

Please pray for...

Our Church Family: Week of 11/14/24—Marie Bingman, 11/17/24—Carol Dohrmann, 11/10/24—Tom Mount 11/3/24—Dick Vercurysse, 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 11/24/24—Sofia Azelton, Tyler Murry, Mary Roberts, Teresa Cornell, John Schwerdtfeger, Crystal Torkaski, Gene Symak, Jeremy Perry, Family of Shirly Zink 11/17/24—Patricia May, Billy Kerzelis, Ruth Warwick, Yvonne Cambray, Aaron, Noah and Jacob Mendez, Kathy and Ernest Stem, 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

Ongoing church family, friends and relatives: Lori Allen, Peggy Torgerson, Mary Ann Kraft, Diane Massa, Jackie Walsh, Ed Palmer, Joan Forreidor, Fred 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.

Advent Week One

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace
as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope
by the power of the Holy Spirit.

— Romans 15:13, NIV —



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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: Mike and Luanne Gruenke **BULLETINS:** Rosemarie Conklin

Reader: Luanne Gruenke

COMMUNION ASSISTANTS: Dale Meyer, Rita Meyer, _____, _____

10:45: GREETER: _____ **BULLETINS:** Lorraine Vida

READER: Richard Schnur **OFFERING:** Richard Schnur, _____

COMMUNION ASSISTANTS: John Holdrich, Joyce Holdrich, Connie Wuckert, Steve Wuckert

COFFEE HOUR HOSTS: Early: Kathy Barnes Late: Barbara Turri

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 249 Sermon: ELW 250 Sending: ELW 836

Bible Readings: 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—Dec. 2

9:00a—Food Pantry
11am—Single Women's Pot Luck
1pm—Women's Bible Study

Tuesday—Dec. 3

10:00—Bible Study

Wednesday—Dec. 4

9:00a—Food Pantry
1pm—Surviving The Holidays
6:30p—Chancel Choir

Thursday - Dec. 5

9:00a—Quilters
9:00a—Men's Breakfast (IHOP)
11:00a—Joyful Ringers
6:30p—Trinity's Praise

Friday—Dec. 6

Office Closed
6:00p—Tender Hearts

Saturday—Dec. 7.

Office Closed

Sunday - Dec. 8

9:00a—Celebration Worship
9:15a—Let's Talk
9:45a—Sunday School
10:45a—Traditional Worship
6:30p—Christmas Bingo

Our Financial Stewardship

Donations YTD: Actual donations compared to plan. Each week is 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

Mark Stiemke

In memory of his parents

Jean and

Rev. Dr. Fredrick Stiemke



The communion wine is

presented by

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THIS WEEK'S BIRTHDAYS

Dec. 2— Nevaeh Riner
Dec. 3— Pete Cintron
Scott Furnas
Connie Wuckert
Dec. 4— Carol Stockly



In-person Attendance

November 24, 2024— 298

Last year 2023— 322

Fall Congregational Meeting

The Fall Congregation meeting will be held (as per our constitution) today, **at 10:10am.** At this meeting, we will be electing members to leadership positions and voting on the 2025 Spending plan.

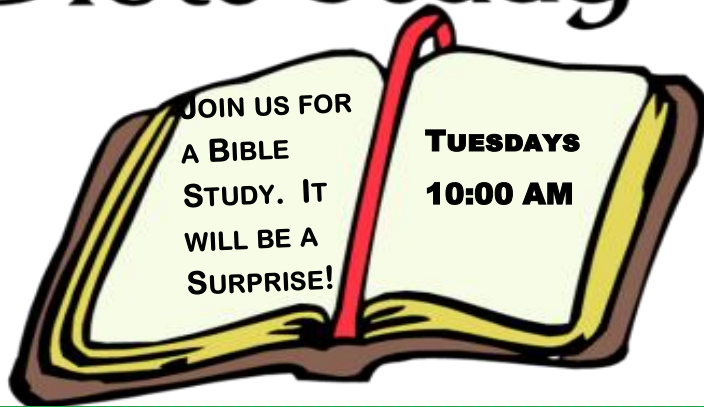


Angel Tree

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!**



Bible Study



My dog will eat anything until you put a pill in it,

then he is Gordon Ramsey.

Source: Carroll County Veterinary Clinic

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.**



Volunteers Needed

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

Thank you!

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—ORDER FORMS ARE IN THE NARTHEX

God's Work. Your Hands....

On behalf of the Church Council, I would like to thank the congregation for their kindness and generosity. It never fails that when there is a request for the needy you step up in abundance. We are very blessed with a caring congregation.

Blessings to all, *Theda Bunker*



December Single Women Ministry

POT LUCK

Monday, December 2, 2024 11am-1pm

SIGN UP SHEET IN NARTHEX



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.

**First Sunday of each month,
BLOOD PRESSURE
checks in the Narthex between
Services.**



Volunteers Needed!



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

10:45 Advent Candle Lighting

Advent's Holy Light Congregational Part

JOEL RANEY

(on cue)

Lord, we are wait - ing for peace to reign.

Lord, we are lis - tening for love's re - frain.

For hope, peace, and joy and love to u -

nite in the beau - ty and won - der of

Ad - vent's ho - ly light.

(repeat this chorus after the candle lighting and litany)

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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 Skillet's (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.**



"On this eve of Christmas, whether you feel yourself to be surrounded by earthly blessings or whether you feel your blessings to be few, set aside those thoughts and concerns long enough to remember what it is that we are celebrating: God's loving plan to bring you home to himself, through the gift of Jesus Christ." - Nancy Guthrie, Advent: Let Every Heart Prepare Him Room

"As it is written in the book of the words of Isaiah the prophet: "A voice of one calling in the wilderness, 'Prepare the way for the Lord, make straight paths for him.'" - Luke 3:4

"I will honor Christmas in my heart, and try to keep it all the year." Charles Dickens

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.

