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## THIS WEEK AT TRINITY – December 11 & 12, 2021

### The Third Sunday in Advent

Sunday:	8:00am & 10:30am	Worship Services with Communion
	9:30am	Sunday School and Adult Bible Class
	4:00pm	LWML Gifts of Love at Mount Olive
Monday:	7:00pm	Adult Class
Tuesday:	9:00am	Quilting
	6:00pm	Cradle Roll Meeting
	6:30pm	Choir Rehearsal
	7:00pm	Bible Study led by Rev. Dr. Bruce Zagel
Wednesday:	1:00pm	Wrinkled Righteous Game day
	<b>1:30pm</b>	<b><i>TLS Christmas Program Matinee</i></b>
	5:00pm	Advent Dinner
	6:30pm	Advent Worship
Thursday:	10:30am	Bible Study
	<b>6:30pm</b>	<b><i>TLS Christmas Program</i></b>
Friday:	8:30am	Chapel at TLS with the Praise Team
	6:00pm	Fire Youth Group
Saturday:	5:00pm	Worship Service with Communion including the SS Children's Christmas program
Sunday:	8:00am & 10:30am	Worship Services
	9:30am	Sunday School and Adult Bible Class

### *Knowing Christ and Making Him Known*

**THE ALTAR FLOWERS** are given in praise and glory to God by the Altar Guild and all those who have purchased poinsettias to adorn our altar this Christmas season.

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

Libby Angell (Don's sister-in-law), Sharla Arend (Jenn Boll and Janna Arend's mother), Mary Katherine Bernard (a friend of Chris Kazarian), Katie Cardillo, Dorothy DeVokler (Amanda Kobelt's godmother), Walter & Betty Flechsig (Linda's parents), Jim Hansen, Brittney Hatzell, Marilyn Heinemann, Beverly Hoose, Peter Janiec (June Kazarian's son), Karianna Jinguji, Keith Johnson, Gloria Kern (Cyndi Johnson's mother), Ted Kinsell, Betty Klimper, Margaret Kober, Don Kunkel, Tami Larson, Don Leikam, Garry Leikam, Laura Lukasik (Teacher Aide at TLS), Darryl Magnuson, Jeanette Maxon (Kathy Hoehne's sister), Sue McCannel (friend of Diane Vetch), John Modde (father of Ronna Voges), Neil Munsell, Kinsley Murri (Rod & Phyllis Myers' granddaughter), Dane Reeves, Mark Roesler (Susan Shotwell's brother), Dick Rudio, Jim Shaw (Janine Liwosz's brother-in-law), Kristin Walter, and Kathy Zagel.

**THANK YOU** to my Trinity family for all the support and donations of money, food, and flowers. I love you.  
~ Linda Kesler

**THANK YOU** for all of your thoughts and prayers. I am well on the road to recovery. God bless you all!  
~ Lucile Smelser

**LWML and Ladies of Trinity** -- You are invited to join us for our Christmas Potluck and Program, Monday, December 20, at 6:30 pm. Chicken wings will be provided and we invite you to bring your favorite 'finger food' to share. We will enjoy the fellowship and food together with a program and short meeting. We hope to see you there.

**You are also invited** to the annual *LWML Gifts of Love* service and buffet on Sunday, December 12, 2021 at 4:00pm at Mount Olive Lutheran Church. A finger food buffet, which will be provided by their LWML Mary & Martha members, will be held in the Fellowship Hall following the service. Please come and bring a friend!

## FINANCES & FIRST-FRUIT'S GIVING

Budgeted Church/School Income (Year to Date)	\$ 932,701
Actual Church/School Income (12/5/2021)	\$ 1,043,516
Actual Church/School Expenses (12/5/2021)	\$ 893,957
A difference of :	\$ 149,561
Budgeted Offering Target (July 2020-Nov 2021)	\$ 358,321
Actual Offering (July 2020-Nov 2021)	\$ 373,586
A difference of:	\$ 15,265
Weekly Offering Goal – December, 2021	\$ 40,149
Actual Offerings in November (1 of 4 weeks)	\$ 21,191

### **Last Week's Attendance—December 4 & 5, 2021**

Advent Service 1	97
Saturday Worship Service	102
Sunday Worship Services	162
<b>Total Attendance Last Weekend</b>	<b>264</b>
<b>Sunday School</b>	<b>42</b>
<b>Adult Bible Class</b>	

### **Offering Counters for December 12<sup>th</sup>**

Carol Corder, Liz Clark, and Bev Schock

### **Offering Counters for December 19<sup>th</sup>**

Susan Loomans, Myrna Henschel, and Roxy Klundt

## YEAR-END CHARITABLE CONTRIBUTIONS

Any charitable contributions made to Trinity Lutheran Church and School for 2021 must be received 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 if they are not received until the following year.

**STAFF GIFTS - 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 15<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!

**Lutheran Woman's Quarterly** The latest issue of the *Lutheran Woman's Quarterly*, along with the *Montana Missive* are available in the narthex. Please note we elected to discontinue putting individual names on these publications, so pick one up at your convenience.

## Holiday Service Schedule

### Advent Service

#### **Wednesday, December 15**

5:00pm Advent Dinner - Hosted by the Youth  
6:30 p.m. Advent Worship Service

#### **Saturday, December 18**

5:00pm Regular Saturday service including the Sunday School Christmas Program

#### **Thursday, December 23**

7:00pm Christmas Eve "Eve" Worship  
(Music led by our Worship Teams)

#### **Friday, December 24, Christmas Eve**

Christmas Eve Candlelight Worship Services  
2:00pm (live streamed on [www.trinitybillings.org](http://www.trinitybillings.org)),  
4:00pm & 6:00pm

#### **Saturday, December 25**

10:00am Christmas Day Service (with Communion)  
(No 5:00pm Worship Service)

#### **Sunday, December 26**

One Worship Service at 10:00am  
(No Bible Study or Sunday School)

#### **Friday, December 31**

7:00pm New Year's Eve Service (with Communion)

### **Ushering Help for Special Services at Christmas**

We are asking all ushers to please consider signing up to help with one of the special services. ***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 the Elders will not have to try to find ushers. Thank you for your help in getting these services covered.

**HELP US DECORATE THE ALTAR** for the Christmas season by ordering your poinsettias now! The cost of each poinsettia is **\$11.00 each** (note the price change) 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 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 the weekend of December 18 & 19.)* We will accept orders through December 12<sup>th</sup>. 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**