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THIS WEEK AT TRINITY – November 26 & 27, 2022

First Sunday in Advent

- Sunday: 8:00am & 10:30am Worship Services with Communion
9:30am Sunday School & Adult Bible Class
- Monday: 11-1pm Youth Lunch at TYM with CLDI
7:00pm Adult Class
- Tuesday: 9:00am Quilting
7:00pm Elder's Meeting
7:00pm Bible Study led by Rev. Dr. Bruce Zagel
- Wednesday: 8:30am Chapel at TLS
5:00pm Advent Dinner
6:30pm Advent Worship
- Thursday: 10:30am Bible Study
6:00pm Council Meeting
6:30pm Choir Rehearsal
- Saturday: 5:00pm Worship Service with Communion
- Sunday: **MITE BOX SUNDAY**
8:00am & 10:30am Worship Services
9:30am Sunday School & Adult Bible Class

ADVENT DEVOTION BOOKLETS

are now available for pick up. Check the basket in the narthex or by the church offices.

Knowing Christ and Making Him Known

THE ALTAR FLOWERS are given in praise and glory to God by Linda Kesler in memory of Ron.

SPECIAL PRAYERS THIS WEEK ARE FOR:

Sharla Arend, George Baker (Mark & Susie Wollenburg's grandson), Maylin Bell, Tim Buechler (Bob Locke's cousin), Katie Cardillo, Cateleya Castanon (granddaughter of Mary Uecker), Marilyn Fischer (Sue Hayes' mom), Walter & Betty Flechsig (Linda's parents), Janet Gurney, Zelena Halcrow, Brittney Hatzell, Beverly Hoose, Keith Johnson, Harley Ketterling, Sonja Kober, Dee Krohn, Don Kunkel, Tami Larson, Don Leikam, Garry Leikam, J.C. Modde (John Modde's son), John Modde, Kinsley Murri (Rod & Phyllis Myers' granddaughter), Ginny Oriolia (friend of Bev Hoose), Joyce Platzkow, Tom Runge, Julie Seiffert and Grace Swift.

CHURCH CHRISTMAS DECORATING

Sunday, November 27th at 1pm

Come and help us get the church looking great for Christmas! Festive music, hot cocoa, and time with fellow members will be a part of the fun. It won't take long with your helping hands! Thank you!

HELP US DECORATE THE ALTAR for the Christmas season by ordering your poinsettias now! The cost of each poinsettia is \$11.00 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 the weekend of December 24th & 25th. We will accept orders through December 18th. 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

LWML GIFTS OF LOVE SERVICE:

All women, young and old, are invited to the annual LWML Gifts of Love Service and Buffet on Sunday, December 4th at 4:00 p.m. at Mount Olive Lutheran Church. A finger food buffet will be provided in the Fellowship Hall after the service. Please come and bring a friend!

FINANCES & FIRST-FRUITS' GIVING

Budgeted Church/School Income (Year to Date)	\$ 971,105
Actual Church/School Income (11/20/2022)	\$ 1,033,670
Actual Church/School Expenses (11/20/2022)	\$ 880,773
A difference of:	\$ 152,897
Budgeted Offering Target (July 2022-Oct 2022)	\$ 288,532
Actual Offering (July 2022-Oct 2022)	\$ 268,184
A difference of:	\$ -20,348
Weekly Offering Goal – November, 2022	\$ 18,073
Actual Offerings in November (3 of 4 weeks)	\$ 43,396

Last Week's Attendance – November 19 & 20, 2022

Saturday Worship Service	59
Sunday Worship Services	233
Total Attendance Last Weekend	292
Sunday School	51
Adult Bible Class	53

Offering Counters for November 27th

Ellen Gernant, Roxy Klundt, and Myrt White

Offering Counters for December 4th

Susan Loomans and Liz Kercher

Ushering help for Special Services at Christmas time

For the multiple services on Saturday, December 24, Christmas Eve (2:00, 4:00, & 6:00 p.m.), ushers have not yet been scheduled. 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 assure that we will have ushers at the service and Elders will not have to be trying to find ushers. Thank you for your help in getting these services covered. The special services for Christmas Day and New Year's Eve have ushers scheduled as part of regular schedules.

Yellowstone Valley Lutherans for Life is having their final 2022 meeting on **Tuesday, Nov. 29th at Mt. Olive Lutheran Church beginning at 4:30 pm with a potluck meal following.** There's nothing like a good ole' LPM (Lutheran Potluck Meal) to bring fellowship among our local brothers and sisters in Christ as we share God's love for life and ways to be His hands and feet for others in need. For our 2023 Meeting schedule, please see our Fall Newsletter available at your home congregation. Questions? Contact Angie Ebel at yvlf1331@gmail.com or 575-791-7139.

THANKSGIVING THANK YOU!

Thank you to everyone who contributed to the Thanksgiving Basket Drive. Because of your generosity we were able to bless 30 families!



Advent Services

Wednesday, November 30

5:00pm Advent Dinner - Hosted by LWML
6:30pm Advent Worship Service

Wednesday, December 7

5:00pm Advent Dinner - Hosted by Fellowship
6:30 p.m. Advent Worship Service

Wednesday, December 14

5:00pm Advent Dinner - Hosted by the Youth
6:30 p.m. Sunday School Christmas Program

Saturday, December 24, Christmas Eve

Christmas Eve Candlelight Worship Services
2:00, 4:00 & 6:00pm

Sunday, December 25

10:00am Christmas Day Service (with Communion)

Saturday, December 31

5:00pm New Year's Eve Service (with Communion)

Sunday, January 1

8:00am and 10:30am services

Voters' Meeting Recap

On Sunday, November 20, Trinity's Voters came together to discuss our upcoming Senior Pastor vacancy and how this impacts our long-range planning process. It was our prayer that the Lord would give us clear direction on how to proceed with the planning process, and He certainly did. Those present voiced strong support for immediately moving forward with our long-range planning. A planning committee will be formed and we will prayerfully consider the ministry that the Lord is calling us to in the next 5-10 years. We will also look at what is needed to pursue our mission, including specific activities, staffing and facilities. There will be several opportunities for our members to provide input and feedback along the way. Also, the Board of Elders is currently forming a call committee to address our upcoming pastoral vacancy. In January President Forke will facilitate a meeting with our congregation to discuss the call process. We encourage your prayers and participation in these discussions during the coming months!