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## THIS WEEK AT TRINITY: November 26 – December 3, 2023

### Last Sunday of the Church Year

- Sunday 11/26: 8:00 & 10:30am Worship with Communion  
9:30am Sunday School and Adult Bible Class  
1:00pm Church Christmas Decorating
- Monday 11/27: 7:00pm Women's Bible Study @ TYM Square
- Tuesday 11/28: 6:00am Men's Bible Study @ TYM Square  
9:00am Quilting  
5:30pm Yellowstone Valley Lutherans for Life Meeting @ Mt. Olive  
7:00pm Elders Meeting  
7:00pm Bible Study led by Pastor Zagel (Zoom)
- Wed. 11/29: 8:30am Chapel @ TLS  
5:00pm Advent Dinner  
6:30pm Advent Worship Service  
7:15pm Youth Group
- Thursday 11/30: 10:30am Bible Study  
6:00pm Council Meeting  
7:00pm Choir Rehearsal
- Saturday 12/02: 5:00pm Worship with Communion
- Sunday 12/03: ~Mite Box Sunday~  
8:00 & 10:30am Worship  
9:30am Adult Bible Class, Toddler Sunday School & Children's Christmas Service  
Rehearsal in the Sanctuary  
4:00pm Muddy Cluster Pastor Installation @ Circle of Life Lutheran Church

### *Knowing Christ and Making Him Known*

**THE ALTAR FLOWERS** are given in praise and thanksgiving to God by Paul Hatzell for Julie's 75<sup>th</sup> birthday and Steve's 50 birthday.

#### **SPECIAL PRAYERS THIS WEEK ARE FOR:**

**Recent requests:** Rhonda Bruski, David Cardillo, Brooke Davis, Diana Hafner, Margaret Kober and Evelyn Noennig; 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), Tom Patton (Leonard's brother), Heidi Renner, Mark Roesler (brother of Susan Shotwell), Tom West, Kathy Zagel, Darlene Zimmerman, and those who suffer with addiction and mental illness.

**CHRISTMAS DECORATING PARTY** this Sunday, November 26<sup>th</sup>. 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!

**YELLOWSTONE VALLEY LUTHERANS FOR LIFE** will be meeting on Tuesday, November 28<sup>th</sup> at Mt. Olive Lutheran Church at 5:30pm. Please join us as we plan ahead for our 2024 projects.

## FINANCES & FIRST-FRUIT'S' GIVING

Budgeted Church/School Income(Year to Date)	\$1,062,972
Actual Church/School Income (7/01–11/19/2023)	\$ 1,139,493
Actual Church/School Expenses(7/01–11/19/2023)	\$ 887,098
A difference of:	\$ 252,395
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 (3 of 4 weeks)	\$52,963

### **Last Week's Attendance – November 18-19, 2023**

Saturday Worship Service	76
Sunday Worship Services	213
<b>Total Attendance Last Weekend</b>	<b>289</b>
<b>Sunday School</b>	36
<b>Adult Bible Class</b>	63

### **Offering Counters for November 26th:**

Carol Corder, Kathy Hoehne and Myrt White

### **Offering Counters for December 3rd:**

Susan Loomans, Krista Crusch, Cheryl Wagenman

## 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.

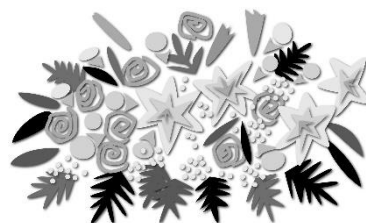
## LADIES – GIFTS OF LOVE

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, please join us at our Advent dinners. There are three dinners: November 29, December 6 and 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, as well as a fellowship opportunity with each other.

**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*



Altar Flowers

## **THE 2024 ALTAR FLOWER SIGN UP & CHANGES**

The flower chart for 2024 will be displayed in the narthex on December 2. We have made some changes that we hope will be easier for you. The cost of flowers is \$20.00 unless you are paying online, then the cost is \$21.00. You will be able to pay by cash, check or online. To help us with our bookkeeping we ask that you pay for your flowers when you sign up. Please make your checks payable to **Trinity Lutheran Church**. It is very important that when you sign up, completely fill out the flower envelope and place it in the flower box. There is a spot on the envelope to mark the occasion and how you are paying. Thank you.

**THANKSGIVING FOR THE BLESSING** of the beautiful cornucopia display that Stacie Shaw shared her time and talents to provide for us – thank you!