

Please pray for...

Our Church Family: Week of 11/17/24—Carol Dohrmann, 11/10/24—Tom Mount 11/3/24—Dick Vercrusse, Elaine Johnson, Cherie Loomis, wife of Forest Burke, 10/27/24—The Mayer family, Judy Stratton, 10/20/24—Dan Long



Our friends and relatives: Week of 11/17/24—Chris Bingaman, Patricia May, Gene Symak, Billy Kerzelis, Teresa Cornell, Ruth Warwick, Yvonne Cambray, Aaron, Noah and Jacob Mendez, Mary Roberts, Kathy and Ernest Stem, John Schwerdtfeger and all veterans living and deceased 11/3/24—Stephanie Kerzelis, Billy Nippers 10/27/24—Robin Mielke, Ursula Fitzner 10/20/24— the family of Donna Conard Reinl, the family of Raymond E. Hall, Cindy Overton, John Washburne, John Schwerdt Feger, Jimmy Kerzelis, Angie Picatagi 10/13/24— Shirley Zink, who has entered hospice, Darrell Sterzinger, Kenya Hinson, those who perished or experienced loss due to the hurricanes and to those who have helped during this time of need

Ongoing church family, friends and relatives: Lori Allen, Peggy Torgerson, Mary Ann Kraft, Diane Massa, Jackie Walsh, Ed Palmer, Joan Forreidor, Fred & Ruth Eskuri, Sharon Faulkner, Mary Lou Burke, Carolyn Chamberlain, Doreen Panyard, Mona Argentini, Larry Thomas, Dietmar and Norma Bennett, Jon Dickey, Margot Simmons, Sean Costa, Don Randolph, Karen Smith, Audrey Stamps, Piper Jandola, Margo Kiepert, Amy Meyer, Annette Morden, Frances Fenwick, Carol Civitella

In Hospice care: Becky Burrows, Elaine Dougan

Please also pray for our Homebound members, Ministry of Faith Preparatory School, Ministry of Valerie's House, Ministry of Tender Hearts, all who serve in the military and their families, all law enforcement officers and first responders.

Thankfulness is
the beginning of
gratitude.
Gratitude is the
completion of
thankfulness.
Thankfulness may
consist merely
of words. Gratitude
is shown in acts.



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WELCOME TO WORSHIP! We are glad YOU are here!

Are You a Visitor or Guest? We welcome you in the name of our risen Savior and we rejoice that you are here today to praise God with us. Please complete a **CONNECTION CARD** in your pew. Either place it in the offering plate or give it to one of our pastors so we can serve you better.

Holy Communion—We believe that Christ is present in this meal freely given to all who are baptized. Please approach the altar as directed. Receive the host and then dip the host (*gluten free wafers are available for the asking*) into either the red wine or the white grape juice and eat, or place the host in your mouth then pick up a cup of either the red wine or the white grape juice and drink. Deposit your empty cup in the basket at the end of the line. All children are invited to come forward for a blessing if they do not normally receive communion. Return to your seat (or pause at the altar) for a time of prayer. If you are unable to come to the altar and would like communion in your pew, please let an usher or a pastor know.



Large Print Service Slide Booklet—do you have trouble seeing the screens? We do have the slides printed in a notebook for those who need it. Please ask an usher by the sanctuary doors for the notebook. Please return the notebook at the end of worship.

Hearing Assistance— We have a limited supply of hearing devices available for use. If you feel you need one, please see the sound booth attendant at the back of the sanctuary.

SUNDAY STAR

TODAY'S SERVICE VOLUNTEERS

9:00am: GREETER: BULLETINS: Rosemarie Conklin

Reader: Bob Griffin

COMMUNION ASSISTANTS: Tee Callan, Landon, Luanne Gruenke,

10:45: GREETER: Tom Mount BULLETINS: Barbara Schnur

READER: Marianne Click OFFERING: Richard Schnur, Sandi Witske

COMMUNION ASSISTANTS: Rob White, Hannah Barrios, Diane Boettcher, Richard Schnur

COFFEE HOUR HOSTS: Early: Luanne Gruenke Late: Barbara Hilb

SIGN-UP SHEETS FOR NEXT MONTH ARE POSTED IN THE NARTHEX

TODAY'S WORSHIP:

Our 9 and 10:45 services are projected on the screens—The congregation responds with the bold, black print.

HYMNS @ 10:45am:

Opening: ELW 723 Sermon: ELW 689 Sending: ELW 855

Bible Readings: Jeremiah 36:1-8, 21-23, 27-28; 31:31-34; Luke 22:19-20

Next Week: Philippians 4:4-13; Luke 1:5-25

Church Council Members

You can recognize a church council member by their "YELLOW" nametag.

President—Theda Bunker, Vice-President-Phil Deel,
Secretary-Jeanne Gaston, Treasurer-Shawn Hernandez.

At large: Beau Beaudine, Mike Felt, Richard Schnur, Sandi Witzke

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WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Monday - Nov. 25

9:00a—Food Pantry
9:00a—Decorating for Christmas

Tuesday—Nov. 26

Wednesday - Nov. 27

9:00a—Food Pantry

Thursday - Nov. 28

Office Closed
HAPPY THANKSGIVING

Friday—Nov. 29

Office Closed

Saturday—Nov. 30

Office Closed

Sunday - Dec. 1

9:00a - Celebration Worship

9:15a —Let's Talk

9:45a—Sunday School

10:45a - Traditional Worship

Our Financial Stewardship

Donations YTD: Actual donations compared to spending plan. Each week is added to give a cumulative total. (000s)

OCT Actual \$487.5

Needed \$483.7

Over/(Under) \$ 3.8

ACTUAL NET YTD:

OCT 24 \$3.0



15 year Mortgage

as of 1/1/24 \$293.4

as of 10/31/24 \$212.7

YTD reduction \$80.7



Today's altar flowers are presented by

Pam and Jack Hrivnak

In memory of both their parents

Brittany Hipple

In loving honor of her
grandparents



Doug Zook

In honor of Debbie's birthday



The communion wine is presented by

Diane Boettcher

In memory of her sister-in-law,

Mary Bruning



THIS WEEK'S BIRTHDAYS

Nov. 25— Kim Henderson

Nov. 26— Janet Gramza

Dianna McCauley

Nov. 27— Donna Martz

Nov. 28— Mary Lou Burke

Nov. 30— Nick Scaringella



THIS WEEK'S ANNIVERSARIES

Nov. 25— Richard and Jean Crooks 57yrs!

Nov. 28— Bryan and Kelly Magiera 26yrs!



In-person Attendance

November 17, 2024— 281

Last year 2023— 314



Volunteers Needed

Our food pantry is always looking for new volunteers to meet this dire need in our community. Please contact the office if you are interested.

Volunteers Needed!



To deliver the Sunday Flowers to Homebound members. Please contact the office if you are interested.

This ministry is in desperate need of :

Men's Jeans



(size 30-36 waist—new or gently used) Box is in Narthex for donations. Your generosity is greatly appreciated!



With Christmas fast approaching please consider purchasing gift cards from our church available in the Narthex every Sunday. All proceeds go directly towards paying down our mortgage. Additionally, there are several hundred other gift cards available that you can special order and receive the following Sunday!

Take time to reflect

“Before you criticize someone, you should walk a mile in their shoes. That way, when you criticize them, you are a mile away from them and you have their shoes.” *Jack Handey*

Better to remain silent and be thought a fool than to speak out and remove all doubt. *Abraham Lincoln*

The more I think about it, the more I wonder if **God** and **neighbor** are somehow One. “Loving God, Loving neighbor” - the same thing? For me, coming to recognize the God loves every neighbor is the ultimate appreciation!

Source: *The World According to Mr. Rogers*, p.



Decorating the Church for Christmas

Monday

November 25th

9:00 AM



Celebrating the Good News of Christmas— A Women's Bible Study



This women's bible study will be conducted on Monday, **December 2nd, 9th and 16th** from 1:00-2:30. The cost of the book will be \$20. We will spend the weeks of Advent learning to celebrate the good news of great joy found in the Christmas story. Please note that to get the most out of this study there will be 3 in person discussion/study/activity to accompany daily studies

during the week that you will complete on your own. Please sign up on the sheet in the Narthex so we know how many books to order.

Surviving the Holidays—Grief Share Program

If you or someone you know has lost a loved one (through death, divorce, etc.) and anticipates that the coming Holiday Season will be difficult because of a loss, this is a program for you. It is designed for anyone who is grieving, whether the loss is recent or one that occurred several years ago. Our **Surviving the Holidays** seminar is especially for people who are grieving a loved one's death. You'll learn: 1. How to deal with the many emotions you'll face during the holidays; 2. What to do about traditions and other coming changes; 3. Helpful tips for surviving social events; and 4. How to discover hope for your future.



RESCHEDULED Date: Wednesday December 4th from 1:00-3:00 pm

Please sign up in the Narthex so we can make sure each participant has an information guide.

Fall Congregational Meeting

The Fall Congregation meeting will be held (as per our constitution) next Sunday, **December 1st at 10:10am**. At this meeting, we will be electing members to leadership positions and voting on the 2025 Spending Plan. Copies of the 2025 Spending Plan, as approved by Council, and Biographies of nominees are available in the Narthex.

Angel Tree



The Angel Tree is in the Narthex. We still have about 20 teen names left on it. Gift ideas could be a gift card attached to a box of candy...what teen doesn't love a gift card and candy!!! Let us not forget our "adopted youth" from LSF!

Please wrap or gift bag your present by securely attaching the tag to it which has the name of the child/youth. Then, place under the tree. ALL GIFT MUST BE RETURNED BY DECEMBER 8th!

Thank you!



Join us on Sundays at 9:15 to discuss "Irresistible".

MEN'S BREAKFAST!

Join us for a fellowship breakfast on Thursday, **December 5th** at the **IHOP** on



Tamiami Trail. No reservations necessary. We gather for food and fellowship at **9am**.

POINSETTIA ORDER FORM FOR CHRISTMAS EVE



Your Name: _____ Your phone number: _____

Envelope # _____ Number of poinsettias _____

I/we will take _____ our plant or leave _____ for distribution to Hospital/homebound members.

Cost per plant: **\$12.00** cash _____ or check _____ Total amount enclosed: _____

PLEASE CHOOSE ONLY ONE DEDICATION PER PLANT--IN MEMORY or IN HONOR or TO THE GLORY OF GOD

In Memory/Honor (circle One) of _____ OR To the Glory of God _____

Presented by _____

THIS FORM WILL BE IN THE NARTHEX. Please enclose cash or check (made payable to Holy Trinity Lutheran Church) with this form, in a yellow envelope located in the church pews. Please put the envelope in the offering plate or mail/drop it off at the church office (M-T 8:30-12pm).
Orders due by December 15, 2023



December

Single Women Ministry

POT LUCK

Monday, December 2, 2024 11am-1pm

SIGN UP SHEET IN NARTHEX



Church Family Christmas Dinner

Friday, December 13, 2024

MENU

ROAST TURKEY *with Dressing*

BAKED HAM *with Sherry Chutney*

SIDES

SWEET POTATO CASSEROLE

PINEAPPLE STUFFING

MASHED POTATOES WITH GRAVY

VEGETABLE DU JOUR

COLE SLAW

Cranberry Relish

CHEF MARK'S DESSERT *"A CHRISTMAS SURPRISE"*

Signup for Dinner and get **Reservation Voucher(s)** on Sunday,

November 24th, December 1st and December 8th

Doors open at 5:00pm

Free Will offering—BYOB (wine or beer)



Our Holy Trinity elves are putting together some Christmas Cheer gift packages for our homebound members. Here are some ways you can help!



**** Bake cookies! We need the fresh baked cookies on Sunday, December 15th...bring them to worship with you and drop them off at the cookie table in the narthex.**

**** Delivery—**We need folks to deliver the gifts of cheer on Monday the Dec. 16th, Tuesday the 17th or Wednesday the 18th. If you are Interested please email the church office (office@htlchurch.org) or call us (941-625-5262) and we will add you to the list. Remember items will be ready for delivery on **MONDAY DEC. 16th.**

ONE MORE THING!

**** Monetary donations -** If you would like to donate to help pay for the homebound flower arrangements for Christmas, you can make a donation using the yellow pew envelopes—mark it

"Christmas Cheer"



Women's December Luncheon



Will be meeting at Skilletts (24123 Peachland Blvd) Wednesday, December 18th at 11:45. If you want to participate in a white elephant Christmas exchange, bring a gift (no more than \$10-15) to the restaurant. Sign up sheet will be in the Narthex.

"HOLY CHOW!"

Holy Chow dinner groups are soon to be formed again. What wonderful fun has emerged from these gatherings. All is geared as an informal way to have a meal in your own home with other church members. The emphasis is on fun and fellowship, so you don't have to be a great cook to participate! In fact, your group of 6-8 can be as creative or simple as they choose in the 3-4 times that they meet. Sign up is easy. **Complete the sign up card** (at Ministry Center in the narthex) **or email your name and contact info to the church office at office@htlchurch.org**.



The goal could be to start our dinner "assignments" by early January 2025.

TEDDY BEAR MINISTRY

Are you wondering about the bears in the pews? The bears are sitting in the pews and soaking up the prayers and love during worship. If you know of someone that needs a little extra TLC...share a bear with them. If you would like to leave a donation for a bear, please place your gift in the offering plate and mark it for "Teddy Bear Ministry". Thank You!



PAINTING CHRISTMAS ORNAMENTS!

Enjoy an afternoon painting Christmas ornaments with

Paint & Palette.

December. 16th



Please register in the Narthex with name and email. Payment of \$35 will be due by December 8th.

Let's celebrate together!



December Bingo!

Sunday, December 8th at 6:30p in the Fellowship Hall. Bring a snack to share. There will be a 50/50 raffle (1 for \$5; 3 for \$10)

Proceeds from the 50/50 to be donated to Lutheran Services of Florida.

