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## THIS WEEK AT TRINITY December 16 & 17, 2017

*~Third Sunday in Advent ~*

Sunday	8:00am	Trinity Worship Service (from prior week) airs on Community 7
	8 & 10:30am	Worship Services
	9:30am	Sunday School – ‘Happy Birthday, Jesus’ party at TYM! (Parents included)
		Adult Bible Class: Fellowship Hall: Pastor Rinderknecht – Lessons on Lutheranism
Monday	6:30pm	LWML Christmas Celebration
	7:00pm	Adult Instruction Class
Tuesday	9:30am	Rock of Ages at Home – at the Teccas’
	5:00pm	Trinity Worship Service (from prior week) airs on Community 7
	6:30pm	Christmas Celebration at Trinity School
Wednesday	8:30am	Chapel at Trinity School
	Noon	Dismissal at Trinity School (Christmas Break from Dec. 21 to Jan. 2)
	5:00pm	Advent Dinner – Hosted by Adult Ed, Stewardship, & FPU Alumni
	6:30pm	Advent Worship Service
	7:15pm	FIRE Youth Group
	8:45pm	College-age Bible Study – at TYM
Thursday	10:30am	Bible Study
	7:00pm	Adult Choir Practice
Saturday		<i>~No Saturday Service this Christmas Weekend~</i>
Sunday		<i>~No Sunday Morning Services this Christmas Weekend~</i>
	2, 4 & 6pm	Christmas Eve Candlelight Services
	11:00pm	Christmas Vigil
Monday	10:00am	Christmas Day Worship Service with Communion

### *Knowing Christ and Making Him Known*

**THE ALTAR FLOWERS** are placed 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:**

Karianna Jinguji, Cindy Speed, Todd Hertz, Jami Shaw (B.J. & Stacie’s sister-in law), Denis Kerby, Helen Kembel, Kurtis Cihak’s sister Patricia, Darlene Zimmerman, Tim Teachout, Charles Duenow, Linda Guzman, John Wiedmeier, Barb Schulz’s sister Ardis Bickel, Roger Kesler, and Connie Deady & her family whose mother, Wardeen Kuenzel, went home to heaven on Sunday, Dec. 10<sup>th</sup>.

**USHERING HELP** is needed for Special Services at Christmas time. Ushers have not been scheduled for

the multiple services on Sunday, Dec. 24, Christmas Eve (2, 4 & 6pm), and the services on Monday, December 25<sup>th</sup>, Christmas Day (10am), and Sunday, Dec. 31<sup>st</sup>, 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 be assured that we will have ushers for each service, instead of the Lay Ministers finding ushers at the service. Thank you for your help!

**LOCKED DOOR** – For safety reasons, during the Saturday and other evening services, the ushers will be locking the east door by the church offices 15 minutes after the start of the service. (Just a little ‘heads up’ if you come after that time to attend an evening service.) Thank you!

**MONTANA DISTRICT Convention** – The district convention will be held at Trinity Lutheran School in Billings, and our congregation will be electing a lay delegate at the short Voters’ Meeting at Bible Study at 9:30am on Sunday, January 28<sup>th</sup>. You will also have the opportunity to nominate a District President and Vice President.

**LWML** will be having our Christmas Celebration on December 18<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm. Please plan to bring a hardy appetizer and/or desert that evening, and let’s celebrate together!

**FINANCES & FIRST-FRUITS’ GIVING**

Budgeted Church/School Income (Year to Date)	\$ 837,939
Actual Church/School Income (7/1/17-12/10/17)	\$ 784,272
Actual Church/School Expenses (7/1-12/10/17)	\$ 736,494
A difference of :	\$ 47,778
Budgeted Offering Target (Through Nov. 2017)	\$ 350,468
Actual Offering (Through November 2017)	\$ 362,155
A difference of:	\$ 11,687
December Target Offering	\$ 141,304
Needed Per Week	\$ 28,261
Actual Offerings in December (2 of 5 weeks)	\$ 45,547
Expansion Offering (December 9 & 10, 2017)	\$ 3,985
YTD Expansion Offering (July 1–Dec. 10)	\$ 31,498

**Last Week’s Attendance – December 9 & 10, 2017**

Saturday’s Worship Service	135
Sunday Worship Services	286
Children’s Christmas Service (Dec. 13)	170
<b>Total Attendance Last Week</b>	<b>591</b>
Sunday School	53
Adult Bible Classes	107

**Offering Counters for December 17<sup>th</sup>:**

Ellen Gernant, Vivian Roberts & Barbara Nies

**Offering Counters for December 24, 25 & 26:**

Carol Corder, Sherrie Murray, Amy King & Cheryl Wagenman

**ROCK OF AGES – AT HOME!** These toddlers and their moms meet the 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of every month at 9:30am at the home of the Tecca’s (2944 Providence Place). The moms enjoy a short devotion time together as the toddlers play. This month’s **Rock of Ages – at Home** is scheduled for Tuesday, Dec. 19<sup>th</sup> at 9:30am. You are welcome to join us at the Tecca’s!

**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> 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.

**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 on Sunday, December 24<sup>th</sup>.) We will accept orders through December 17<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

**OFFERING ENVELOPES FOR 2018** are ready for pickup down in the Fellowship Hall. Please ask an usher to retrieve your box if you are unable to go downstairs to get them. Thank you!



**Yellowstone Park Winter Snow Coach Trip**  
**February 14-16, 2017**

Come and enjoy a special winter adventure touring the first National Park in a unique season. Round-trip bus ride from Billings, Y.S. Park Snow Coach, 2-nights lodging (West Yellowstone), 4 meals, Grizzly/Wolf Discovery Center, and lots of time with Christian friends. \$515 per person (double rooms) or add \$204 for a single room. \$100 now will reserve your spot. Limited time to sign up! Call Bill Crago at 248 3867.

**Senior Pickle Ball** - The ‘Wrinkled Righteous’ Senior Group is starting a Pickle Ball League – meeting on Saturday and Sundays at 1pm at the Trinity School gym – for ages 55 and above only. Come and learn the U.S.’s fastest growing sport for seniors. Starting equipment is provided. You will only need tennis shoes (not to be worn except in the gym). Call Bill Crago to confirm attendance, 248-3867.