

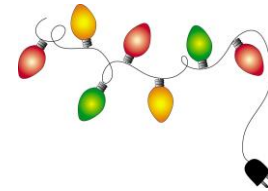


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THIS WEEK AT TRINITY December 9 & 10, 2017

~Second Sunday in Advent~

Sunday	8:00am	Trinity Worship Service (from prior week) airs on Community 7
	8 & 10:30am	Worship Services with Communion
	9:30am	Children's Christmas Service Rehearsal in the Sanctuary Adult Bible Classes Fellowship Hall: Rev. Doug Thompson – Presentation of the Mission in Africa Classroom by Sanctuary: Pastor Keinath – Sunday School for Parents
	Noon	Ladies' Christmas Luncheon & Ornament Exchange
	6:15pm	Senior "Christmas Lights" Trolley Tour
Monday		~Pastors' Circuit Meeting – In Trinity's Fellowship Hall~
	6:30pm	Evangelism Board Meeting
	7:00pm	Adult Instruction Class
Tuesday	9:00am	Quilting
	5:00pm	Trinity Worship Service (from prior week) airs on Community 7
	7:00pm	Ladies' Small Group
Wednesday	8:30am	Chapel at Trinity School
	5:00pm	Advent Dinner – Hosted by LWML
	6:30pm	Sunday School Christmas Service
	7:15pm	FIRE Youth Group
	8:45pm	College-age Bible Study – at TYM
Thursday	10:30am	Bible Study
	7:00pm	Adult Choir Practice
Friday	4:30-10pm	FIRE – Christmas Caroling & Ugly Sweater Party
Saturday	5:00pm	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, Kalen Anderson, Jami Shaw (B.J. & Stacie's sister-in law), Denis Kerby, Helen Kembel, Kurtis Cihak's sister Patricia, Lanette Christopherson, Charles Duenow, Tim Teachout, and Derek & Kayla Berube with the birth of their daughter, Blake, on Thanksgiving Day.

RECEIVING THE BLESSINGS of Holy Baptism on Saturday, Dec. 9, is Cecilia James Jares, born on October 27, 2017, to Benjamin & Jayme Jares. We welcome little Cecilia into God's family and pray the Holy Spirit would lead her and her family in

steadfast faith and a sincere love for God unto life eternal with Him.

OUR GUEST PREACHER on this weekend is 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, December 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 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!

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!

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)	\$ 803,025
Actual Church/School Income (7/1/17-12/3/17)	\$ 750,288
Actual Church/School Expenses (7/1-12/3/17)	\$ 675,455
A difference of :	\$ 74,833
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 (1 of 5 weeks)	\$ 20,587
Expansion Offering (December 2 & 3, 2017)	\$ 1,020
YTD Expansion Offering (July 1-Dec. 3)	\$ 27,513

Last Week's Attendance – December 2 & 3, 2017

Saturday's Worship Service	142
Sunday Worship Services	285
Midweek Advent Service (Dec. 6)	115
Total Attendance Last Week	542
Sunday School	50
Adult Bible Classes	100

Offering Counters for December 10th:

Susan Loomans, Deb White & Kathy Myers

Offering Counters for December 17th:

Ellen Gernant, Vivian Roberts & Barbara Nies

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!

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

THANK YOU!

Thank you to everyone who helped decorate the church for Christmas! We had a great turnout and some wonderful decorating & fellowship took place!
 Thank you for helping to make our church beautiful for Christmas!

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.

ROCK OF AGES – AT HOME! These toddlers and their moms meet the 4th 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. 19th at 9:30am. You are welcome to join us at the Tecca's!

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



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!