

TrinityLutheranChurch
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Those Serving our Congregation in January, 2024

Altar Guild

Donita Tressner
Carol Turner-Smith

Ushers

Duane Giesselmann Mike Montgomery
Gary Oliver

Elder on Duty

Trustee on Duty

Norman Feltmann

Acolytes

T.J. Jerrell	Katarina Oliver	Aden Montgomery	Anderson
Montgomery Grace Troup		Avery Troup	Caleb Troup
MacKinzie Moore			

Sunday

1-7-2024

Counting Team

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

Liturgical Color

White

Green

Green

Green

AV Team

Jan Schmidt

Del Weinhold

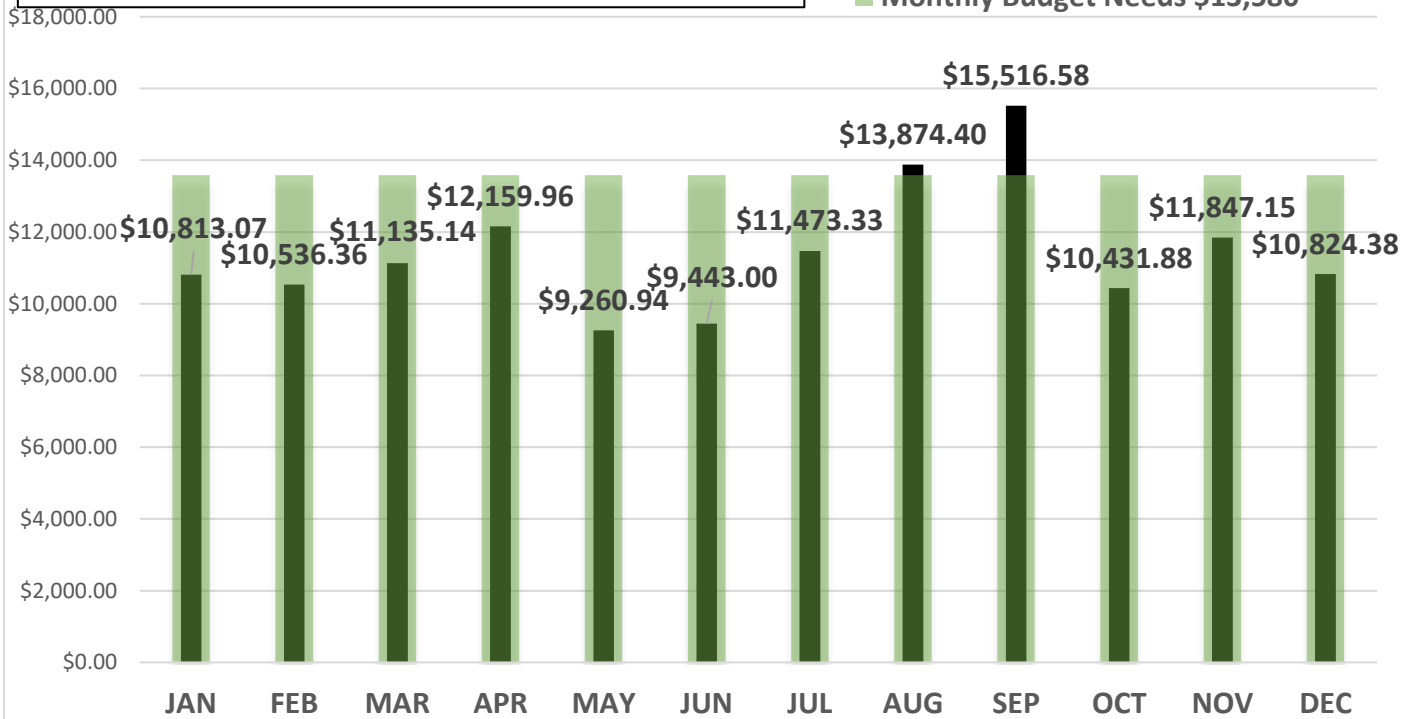
Stan Cook

Terri Schmitt

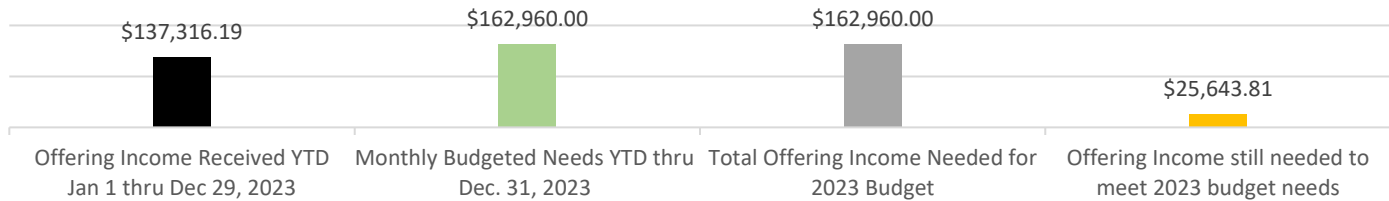
OUR CHURCH'S
FINANCIAL
Summary

2023 Monthly Offering Report Jan 1- Dec 29, 2023

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



2023 Overall Summary



Trinity Lutheran Church Giving year to date Jan 1-Dec 29, 2023	2023 totals
Loose Plate Offerings	\$3,334.55
Member Offerings-Envelope & E-giving	\$128,514.58
Special Offerings for Helping Hands	\$1,197.00
Special Offerings for Sunday School & Bible Study	\$1,100.81
Special Offerings for St. Paul High School	\$760.00
Special Offerings for Radio Ministry	\$500.00
Memorial Offerings	\$715.00
Anonymous Groups Offerings	\$1,194.25
Total	\$137,316.19
Cumulative "Budget Needs Met?" through Dec 29, '23	-\$25,643.81

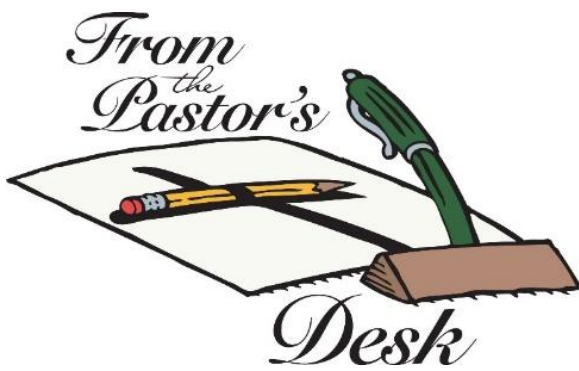
Please direct any questions you may have to Terri Schmitt, Financial Chairperson

Trinity Times

January, 2024

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.



“Now I want you to know, brothers, that what has happened to me has really served to advance the gospel. As a result, it has become clear throughout the whole palace guard and to everyone else that I am in chains for Christ.” Philippians 1:12.

We hear Paul write about suffering and we see ample evidence of it in our own lives. It's not easy. We know that. And we've heard a lot about how we deal with suffering as people who believe in Jesus. Make no mistake, sometimes life is really hard and sometimes we have a great deal of trouble handling it. My intention is not to belittle anyone's pain. Rather, I'd like to talk about something a little different.

Sometimes, we *are* more than willing to bear the punishment or the cost or the embarrassment. Sometimes we claim that

we *are* more than willing to be the one who suffers through a situation. In fact, sometimes it makes us feel better about ourselves. It's as if we're saying with a grimaced smile, "Look, Lord, I'm willing to suffer! See how bad things are for me because of my faith in you? But I trust you!" Do we really?

Until it gets personal, we don't always think about *why* we are suffering. Does a non-believing spouse or family member give you grief over coming to church? Do your friends give you a hard time and snidely say, "This is Christianity?" Why do they do that? Is there a certain nobility in suffering for Christ? Absolutely; Jesus said that we who follow him shouldn't expect the world to treat us any better than it treated him. But when we get trouble from "the world" (that is, some abstract notion of "those people," who live "out there"), it's *one* thing. When we get it from loved ones, it's entirely different.

Because we know such people the best, we don't always like to look closely at them. When we do, we see *why* their frustration comes out... why they act this way. They do it because, believe it or not, *you* are not the only one who suffers for your faith. *They* are feeling effects of your faith.

They are bearing the burden, too. From their perspective, *their* lives are filled with more obstacles than they otherwise would have to face if they didn't have to deal with *you*, the "Christian of the group." When we come to *that* realization, what do we do?

I can give you one course of action that I have tried personally: Just don't *ever* bring up God... for the sake of peace in the relationship. When conversing, simply avoid the topic of religion altogether. It works. At least for a while. But it always seems to reappear. People need comfort. People need consolation. People need hope. It is only natural when this happens to those we care about, that we would run to the place where we find these things in abundance.

After any length of time, *not* talking about God is going to require us to go out of our way. And we don't want to ask the honest question of ourselves: Is completely cutting Christ out, for the sake of peace, something that actually helps our loved ones? Or course, it's not. Which is probably why he makes it so difficult. For those who believe, it takes far more effort to *stop* talking about him. And *then* even more energy is spent as we agonize about our loved one who just doesn't *get* it yet.

Now we get to the crux of the matter. *Sometimes*, we believers don't take much issue with the current measure of suffering in our lives. But we *hate* to be the ones *causing* it in the lives of our family and friends. We hate to see the pain, fear, doubt, or (more likely) just plain annoyance in their eyes... while we talk about Jesus, or God, or church.

We need to remember that one of the purposes of God's Law is to remind us how much we need Him. It is to remind us *exactly* how dead we are! If God's Law is working on us in this way, it's *never* a pleasant

experience... for you, *or* for your loved ones. But the Law kills us... all so that the good news of Jesus Christ can bring us to *life*, real life. Trust Him. Tell others. God's got it all under control. Paul thought so: "I consider that our present sufferings are not worth *comparing* with the glory that will be revealed in us" (Romans 8:18).

Invite them to come. If you already have, *keep* inviting. Don't get discouraged. God still has so much *mercy and life* to give.

Pastor Jeremy May



Our Mighty Mites

**December –\$69.00 Park Hills Food Bank
January - Missouri District**

"Serve the Lord with Gladness"

Ps. 100:2



Darren Martin	1-3
Luke (Schmitt) Marshall	1-5
James Schmidt	1-6
Ava Montgomery	1-12
Debrah Haefner	1-12
Darren Ellis	1-13
David Schmitt	1-13
Pastor Jeremy May	1-14
Robert Gibson	1-15

Terri Schmitt	1-16
Sue Cook	1-19
Dawn Spell	1-22
Jan Streckfuss	1-24
Jovie (Schmitt) Marshall	1-29
Tim Troup	1-29
Erin Gibson	1-31
Lana Gibson	1-31
Tom Wahlers	1-31



James and Karen Poth
1-3

Michael and Tennille Montgomery
1-19



The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod

The Chief Stewards of Humanity: Mom and Dad

St. Paul tells the Ephesians that the first commandment with a specific promise attached to it is, “Honor your father and mother so that it may go well with you, and you may live long in the land” (Eph. 6:2). This promise is one indication of the importance of this commandment. The other thing that highlights the special nature of

this commandment is its placement within the Ten Commandments.

The Ten Commandments are clearly organized in two big categories. The first three commandments deal with our relationship with God. This category is called the First Table of the Law. The last seven commandments, the Second Table of the Law, tell us how we should relate to other people. These two tables correspond to what Jesus calls the two greatest commandments: “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind,” and “You shall love your neighbor as yourself” (Matt. 22:37–39).

The order of the Second Table of the Law is also important. Murder is a greater sin than adultery, which is a greater sin than stealing, or lying, or coveting. But why is the Fourth Commandment first in the Second Table, ahead of “you shall not murder”? Is disobeying your parents really worse than murder? Or maybe we should give up on thinking these commandments are ordered?

The overall effect of this order is to get us to see our parents as a connection point between our neighbors and our God. Throughout our upbringing our father and mother stand between us and God and deliver His gifts to us: God clothes us, feeds us, protects us and teaches His Word to us through our parents.

So, parents have a very high calling from God. They are called to be stewards of the greatest gift: the gift of life.

Parenting thus gives us a keen insight into all our stewardship. Parents know that they have been given a great treasure in their children, a treasure that does not belong to

them, yet for which they feel a great deal of responsibility. Truth be told, every gift we have been given is like this, because everything we have — whether our own personal skills and powers or our wealth and time — is all from God. He entrusts it all to us so that we can use it all and take care of it all for His great purposes.

LCMS Stewardship Ministry: lcms.org/stewardship



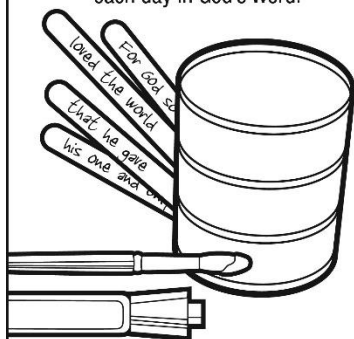
December Church Statistics

Date	Worship	Bible Study	Advent/Eve
12-3-2023	40	25	27
12-5-2023	??	--	--
12-10-2023	49	24	20
12-17-2023	62	15	26
12-19-2023	??	--	--
12-24-2023	41	24	??
12-31-2023	45	23	--



WAKE-UP WORDS

Play this memory game to start each day in God's Word.



What you need:

- Paint and paint brushes
- Stickers
- An empty, clean tin can
- Permanent marker
- Bible
- Wooden craft sticks

What you do:

1. Paint and decorate the outside of the can.
2. With marker, write a Bible verse on several sticks (only two or three words per stick).
3. Put the sticks in the can, and set it in a spot you'll see daily. As you eat or brush your teeth, practice unscrambling the verse and placing sticks in the correct order.
4. When you've memorized the verse, repeat with a new one.



THE LORD WILL PROTECT

God always watches over us, during good times and bad.



Directions: Connect the dots, according to the instructions below. Then use the resulting word to complete the Bible verse.

Start at 19. Draw from 19-18, 18-17. 47-62, 62-77. 22-21, 21-20. 50-51. 82-81, 81-80, 80-65, 65-50, 50-35, 35-20. 24-38, 38-53. 24-40, 40-55. 17-32. 47-48. 32-47. 26-41, 41-56, 56-71, 71-86. 56-57, 57-58. 55-54, 54-53, 53-68, 68-83. 55-70, 70-85. 58-43. 57-73, 73-88. 43-28, 28-27, 27-26.

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>> "So do not __ __ __ __ , for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God." Isaiah 41:10, NIV <<

Answer: fear

