



Church: 406.245.3984  
 church@trinitybillings.org  
 School: 406.656.1021  
 school@trinitybillings.org  
 www.trinitybillings.org

**THIS WEEK AT TRINITY: December 17-24, 2023**

**Third Sunday in Advent**

- Sunday 12/17: 8:00 & 10:30am Worship  
 9:30am Sunday School, Toddler Sunday School, Adult Bible Class
- Monday 12/18: 1:30pm Trinity Lutheran School Christmas Program Matinee  
 6:00pm LWML Christmas Celebration
- Tuesday 12/19: 9:00am Quilting  
 6:30pm Trinity Lutheran School Christmas Program  
 7:00pm Bible Study led by Rev. Dr. Bruce Zagal (Zoom)
- Wed. 12/20: 8:30am Chapel @ TLS  
 Noon Dismissal at Trinity Lutheran School  
 1:00pm Wrinkled Righteous Game Day  
 6:00pm Youth Group
- Thursday 12/21: ~No School @ TLS – Merry Christmas!~  
 10:30am Bible Study  
 7:00pm Choir Rehearsal
- Friday 12/22: ~No School @ TLS – Merry Christmas!~
- Saturday 12/23: ~NO Saturday Service~
- Sunday 12/24 ~ Christmas Eve Candlelight Services~ (No Sunday morning services or Sunday School)  
 2:00pm, 4:00pm, and 6:00pm

**2024 Offering Envelopes**  
 are available in the north  
 classroom off the sanctuary.

*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, and Barbara Harris; family and friends of Sonja Kober who passed away on 12/12; 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, 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, Kara Lekse, 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, and Darlene Zimmerman.

**Congratulations to Jackson DiMatteo-Duncan**

as he confirms his baptismal faith during the Saturday evening service on December 16<sup>th</sup>. May God continue to guide and bless you in your faith journey!

**We welcome Ava Shay Johnson**

to God’s family and our Trinity family through the Holy waters of Baptism at the 10:30am service on Sunday. May God guide and protect you as you grow in faith and knowledge of His love and plans for you.

**Christmas Eve, Sunday,  
 December 24<sup>th</sup>**

(No Sunday Morning services will be held.)



Candlelight Worship Services at:

2:00pm (livestreamed), 4:00pm & 6:00pm

**Christmas Day, Monday, December 25<sup>th</sup>**

10:00am Communion Service

## FINANCES & FIRST-FRUIT'S' GIVING

Budgeted Church/School Income (Year to Date)	\$1,214,825
Actual Church/School Income (7/01-12/10/2023)	\$ 1,264,645
Actual Church/School Expenses (7/01-12/10/2023)	\$ 1,006,730
A difference of:	\$ 257,915
Budgeted Offering Target (July 2023-Nov. 2023)	\$ 349,948
Actual Offering (July 2023-November 2023)	\$ 346,960
A difference of:	\$ -2,988
Weekly Offering Goal – December 2023	\$34,032
Actual Offerings in December (2 of 5 weeks)	\$33,461

### **Last Weekend's Attendance – December 9-10, 2023**

Advent 1 Service	137
Saturday Worship Service	97
Sunday Worship Services	224
<b>Total Attendance Last Weekend</b>	<b>321</b>
Sunday School	46
Adult Bible Class	57

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

Ellen Gernant, Liz Clark, and Kathy Hoehne

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

Carol Corder, Sherrie Murray, Kathy Hoehne, and Roxy Klundt

**HELP US DECORATE THE ALTAR** for the Christmas season by ordering your poinsettias now! Poinsettias are \$12 each, and order forms are available in the narthex. Please complete the order form (along with your cash or check **payable to Trinity**) and drop it in the box. Please also note 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*

### **YEAR-END-CHARITABLE GIFT DEADLINE:**

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.

**WRINKLED RIGHTEOUS** will be having their game day on Wednesday, December 20<sup>th</sup> at 1:00pm. Please come and have some fun!

**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>. Thank you and Merry Christmas!

*~The Church Council & School Board*

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

For the multiple services on Christmas Eve (2pm, 4pm, & 6pm.), Christmas Day (10am), and New Year's Eve (6:30pm). 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 enough ushers at the services. Thank you for your help in getting these services covered!



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.

### **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. The main dish will be provided, so please bring a side dish or dessert. As an in-gathering, we are asking for small sized children's mittens for the Trinity Day Care/Pre-school, as well as products for the Senior High Monday lunch ministry served at TYM Square including: paper plates, napkins, plastic utensils, and bottled water. Please rsvp to Myrt White or the church office.

**THE CHURCH OFFICE** will be closed on Monday & Tuesday, December 25-26.