offering Envelopes** are here and ready to be picked up in the north transept room. If you give online and no longer need offering envelopes, please contact Angie in the church office and let her know. Thank you!

## **FINANCES & FIRST-FRUITS' GIVING**

Budgeted Church/School Income (Year to Date)	\$ 1,255,891
Actual Church/School Income (7/01/2025-12/7/2025)	\$ 1,291,537
Actual Church/School Expenses (7/01/2025-12/7/2025)	\$ 1,128,062
A difference of:	\$ 163,475
Budgeted Offering Target (July 2025-Nov. 2025)	\$ 341,109
Actual Offering (July 2025 – November 2025)	\$ 342,012
A difference of:	\$ 903
Weekly Offering Goal – December 2025	\$ 38,992
Actual Offerings in December (1 of 4 weeks)	\$ 17,713

### **Last Weekend's Attendance –December 6-7, 2025**

Advent Worship Service 12/3	150
Saturday Worship Service	65
Sunday Worship Services	236
<b>Total Attendance Last Weekend</b>	<b>301</b>
Sunday School Attendance	41
Adult Bible Class	83

### **Offering Counters for December 14<sup>th</sup>:**

Kathy Hoehne, Jan Hollingworth & Liz Clark

### **Offering Counters for December 21<sup>st</sup>:**

Susan Loomans, Becky Bruckner & Janese Carstens

**Help Us Decorate the Altar** for the Christmas season by ordering your poinsettias through December 17<sup>th</sup>. The cost of each poinsettia is \$11.00 each, and order forms are available in the narthex. Please complete the order form, place in the envelope provided (along with your cash or check **payable to Trinity**) and drop in the box that is also located in the narthex. Please also note on the envelope if you are purchasing your poinsettia in honor or in memory of someone. This will be listed in the bulletin for December 24<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup>. You may pick up your poinsettias following the Christmas Day worship service. *Thank you for helping us decorate the altar during this special season!*

### **LWML and the Fellowship Ministry Team**

**Christmas Celebration** Ladies of the congregation are invited to attend this fun event on Sunday, December 14 at 1:00pm. Dessert and drinks are provided, we are asking that you bring an appetizer or finger food to share.

We will be having our ornament or small gift exchange and if you would like to participate please bring an ornament or small Christmas gift. We will be playing Bible trivia to add to the fun. Our Gifts of Love Gathering will be a free will offering to purchase gifts for the children of Hannah House & Love and Sunshine.

We would love to see you there to celebrate this wonderful season of Our Lord.

**FULL Food Pantry – Thanks to YOU!** One of the amazing things about our Trinity family is the love and generosity shown in times of need. Thank you so much for your many donations both financially and with food items to our food pantry these past few months! Our shelves are full, and so are our hearts. The Love, INC meal support will be on hold until January, so we are good for now as far as supplies. Thank you for sharing the love of Christ to our “neighbors” in need.

**Altar Guild Needs Helping Hands** The altar guild is asking you to consider joining us in serving our congregation by volunteering with us. Some of our “behind-the-scenes” duties include preparing the communion vessels, filling candles, changing out the eternal flame and paraments, and more. We need additional members (male or female, singles, or couples) to serve with us. Complimentary training will be provided. Typically, altar guild members serve with a partner for a month, or we share duties during a month, so you will not be left alone. Please contact Cam Browne at 406-698-2239 with questions or for more information.

**If You Would Like** to show your appreciation for our church and school staff, you may donate to a fund for that purpose. You can leave your gift at the school or church office - or drop it in the offering plate on Sunday. Be sure to mark the envelope plainly "*Staff Gift.*" Please have your gift in by December 15<sup>th</sup> in order to have it ready to give out before Christmas. Anytime we show our support of our church and school, we encourage and build each other up in Christ. Thank you and Merry Christmas!

*~The Church Council & School Board*

### **Year-End Charitable Contributions:**

Any charitable contributions made to Trinity Lutheran Church and School for this year must be made by December 31. The general IRS rule is that a contribution is effective when delivered. This means that a check deposited in the church offering in January cannot be deducted in the previous year, even if it is backdated to the previous year, or even if it was actually written and dated in the previous year. The only exception: Donations that are mailed *and postmarked* by the end of the year are deductible in that year even though not received until the following year.

**Ushering help for Special Services at Christmas time** We are asking all ushers to please consider signing up to help with one of our special Christmas services if possible. A signup sheet is in the usher alcove in the back of the church.