

TrinityLutheranChurch
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Those Serving our Congregation in December, 2023

Altar Guild

Jan Schmidt
Joan Oliver

Ushers

Stan Cook
Tim Troup

Elder on Duty

Available Elder

Trustee on Duty

Blake Oliver

Acolytes

T.J. Jerrell Katarina Oliver
Montgomery Grace Troup
MacKinzie Moore

Aden Montgomery Anderson
Avery Troup Caleb Troup

Sunday

12-3-2023

Counting Team

Joan Oliver
Tessa Oliver
Kathy Hutchison
Donna Mullins
Del Weinhold
Donita Tressner & Jan Schmidt
Stan & Sue Cook
Charlotte Dole & Kathy Wahlstrom

Liturgical Color

Blue

Blue

Blue

White

White

AV Team

Jan Schmidt

Del Weinhold

Stan Cook

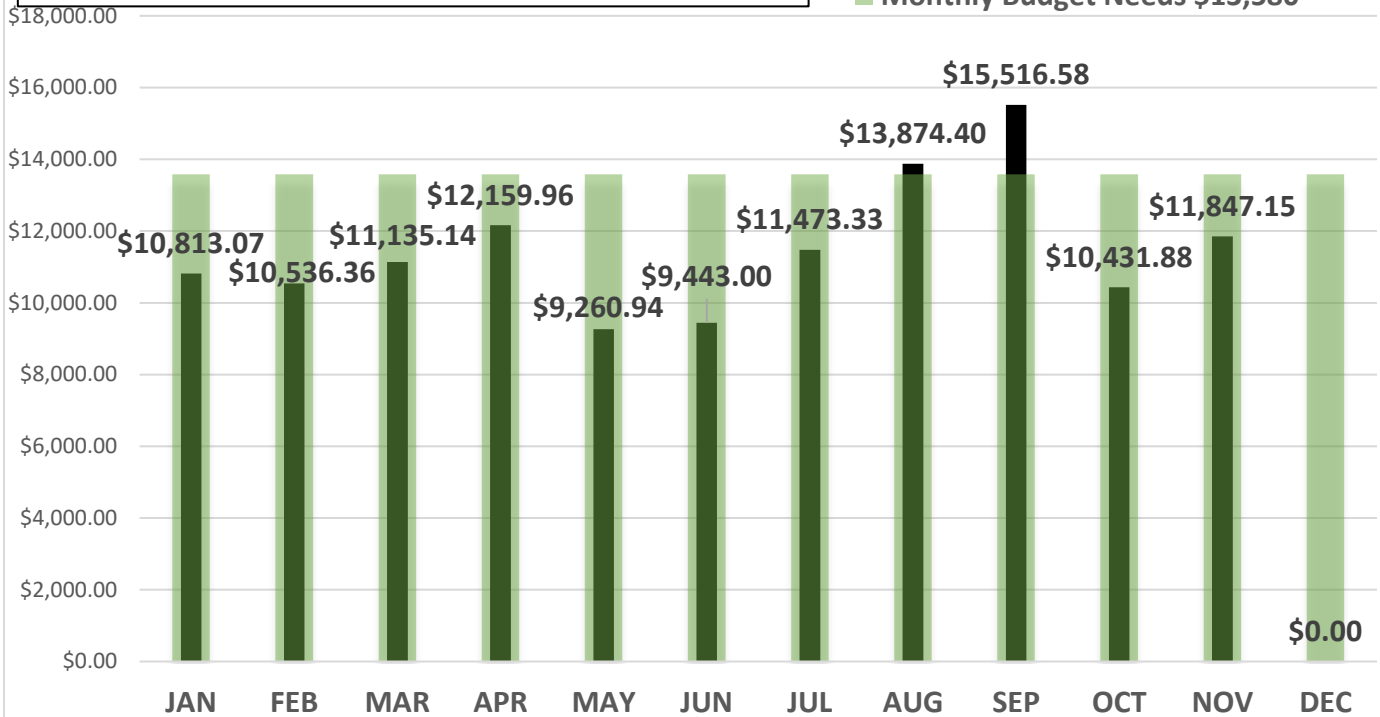
Terri Schmitt

Rotate

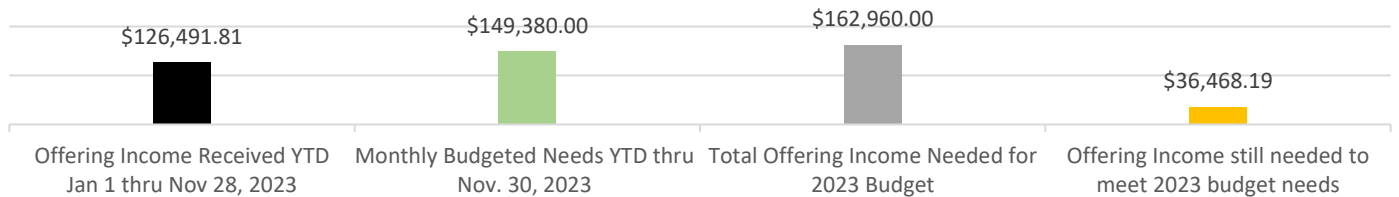
OUR CHURCH'S
FINANCIAL
Summary

2023 Monthly Offering Report Jan 1- Nov 28, 2023

■ Total Monthly Offerings
■ Monthly Budget Needs \$13,580



2023 Overall Summary



Trinity Lutheran Church Giving year to date Jan 1-Nov. 28, 2023		2023 totals
Loose Plate Offerings		\$3,067.55
Member Offerings-Envelope & E-giving		\$118,222.20
Special Offerings for Helping Hands		\$1,117.00
Special Offerings for Sunday School & Bible Study		\$1,026.81
Special Offerings for St. Paul High School		\$760.00
Special Offerings for Radio Ministry		\$500.00
Memorial Offerings		\$715.00
Anonymous Groups Offerings		\$1,083.25
Total		\$126,491.81
Cumulative "Budget Needs Met?" through Nov 28, '23		-\$22,888.19

Please direct any questions you may have to Terri Schmitt, Financial Chairperson

We enjoyed a great **'Reformation Celebration'** on Sunday, Oct. 29th, 2023 that included;

- Potluck lunch with a German/Reformation theme
- Reformation Polka-Live performance by Pastor David and Youth Group, that included a sing along and dance
- Reformation Skit performed by our Youth Group-they did a great job!!!!
 - Martin Luther played by Aiden Merrill
 - Tetzel played by Ayden Montgomery
 - Monk played by Caleb Troup
 - Townspeople and singers played by Katarina Oliver, TJ, and Henry Bass
 - Friends telling the story- Andersen Montgomery, Avery Troup, Grace Troup, Merideth Bass, Evangeline Bass



Oct. 22, '23-The Youth Group and families enjoyed pizza together and practiced their Reformation skit



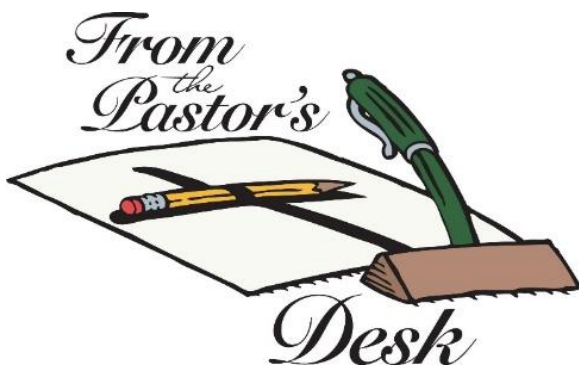
Oct. 29, '23- We enjoyed great food and fellowship as we celebrated the Reformation! Pastor David even played the accordion as we sang and danced to the

Trinity Times

December, 2023

Mission Statement

**To grow in faith in the Triune God, we teach and study God's Word,
receive the Sacraments and serve as a joyful witness to believers
and unbelievers.**



Romans 8:35-39

35 Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or danger, or sword? 36 As it is written, "For your sake we are being killed all the day long; we are regarded as sheep to be slaughtered." 37 No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. 38 For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, 39 nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Here's a true story that actually made the rounds a few years ago. It's about a bear that was walking along the road, and decided to stay with the road and cross over a bridge. When a vehicle came barreling toward him, he

miraculously made it over the side rail of the bridge. And even more miraculously, he managed to hold on. He then pulled himself up a bit, to a small opening in the understructure... and seeing no solution to his problem, he laid down there.

He was in some real trouble. Some people saw what had happened, and they sprang into action. First they went to a supply store and got some very heavy duty netting and ample rope. Then they rigged up a net beneath the bear. Then, animal control was called and they shot a tranquilizer dart into the bear, and the bear relaxed even more and fell down into the net... a net which actually held. Then, slowly, gently, all the ropes began to be lowered, with the sleeping bear inside. And, finally, when the net was down, they opened it up on the ground.

Then, they simply waited for the bear to wake up and walk away.

The first question I have for you today is: Has your life ever gotten to the point where all you could do is just hold on tight and wonder... how on earth did I get here? How did my life get to this point? Have you ever been tempted to despair... to think that you are alone... to be utterly fearful at the realization that: You. Are. Not. Enough? And second, have you ever met someone else whose life was in that season?

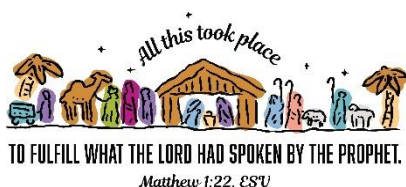
And first, we'll consider the rescuers: leaping into action, purchasing, setting up, enacting the best plan they could come up with. Sometimes God solves problems through people using the gifts God has given them. And, when we see someone in need, by all means... we help. We spring into action and use whatever we've been given to help that person. And even if we're the ones in trouble, we've been given gifts by God, to use as we are able.

But the thing we've got to remember is that there are always problems that are simply too big for us. And of course the biggest of these are sin and death. And it's then that we realize our position is really much like the bear; there is absolutely nothing we can do. No matter how strong we are. No matter how well-prepared we are. No matter how much wealth or ability we have. No matter how many friends we've got. The situation is literally hopeless.

And then, God sends help: His Son, to take the death coming for us! To die in our place. To do what we could not... which is, face death... and win! Our helps come in a resurrection our Savior will bring us all the way through... because he's been through it himself already!

And so, the morning will come when we open our very real eyes and step out of the last net this world ever throws on us... into daylight the likes of which we've never seen... into air the likes of which we've never breathed... with arms and legs, eyes and ears, body and soul that will never end... in the presence of the Savior, who came humbly to a manger in Bethlehem, who lived, who died, and who rose for us.

Pastor Jeremy May



Our Mighty Mites

**November - \$118.00 Missouri District
December – Park Hills Food Bank**

We will meet at Presbyterian Manor for Marlene's birthday on December 9th, at 3:30pm.

"Serve the Lord with Gladness"

Ps. 100:2



**Advent Services – Sunday at 4pm with
Potluck to follow.**

Christmas Eve Service – 6:30pm



VBS DIRECTOR(S) POSITION



The VBS Director position is open for 2024. I have compiled a thorough list of the responsibilities of the Director. The duties could be shared by two or more individuals. I am more than willing to help with decoration plans, and the setting up of decorations. I will also be available to answer any questions that may arise. Let me know by the end of December if you are interested in the position.

Sue Cook
Director of Children's Education



Matt Nickelson	12-2
Melissa Hays Meyer	12-3
Marlene Hedgcorth	12-8
Adam Froidl	12-9
Jan Faskell	12-10
Steve Rion	12-12
Mackinzie Moore	12-16
Grace Troup	12-16
Toni Pepper	12-17
Renee Schauptert	12-18
Kaylon Haefner	12-18
Michelle Whitehead	12-19
Mary Storz	12-20
Steven Jones	12-26
Richard Faskell	12-29
Michelle Jones	12-29
Caleb Troup	12-30
Katie Hillis	12-31



Fred and Polly Schwab
12-12

Jesse and Melissa Hillis
12-28



STEWARDSHIP



Time ♦ Talent ♦ Treasure

The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod

The Measure of Our Generosity

If you open up the Small Catechism, you'll find a shortened version of the Third Commandment: "Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy." But if you look up the list of the Ten Commandments in Exodus, you'll find the full version:

Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy. Six days you shall labor, and do all your work, but the seventh day is a Sabbath to the LORD your God. On it you shall not do any work, you, or your son, or your daughter, your male servant, or your female servant, or your livestock, or the sojourner who is within your gates. For in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, and rested on the seventh day. Therefore the LORD blessed the Sabbath day and made it holy. (Ex. 20:8–11)

Why did Luther shorten this commandment for the Small Catechism? Was it so that the kids wouldn't have so much to memorize? No, it was because Luther knew that all the details of the Third Commandment were part of the "shadow" of the Old Testament (Col. 2:16). Or as St. Paul puts it, there is "letter" in the Old Testament law and "spirit" (2 Cor. 3:6). The details of not working on Saturday were fulfilled by Christ. That part of the Sabbath regulation no longer applies. But the spirit of the law does remain: We need to dedicate sufficient time each week to hearing God's Word and giving it honor and respect. Or as Luther

sums it up in the Small Catechism's explanation to the Third Commandment: "We should fear and love God so that we do not despise preaching and His Word but hold it sacred and gladly hear and learn it."

The same sort of analysis applies to our giving. In the Old Testament, God commanded the Israelites to give a tenth of their income to the Levites so that those men could dedicate their lives to serving in God's house, teaching the people, conducting worship, etc. In the New Testament, there is a rigid requirement listed about handing in your tax forms to church to make sure you've given enough. But the mandate to have a full-time ministry, which is the spirit of that law concerning tithing to the Levites, is right there in 1 Corinthians 9:14: "The Lord has ordained that those who preach the Gospel should make their living from the Gospel."

The New Testament church's job is significantly larger than the job of Old Testament Israel. We are commanded to preach the Gospel to all nations. There was only the temple to maintain in the Old Testament, but we have churches, schools, universities and seminaries, plus missionaries everywhere. So you tell me: Can we really undertake the work of the ministry if our giving doesn't even measure up to Old Testament levels of generosity? LCMS Stewardship Ministry: lcms.org/stewardship



November Church Statistics

Date	Worship	Bible Study
11-5-2023	46	18
11-7-2023	7	--
11-12-2023	36	18
11-19-2023	40	22
11-21-2023	??	--
11-22-2023	10	--
11-26-2023	40	18

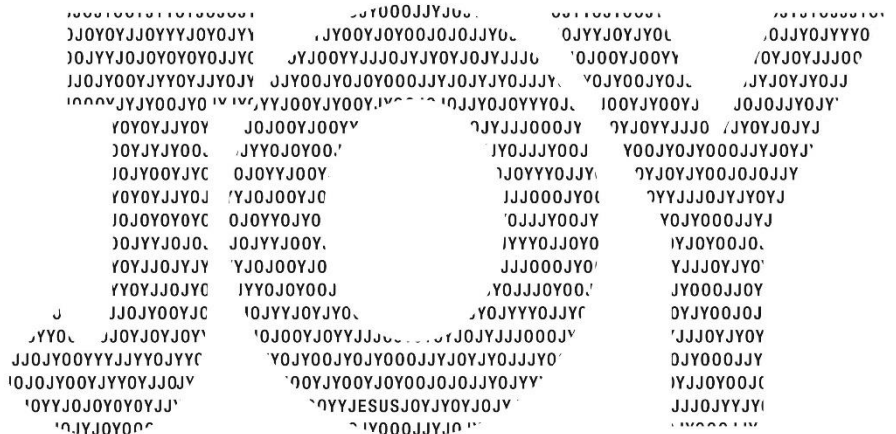


PUZZLE

Joy to the
WORLD

In Luke 2:10, the angels share good news that continues to bring great joy today.

Directions: Circle all the complete small “joy” words — forward only. Count the total. Bonus: See if you can find “Jesus” amid all the joy!

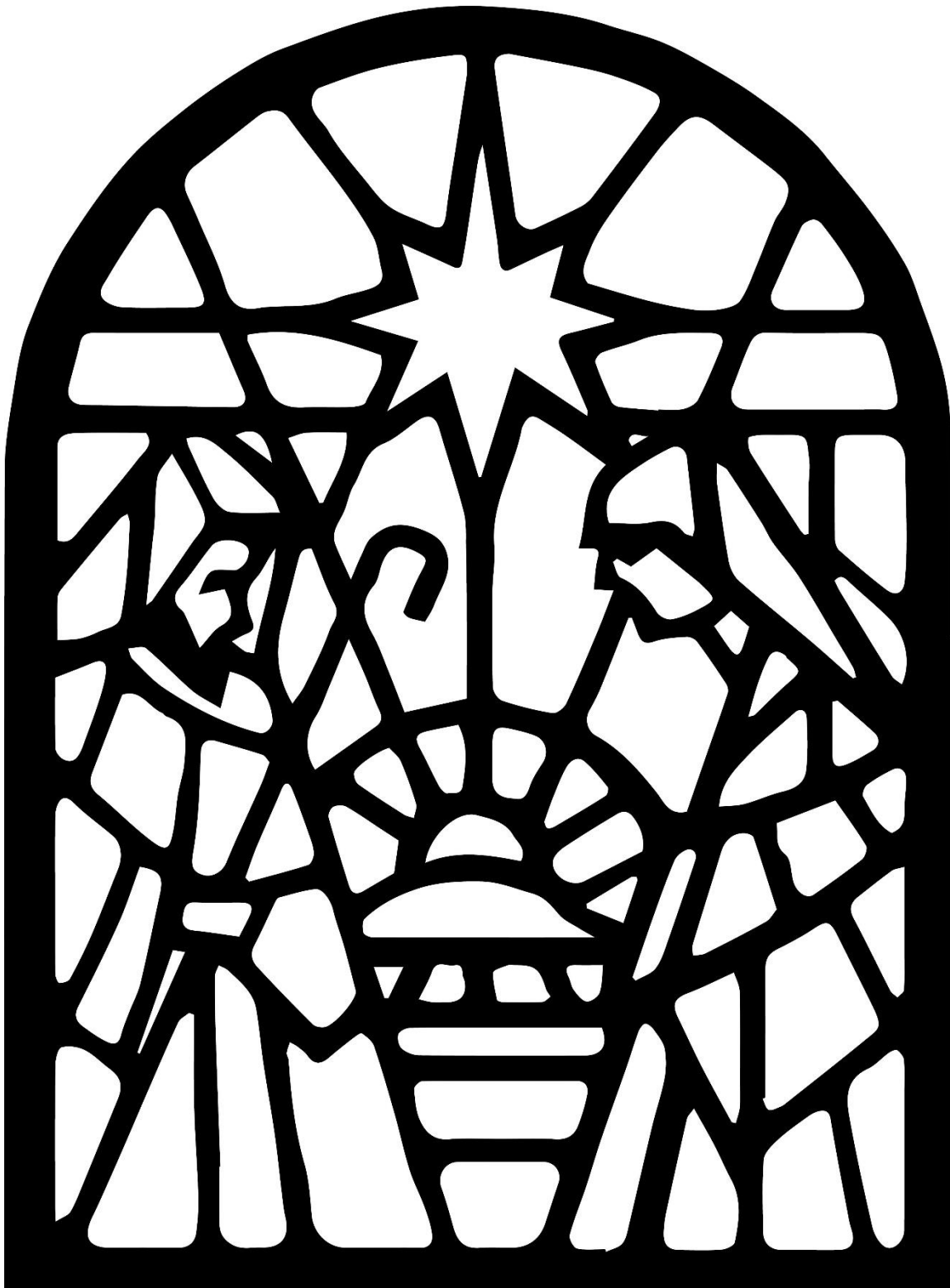


TOTAL JOY=_____

Answer: 36 (10 in the J, 15 in the O, 11 in the Y); Jesus is at the bottom of the large O

of the large O

Color the picture



For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, which is Christ the Lord. And this shall be a sign unto you; Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger. Luke 2:11