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THIS WEEK AT TRINITY

December 27, 2020

The First Sunday after Christmas

Sunday: 10:00am Worship Service with Communion
Monday: **Church Office Closed**
Tuesday: 9:00am Quilting
7:00pm Bible Study led by Rev. Zagel at his home
Thursday: 7:00pm New Year's Eve Worship with Communion
Friday: **Church Office Closed**
Saturday: 5:00pm Worship Service with Communion
Sunday: 8:00am & 10:30am Worship Services
9:30am Sunday School & Adult Bible Study

Knowing Christ and Making Him Known

THE ALTAR FLOWERS are given in praise and glory to God by Paul & Pam Kercher in honor of Les & Renae's 70th wedding anniversary.

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), JR Bruhn (Deb White's brother), Don Brutlag, Katie Cardillo, Lois Carlton, Aidy Cichosz, Brittin Collier (Ken & Sandy Collier's granddaughter), Walter & Betty Flechsig (Linda's parents), Kathleen Ford, Ronda Gale, Brittney Hatzell, Steve Hildenburg, Bev Hoose, Lorraine Isaacson, Peter Janiec (June Kazarian's son), Karianna Jinguji, Keith Johnson, Yvonne Kammerzell, Gloria Kern (Cyndi Johnson's mother), Ron & Linda Kesler, 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), Wendy Nelson, Lance Renstrom, Dick Rudio, Jami Shaw (Stacie Shaw's sister-in-law), Kristin Walter, Sandy West, and Kevin Wirth (a friend of Lindsey Carter).

New Year's Eve Worship with Communion

Join us on Thursday, December 31 at 7:00pm for our New Year's Eve Service with Communion.

LAST TUESDAY AT TRINITY'S ALTAR, Levi Maureen Wahl became a child of God through Holy Baptism. Levi, born on May 1, 2020, is the daughter of Nathan & Kara Wahl. We welcome Levi into God's family here at Trinity and pray the Holy Spirit will richly bless her and her family with an ever-growing faith and love of our Lord Jesus Christ unto life everlasting.

January – March 2021 Portals of Prayer are now available. Pick yours up in the Narthex or outside the church office.

LWML Members:

The LWML Quarterlies have been moved upstairs to the table in the narthex. One box is for the new Winter edition and one for the past quarter if you have not picked up yours yet. This will make them more available to our members. Trusting you all had a Blessed Christmas and wishing all a Happy New Year.



FINANCES & FIRST-FRUITS' GIVING

Budgeted Church/School Income (Year to Date)	\$ 995,325
Actual Church/School Income (12/20/20)	\$1,288,316
Actual Church/School Expenses (12/20/20)	\$ 895,241
A difference of :	\$ 393,075
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 (3 of 4 weeks)	\$ 96,828
Phase 1 Completion Drive Gifts & Pledges	\$ 297,676
Balance to Pay off Phase 1 Project (\$325K goal)	\$ 27,324

Last Week's Attendance – December 19 & 20, 2020

Saturday Worship Service	70
Sunday Worship Services	143
Total Attendance Last Weekend	213
Sunday School	30
Adult Bible Class	33

Offering Counters for December 27th:

Susan Loomans, Sherrie Murray, Myrt White, and Roxy Klundt

Offering Counters for January 3rd:

Ellen Gernant, Vivian Roberts, and Bev Schock

Financial Update:

You may have noticed that our general fund offerings are running about \$50,000 (15%) behind our giving goal through November. A number of members have already generously responded in December with special gifts to help address this shortfall, and for that we say, "Thank you!" We are utilizing our operating reserve and are able to stay current on our financial obligations, but we greatly appreciate your prayerful response to help us get back on track as we head into the second 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.

YEAR-END CHARITABLE CONTRIBUTIONS:

Any charitable contributions made to Trinity Lutheran Church and School for this year must be made 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 though not received until the following year.

2021 FLOWER CHART - The flower chart for 2021 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.*

· FLOWER CHART ·



BLESSINGS FLOW through our friends!

Greetings, and may the Lord bless your family in this new year! All workers at our school and church want to express our thanks to all of you who gave a donation for our Christmas gift. Each year, we are humbled by your selfless acts of kindness. We feel like saying "thank you" doesn't adequately express our thankfulness. We are truly blessed to be serving the Lord in a place that is surrounded by His people. Your caring and support encourages each one of us to find the energy needed to serve in this awesome place. *Thank you!*

Thank You

2021 OFFERING ENVELOPES:

Please pick up your 2021 Offering Envelopes in the Preschool Classroom adjacent to the sanctuary.

Thank you!

