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## THIS WEEK AT TRINITY – December 31, 2022 & January 1, 2023

### **Circumcision and Name of Jesus**

- Sunday: **MITE BOX SUNDAY**  
10:00am New Year's Day Worship Service  
11:00am De-decorating the church & donuts
- Monday: **Church Office Closed – No School at TLS**  
5:30pm Stewardship Meeting
- Tuesday: 9:00am Quilting  
6:30pm Properties and Youth Meetings  
7:00pm Bible Study led by Rev. Dr. Bruce Zager
- Wednesday: 1:00pm Kitchen Guild Meeting  
2:15pm Chapel at TLS  
6:30pm FIRE Youth Group Meeting  
6:30pm First Year Confirmation Class Begins
- Thursday: 10:30am Bible Study  
6:30pm Choir Rehearsal
- Saturday: 10:00am LWML Executive Board Planning Meeting  
**1:00pm – 6:00pm First Year Confirmation Retreat**  
5:00pm Worship with Communion
- Sunday: 8:00am & 10:30am Worship Services with Communion  
**Installation of LWML Officers**  
9:30am Sunday School & Adult Bible Class

**2023 Offering  
Envelopes**  
are ready for  
pickup in the side  
classroom.  
Thank you!

*Knowing Christ and Making Him Known*

**THE ALTAR FLOWERS** are given in praise and glory to God by Bev Schock.

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

Sharla Arend, George Baker (Mark & Susie Wollenburg's grandson), Fred Borman, Tim Buechler (Bob Locke's cousin), Katie Cardillo, Cateleya Castanon (granddaughter of Mary Uecker), Marilyn Fischer (Sue Hayes' mom), Walter & Betty Flechsig (Linda's parents), Ronda Gale, Janet Gurney, Ralph Gurney, Brittney Hatzell, Alyana Hutchings (Marti & Ron Jacobsen's granddaughter), Keith Johnson, Keira Knell (Bev Schock's grandniece), Sonja Kober, Dee Krohn, Don Kunkel, Tami Larson, Don Leikam, Garry Leikam, J.C. Modde (John Modde's son), John Modde, Kinsley Murri (Rod & Phyllis Myers' granddaughter), Ginny Oriolia (friend of Bev Hoose), Joyce Platzkow, and Julie Seiffert.

**Ukranian Relief Fund:** If you would like to donate to a fund for our Ukranian friends, please make your check payable to Trinity Lutheran Church and clearly marked for "Ukranian Relief Fund". And please continue to pray for our Ukranian brothers and sisters! Thank you!

**MEETING WITH PRESIDENT FORKE:** The Congregation is invited to attend a special meeting with President Forke about the call process on January 10<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm.

**CHURCH PAINTING:** The interior of the church will be painted beginning January 3<sup>rd</sup>. It is expected to last for 4 weeks. We will have services as usual but other activities in the Sanctuary could be limited. Thank you for your patience and understanding!

## **FINANCES & FIRST-FRUIT'S' GIVING**

Budgeted Church/School Income (Year to Date)	\$ 1,202,321
Actual Church/School Income (12/25/2022)	\$ 1,263,816
Actual Church/School Expenses (12/25/2022)	\$ 1,191,227
A difference of:	\$ 72,589
Budgeted Offering Target (July 2022-Nov 2022)	\$ 360,822
Actual Offering (July 2022-Nov 2022)	\$ 343,044
A difference of:	\$ -17,778
Weekly Offering Goal – December, 2022	\$ 43,134
Actual Offerings in December (4 of 4 weeks)	\$ 115,952

### **Last Week's Attendance – December 24 & 25, 2022**

Saturday Worship Service (Christmas Eve)	726
Sunday Worship Services (Christmas Day)	148
<b>Total Attendance Last Weekend</b>	<b>874</b>
<b>Sunday School</b>	Christmas
<b>Adult Bible Class</b>	No class

### **Offering Counters for January 1<sup>st</sup>**

Susan Loomans, Myrna Henschel, and Deb White

### **Offering Counters for January 8<sup>th</sup>**

Sherrie Murray, Ann Boucher, and Cheryl Wagenman

## **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.

## **THE STAFF AT THE CHURCH & SCHOOL**

would like to say "Thank you!" to everyone for their support and generous donations for the staff gifts at Christmas time. We sincerely appreciate your kindness and generosity! Please accept our humble thanks. It is truly our pleasure to serve you here at Trinity Lutheran Church and School. May the Lord continue to bless all of us as we grow together in His word!

**FOOD PANTRY ITEMS NEEDED:** Due to the demand of the Holidays, our Food Pantry is running short of several items. Please check the cards that are hanging up in the Narthex if you are able to help. *Thank you so much!*

**2023 FLOWER CHART** - The flower chart for 2023 is up and ready. The cost of flowers is \$20.00. To help us with our bookkeeping we ask that you pay for your flowers when you sign up. Please make your checks payable to Gainans. For your convenience there are envelopes to fill out specifying any special occasion or reason for the flowers. Please also mark the occasion on the chart. ~ *Thank you from the Altar Guild.*

## **GOD'S ABUNDANT BLESSINGS TO US!**

As the year draws to a close, we encourage you to take time to thank God for His abundant blessings in 2022! Here are a few of His many blessings at Trinity this past year: God's faithfulness to His promises in Scripture, record enrollment (305!) at Trinity School, hosting this year's Montana District Convention, 230 kiddos and 80 helpers for our Vacation Bible School, an amazing National Youth Gathering in July, a wonderful week of service and ministry in Muddy Cluster, a fantastic Rally Day and Ministry Fair in September, a youth center full of high schoolers and helpers each Monday for our Senior High lunches, 33 new confirmed members at Trinity, and so many more! We thank the Lord for His work, presence, and blessings among us.

## **RETIREMENT CELEBRATION FOR PASTOR RINDERKNECHT:**

All are invited to join us for a retirement celebration for Pastor Rinderknecht on Sunday, February 19, at 12:30pm at Trinity School. More details about this gathering will be coming in January!

## **CELEBRATE THE EPIPHANY OF OUR LORD:**

Divine Service including the Lord's Supper will be offered on **Friday, January 6 at 7:00 p.m. at St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church in Laurel** (417 W Ninth Street). Although that is the day we acknowledge the coming of the Magi to see Jesus, the celebration is that Jesus came into our world to save not only Jews but also Gentiles. That is of particular interest to those of us who are Gentiles. It is as we sing that Jesus is not only the glory of his people Israel but also a light to the Gentiles. We thank God for that.