

Please pray for...

Our Church Family: Week of 8/17/2025 Scott Evrard, Pam Hrivnak, Kathy Barnes, Forest Burke 8/10/2025 Mike Giel 8/4/25 Marion Geary-Smejkal, Darlene Foster 7/27/25 Beth Brown 7/23/25 Kaitlin Burke, Sandy Whetsall



Our friends and relatives: Week of: 8/25/2025 Bill Lotito, Family of Don Randolph 8/17/2025 Sophia Azelton, John Chiasson, John Schwerdt Feger, Ginger Savage, Tammy Krejckant, Yvonne/Greg Cambray, Lincoln Alleyne, 8/10/2025 Cheylsie Boettcher, Ashley King, Tony King, Gabriella Gonsalaves, Joey King, Joe and Juanita Chacon, Yvonne and Greg Cambray, Mary Roberts and family 8/5/25

Alphonsine Wagner, Kathy Mortensen, Aaron Mendez, the victims of the recent tsunami, Tyler Murry and the victims of the Texas floods 7/27/25 Bertie Floyd

Ongoing church family, friends and relatives: Marilyn Johnson, Phyllis Friedman, Bill Rose, Courtney Adams, JoAnne Coe, Susan Leroux, Dick Vercruysse, Lori Allen, Peggy Torgerson, Diane Massa, Jackie Walsh, Ed Palmer, Joan Forreidor, Sharon Faulkner, Doreen Panyard, Mona Argentini, Larry Thomas, Jon Dickey, Margot Simmons, Karen Smith, Piper Jandola, Margo Kiepert,

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



Ladies...how about lunch together? We would like to get back to our monthly ladies lunches, but in order to do so we need your help. Beginning in September we need hostesses to pick a date, a place for lunch and to let the office know the information so it can be advertised for ladies to sign up. It is important that once you pick a date that the restaurant is able to accommodate our group on that day/time—always check with the restaurant! A sign up is on the bulletin board for monthly hostesses. Should you have any questions please contact

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August 31, 2025

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 Binders—do you have trouble seeing the screens? We do have the slides printed in a binder for those who need it. Please ask an usher by the sanctuary doors for the binder, then return it at the end of worship.

Hearing Assistance – To connect to the sound system, please download the AUDIO-FETCH app, (see barcode) and connect to the **audiofetchexpress** wifi on your cellphone. Refer all questions to Phil Deel.



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SUNDAY STAR

Volunteers

TODAY'S 10:00am SERVICE VOLUNTEERS:

GREETERS: Mike and Lu Anne Gruenke **BULLETINS:** Nancy Rickey

READER: Lu Anne Gruenke

COMMUNION ASSISTANTS: Kathy Jacobsen, Jennifer Fischer, Corrye Hatchell, Major Hatchell

OFFERING COLLECTORS: Major Hatchell,

COFFEE HOUR HOST: Sally Simpson

FLOWER DELIVERY TO HOMEBOUND: Mr. Marty McFly

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

TODAY'S WORSHIP:

Our 10:00 service is projected on the screens—The congregation responds with the **bold, black** print.

HYMNS

OPENING: ELW 618 **SERMON:** ELW 631 **SENDING:** ELW 439

BIBLE READING: Revelation 21:1-6, 22:1-5; John 4:1-14

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, Jan Schroeder, Lisa Mohr, Mandy Knollenberg

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WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Monday—Sep 1

Office Closed for Labor Day

Tuesday—Sep 2

5:30p—Blue Butterfly Hospice

Wednesday—Sep 3

9:00a—Food Pantry

5:00p—Evening Food Pantry

Thursday - Sep 4

9:00a—Quilters

9:00a—Men's Breakfast

Friday—Sep 5

Office Closed

Saturday - Sep 6

Office Closed

Sunday - Sep 7

9:00a—Celebration Service

10:45a—Traditional Service



THIS WEEK'S BIRTHDAYS

Sept 1— Bob Booher

Norm Kanagy

Sept 2— Frank Burrows

Sept 3— Jere Ettesvold

David Peterson

Sept 4— Janice Hanus

Sept 5— Shawn Hernandez

Tom Rickey

Sept 6— Beth Brown

Our Financial Stewardship

DONATIONS YTD: Actual vs
needed (000s)

JUL Actual \$329.1

Needed \$353.5

Over/(Under)(\$ 24.4)

ACTUAL NET YTD: JUL

25 (\$11.8) JUL 24 \$15.2

Diff: (\$27.0)

15 year Mortgage

on 1/1/25 \$213.3

on 7/31/25 \$113.0

Reduction \$100.3



Today's altar flowers are presented by

Heidi Beaudine

In honor of the

69th Wedding Anniversary of

Dick and Ellie Vercruysse



Today's communion wine is
presented by

Bill and Jill Di Jiolanio

To the Glory of God



THIS WEEK'S ANNIVERSARIES

Sept 4— Jerry and Paula Wiedewitsch 15 yrs!

Sept 5— Dick and Ellie Vercruysse 69 yrs!

Sept 6— Bob and Lee Ann Ferriola 56 yrs!

My wife said she wanted a puppy.

I didn't.

So we compromised...

Meet our New Puppy!



In-person Attendance

August 24, 2025— 160

Last year 2024— 252



Beginning next Sunday, September 7, 2025, we will return to two services.

- ♦ **Contemporary** Service will be at 9:00 am
- ♦ **Traditional** Service will be at 10:45 am.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS



**Starts Wednesday,
9/17/2025 at 6:30pm**



BINGO!

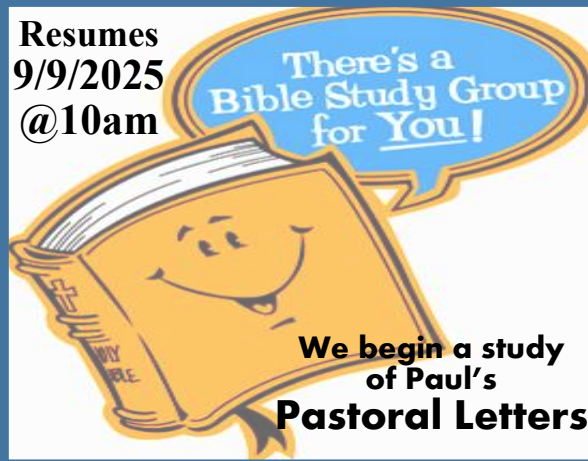
Sunday, Sept. 21st

At 6:30 pm

PLEASE BRING A LIGHT SNACKS OR DESSERT TO SHARE.

Join us for a night of fun!!

**Resumes
9/9/2025
@10am**



**We begin a study
of Paul's
Pastoral Letters**



**SNACKS are being collected for the
Back Pack Kidz at Port Charlotte
High School. Thank you!**



Sept. 4th @ 9AM @ IHOP



For September we need **COOKING OIL (plastic containers) and **Spam, Vienna Sausages, etc.** Thank you!**



**There will be a Healing
Service today, August 31, 2025
after the service**



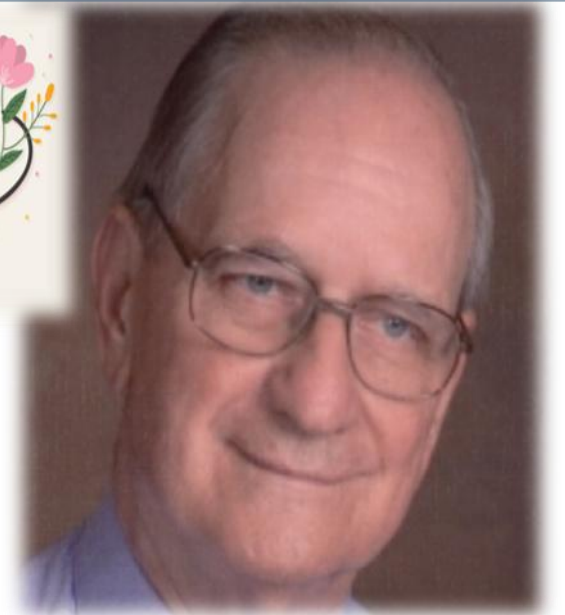
Summer Services Have Ended

Our summer service schedule ends today but it has had such a long lasting effect on all of us. So many have mentioned the joy getting to know the people from a different service and experiencing the diverse ways to praise God in word and music. It was uplifting to see the sanctuary full and the smiles on everyone face each as we came together to give God the Glory. It has changed us!

We are all Holy Trinity!

We want to give a Holy Trinity THANK YOU to Albert for the wonderful piano music he provided this summer! We were all enthralled!

Thank you Miles for your 20 years as Celebration Worship Leader of Trinity's Praise!





Spaghetti Dinner with Salad and Bread Friday

September 19, 2025

Dinner will be served at 6:00pm

Requesting a few people to sign up to bring dessert for a dessert bar

Free Will Offering

**Proceeds from the Free Will
Offering will go to our Youth Groups**



New Chancel Banners New Altar and Pulpit Paraments

The banners on either side of the Chancel were designed and fabricated by Don Beck, a member of the congregation. Both banners are visual quotes from the **Book of Revelation**. The banner on the left is a depiction of **Revelation 22:2**, which describes a river of the water of life flowing through the city. On either side of the river is a tree of life, its leaves are for the healing of nations. The banner on the right continues the tree theme and adds **Revelation 4:3**, where a rainbow serves as a reminder of God's faithfulness and mercy, offering hope and comfort during times of tribulations and judgement.

The green Altar and Pulpit paraments depict the saying of Jesus in **John 5:5** "I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing."

Sunday School Volunteers

How exciting is it to say that we need to split our Sunday school group into TWO GROUPS!! YAY!! We will have a younger group up to first grade and then an older group up to 5th grade.

Sunday school runs from approximately 9:45am (after the offering at the 9am service) and is 30 minutes in length.

The children are in need of volunteers to share their time, faith and love with them each Sunday. This can be a once a month commitment, a one month commitment, a few weeks a year commitment or whatever fits into your schedule! Pastor Andrea will give you the lesson plans/crafts if you are not comfortable doing the planning.

We ask you to seriously pray on this. Our children are such a huge blessing and so much fun to be around. If we don't get the volunteers we won't be able to offer this time to our young ones. Sunday school is becoming a "thing of the past" and we don't want to see it become that here at HTLC. Any time the kids are together and learning about the love of Jesus it is a win! We need to keep the love of Jesus in the forefront of all they say and do and we need your help to do so!

If you are interested in learning more please contact Pastor Andrea
(pastorandrea@htlchurch.org)



Youth Group MIDDLE SCHOOL AND HIGH SCHOOL

Let's get together and catch up!!

All middle school and high school youth are invited to meet on **Sunday, Sept. 7th** immediately following the 9:00 service. We will meet over in the fellowship hall, make some breakfast together, catch up with each other and share in a short study time. We will conclude by 11:45am. Hope you can join us!!!

Also, **mark your calendars for Sunday, September 21st 4-6pm** for a "youth group meeting". We will have a topic for discussion, play some games, and have some snacks. Again, this is open to all middle and high school students. We are hoping both of these things will become monthly gathering for our youth!