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#### THIS WEEK AT TRINITY December 1 & 2, 2018

# First Sunday of the Church Year

8 & 10:30am Worship Services Sunday:

> 9:30am Sunday School & Adult Bible Study

> > Children meet in Sanctuary for Christmas Program Practice

Fellowship Hall – Pastor Rinderknecht - Ephesians

Christmas Decorating at the Church 1:00pm

Monday: 7:00pm Adult Class Tuesday: 9:00am Quilting

> Sound Tech Training in Sanctuary 5:30pm

6:30pm Christian Education, Properties, Fellowship, and Youth Board Meetings

7:00pm Ladies Small Group

Kitchen Guild Meeting 12:30pm Wednesday:

> 1:00pm Visitation Guild Meeting

2:15pm Chapel at TLS Advent Dinner 5:00pm Advent Worship 6:30pm FIRE Youth Group 7:15pm

Bible Study Thursday: 10:30am

7:00pm Choir Rehearsal

Saturday: 1:00pm Pickle Ball

2:30pm FLAME Cookie Baking and Christmas Party

5:00pm Worship Service

Knowing Christ and Making Him Known

THE ALTAR FLOWERS are given in praise and glory to God by Jeff & Sherry Essmann in loving memory of Sherry's Dad, Gene Bernhardt.

### SPECIAL PRAYERS THIS WEEK ARE FOR:

Dale Andrews (Kathy Myers' brother), Katie Cardillo, Charles Duenow, Dena Provost & Delores D'Schaak (Lucile Smelser's niece & sister), Ken Hale (Janine Liwosz's brother), Mike Hall, Marilynn Heinemann (whose sister, Connie, died), Karianna Jinguji, Kristin Kanzelberger (former student of Myrna Lastusky), Kinsley Murri (Rod & Phyllis Myers' granddaughter), Nannette (Leo and Diana Wohler's daughter), and Lori Smith (Ray & Bobette Smith's sister-in-law).

<u>CRADLE ROLL LAMBS</u> – Cradle Roll would like to invite everyone to please come up and see our lamb tree in the church narthex this Christmas season. If you see your child's lamb we ask that you please take it home. Have a blessed holiday season and a very Merry Christmas!

### **SHARING A RIDE = SHARING JESUS!**

An elderly gentleman who attended Trinity School as a child would like to worship at Trinity, but he He would prefer to attend the needs a ride. 10:30am service and lives in the Heights (near Babcock and Wicks). If you can help with a ride (even occasionally) please contact the church office.

## **HOLIDAY HELP FOR THE HALLS:**

Mike and Kathleen Hall will be moving into town later this month. We need a crew of people to help move some of their belongings into storage. We will meet at Trinity School at 12:30pm on Sunday, December 9, and caravan out to their place. Please let Jonathan Boll know if you are able to help at 670-0124.



### FINANCES & FIRST-FRUITS' GIVING

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Budgeted Church/School Income (Year to Date)	\$825,308
Actual Church/School Income (11/25/18)	\$728,190
Actual Church/School Expenses (11/25/18)	\$697,183
A difference of :	\$ 31,007
Budgeted Offering Target (Through October 2018)	\$288,116
Actual Offering (Through October 2018)	\$294,247
A difference of:	\$ 6,131
Weekly Offering Goal	\$ 19,053
Actual Offerings in November (4 of 4 weeks)	\$ 65,109
Expansion Offering (November 24 & 25, 2018)	\$ 415
YTD Expansion Offering (July 1, 2017–November 25, 2018)	\$253,677

#### Last Week's Attendance – November 24 & 25, 2018

Thanksgiving Worship	170
Saturday Worship Service	88
Sunday Worship Services	241
Total Attendance Last Week	499
Sunday School	30

## Offering Counters for December 2<sup>nd</sup>:

Susan Loomans, Allie Hein, and Roxy Klundt

### Offering Counters for December 9th:

Susan Loomans, Cheryl Wagenman, and Liz Clark

### **CHURCH DECORATING - SUNDAY @ 1PM**

Come and help decorate the church for Christmas! Music, beverages, and laughter will all be a part of the fun. 2 hours and we will have things looking great! Questions? Call Jonathan Boll at 670-0124.

HELP US DECORATE THE ALTAR for the Christmas season by ordering your poinsettias now! The cost is \$10 each, and order forms are available in the narthex. Please complete the order form, place in the envelope provided (along with cash or check payable to Trinity) and drop in the box that is also located in the narthex. Please 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, Dec. 23. We will accept orders through Dec. 16<sup>th</sup>. You may pick up your poinsettias following Christmas Day worship service. Thank you for helping us decorate the altar during this special season! Trinity's Altar Guild

**ADVENT DEVOTION BOOKLETS** are now available for pick up. The devotions, beginning the first Sunday in Advent (December 2<sup>nd</sup>), are from the Lutheran Hour Ministries. This year's theme is *The Coming King*. Check the basket in the narthex to get a copy of this special devotion booklet to guide you through this Advent season.

LADIES CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON: Please mark your calendar for Sunday, December 9, and join us for the Annual Ladies Luncheon and Ornament Exchange after late service. We are asking that each attendee bring a salad, a wrapped ornament and an item for our Trinity food pantry. If you have questions, please call Pam Kercher at 259-1820. Hope to see you there.

**LADIES OF TRINITY:** You are invited to the Mount Olive LWML Gifts of Love Service and Buffet on Sunday, December 9<sup>th</sup>, at 4:00 pm. Following the service there will be a "finger food buffet" and fellowship. The Gifts of Love offering will be divided between LCMS Disaster Relief and Orphan Grain Train. Come and bring a friend!

MOSS MANSION CHRISTMAS TOUR with the Wrinkled Righteous Senior Group. Meet at Trinity Church East parking lot at 2:30 PM Thurs. Dec. 20<sup>th</sup>. We will carpool together to the Mansion. The group will return, after the tour, to the parking lot between 4:15 and 4:30. Confirm your attendance by Dec. 12<sup>th</sup>. \$20 cost. Call Bill Crago to confirm hm 248 3867 or cell 698 7777.

WRINKLED RIGHTEOUS will not have a game day in December, but will resume our monthly game day on January 16. If you have questions or want to get on the mailing list, contact Tim Keller at 698-5615 or Timshop1814@gmail.com.

Ushering help for Special Services at Christmas time: For the multiple services on Monday December 24, Christmas Eve (2:00, 4:00, & 6:00 pm) and the services on Tuesday December 25, Christmas Day (10:00 am) and Monday December 31, New Year's Eve (6:30 pm), ushers have not been scheduled for yet. 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 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.

### NEW MUSIC DIRECTOR CALL PROCESS -

A Call Committee has been formed to lead our process of calling a Music Director for Church and School. If you know of a synodically trained candidate, please forward the name to Roger Kesler, Chairman of the Call Committee.