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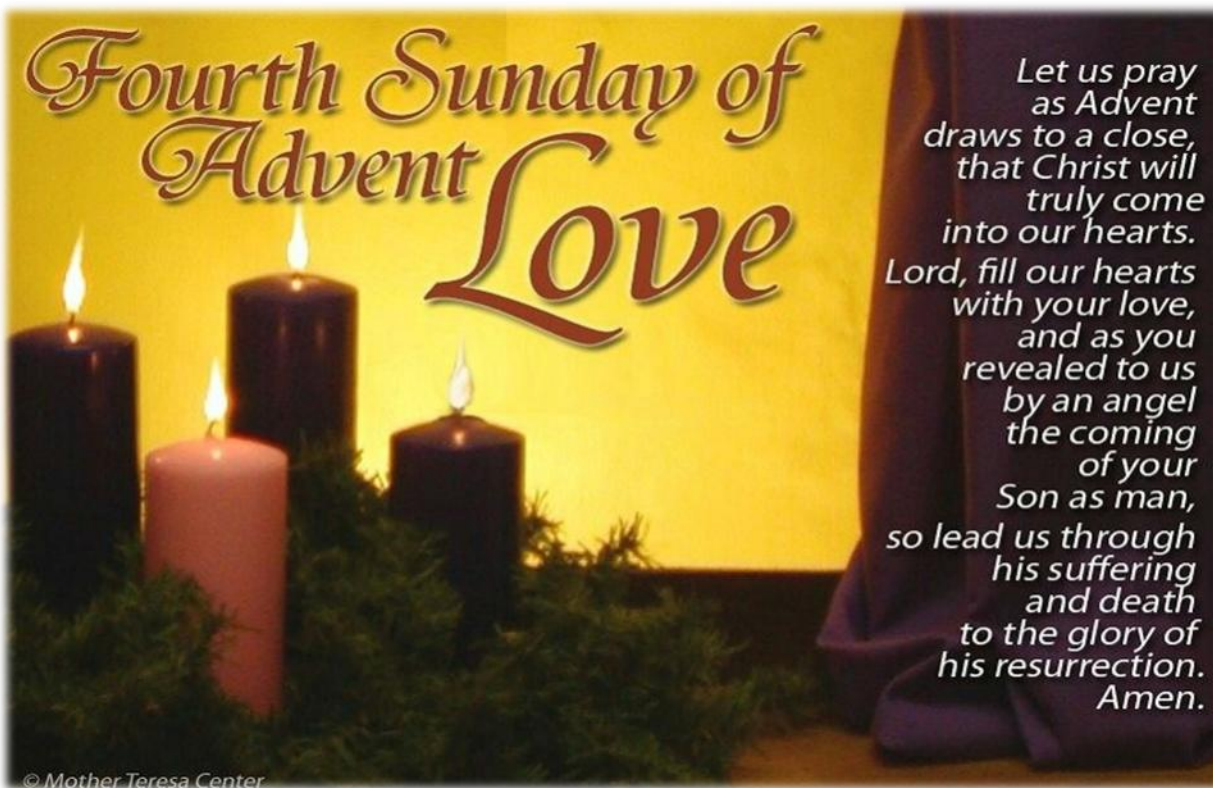
Our Church Family: Week of 12/7/25 Jennifer Fischer, Margo Kiepert, Jackie Possel 12/1/25 the family of Marie Bingaman, Tee Callan, 11/16/25 Chuck Witzke,



Our friends and relatives: Week of: 12/17/25 Natalie Kiepert 12/15/25 Sofia Azelton, Tony Bilotta, Jason White 11/30/25 Andrew Wolf, Nat. Guard survivor in DC, the family of Sarah Beckstrom, WV National Guard member, Gura Mandy McDonald, Yvonne & Greg Cambray, John Schwerdtfeger, Joe & Brenda Sproul 11/16/25 The homeless, the unemployed, those suffering from food insecurities, Vito Kusmin

Ongoing church family, friends and relatives: Barbara Frische, Joanne Donaldson, Darlene Foster, Mary Lou Burke, Kaitlin Burke, Jim MacDonald, Annette Morden, Helen Higgins Kline, Jenny Carangelo-Rule, Scott and Peggy Torgerson, Bill Lotito, Marilyn Johnson, Bill Rose, Courtney Adams, JoAnne Coe, Susan Leroux, Dick Vercruysse, Lori Allen, Diane Massa, Jackie Walsh, Ed Palmer, Joan Forreidor, Sharon Faulkner, Doreen Panyard, Mona Argentini, Larry Thomas, Jon Dickey, Margot Simmons, Karen Smith, Piper Jandola

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.



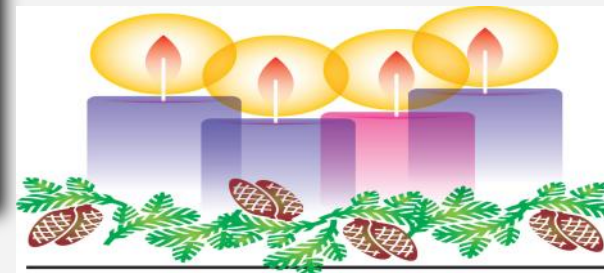
December 21, 2025

HOLY TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

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FOURTH SUNDAY OF *Advent*

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 AUDIOFETCH 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 9:00am SERVICE VOLUNTEERS:

GREETERS: _____ **BULLETINS:** Jeanne Larson

READER: Karl Gaston

Acolyte : Annabelle Glabe

COMMUNION ASSISTANTS: Mark Stiemke, Andrew Stiemke, Beth Brown, Lorrie Kobliska

TODAY'S 10:45am SERVICE VOLUNTEERS:

GREETER: _____ **BULLETINS:** _____

READER: Marianne Click

OFFERING: Richard Schnur, _____

COMMUNION ASSISTANTS: Scott Deitch, Diana Deitch, Richard Schnur, Rob White

COFFEE HOUR HOSTS: Early: Barb Graham Late: Barb Hilb

FLOWER DELIVERY TO HOMEBOUND: Mr. Marley

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

TODAY'S WORSHIP:

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

BIBLE READING: Matthew: 1:18-25

10:45 HYMNS - OPENING: ELW 257 (v1,2,5-7) SERMON: ELW 241 (V1,2,4) SENDING: ELW 292

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

In-person Attendance

Dec. 14, 2025— 302 Last year 2024— 367

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WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Monday—Dec 22

9:00a—Food Pantry

Tuesday—Dec 23

10:00a—Bible Study—*Cancelled*

Wednesday—Dec 24

4:00p—**Christmas Eve Celebration Service**

7:00p—**Christmas Eve Traditional Service**

Thursday - Dec 25

CHRISTMAS

Office Closed

Friday—Dec 26

Office Closed

Saturday – Dec 27

Office Closed

Sunday - Dec 28

10:00a—One Christmas Worship

HAPPY anniversary

THIS WEEK'S ANNIVERSARIES

Dec 21 Jim & Jane Anderson 57 yrs!

Our Financial Stewardship

DONATIONS YTD: Actual
vs needed (000s)

NOV Actual \$516.8

Needed \$540.6

Over/(Under) (\$ 33.8)

ACTUAL NET YTD:

NOV 25 (\$23.2)

NOV 24 \$20.5

15 year Mortgage

on 1/1/25 \$213.3

on 10/31/25 \$ 83.9

Reduction \$129.4



**BUT DAD, ALL THE OTHER KIDS LEAVE
OUT MILK AND COOKIES FOR HIM.**



**TRUST ME ON THIS ONE SON, I KNOW
WHAT HE WANTS.**



Today's altar flowers are
presented by
Jim & Jane Anderson
In honor of their
57th Wedding Anniversary

Today's altar flowers are

presented by

Darlene Foster

In memory of her loving husband

Charlie Foster



Today's communion wine is presented by

Phil & Lisa Mohr

In memory of our

Departed Loved Ones



THIS WEEK'S BIRTHDAYS

Dec 21— Buffy Bohach

Jane Decius

Dec 22— Eleanor Christine

Dec 24— Anna Salmen

Dec 25— Mary Horner

Dec 26— Kathy Barnes

Dec 26— Kathleen McConaughy

Dec 27— Anne Lotito



He's making his list....

He's checkin' it twice.

He left it at home.

He's texting his wife.



OUR HOMEBOUND MEMBERS WOULD LOVE TO HEAR FROM YOU DURING THIS SEASON OF ADVENT

HELEN DAVIS—23033 Westchester Blvd #F516—Port Charlotte, FL 33954

GERT BUSH— 1510 Oriole Court—Punta Gorda, FL 33950

MARY LEA HARDY—2500 Aaron St—Port Charlotte, FL 33948

MARY LOU BURKE—18110 Sullivan Ave.—Port Charlotte, FL 33954

ROD MOLZAHN—PO Box 380543, Murdoch, FL 33938

JUNE PELO—20338 Emerald Ave.—Port Charlotte, FL 33952

DOUG KNOELLER—4207 Wampee Dr., North Port, FL 34286

HELEN HIGGINS KLINE—1293 Arrow St.—Port Charlotte, FL 33952

JACKIE RECTOR—The Gallery—1322 N. Main St. # 2015—North Port, FL 34286

JANICE HOFF—1427 Maile St.—North Port, FL 34288

MARCY RYAN—The Gallery—1322 N. Main St, #302—North Port, FL 34286

BIRGITH LARSON—2285 Aaron St.—Port Charlotte, FL 33952



December Food Pantry

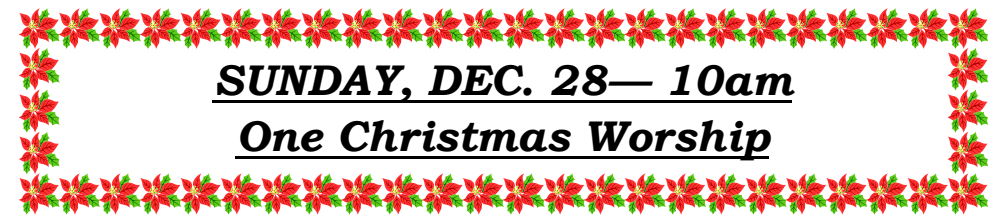
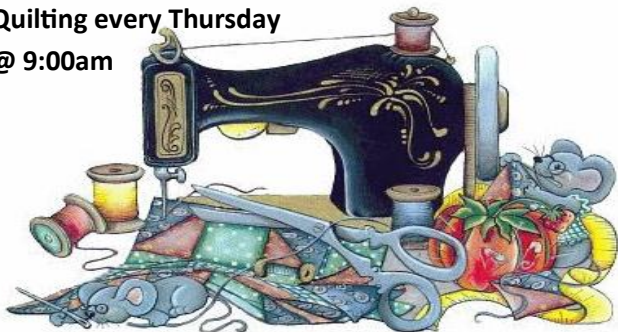
For December our food pantry is collecting PEANUT BUTTER and JELLY! Thank you!

Pastors' Christmas Gift

With Christmas coming quickly, you are probably thinking about giving a token of appreciation to our wonderful Pastors. If you would care to do so, we will be giving them a gift in the form of a check from the entire Congregation. We are extending this to **today, Dec. 21st**. Please use the yellow pew envelopes and mark it "Pastors Gift."



Quilting every Thursday
@ 9:00am



SUNDAY, DEC. 28— 10am One Christmas Worship



Christmas Eve Worship December 24th

4:00 SERVICE VOLUNTEERS:

GREETERS: Jo & Dick Duhn **BULLETINS:** Debbie Nigliaccio

ACOLYTE : Nathan Knollenberg

COMMUNION ASSISTANTS: Marianne Click, Mandy Knollenberg w/Tobias, Beth Brown, Karl Gaston, Joyce Jandola, Hal Jandola

7:00 SERVICE VOLUNTEERS:

GREETERS: Tom Mount

USHERS: Booher Family, Sandi Witzke, Tracy Herman, Terry Seeman

COMMUNION ASSISTANTS: Marianne Click, Rob White, Jeanne Larson, Richard Schnur, _____, _____



"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** (office@htlchurch.org). The goal could be to start our dinner "assignments" by early January 2026.



'Tis the season'



Just a reminder, please beware of 'phishing' scams. 'Tis the season for phishing using clergy 'accounts'. Neither pastor will send anything by email asking for help with **something requiring**

"discretion". Make sure that any message is from an email address or number you already have. You're always welcome, and we encourage it, to double check that it was either Pastor Andrea or Pastor Ken. Let us all have a safe and blessed Christmas season!



Bible study is **CANCELLED** for Tuesdays 12/23/25, 12/30/25 and 1/6/2026.

It will resume on Tuesday January 13th at 10:00 am.

Every day may not be good,



but there's something good in every day.

Be happy

with the little you have.
There are some people with nothing who still manage to smile.



2026 OFFERING ENVELOPES



The 2026 Offering Envelopes on a table in the narthex. **They are in order according to envelope number.** If you don't know your number, there is an alphabetical list available to check with the numbers. **NOTE:** If you have a 300 number, your number has changed for next year. Check for your new number. **PLEASE be sure to check your number against the envelope label.** Notify the office if there is an error. If your envelopes are not there **OR** if you want envelopes, please write your name on the paper.



May the miracle of Hanukkah remind you of hope, resilience, and grace



1. Meanness don't happen overnight.
2. Don't corner something meaner than you.
3. Don't interfere with something that ain't bothering you.
4. Lettin' the cat outta the bag is a whole lot easier than putting' it back in.