HTLC Prayer Chain ~ please pray for…

Our Church Family: Wk. of 12/1—11/24—Paul Kaptis, Dorothy Geisel, Ruth Eskuri, 11/17—Lou Brazell, Ken Nuse, Mary Lou Burke, 11/10—Tom & Ginger Miller, Pat Walther and the Walther family, Marcy Ryan, Rose Schneider, Lorraine Mazza;

Our friends and relatives: Wk. of 12/1—Mark Wojacki (friend of Dave/Pat Isom) Bruce Asbury (Mary Ann Kraft's brother) 11/24—Dollie Darby (Sandi Witzke's mom), Charles & Alfred Bruning (brothers of Diane Boettcher), Margaret Asbury (sister-in-law of Mary Ann Kraft), Family of Scotty Jones (friend of Forest Burke), 11/17—Marie Donohue (Diane Boettcher's sister-in-law), Phyllis Adsit/Lori Revelas (Diane Boettcher's friends), Joe Hart (Forest Burke's friend), Charlotte Caswell (Carole Bugglin's friend), 11/10—Dick & Nancy Tiernan (friends of Doug/Carol Stockley), Mary Ellen Schenk (Paula Wiedewitsch's mother), Phillip Boettcher (Diane Boettcher's son),

Ongoing church family, friends and relatives: Hailey Baker, Paul Sterzinger, Will James, Marie Zylinski, Doreen Panyard, Phillip Boettcher, Fred Kuss, Janet Nuse, Ken Nuse, Shel Toelle, Glen Hennault, Forest P. Burke, Kaitlyn Burke, Lila Pfleeger, Manuel & Michael Smith, Joshua Friedmann, Sandy & Ken Johnson, Al Korpi, Rosalyn Green, Dolores Smith, Jane Waldroff, Travis Cook, Audrey Stamps, Annette Morden, Delvis Roman, William & Marilyn MacDougal, John & Becky Peuschel, Karen Smith, Clint Parks, Ed Geisel, Dale Hahn, Reese Regets, Carmen DiMaria, Ken Croy, Valerie Nalewajk, Helen Higgins-Kline, Ron Kline, Ruth Ann Wicks, Kathy Urevig, Zachary Friedmann, Wyatt/Karen Glisson, Kelsey Yorke, Lorraine Mazza.

All those affected by natural disasters

Our Homebound members
Our Seminarian Julie Jackson
Ministry of Faith Preparatory School
All who serve in the military and their families
All law enforcement officers and first responders

Give Serve Attend Grow
Stewardship
a way of life

Our Financial Stewardship

November Donations. This is what is donated compared to what we need this month. Each week is added to give a cumulative total.

Actual	$ 39,449
Needed	$ 45,056
Over/(Under)	($ 6,000)

YTD (Aug)* in $000s	2019	2018	Better/(Worse)
Donations	$373.7	$357.5	$ 16.2
Spending	$360.6	$355.9	($ 4.7)
Over/(Under)	$ 13.1	$ 1.6	$ 11.5
15 year Mortgage in 2019—$654,141		$768,069	$113,928

*Includes Fellowship Income and Expenses

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SUNDAY STAR

"Sharing God's Grace by Learning, Living and Loving Christ."

December 1 2019

FIRST SUNDAY IN ADVENT

Church Staff

Co-Pastors
Pastor Andrea Barrios
Pastor Ken Barrios

Celebration Worship Leader
Miles Mancini

Organist/Choir Accompanist
Cecil Buchinger

Choir Director
David Johnson

Church Secretary
Carole Bugglin

Finance Secretary
Debbie Nigliaccio

Utd. Lutheran Seminarian, Gettysburg PA
Julie Jackson

Custodian
Steve Mock

Synod Parish Deacons
Marianne Click
Pat Walther

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 or **sign our guest register located at the Ministry Center** as you leave worship today and please introduce yourself to one of our pastors. If you would like more information about our church, please visit our Ministry Center in the center of the narthex. Should you have any special needs, our ushers are available to assist you.

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.

Holy Communion—We welcome all who are baptized to the meal of our Lord. Please approach the altar as directed. Receive the host and then dip the host into either the red wine or the white grape juice or drink from the common cup. Gluten Free wafers are available for the asking. 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.

Our services are projected on the screens—The congregation responds with the bold, black print.

TODAY'S WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS....

THANK YOU FOR SERVING!

7:45: GREETERS: READER: Deb Alexander **USHERS**: Del/Shirley Behm

COMMUNION ASSISTANTS: Diane Boettcher, Sue Richards, Marv/Joy Lilley

9:00am: GREETERS Bud/Donna High; **USHERS:** Bill/Kathy Jacobsen

COMMUNION ASSISTANTS: Fred/Pat Busche; Ray/Patti Blashill

11:00am: GREETERS: Elaine Johnson; **READER:** Jeanne Larson; **USHERS**: Nadine King

COMMUNION ASSISTANTS: Dick/Ellen Vercruysse, Jennifer Fischer

Altar Guild: after 7:45: Pat Freeman, **after 9:00:** Pat Freeman

after 11:00: Barb Hilb

Coffee: Deb Alexander (early); Elaine Johnson (late)

SIGN-UP SHEETS ARE POSTED IN THE NARTHEX

HYMNS

Opening ELW 438 **Sermon** ELW 436 (vs 1& 3)
Sending ELW 244 **Communion:** ELW 488, 490

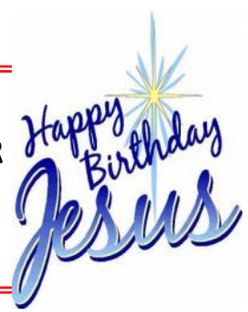
Bible Readings
Today: Isaiah 2:1-5
Next Week: Isaiah 11:1-10

Attendance
November 24, 2019 - 431

Last Year - 385

Give the gift of life — **DONATE BLOOD** Here at Holy Trinity on December 8 from 8:30 to 12:30pm. Free blanket and $10 e-card! See details on the posters in the narthex. You can sign up online or in the narthex.

SUNDAY SCHOOL FAMILIES:MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR A *HAPPY BIRTHDAY JESUS* BREAKFAST PARTY! SUNDAY, DECEMBER 15th AT 9:45am.MORE DETAILS COMING SOON! YOU DON'T WANT TO MISS IT!



Monday - December 2
9:00a - Food Pantry
10:00a - Pastors' Meeting
1:00p - Staff Meeting
6:15p - CA Meeting
Tuesday - December 3
10:00a - Bible Study
Wednesday December 4
8:30a - Put up decorations
9:00a - Food Pantry
6:00p - Women's Bible Study
6:30p - Chancel Choir
7:00p - Al-Anon
Thursday - December 5
9:00a - LWR Quilters
1:00p—Disciple
7:00p—Disciple
5:45p - Pizza, Praise & Play
Friday - December 6
Nothing scheduled
Saturday - December 7
8:00a - Community Breakfast
Sunday - December 8
Advent 2
7:45a - Traditional Worship
9:00a - Celebration Worship
9:45 - Sunday School
11:00a - Traditional Worship

...an adult discussion forum meets on Sundays at 9:15 in Conference Room E off the courtyard. Join us for some lively conversation. This week's topic is "What does Scripture say about human trafficking, and how can Christians help to solve the problem?" Grab a cup of coffee and come take part in the conversation.

All are welcome.

The altar flowers are presented to the Glory of God.

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The print/video bulletins are presented to the Glory of God.

Flower and Bulletin Dedication :

AFTER you have signed the chart on the date you want, please fill out a dedication form and give the slip, with your check, to the office or put it in the offering plate. The charts are located on the wall next to the coffee center.
$25.00 for one vase, $50.00 for both vases

THIS WEEK'S BIRTHDAYS

December 2—Mary Jane Carlson
December 3—Pete Cintron, Sylvia Sollie, Connie Wuckert
December 4—Gary Buckman, Beth Coleman, Raphael Gobardhan, Carol Stockley
December 5—Skyler Lind
December 6—Erin Anderson, Isabella Mancini, Ken Nuse, Delroy Scheelk, Kathryn Swickert
December 7—Heidrun Bauer, Nathaniel Miller

THIS WEEK'S ANNIVERSARIES

December 1—Richard & Karen Newkirk
December 7—Gary & Wendy Krueger

Weekday Bible Study resumes at 10:00am Tuesday, December 3. We are studying Joshua. Bring your Bible, your coffee, and a friend!
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Christmas Eve Worship — December 24th

4:00pm - Family Service *~ Music by Trinity's Praise*

6:30pm—Special Music

7:00pm - Candlelight Service *- Traditional Worship*

10:30pm—Special music

11:00pm - Candlelight Service *- Christ Mass*

Christmas Eve Special Music

If you would like to contribute your musical gifts to play an instrument, or sing a solo or play/sing with a small group, we will be setting up the schedule for the Special Music presentations before the 7:00pm and 11:00pm Christmas Eve services. If you are interested, see Dave Johnson, the chancel choir director or sign up in the choir room or the narthex .

Christmas Angel Tree

In partnership with the Salvation Army's Christmas Cheer, we are collecting toys for needy children **in our community**. We were blessed in November to partner with Operation Christmas Child and give globally to children in need. Now we focus on blessing children **locally**. Toys should be for children ages 1 through 12, should be *new and unwrapped*, and can be placed under the Angel Tree in the narthex.

The deadline for gifts is Sunday, December 8th.

Back Pack Kidz Collection

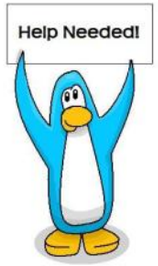
CAN YOU HELP US HELP THE KIDS? The mission of the Back Pack Kidz Charlotte County organization is to feed hungry children on weekends when they don't have the free lunches at school. Please consider picking up a few extra single-serve items, but please, no nuts or peanut butter items because of allergies. You may drop them off on the shelves (marked Back Pack Kidz) in the Narthex next to the Food Pantry shelves. They also accept monetary donations – please put it in a yellow envelope and mark it "Back Pack Kidz." Help keep Charlotte County school kids fed!

Special Holy Trinity Lutheran Church Christmas Dinner

Thursday, December 12 at 6:00pm. Sign up for free vouchers TODAY, Dec. 1 and Dec. 8. It's a wonderful evening, a chance to share the holiday joy with your HTLC family! Full menu is on the posters in the narthex.

PIZZA, PRAISE AND PLAY!!

Come out on December 5th for some PIZZA (salad and dessert) at 5:45pm followed by PRAISE songs at 6:30pm led by Miles Mancini and Trinity's Praise AND we will PLAY a few games too! Get ready for fun!!! Since it is December we will include some Christmas music! Get your praise ready and join us for PIZZA, PRAISE and PLAY! There is no fee for the pizza and salad, just a free will offering—we do need you to sign up if you plan to eat pizza so we know how much to buy. Sign up on the bulletin board in the narthex and bring a dessert to share.



LOTS OF HELP NEEDED! The Property Committee needs your help on **December 4 at 8:30am** to bring all the decorations down from the attic, help set up the Christmas trees in the sanctuary and other places, and to open the crèche and get it ready.

PLEASE NOTE: The email accounts on gmail are no longer operational. The email address for the church office is ***htlchurch.org — that has been our email for more than three-years. Any email sent elsewhere does not get answered.

Don't wait till the last minute to purchase your gift cards for Christmas gift giving!

Get ahead of the game and purchase or order your gift cards now. ***Beat the rush!***

We have hundreds we can order for you in addition to the many we have on hand.

See us at the Ministry Center between services.

POINSETTIA FLOWER 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: $8.00 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 _____

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-F 9-1pm).

Orders due by December 16, 2019

fellowship
meet together one encouraging another
Hebrews 10: 19-39

COMMUNITY BREAKFAST

Saturday, December 7 serving from 8:00 to 10:30am.

Start your morning off with:

COFFEE *or* HOT TEA

JUICE *Orange, V-8 Tomato or Apple Cranberry*

MILK *Chocolate or White*

BLUEBERRY AND BANANA PARFAIT *with Vanilla Yogurt*

SEASONAL FRUIT

CHRISTMAS COFFEE CAKE

Entrées *(You may order all that you care to eat.)*

FRENCH TOAST *Hot off the griddle!*

HOLY TRINITY EGGS BENEDICT *Toasted English muffin, Canadian bacon, soft fried egg topped with hollandaise sauce!*

CHRISTMAS BREAKFAST CASSEROLE *sausage, eggs, shredded hash browns, shredded cheese, green onions! Ask for Country Gravy on the side, if you wish.*

QUICHE LORRAINE *bacon, Swiss cheese, green onions, eggs. Baked in a flaky crust.*

Sides:

BACON, SAUSAGE LINKS, CORNED BEEF HASH, & HASH BROWNS

EGGS *fried or scrambled*

GRAVY and Biscuits

TOAST *Wheat or White*