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THIS WEEK AT TRINITY January 13 & 14, 2018

~The Baptism of our Lord~

Sunday	8 & 10:30am	Worship Services with Communion
	9:30am	Sunday School & Adult Bible Classes Fellowship Hall – Pastor Rinderknecht – “Lord, Teach Us to Pray!” Classroom by the Sanctuary – Pastor Keinath – Sunday School for Parents
Monday	1:00pm	Church Christmas De-decorating! <i>Help would be so appreciated!</i>
	1:00pm	LWML Meeting
	6:30pm	Evangelism Board Meeting
Tuesday	7:00pm	Adult Instruction Class
	6:00am	Men’s Bible Study – at TYM Square
	9:00am	Quilting
Wednesday	7:00pm	Ladies’ Small Group – at TYM Square
	10:00am	Chapel & ‘Thank You, Trinity Church’ Event at Trinity School
	6:30pm	FIRE Youth Group 1 st -Year Confirmation Class
Thursday	10:30am	Bible Class
	7:00pm	Adult Choir Practice
Saturday	10am-1pm	FLICKER/FLAME Progressive Brunch
	5:00pm	Worship Service with Communion

Knowing Christ and Making Him Known

THE ALTAR FLOWERS are presented in praise and glory to God by Doug & Kris Miles in loving memory of Kris’ father, Carl C. Reiter, and her brother, Carl H. Reiter II.

SPECIAL PRAYERS THIS WEEK ARE FOR:

Karianna Jinguji, Carl Herden, Martha Wollenburg, Sol Kober, Derek Mohr, Rose Wyman, Barb Schulz, and Marilyn Heinemann.

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.’ Thanks!

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 brief **Voters’ Meeting and Bible Study at 9:30am on Sunday, January 28th**. You will also have the opportunity to nominate a District President and Vice President.

CHURCH CHRISTMAS DE-DECORATING! *THIS* Sunday, Jan. 14th at 1pm! The more the merrier and the faster we can get it all put away! Thank you!

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!

NEW CHURCH DIRECTORIES - If you had your picture taken (or submitted a picture) for the Church Directory, your copy can be found in the Fellowship Hall – on the tables with the 2018 offering envelopes. Please pick up your copy when

you get a chance. And if you didn't have a picture taken or submit one and would like a directory, we do have some extra copies in the church office you can get for \$5. *(If you don't have your name on a copy in the boxes in the Fellowship Hall and you did get your picture taken or submit one, please let Connie know in the church office, and we'll fix that!)*

FINANCES & FIRST-FRUIT'S GIVING

Budgeted Church/School Income (Year to Date)	\$ 977,595
Actual Church/School Income (7/1/17-1/7/18)	\$ 928,128
Actual Church/School Expenses (7/1/17-1/7/18)	\$ 846,777
A difference of :	\$ 81,351
Budgeted Offering Target (Through Dec. 2017)	\$ 491,772
Actual Offering (Through December 2017)	\$ 487,784
A difference of:	\$ -3,988
January Target Offering	\$ 64,604
Needed Per Week	\$ 16,151
Actual Offerings in January (1 of 4 weeks)	\$ 21,610
Expansion Offering (January 6 & 7, 2018)	\$ 1,010
YTD Expansion Offering (July 1-Jan. 7)	\$ 35,344

Last Week's Attendance – January 6 & 7, 2018

Saturday Worship Service	123
Sunday Worship Services	258
Total Attendance Last Week	381
Sunday School	58
Adult Bible Classes	97

Offering Counters for January 14th:

Ellen Gernant, Marge Pullmann & Liz Clark

Offering Counters for January 21st:

Carol Corder, Roxy Klundt & Barbara Nies

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!

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) 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!

LWML MEETING – The January meeting of the LWML will be held on Monday, January 15th, at 1pm. Pastor Rinderknecht will be leading the devotion and the Bible study: "A Man Called Martin," Part 3: *The Movement*, Session 1.

LENTEN SOUP SUPPERS - The 6 Lenten soup suppers will start February 14th already! Feb. 21st and 28th are the only dates spoken for so far. (Available dates include: Feb. 14, March 7, 14 & 21.) Please call the church office to get your Board or committee signed up in plenty of time!

WINTER WONDERLAND

Father-Daughter Dance

Saturday, January 20th, 6-9pm

Trinity Lutheran School Gym

Tickets \$15 (father & daughter)

\$5 for each additional daughter

Treats, Photo Booth & Prized!!

"Thank You!" As Rev. Bruce & Kathy Zagel headed out for their 1-year move to Wisconsin to serve as interim pastor, they wanted to say thanks to all those who came out to give them a hand with loading the truck on Tuesday morning, January 9th. They appreciated the help so much!

Mount Olive Lutheran School - 7th Annual Crusaders Feast Fundraiser at Montana Pavilion at Metra Park on Friday, February 2, 2018 at 6:00pm. Dinner will be catered by Outback Steakhouse and will begin at 6:30pm. Dinner tickets are \$15 each. You can purchase raffle tickets for a Smith & Wesson 686+ Pro Series .357Magnum Revolver (with wood grips & 2.5 inch barrel for conceal carry-\$1,000 value). Tickets are 1 for \$10 or 3 for \$25. Drawing to be held after the Feast. You do not have to be present at the Feast to win! Please see Donna Johns to purchase tickets now! Once again, we will have "Silent and Live Auctions and a Baked Goods Raffle." Come and enjoy the dinner or auctions or both.