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THIS WEEK AT TRINITY December 2 & 3, 2017

~First Sunday in Advent ~

Sunday	~Mite Box Sunday~ 8:00am Trinity Worship Service (from prior week) airs on Community 7 8 & 10:30am Worship Services 9:30am Children's Christmas Service Rehearsal in the Sanctuary Adult Bible Classes Fellowship Hall: Pastor Rinderknecht – Lessons on Lutheranism Classroom by Sanctuary: Pastor Keinath – Sunday School for Parents
Monday	5:30pm Stewardship Board Meeting 7:00pm Adult Instruction Class
Tuesday	9:00am Quilting 9:30am Rock of Ages – Toddler Bible Story Hour – in the Fellowship Hall 5:00pm Trinity Worship Service (from prior week) airs on Community 7 6:00pm Cradle Roll Meeting 6:30pm Christian Education Board Meeting – at the School Properties Board Meeting Fellowship Board Meeting Youth Board Meeting
Wednesday	7:00pm Ladies' Small Group 1:00pm Visitation Guild Meeting 1:30pm Kitchen Guild Meeting 2:15pm Chapel at Trinity School 5:00pm Advent Dinner – Hosted by the Lay Ministers 6:30pm Advent Worship Service 7:15pm FIRE Youth Group 8:45pm College-age Bible Study – at TYM Square
Thursday	10:30am Bible Study 7:00pm Adult Choir Practice
Friday	6-9:30pm FLICKER & FLAME – Cookie Baking & Gift Exchange
Saturday	5:00pm Worship Service

Senior Christmas Light Tour Sunday, Dec. 10th, 6:15pm

The Christmas Trolley is loading at the Sears Automotive parking lot!

The tour will last 2 hours – and includes the Zoo!

\$16 each – Call Bill Crago as soon as possible since there are only 25 seats available! (248-3867)

Knowing Christ and Making Him Known

THE ALTAR FLOWERS are placed in praise and glory to God by Clayton & Sheryl Scheafer in loving memory of those who are no longer here.

SPECIAL PRAYERS THIS WEEK ARE FOR:

Karianna Jinguji, Cindy Speed, Todd Hertz, Kalen Anderson, Kristen Frank (Tom & Sandy's West's daughter), Jami Shaw (B.J. & Stacie's sister-in-law), Denis Kerby, and Kurtis Cihak's sister, Patricia.

OUR GUEST PREACHER on Sunday, Dec. 10th,

will be Pastor Doug Thompson. Our thanks to him for sharing God's Word with us.

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, Dec. 25th, Christmas Day (10am), and Sunday, Dec. 31st, 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 sign-up 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!

5th ANNUAL LADIES' CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON & ORNAMENT EXCHANGE!
Sunday, December 10th at Noon, Fellowship Hall
 Sign-up sheets are on the bulletin board in the narthex! Bring your wrapped ornament to exchange, an item for the Food Pantry & a salad to share at the luncheon! This year we will be decorating Christmas cupcakes! ...And eating them!!
Join us for all the Christmas fun & fellowship!

THIS WEEK IN SUNDAY SCHOOL...we will be rehearsing for the Children's Christmas Service in the sanctuary! We will have rehearsals each Sunday at 9:30am until Sunday, December 11th. The Children's Christmas Service will be held Wednesday, December 13th, at 6:30pm.

FINANCES & FIRST-FRUITS' GIVING

Budgeted Church/School Income (Year to Date)	\$ 768,111
Actual Church/School Income (7/1/17-11/26/17)	\$ 676,694
Actual Church/School Expenses (7/1-11/26/17)	\$ 594,358
A difference of :	\$ 82,036
Budgeted Offering Target (Through Oct. 2017)	\$ 275,958
Actual Offering (Through October 2017)	\$ 297,644
A difference of:	\$ 21,686
November Target Offering	\$ 74,510
Needed Per Week	\$ 18,628
Actual Offerings in November (4 of 4 weeks)	\$ 64,612
Expansion Offering (November 25 & 26, 2017)	\$ 555
YTD Expansion Offering (July 1–Nov. 26)	\$ 26,493

Last Week's Attendance – November 25 & 26, 2017

Thanksgiving Worship Service	160
Saturday's Worship Service	102
Sunday Worship Services	238
Midweek Advent Service (Nov. 29)	101
Total Attendance Last Week	601
Sunday School	37
Adult Bible Classes	77

Offering Counters for December 3rd:

Susan Loomans, Liz Clark & Myrt White

Offering Counters for December 10th:

Susan Loomans, De White & Kathy Myers

LWML Ladies - We will be serving the Advent dinner on Dec. 13th and, of course, we are planning on pie. If you have not already signed up to provide a pie, but would like to, please call Pam Kercher (259-1820) or Myrt White (406-459-3500) and let us know. Thanks, Ladies!

CHURCH CHRISTMAS DECORATING

THIS Sunday, December 3, 1pm

We are looking for people to help us decorate the church this Christmas! Any and all help is greatly appreciated. Please just come to the church **THIS** Sunday at 1:00pm. With your help we will have everything we need to get the church ready for Christmas! If you have questions you can contact Jonathan Boll at 670-0124. Thank you!

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 17th 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.

TRINITY'S 100th ANNIVERSARY occurs in March, 2019. To help in preparing the history book for the anniversary, can anyone point us to the names of the charter members? Please contact Kenneth Kosche by email: kkosche@hotmail.com or leave a message at the church office. Thank you!

Yellowstone Park Winter Snow Coach Trip, Wrinkled Righteous Senior Group, Feb. 14-16.

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.

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 24th.) We will accept orders through December 17th. 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