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THIS WEEK AT TRINITY January 6 & 7, 2018

~The Epiphany of our Lord~

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| Sunday | <i>~Mite Box Sunday~</i> 8 & 10:30am Worship Services 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 | <i>Pastors’ Circuit Meeting – at Our Savior Lutheran in the Heights</i> 5:30pm Stewardship Board Meeting 7:00pm Adult Instruction Class |
| Tuesday | <i>~Return of Participants in the Manitoba Winter Trip~</i> 6:00am Men’s Bible Study – at TYM Square 9:00am Quilting 9:30am Rock of Ages – Toddler Bible Story Hour 6:00pm Cradle Roll Meeting 7:00pm Ladies’ Small Group – at TYM Square |
| Wednesday | 8:30am Chapel at Trinity School 6:30pm FIRE Youth Group 1 st -Year Confirmation Class Begins |
| Thursday | 10:30am Bible Class 6:00pm Parish Planning Council Meeting 7:00pm Adult Choir Practice |
| Saturday | 8am-6pm 1 st -Year Confirmation Retreat – at TYM Square 5:00pm Worship Service |

Knowing Christ and Making Him Known

THE ALTAR FLOWERS are presented in praise and glory to God in loving memory of Edith, wife of Harley Ketterling and mother of Tony, Tim & Bonnie.

SPECIAL PRAYERS THIS WEEK ARE FOR:

Karianna Jinguji, Todd Hertz, Carl Solberg, Carl Herden, Vicki Daniels, Martha Wollenburg, Sol Kober, the family of Bruce Howick who went home to heaven on Dec. 28th, the Manitoba team as they travel doing God’s work, and the family of baby Jocelynn Joy Galland, Darlene Zimmerman’s great-great niece & Dagny Hedin’s great-granddaughter.

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! 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-FRUITS' GIVING

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| Budgeted Church/School Income (Year to Date) | \$ 907,767 |
| Actual Church/School Income (7/1/17-12/31/17) | \$ 883,681 |
| Actual Church/School Expenses (7/1-12/31/17) | \$ 828,426 |
| A difference of : | \$ 55,255 |
| 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 (5 of 5 weeks) | \$ 125,629 |
| Expansion Offering (December 30 & 31, 2017) | \$ 70 |
| YTD Expansion Offering (July 1–Dec. 31) | \$ 34,334 |

Last Week's Attendance – December 30 & 31, 2017

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| Saturday Worship Service | 67 |
| Sunday Worship Services | 132 |
| New Year's Eve Worship Service | 51 |
| Total Attendance Last Week | 250 |
| Sunday School | No Classes Held |
| Adult Bible Classes | No Classes Held |

Offering Counters for January 7th:

Sherrie Murray, Myrt White & Allie Hein

Offering Counters for January 14th:

Ellen Gernant, Marge Pullmann & Liz Clark

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) 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 is the only date spoken for so far. (Available dates include: Feb. 14 & 28, March 7, 14 & 21.) Please call the church office to get your Board or committee signed up in plenty of time!

HOLDING OUT HOPE! As our team packed up to head north to Cross Lake on Thursday, it was extremely humbling to see the care and love expressed through the many, many *Hope Notes* that our Trinity Family wrote. Many of you also took the time to choose a special gift to go with your letter. Your involvement in the Manitoba Mission not only brings hope and encouragement to the people of Cross Lake, but to each of us who have the privilege of going and delivering your *Hope Notes*. Please keep us in your prayers as we travel and serve in the coming days. We thank God for your partnership in this ministry!

~The Winter Manitoba Mission Team