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THIS WEEK AT TRINITY November 25 & 26, 2017

~Last Sunday of the Church Year ~

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: Pastor Rinderknecht – Lessons on Lutheranism
		Classroom by Sanctuary: Pastor Keinath – Sunday School for Parents
Monday	7:00pm	Adult Instruction Class
Tuesday	9:00am	Quilting
	9:30am	Rock of Ages at Home – at the Teccas
	5:00pm	Trinity Worship Service (from prior week) airs on Community 7
	7:00pm	Ladies' Small Group
		Lay Ministry Board Meeting
Wednesday	8:30am	Chapel at Trinity School
	5:00pm	Advent Dinner – Hosted by the Fellowship Board
	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	Choir Practice
Saturday	5:00pm	Worship Service with Communion

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 Sharon Senn in loving memory of her sister, Dorothy; her aunts, Elsie & Gertrude; and her Uncle Bob.

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), and Denis Kerby.

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!

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

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 14th, at 6:30pm.**

FINANCES & FIRST-FRUITS' GIVING

Budgeted Church/School Income (Year to Date)	\$ 733,196
Actual Church/School Income (7/1/17-11/19/17)	\$ 676,694
Actual Church/School Expenses (7/1-11/19/17)	\$ 594,358
A difference of :	\$ 82,036
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Budgeted Offering Target (Through Oct. 2017)	\$ 275,958
Actual Offering (Through October 2017)	\$ 297,644
A difference of:	\$ 21,686
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November Target Offering	\$ 74,510
Needed Per Week	\$ 18,628
Actual Offerings in November (3 of 4 weeks)	\$ 45,299
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Expansion Offering (November 15 & 19, 2017)	\$ 600
YTD Expansion Offering (July 1–Nov. 19)	\$ 25,938

Last Week's Attendance – November 18 & 19, 2017

Saturday's Worship Service	111
Sunday Worship Services	305
Total Attendance Last Week	416
Sunday School	50
Adult Bible Classes	110

Offering Counters for November 26th:

Sherrie Murray, Marge Pullmann, Cheryl Wagenman
 & Allie Hein

Offering Counters for December 3rd:

Susan Loomans, Liz Clark & Myrt White

We will be updating the **MILITARY BANNER** in the narthex. If we are missing your name, please let me know at the church office. We will need to know the branch of service and the years you served. Thank you!

CHURCH DIRECTORY 8 x 10's – If you did not order any extra pictures, some of the free 8 x 10's are in the narthex! More will follow! Thank you!

ADVENT DINNERS start this week! (The first one is Wednesday, November 29th!) Wednesday, December 20th, is the only date still available if your Board or committee wants to sign up to host a dinner. Call the church office as soon as possible!

ADVENT DEVOTION BOOKLETS are now available for pick up. The devotions, beginning the first Sunday in Advent (December 3rd), are from the Lutheran Hour. This year's theme is "Love Came Down." What began in a humble manger stall in Bethlehem on Christmas morn, reached its zenith

when Jesus – child of Mary, Son of God – was crucified, died, and rose from the dead three days later. This is what God did for us; this is what happened when *love came down*. Check the basket in the narthex to get a copy of this special devotion booklet to guide you through this Advent season.

CHURCH CHRISTMAS DECORATING

Sunday, December 3, 1pm

We are looking for people who would help us decorate the church this Christmas! We need a couple of coordinators who will be in charge – and also some helpers. All the decorations are already here – we just need people to put them up! Please call the church office if you can help or if you'd like to be one of the coordinators (or indicate your willingness to help in the red *Record of Fellowship* book). 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.

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 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 at the service, and the Lay Ministers will not have to try to find ushers at the service. Thank you for your help!

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, November 28th at 9:30am. You are welcome to join us at the Tecca's!