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THIS WEEK AT TRINITY: November 19-26, 2023
Twenty-Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

- Sunday 11/19: 8:00 & 10:30am Worship
9:30am Sunday School, Adult Bible Class, and Toddler Sunday School
Noon – 6:00pm Fire Youth Group Thanksgiving Basket Deliveries
- Monday 11/20: 1:00pm LWML Meeting
7:00pm Women’s Bible Study @ TYM Square
- Tuesday 11/21: 6:00am Men’s Bible Study @ TYM Square
8:30am Chapel at TLS
9:00am Quilting
7:00pm Bible Study led by Pastor Zigel (Zoom)
- Wed. 11/22: ~No School @ TLS – Thanksgiving Break~
6:30pm Thanksgiving Eve Worship Service
- Thursday 11/23: ~No School @ TLS – Thanksgiving Break~
~Church Office Closed – Happy Thanksgiving!~
10:00am Thanksgiving Day Worship Service
- Friday 11/24: ~No School @ TLS – Thanksgiving Break~
~Church Office Closed~
- Saturday 11/25: 5:00pm Worship
- Sunday 11/26: 8:00 & 10:30am Worship with Communion
9:30am Sunday School and Adult Bible Class
1:00pm Church Christmas Decorating

Knowing Christ and Making Him Known

THE ALTAR FLOWERS are given in praise and thanksgiving to God by Bob & Judy Locke for the many blessings He has showered upon Trinity.

SPECIAL PRAYERS THIS WEEK ARE FOR:

Recent requests: Rhonda Bruski, David Cardillo and Brooke Davis; blessings for the families receiving our Thanksgiving Baskets, and safe travels over the Thanksgiving Holiday. May God grant peace and protection to the people affected by war.

Ongoing needs: Sharla Arend, Don Brutlag, Katie Cardillo, Cateleya Castanon (granddaughter of Mary Uecker), Kim Dewey, Marilyn Fischer (Sue Hayes’ mom), Linda Flechsig, Walter & Betty Flechsig (Linda’s parents), Ralph Gurney, Brittney Hatzell, Marilyn Heinemann, Caitlin Holzheimer, Beverly Hoose, Alyana Hutchings (Marti & Ron Jacobsen’s granddaughter), Lorrie (Lechner) Inge (Marie Hailstone’s sister), Keith Johnson, Lance Kokron, Dee Krohn, Don Kunkel, Shawn Kunkel, Don Leikam, Carol Mueller, Kinsley Murri (Rod

& Phyllis Myers’ granddaughter), Evelyn Noennig, Tom Patton (Leonard’s brother), Heidi Renner, Mark Roesler (brother of Susan Shotwell), Tom West, Kathy Zigel, Darlene Zimmerman, and those who suffer with addiction and mental illness.

HELP US DECORATE THE ALTAR for the Christmas season by ordering your poinsettias now! The cost of each poinsettia is \$12 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 it 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 24-25. We will accept orders through December 17. You may pick up your poinsettias following the Christmas Day worship service. *Thank you for helping us decorate the altar during this special season! ~ Trinity’s Altar Guild*

FINANCES & FIRST-FRUIT'S' GIVING

Budgeted Church/School Income(Year to Date)	\$1,012,354
Actual Church/School Income (7/01-11/12/2023)	\$ 1,092,496
Actual Church/School Expenses(7/01-11/12/2023)	\$ 810,734
A difference of:	\$ 281,762
Budgeted Offering Target (July 2023-Oct. 2023)	\$ 277,212
Actual Offering (July 2023-October 2023)	\$ 272,619
A difference of:	\$ -4,593
Weekly Offering Goal – November 2023	\$17,984
Actual Offerings in November (2 of 4 weeks)	\$33,483

Last Week's Attendance – November 11-12, 2023

Saturday Worship Service	90
Sunday Worship Services	214
Total Attendance Last Weekend	304
Sunday School	35
Adult Bible Class	58

Offering Counters for November 19th:

Ellen Gernant, Roxy Klundt and Charolette Nedens

Offering Counters for November 26th:

Carol Corder, Kathy Hoehne and Myrt White



Thank you for helping us update our church directory! The plan is to have them ready to distribute when you pick up your 2024 Offering envelopes in December. Questions? Ask Angie in the church office or email at

church@trinitybillings.org

CHRISTMAS DECORATING PARTY next Sunday, November 26th. Come and help us get the church looking great for Christmas! Festive music, hot cocoa, and time with fellow members will be a part of the fun. It won't take long with your helping hands. Thank you!

FOOD PANTRY ITEMS NEEDED "For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me" (Matthew 25:35). **Thank you** for your donated items for our Food Pantry as we prepare for the increase in requests we receive over the holidays! If you would like to help, please take a card (or two) from the clothesline in the church narthex. Items can be returned to the church narthex or office the next time you are here. Thank you!

MUDDY CLUSTER CELEBRATION

You are invited to Circle of Life Lutheran Church on Sunday, December 3, at 4pm. Pastor Dennis Bauer will be retiring in the coming months, and on December 3 Rev. Jim Weist will be installed as Circle of Life's new Senior Pastor. A formal

dedication of the lodge, which many of our members have helped construct, will be in the spring. This is an exciting day for the Circle of Life congregation, and we encourage all to attend.

STAFFING NEEDS FOR TRINITY SCHOOL

Next summer we will have a number of staffing transitions at our school due to retirements. Because of this, we anticipate there will be a need to call one or more teachers. If you know of a synodically-trained teacher who might be a good fit for Trinity, please complete and return a nomination form, which can be found in the church narthex.



SUPPORT TRINITY 7TH AND 8TH

GRADERS: Purchase a Montana Made wreath – 22" Douglas Fir wreath decorated with pine cones,

berries and red ribbon for \$30 each and help fund their class trips. Purchase from any 7th or 8th grade student, or contact the School Office at 406-656-1021.

LADIES – GIFTS OF LOVE

Dear Ladies, you are cordially invited to our annual LWML Gifts of Love service on Sunday, Dec. 10, 2023 at 4:00 p.m. at Mount Olive Lutheran Church, 2336 St. Johns Ave. This year our program is, "A Christian Reading on the Twelve Days of Christmas". A finger food buffet, provided by our Mary & Martha members, will be held in the Fellowship Hall following the service. Our offerings will be divided between Emmaus Lutheran Mission, Livingston, MT and the SONshine Home (a safe haven for homeless pregnant teens) in Billings. Please come and bring a friend!

ADVENT DINNERS

As the wonderful Christmas season draws near it is time to think about our Advent dinner schedule. There are three dinners to plan for: November 29, December 6 and 13. The Youth Group has volunteered to do November 29 and the LWML has volunteered to host December 6. **We are looking for a ministry team or group to host December 13.** The dinners are served from 5:00pm to 6:00pm. This allows time for those that attend our 6:30pm worship service to not have to rush home to prepare dinner and get to church on time. Please contact Pam Kercher at 406-861-2639 if you or your group are willing to host this dinner or if you have any questions. Thank you!