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## THIS WEEK AT TRINITY December 30 & 31, 2017

*~First Sunday after Christmas ~*

Sunday	8 & 10:30am	Worship Services
	9:30am	Devotion and Fellowship in Fellowship Hall – for Adults and Children
	6:30pm	New Year's Eve Service with Communion
Monday	<b>New Year's Day!</b> <i>~Church Office Closed~</i>	
Tuesday	6:30pm	Christian Education Board Meeting – at the School
		Properties Board Meeting
		Youth Board Meeting
		Fellowship Board Meeting
Wednesday	<i>~Classes resume at Trinity Lutheran School~</i>	
	1:00pm	Visitation Guild Meeting
		Kitchen Guild Meeting
	2:15pm	Chapel at Trinity School
	6:30pm	FIRE Youth Group
Thursday	<i>~Departure Date for the Winter Cross Lake, Manitoba Trip – Returning Jan. 9<sup>th</sup>!~</i>	
	10:30am	Bible Class
	7:00pm	Adult Choir Practice
Saturday	5:00pm	Worship Service with Communion

*Knowing Christ and Making Him Known*

**THE ALTAR FLOWERS** are presented this week by Jim and Cam Browne in praise and thanksgiving for all the wonderful blessings received in 2017.

### ***SPECIAL PRAYERS THIS WEEK ARE FOR:***

Karianna Jinguji, Cindy Speed, Todd Hertz, Carl Solberg, Carl Herden, Vicki Daniels, Tristyn & Jen Shaw with the birth of their daughter Emma Noelle on Dec. 19<sup>th</sup>, Noah & Mary Pust with the birth of their baby boy Henry William on Dec. 23<sup>rd</sup>, and the 16 people traveling to Cross Lake from Jan. 4<sup>th</sup> thru 9<sup>th</sup>.

**RECEIVING THE BLESSINGS** of Holy Baptism on Sunday at the 10:30 service is Jaxon Adam Hatzell. Jaxon was born in Kauai, Hawaii on January 10, 2017 to Adam & Rosemary Hatzell. We welcome little Jaxon into God's family here at Trinity and pray the Holy Spirit will lead him and his family into a life of love and service to our Lord Jesus Christ unto life everlasting.

**THE 2018 FLOWER CHART** is hanging in the Narthex. The cost for flowers is \$20.00, and checks should be given to the Altar Guild – **made payable to Gainans**. To help the Altar Guild with their bookkeeping duties and to keep our account at Gainans current, **we are asking you to pay for your flowers when you sign up**. There is an envelope available for you to put your payment in. Please fill out the info on the front of the envelope and place it in the box marked 'Flowers.' 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 and 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.

**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!



**FINANCES & FIRST-FRUIT'S GIVING**

Budgeted Church/School Income (Year to Date)	\$ 907,767
Actual Church/School Income (7/1/17-12/25/17)	\$ 869,974
Actual Church/School Expenses (7/1-12/25/17)	\$ 798,258
A difference of :	\$ 71,716
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 (4 of 5 weeks)	\$ 112,099
Expansion Offering (December 24 & 25, 2017)	\$ 695
YTD Expansion Offering (July 1-Dec. 25)	\$ 34,264

**Last Week's Attendance – December 24 & 25, 2017**

Christmas Eve Worship Services	860
Christmas Day Worship Service	160
<b>Total Attendance Last Week</b>	<b>1,020</b>
Sunday School	No Classes Held
Adult Bible Classes	No Classes Held

**Offering Counters for December 31<sup>st</sup>:**

Susan Loomans, Liz Clark & Roxy Klundt

**Offering Counters for after the New Year's Eve**

**Service:** Sherrie Murray and Keith & Kathy Myers

**Offering Counters for January 7<sup>th</sup>:**

Sherrie Murray, Myrt White & Allie Hein

**HOPE NOTES** - Thank you to everyone who picked up a *Hope Note* information sheet the last couple weekends. Our mission team has identified 80 individuals who they would like to give a special note of encouragement to when they visit Cross Lake in January. And we still have a few names left on the table in the narthex! Will you take a few minutes to write a note to one of these people? **We will need the Hope Notes turned in by Jan. 2<sup>nd</sup>!**

**THE STAFF MEMBERS** of Trinity Lutheran Church and School wish to thank you so much for

your generous donations for their Christmas gifts this year. Each year, we are humbled by your kindness and generosity. "Thank You" doesn't seem like enough to say for the help these special gifts are to us at this time of year. What a blessing to be serving the Lord in a place that is filled with His faithful people. Your caring and support encourages each one of us as we continue to serve Him with you. Thank you so much!

The **1st-Year Confirmation Class** (7th or 8th graders) will have a 10-week course of study beginning January 10, 2018. Their study will center on an overview of the Bible, the Ten Commandments and the Lord's Supper. Letters have been sent out to potential members of this class, but if you know of someone we may have missed, please let them know about the class. Thank you!

**COFFEE PALS** – We are putting together a list of names of people in our congregation who would like to be a part of a new fellowship opportunity called “Coffee Pals.” If you are on the list, you will be able to call others on the list and invite them to your house for a visit and coffee or tea, or ask if you could come to their house for a visit, if they do not drive. You could also meet someone for lunch if you'd prefer. The goal of *Coffee Pals* is to provide an easy way for people at Trinity to get to know others and build friendships in a relaxed, one-on-one setting.

If you are interested in being a part of *Coffee Pals*, please call the church office or Karole Michel (652-2048 or [karolemichel@trinitybillings.org](mailto:karolemichel@trinitybillings.org)) and give us your name, phone number, and tell us if you still drive or not. The list of interested individuals will then be distributed to everyone who is a part of *Coffee Pals*. Come on – let's have coffee & visit!

**SENIOR PICKLE BALL** – The *Wrinkled Righteous* Senior Group is starting a Pickle Ball League for seniors 55 & above – meeting on Saturday and Sundays at 1pm at the Trinity School gym. 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).