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## THIS WEEK AT TRINITY: December 10-17, 2023

### **Second Sunday in Advent**

- Sunday 12/10: 8:00 & 10:30am Worship with Communion  
9:30am Adult Bible Class & Children's Christmas Service Rehearsal
- Monday 12/11: *Pastors' Circuit Meeting*  
6:00pm Fellowship Meeting
- Tuesday 12/12: 9:00am Quilting  
6:15pm TLS Early Childhood Program  
6:30pm Cradle Roll Meeting  
7:00pm Choir Rehearsal  
7:00pm Bible Study led by Rev. Dr. Bruce Zagel (Zoom)
- Wed. 12/13: 8:30am Chapel @ TLS  
5:00pm Advent Dinner  
6:30pm Sunday School Children's Christmas Service  
7:15pm Youth Group
- Thursday 12/14: 10:30am Bible Study  
6:30pm TLS Band and Bells Concert
- Saturday 12/16: Noon Flicker Youth @ TYM Square  
2:30pm Flame Youth @ TYM Square  
5:00pm Worship with Communion
- Sunday 12/17 8:00 & 10:30am Worship  
9:30am Sunday School, Toddler Sunday School, Adult Bible Class  
3:00pm Fire Youth @ TYM Square

#### **DECEMBER NEWSLETTERS**

are available in the narthex and by the church office for those who don't receive the electronic version.

### *Knowing Christ and Making Him Known*

**THE ALTAR FLOWERS** are given in praise and thanksgiving to God by various Poinsettia donors for sending Jesus at Christmas.

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

**Recent requests:** Rhonda Bruski, Linda Flechsig, Jeff Hanson, Barbara Harris, Kara Lekse, Shelly Sparr, and Mark Wollenberg; family and friends of Ralph Gurney, who passed away on 11/30. 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), Brooke Davis, Kim Dewey, Marilyn Fischer (Sue Hayes' mom), Walter & Betty Flechsig (Linda's parents), Diana Hafner, Brittney Hatzell, Marilyn Heinemann, Caitlin Holzheimer, Beverly Hoose, Alyana Hutchings (Marti & Ron Jacobsen's granddaughter), Lorrie (Lechner) Inge (Marie Hailstone's sister), Keith Johnson, Margaret Kober, Lance Kokron, Dee Krohn, Don Kunkel,

Shawn Kunkel, Don Leikam, Carol Mueller, Kinsley Murri (Rod & Phyllis Myers' granddaughter), Tom Patton (Leonard's brother), Dorothy Podoll, Heidi Renner, Mark Roesler (brother of Susan Shotwell), Lorraine Shackelford, Tom West, Kathy Zagel, Darlene Zimmerman, and those who suffer with addiction and mental illness.

**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 17<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*

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

|   |              |
|---|--------------|
| Budgeted Church/School Income (Year to Date)    | \$1,164,207  |
| Actual Church/School Income (7/01-12/03/2023)   | \$ 1,221,573 |
| Actual Church/School Expenses (7/01-12/03/2023) | \$ 1,005,339 |
| A difference of:                                | \$ 216,234   |
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| Budgeted Offering Target (July 2023-Nov. 2023)  | \$ 349,948   |
| Actual Offering (July 2023-November 2023)       | \$ 346,960   |
| A difference of:                                | \$ -2,988    |
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| Weekly Offering Goal – December 2023            | \$34,032     |
| Actual Offerings in December (1 of 5 weeks)     | \$20,838     |

### **Last Weekend's Attendance – December 2-3, 2023**

|                                      |            |
|--------------------------------------|------------|
| Advent 1 Service                     | 118        |
| Saturday Worship Service             | 95         |
| Sunday Worship Services              | 240        |
| <b>Total Attendance Last Weekend</b> | <b>335</b> |
| Sunday School                        | 46         |
| Adult Bible Class                    | 69         |

### **Offering Counters for December 10th:**

Sherrie Murray, Kathy Hoehne, and Cheryl Wagenman

### **Offering Counters for December 17th:**

Ellen Gernant, Liz Clark, and Roxy Klundt

**Dear Trinity members** - I am writing this to express my deepest gratitude for your prayers, meals and support as I have gone through my colon cancer experience. I am now in the surveillance state of my treatment. All my scans have come back clear and it is just a matter of monitoring the disease. I don't have to see my oncologist again until the end of February. Thank you again for all you did for me and Bruce as we travelled this journey together. ~Kathy Zigel~

### **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!

**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.

### **USHERING HELP FOR SPECIAL SERVICES AT CHRISTMAS TIME:**

For the multiple services on Sunday December 24, Christmas Eve (2:00, 4:00, & 6:00 p.m.), the service on Monday December 25, Christmas Day (10:00 a.m.), and Sunday December 31, New Year's Eve (6:30 p.m.) ushers have not been scheduled for yet. We are asking all ushers to please consider signing up to help with one of these special services if possible. **A signup sheet is in the usher alcove in the back of the church.** By signing up, we can assure that we will have ushers at the service and Elders will not have to be trying to find ushers. Thank you for your help in getting these services covered!

**ADVENT DINNERS** As the wonderful Christmas season draws near, please join us at our Wednesday Advent dinners. 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.

**LWML CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION** LWML members and ladies of the congregation are invited to our Christmas Celebration on Monday, December 18<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm in the Fellowship Hall. Please rsvp to Myrt White or the church office.