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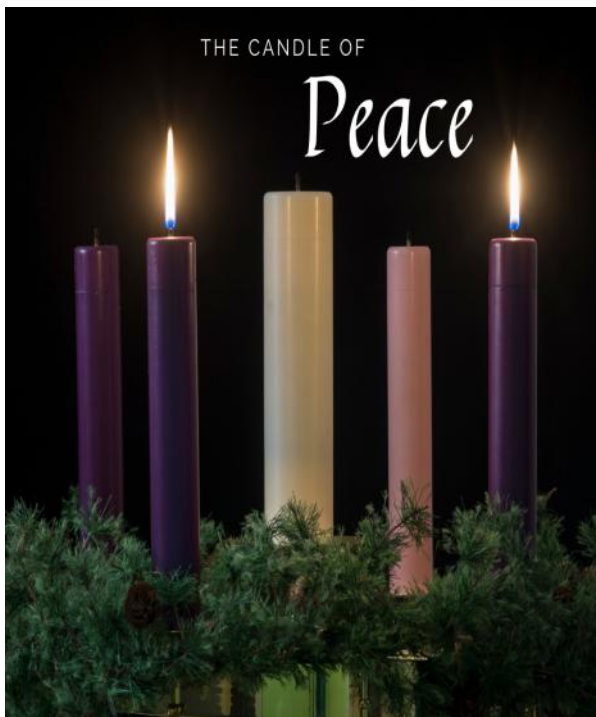
Our Church Family: Week of 12/1/25 the family of Marie Bingaman, Tee Callan, Tom Mount 11/16/25 Chuck Witzke, Jennifer Fischer 11/10/25 Rosemarie Conklin 11/3/25 Vic Larson, Dagney Scheelk



Our friends and relatives: Week of: 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 Barbara 'Babs' Frische, the homeless, the unemployed, those suffering from food insecurities, Vito Kusmin 11/10/25 The Wagner Family, Steve Champ 11/3/25 for children suffering around the world, the victims of Hurricane Melissa, Agnes Salentnik, Teresa Parsons, Frank and Kathryn Ritt, Mary Roberts

Ongoing church family, friends and relatives: 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, 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.



December 7, 2025

HOLY TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

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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 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:** Julie Fisher

READER: Bob Griffin

Acolyte : Landon Sylvester

COMMUNION ASSISTANTS: Lorrie Kobliska, Wayne Marshall, Viki Marshall, Nathan Knollenberg

TODAY'S 10:45am SERVICE VOLUNTEERS:

GREETER: Barb Moore **BULLETINS:** Janet Nuse

READER: Shawn Hernandez

OFFERING: Richard Schnur, _____

COMMUNION ASSISTANTS: Richard Schnur, Heather Furnas, Sally Simpson, Steve Wuckert

COFFEE HOUR HOSTS: Early: Marion Geary-Smejkal **Late:** Maryrose Risner

FLOWER DELIVERY TO HOMEBOUND: Mr. Rudolph

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: Luke 1:5-25, 57-80

10:45 HYMNS - OPENING: ELW 239 **SERMON:** Let there be Peace **SENDING:** ELW 534

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

Nov. 30, 2025— 267 Last year 2024— 308

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WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Monday—Dec 8

9:00a—Food Pantry

5:00p—Daisey Scouts

Tuesday—Dec 9

10:00a—Bible Study

1:00p—Finance Committee

1:00p—Dorcas Circle Bible Study

Wednesday—Dec 10

9:00a—Food Pantry

6:30p—Chancel Choir

Thursday - Dec 11

9:00a—Quilters

11:00a—Joyful Ringes

5:30p— Trinity's Praise

Friday—Dec 12

Office Closed

4:30—Christmas Bells by Cecil

5:00p—Christmas Dinner

7:00p—Char. County 2 Piano Group

Saturday – Dec 13

Office Closed

Sunday - Dec 14

9:00a—Celebration Service

9:15a—Let's Talk

9:45 Sunday School

10:45a—Traditional Service

I'm not afraid of aging...
I'm afraid of stairs, tiny
print, and chairs that sit
too low!



Today's altar flowers and
communion wine are presented by

Janet C. Nuse

In honor of the heavenly
birthday of

Kenneth H. Nuse Sr.



Today's altar flowers are also
presented by

The Furnas Family

In honor of the birthdays of

Connie Wuckert &

Scott Furnas



THIS WEEK'S BIRTHDAYS

Dec 8— Dennis Race

Dec 9— Stephen Donaldson

Dec 11— Marion Geary-Smejkal

Dec 13— Rev. Ken Barrios

Jerry Decius

Shalon Wild



Our Financial Stewardship

DONATIONS YTD: Actual vs needed (000s)

OCT Actual \$464.6

Needed \$493.3

Over/(Under) (\$ 28.7)



ACTUAL NET YTD:

OCT 25 (\$27.2)

OCT 24 \$17.6

Diff: (\$44.8)

15 year Mortgage

on 1/1/25 **\$213.3**

on 9/30/25 **\$ 93.9**

Reduction **\$119.4**



Church Family Christmas Dinner and Activities

Friday, December 12, 2025

4:30 pm Join us in the garden area for carols played on the carillon (bells) by Cecil! Punch and light snack will be served. At 5pm the doors open for you to be seated for a delicious dinner.



5:00 pm

Church Family Christmas Dinner

MENU

ROAST TURKEY *with Dressing*

BAKED HAM *with Sherry Chutney*

SIDES

SWEET POTATO CASSEROLE

MASHED POTATOES WITH GRAVY

COLE SLAW

PINEAPPLE STUFFING

VEGETABLE DU JOUR

Cranberry Relish

DESSERT *“A CHRISTMAS SURPRISE”*

Signup for Dinner and get Reservation Voucher(s) on Sunday: December 7th

BYOB (wine or beer)




Suggested Free Will offering

\$15.00 per person



7:00 pm

Immediately following dinner, the Charlotte County 2 Piano Group will be performing their holiday program in the sanctuary. It will be an enjoyable evening of Christmas joy, music and singing! You don't want to miss it!!!





Fall Congregational Meeting

Today at 10:10am between services.

Angel Tree



Our church family is blessed to adopt over 60 children/youth from the Lutheran Services Florida. If you were unable to get a name this past Sunday there are still a few left.. Wrapped Gifts of \$25 or more with name tags attached will be accepted up to December 14th. Thank you!

Dorcas Circle

Women's Bible Study

Tuesday, Dec. 9th

1:00 pm



December Food Pantry

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

CHRISTMAS

BINGO

TONIGHT @ 6:30.


Bring a snack to share.



Sunday School Family–“Jammie” Birthday Party Breakfast for JESUS’ BIRTHDAY!

You can even invite your grandparents to come!–bring the whole family!!

Sunday, December 14, 2025 10:00 am




Wear ‘Jammies’ to church (and your parents too!)

Please RSVP Pastor Andrea (email or Text)

DECEMBER LADIES LUNCHEON

hosted by Barbara Schnur (502-432-0204), will be on **Wednesday, December 17th at 12 noon** at **CODY’S ROADHOUSE** (1441 S Tamiami Trail). We will be ordering off the regular menu. Signup sheet 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** (office@htlchurch.org). The goal could be to start our dinner "assignments" by early January 2026.



Things that no longer interest me:

- Driving at night
- Leaving the house at night
- Driving in the winter
- Leaving the house in the winter
- Driving
- Leaving the house



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 14th...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. 15th, Tuesday the 16th or Wednesday the 17th. 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. 15th.**

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"**



POINSETTIA ORDER FORM FOR CHRISTMAS EVE

Your Name: _____ Your phone #: _____

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 _____

Orders due by December 14, 2025

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 need to have this donation **no later than Dec.14th**. Please use the yellow pew envelopes and mark it

"Pastors Gift."

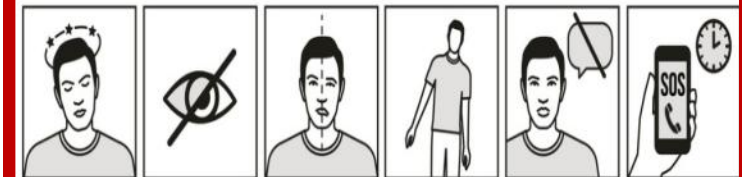


SPOT A STROKE

LEARN THE WARNING SIGNS AND ACT FAST



B E F A S T



BALANCE

LOSS OF BALANCE,
HEADACHE
OR DIZZINESS

EYES

BLURRED VISION

FACE

ONE SIDE OF THE
FACE IS DROOPING

ARMS

ARM OR LEG
WEAKNESS

SPEECH

SPEECH DIFFICULTY

TIME

TIME TO CALL
FOR AMBULANCE
IMMEDIATELY