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THIS WEEK AT TRINITY December 12 & 13, 2020

The Third Sunday in Advent

Saturday: 1:00pm Pickle Ball at TLS
 5:00pm Worship Service
Sunday: 8:00am & 10:30am Worship Services with Communion
 9:30am Sunday School & Adult Bible Class
Monday: Pastors' Circuit Meeting
 5:30pm Stewardship Meeting
 6:30pm Evangelism Meeting
 7:00pm Fellowship Board Meeting
 7:00pm Adult Class
Tuesday: 9:00am Quilting
 7:00pm Bible Study led by Rev. Zagel at his home
Wednesday: 6:00pm Online Advent Worship available at www.trinitybillings.org
 6:30pm FIRE Youth Group
Thursday: 10:30am Bible Study
 7:00pm Choir Rehearsal
Friday: 8:30am Chapel at TLS
Saturday: 1:00pm Pickle Ball at TLS
 5:00pm Worship Service with Communion
Sunday: 8:00am & 10:30am Worship Services
 9:30am Sunday School, Toddler Sunday School & Adult Bible Study

*Please remember to wear your masks during worship services.
Thank you!
The Board of Lay Ministry*

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:

Sharla Arend (Jenn Boll and Janna Arend's mother), Laurie Bauer (Wayne Bauer's wife and Dennis Bauer & Arnold Schultz's sister-in-law), Frank & Susan Borman, JR Bruhn (Deb White's brother), Don Brutlag, Katie Cardillo, Aidy Cichosz, Richelle Colclasure, Brittin Collier (Ken & Sandy Collier's granddaughter), Walter & Betty Flechsig (Linda's parents), Kathleen Ford, Madonna Hartman (Connie Dunning's mom), Brittney Hatzell, Bev Hoose, Lorraine Isaacson, Peter Janiec (June Kazarian's son), Karianna Jinguji, Keith Johnson, Ted & Irene Kinsell (and Sue Fachini who is their care-giver), Karol Kober, Sol Kober, Don & JoAnn Kunkel, Tami Larson, Garry Leikam, Sue McCannel (friend of Diane Vetch), Pattie Munyan (Myrna Henschel's mom), Kinsley Murri (Rod & Phyllis Myers'

granddaughter), Barry Patterson, Joyce (a family member of the Reinholz family), Lance Renstrom, Dick Rudio, Jami Shaw (Stacie Shaw's sister-in-law), Lucile Smelser, Kristin Walter, Sandy West, and Kevin Wirth (a friend of Lindsey Carter).

HELP US DECORATE THE ALTAR for the Christmas season by ordering your poinsettias now! The cost of each poinsettia is \$10.00 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 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 19 & 20th.) We will accept orders through December 13th. 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

Holiday Worship Schedule

Midweek Advent Services – online only

www.trinitybillings.org

DVD's available upon request

Christmas Eve Worship-

Wednesday, December 23 at 7pm

Thursday, December 24 at 2pm, 4pm, and 6pm

Christmas Day Worship with Communion

Friday, December 25 at 10am

Weekend after Christmas – One Service only

Sunday, December 27 at 10am

New Year's Eve Worship with Communion

December 31 at 7:00pm

FINANCES & FIRST-FRUITS' GIVING

Budgeted Church/School Income (Year to Date)	\$ 915,699
Actual Church/School Income (12/6/20)	\$ 846,593
Actual Church/School Expenses (12/6/20)	\$ 826,519
A difference of :	\$ 20,074
Budgeted Offering Target (July 2020-Nov. 2020)	\$ 371,510
Actual Offering (July 2020-Nov. 2020)	\$ 321,733
A difference of:	\$ -49,777
Weekly Offering Goal – December, 2020	\$ 37,778
Actual Offerings in December (1 of 4 weeks)	\$ 19,269
Phase 1 Completion Drive Gifts & Pledges	\$ 297,676
Balance to Pay off Phase 1 Project (\$325K goal)	\$ 27,324

Last Week's Attendance – December 5 & 6, 2020

Saturday Worship Service	51
Sunday Worship Services	177
Total Attendance Last Weekend	228
Sunday School	30
Adult Bible Class	48

Offering Counters for December 13th:

Ellen Gernant, Vivian Roberts, and Barbara Nies

Offering Counters for December 20th:

Carol Corder and Liz Clark

Financial Update:

General fund offerings are running about \$50,000 behind our giving goal through November. We thank God that we have an operating reserve and have been able to meet all of our financial obligations during the pandemic. However, utilizing our reserve is not a sustainable long-term solution if we are going to continue under our current budget model. We ask that our members prayerfully respond to help us get back on track as we wrap up the first half of our fiscal year. You may want to consider signing up for *Simply Giving*, or giving a special year-end IRA gift. If you have specific questions about how you can help, please speak with Jonathan Boll.

Parent-Toddler Sunday School - Please join us with your little one, age 0-3, next Sunday, December 20th for the Parent-Toddler Sunday School class. We will meet downstairs in the Toddler room. Bring your little one to play and learn about Jesus!

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 14th 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!

~Parish Planning Council & Board of Christian Ed.

LWML Members: Just a reminder that the December celebration, which was scheduled for the 21st is cancelled. Since it is a smaller group, the Executive Committee continues to meet monthly to review the Treasurer's report and act on any necessary business. We continue to collect Mite and Regular offerings. Thank you for sending these to Treasurer, Deb White, 123 S 38th St. W, Billings, MT 59102.

Christ is Born!

Enjoy all the blessings of the Christmas season.

Trinity School Online Auction

Typically Trinity School has a live auction at their annual FallFest event. Even though FallFest had to be postponed, the school is still hosting an awesome *online* auction, which is going on now! Weekly auctions will run Monday-Friday feature beautiful artwork, gift certificates, custom corn hole sets, and other great items. Take a minute to check it out at www.biddingowl.com/trinityschoolbillings. Also, the school is currently doing a "Share-A-Scare" fundraiser where a group of scarecrows can be sent to visit a friend or family member. Interested in having them make a visit? Contact Jonathan Boll at 670-0124!

2021 OFFERING ENVELOPES are ready for pickup in the Preschool classroom by the Sanctuary. If your envelopes are not there, please call the church office at 245-3984. Thank you!

January-March Portals of Prayer are now available. Pick yours up today in the Narthex or outside the church offices. Please call the church office if you would like one mailed to you.