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THIS WEEK AT TRINITY December 14 & 15, 2019

Third Sunday in Advent

Sunday: 8:00am & 10:30am Worship Services
9:30am Sunday School, Toddler Sunday School & Adult Bible Classes
2-7:00pm FIRE Youth Group

Monday: Noon P.A.R. at TYM (*Also meets on Wednesday at Noon*)
6:30pm LWML Christmas Celebration
7:00pm Adult Class

Tuesday: 9:00am Quilting
6:00pm Choir Rehearsal
7:00pm Worship Team 2 practice
8:00pm Worship Team 1 practice

Wednesday: 1:30pm TLS Christmas Program Matinee
5:00pm Advent Dinner
6:30pm Advent Worship
7:15pm Worship Teams 3 & 4 practice
7:15pm FIRE Youth Group

Thursday: 10:30am Bible Study
6:30pm TLS Christmas program

Friday: 8:30am Chapel at TLS

Saturday: 1:00pm Pickle Ball at TLS
5:00pm Worship Service with Communion

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9:30am Sunday School & Adult Bible Classes

2020 Offering Envelopes are ready for pickup down in the Fellowship Hall. Thank you!

Knowing Christ and Making Him Known

THE ALTAR FLOWERS are given in praise & 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:

Bill Agnew (Beth Heiliger's brother), Sharla Arend (Jenn Boll and Janna Arend's mother), Laurie Bauer (Wayne Bauer's wife and Dennis Bauer & Arnold Schultz's sister-in-law), Nicholas Beacon (Tom & Marsha Runge's grandson), Steve Bracewell (a good friend of Chris Kazarian), JR Bruhn (Deb White's brother), Katie Cardillo, Wendy Davis (Cassie Thompson's mom), Betty Flechsig (Linda's mom), Ken Hale (Janine Liwosz's brother), Phil Hartman (Connie Dunning's brother), Brittney Hatzell, Todd Hertz, Peter Janiec (June Kazarian's son), Karianna Jinguji, Ted & Irene Kinsell (and Sue Fachini who is their care-giver), Darrel Kobelt, Kinsley Murri (Rod & Phyllis Myers' granddaughter), Lori Smith (Ray & Bobette Smith's sister-in-law), Grace Swift, Amy

Walter (Doug Miles' mother), and Kevin Wirth (a friend of Lindsey Carter).

RECEIVING THE BLESSINGS of Holy Baptism this Sunday, December 15th is William Alan Mohr. William was born on October 19, 2019 to Ryan & Katie Mohr. We welcome William into God's family here at Trinity and pray the Holy Spirit will lead William and his family into a life of love and service to our Lord Jesus Christ unto life everlasting.

The Wrinkled Righteous Pinochle day on the third Wednesday has been cancelled for December 18th. We instead will be enjoying an Advent Soup Supper at 5 pm and Advent service at 6:30 pm. We would love for you to join us. We will play again in January on the 15th.

PORTALS OF PRAYER for January – March, 2020 are available in the Narthex and the office entry. Pick one up today and enjoy these devotionals in the new year!

FINANCES & FIRST-FRUIT'S GIVING

Budgeted Church/School Income (Year to Date)	\$ 886,414
Actual Church/School Income (12/8/19)	\$ 866,678
Actual Church/School Expenses (12/8/19)	\$ 839,047
A difference of :	\$ 27,631
Budgeted Offering Target (Through Nov. 2019)	\$ 384,346
Actual Offering (Through Nov. 2019)	\$ 345,348
A difference of:	\$ -38,998
Weekly Offering Goal - December	\$ 29,338
Actual Offerings in December (2 of 5 weeks)	\$ 42,572
Phase 1 Completion Drive Gifts & Pledges	\$ 150,000
Balance to Pay off Phase 1 Project (\$325K goal)	\$ 175,000

Last Week's Attendance – Dec. 7 & 8, 2019

Advent Worship Service	121
Saturday Worship Service	101
Sunday Worship Services	297
Total Attendance Last Weekend	398
Sunday School	46
Adult Bible Class	95

Offering Counters for December 15th:

Susan Loomans, Cheryl Wagenman, and Myrt White

Offering Counters for December 22nd:

Sherrie Murray, Myrna Henschel, and Roxy Klundt

USHERING HELP FOR SPECIAL SERVICES AT CHRISTMAS TIME:

For the multiple services on Tuesday December 24, Christmas Eve (2:00, 4:00, & 6:00 pm), the services on Wednesday December 25, Christmas Day (10:00 am), and Tuesday December 31, New Year's Eve (6:30 pm) ushers have not been scheduled yet. We are asking all ushers to please consider signing up to help with one of these special services if possible. **A sign-up 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 Lay Ministers will not have to be trying to find ushers. Thank you for your help in getting these services covered.

LWML CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION - Ladies of Trinity are invited to the LWML Christmas Celebration on Monday, December 16th at 6:30 pm. Please bring a heavy appetizer or a desert for our enjoyment. We will hold an abbreviated meeting with some fun activities as we prepare for our Lord's birth. Plan to join us.

LWML's Facebook Administrator, Sue Fachini, has updated the LWML Facebook page. Please go to the search engine and type, "LWML Trinity Billings, Montana" for current information. Hit the 'like' button and you will receive informative posts to the page. We invite you to check it out!

Parent-Toddler Sunday School - Please join us with your little one, age 0-3, on Sunday, December 15th for the Parent-Toddler Sunday School class. Bring your little one to play and learn about Jesus!

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 21 & 22nd.) We will accept orders through December 15th. 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

BABY SHOWER: You are invited to a baby shower for Rebecca Harding on January 11th from 1:30-4:00pm in the Fellowship Hall. Please bring a book in place of a card. Text the book title to Skyler at (402) 364-3385 to ensure no repeats. Everyone is welcome!

RSVP at:

<https://beccaboo890.wixsite.com/hardingbabyshower>

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 18th 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.

2020 FLOWER CHART - The flower chart for 2020 is up and ready. The cost of flowers will be the same as before \$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. *Thank you from the Altar Guild.*

CHRISTMAS BELL CONCERT - Bellissimo of Billings is having a Christmas concert on Sunday, December 22nd at 3 and 5 pm at First Congregational United Church of Christ, 310 N 27th St, Billings. Please join us as we celebrate Christmas!

FYI - Bellissimo is a non profit bell choir consisting of all volunteers.