

Prayer REQUESTS

Please pray for...

Our Church Family: Week of 12/24/23—Mary Ann Kraft 12/17—Janet Nuse 12/03/23—Bob Ferriola, Forest Burke, Kaitlynn Burke, Dagny Scheelk, Larry Claypool

Our friends and relatives: Week of 1/7/24—Margarite Cannon 12/24/23—David Holmes, Sharon Henry 12/17—Wendy Latalladi, Bill Wach 12/10—family of Kerry Bruning, Darlene Siemicki 12/3—Dorothy Pugh

Ongoing church family, friends and relatives: Dale Hahn, Diane Massa, Jackie, Walsh, Ed Palmer, Cindy Ezell, Burnell Rex, Pat Berthiaume, Joan Forreidor, Fred & Ruth Eskuri, Sharon Faulkner, Mary Lou Burke, Dennis Brown, Chester Sulinski, Carolyn Chamberlain, Doreen Panyard, Eddie Reid, Greg Ezell, Mona Argentini, Larry Thomas, Dietmar Bennett, Philip Boettcher, Jon Dickey, Margot Simmons, Sean Costa, John Holdrich, Don Randolph, Karen Smith, Audrey Stamps, Gary Krueger, Willa Francis, Piper Jandola, Margo Kiepert, Amy Meyer, Annette Morden, Helen Higgins-Kline, Ron Kline, Frances Fenwick

In Hospice care: Beverly Stone, Carol Knoeller

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

The wind blows, and we are gone
as though we had never been here.

But the love of the LORD remains forever.....

Psalm 103:16-17 nlt



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Sunday, Jan. 14, 2024

2nd Sunday after Epiphany

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 front 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.

Church Staff

Co-Pastors
Pastor Andrea Barrios
Pastor Ken Barrios

Visitation Pastor
Pastor Carl Fischer

Celebration Worship Leader
Miles Mancini

Organist/Handbell Director
Cecil Buchinger

Chancel Choir Director
Sonja Rozier

Choir Accompanist
Jean Sutton

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Rev. Eric Twine, Uganda

Synod Parish Deacons
Marianne Click
Gail Hintz
Steve Wuckert

SUNDAY STAR

TODAY'S SERVICE VOLUNTEERS

9:00am: GREETER: Dave & Fran Kern **BULLETINS:** Rosemarie Conklin

READER: Mark Stiemke

COMMUNION ASSISTANTS: Mark Stiemke, Julie Arenz, Andrew Stiemke, Jennifer Fischer

10:45am: GREETER: TBA **BULLETINS:** TBA

OFFERING: Richard Schnur, Major Hatchell

READER: Marianne Click

COMMUNION ASSISTANTS: Connie Wuckert, Steve Wuckert, Corrye Hatchell, Marianne Click

COFFEE HOUR HOSTS: Early: Kathy Jacobsen, Anna Walsh, Arwen Briggs

Late: Jim & Jane Anderson

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.

Our 10:45 liturgy is the Blue Book WOV: Setting 5—page 28

HYMNS @ 10:45am: Opening: ELW 308 vs. 1-4 **Sermon:** ELW 645 **Sending** ELW 310

Bible Readings: Psalm 103 Mark 2:1-22

Next Week: Psalm 126 Mark 4:1-34

Church Council Members

You can recognize a church council member by their "YELLOW" nametag.

President—Theda Bunker, Vice-President—Phil Deel,
Secretary—Cathy Hyburg, Treasurer—Shawn Hernandez.

At large: Beau Beaudine, Mike Felt, Jeanne Gaston, Margaret Rose, Richard Schnur, Sandi Witzke

Let's Talk is an adult forum that meets every Sunday at 9:15 in Classroom E (off the courtyard).



Topic: What does the Bible say about dealing with hard times?

All are welcome.

Monday - Jan 15

9:00a—Food Pantry

Tuesday—Jan 16

10:00a— Bible Study

Wednesday - Jan 17

9:00a—Food Pantry

6:30p—Choir Rehearsal

Thursday - Jan 18

9:00a—Quilters

9:00a—Men's Breakfast

3:15p-5:00p Handbell Practice

6:30p—Praise Team

Friday—Jan 19

Office Closed

6:00p-Tender Hearts Talent Show

Saturday -Jan 20

Office Closed

Sunday - Jan 21

9:00a - Celebration Worship

9:15a - Let's Talk

10:45a - Traditional Worship

In-person Attendance

Jan. 7, 2023— 366

Last year 2022— 359

Our Financial Stewardship

Donations YTD: Actual donations compared to spending plan. Each week is added to give a cumulative total. (000s)

NOV Actual \$557.8

Needed \$512.9

Over/(Under) \$ 44.9

NET YTD—Nov 23 \$42.9

Nov 22 \$26.9

Today's altar flowers are presented by

Jim & Jane Anderson

In honor of their 55th wedding anniversary (Dec. 21st)

Also by

Janet Nuse and family

In memory of Kenneth Nuse, Sr.



The communion wine is presented by Janet Nuse and family

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THIS WEEK'S BIRTHDAYS

Jan 15 — Sally Buuck, Ron Messinese

Jan 16 — Jerry Keele, Don Ring

Jan 17 — Douglas Knoeller, Dale Christine, Rick Mackenzie

Jan 18 — Lois Ackerman

Jan 20 — Rolf Simonson, Sally Simpson

THIS WEEK'S ANNIVERSARIES

No Anniversaries this week





BackPack Kidz has been informed by the social worker at Port Charlotte High School that the children are often hungry during the day. Teachers have been providing snacks paid for out of their own pockets to these children. The needs has grown so much that the teachers are unable to continue to provide snacks to so many children.

I would like to ask members and friends of Holy Trinity to provide snacks such as crackers, protein bars, any single service snack etc. Drop them off at the BackPack Kidz shelves in the narthex.

Let's help feed these children and give them the ability to learn and become successful people in our community.

Thank You, Theda Bunker

From: Jacqueline Matthews Williams

Comprehensive Refugee Services
Lutheran Services Florida



We can't thank the generous people of Holy Trinity enough, for all you did to make our littlest clients have a very merry Christmas. The kids had such a great time at the Holly Jolly Christmas celebration. Your generosity was a blessing from God and the smiles and love shared that day were a true reflection of that love. Thank you again!!



Annual Commitments January 21st

Everything we have is a gift from God! When we give of our time, talents, and treasures, we return to

*Your talent is God's gift to you.
What you do with it is your gift
back to God.*

God what he has blessed us with. We regularly have opportunities to use our time and talents. We always welcome new ideas for mission/service. We DO NOT have a Stewardship drive, although we do encourage everyone to tithe (giving 10%).

We believe that it is important for everyone to prayerfully seek God's guidance as to how best financially support His church. To that end, at each service next Sunday, you will have the opportunity to commit your financial support for God's mission this year.

*We ask that you prayerfully ponder how you want to financially return to God this year. **Prayer cards will be emailed out this week and available on Sunday, Jan. 21st. Please fill them out and place them in an envelope. Seal the envelope and, if you want, put your address on the front of the envelope.***

***During the service January 21st,** you will be invited to come forward to place your envelope in the treasure chest. This will be kept under the altar all year as a reminder of our support for God's mission. **NO ONE OPENS YOUR PRAYER!** This is between you and God. IF you are unable to attend, please mail your prayer to the church and we will place it in the Treasure Chest.*

this year. No matter the size of your gift, your support for our mission will help us be a strong light for God in our community and the world.

Women in Stitches

***Attention* Women in Stitches** is having their annual Tying of the Quilts on **Thursday, January 18th., at 9:30 am.** Please come help out, if you can, to prepare the quilts that will be sent for Lutheran World Relief. Before you say, "But I don't sew," let us tell you that all you need to do is TIE KNOTS, a skill most of us learned in kindergarten! And there will be people there to show you exactly what to do. Please sign up on the bulletin board in the Narthex.



On February 11th we will be celebrating our 90+ year olds. To ensure everyone is included please notify the office if you are or know of someone who is was born in 1934 or earlier. So far, our list includes 32 people! We look forward to this celebration.



"Gave to a struggling family"



YMCA Reads



"Gave to a homeless man"



"Gave to a teenage foster child"



"Gave to a grandmother raising her grandchild"



BLESSED TO BE A BLESSING

Several weeks ago each member that attended the 9:00 or 10:45 Worship Service received cash to share God's Blessings with anyone who you felt were in need, as a blessing from our church. We gave out 302 envelopes that Sunday, and have received over 130 responses of how you shared your blessings. Some even matched the church's funds with their own. Many gave to random people they encountered. These *Random Acts of Kindness* have touched many lives, we are truly blessed to know you.

"Gave to a friend in need"

"Purchased extra socks for the homeless"

"Gave to an elderly person that needed help with groceries"



Jesus Loves You Ministry



Harry Chapin Food Bank OF SOUTHWEST FLORIDA

"Sending to a seminary student"



Tidewell Hospice



"Gave to a homeless man on Kings Hwy"



"Donating to Terr Haute Indiana Children's Museum"



And

Trinity Theater Dinner

One night only - Jan. 26th

Tickets \$25.00 NO TABLE RESERVATIONS

Doors open 5:00—Dinner 5:30—Show 8:00

Tickets on sale Jan. 14th and 21st.

BYOB

Trinity Theater presents Silver Foxes entertainment

Direct from the Venice Theater

The show is open to the public 7:45—front door

Free will offering for the show

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- Coney Island** Chopped Salad
Miss Connie
- Manhattan** Oven Roasted New York Strip
Hand carved to your liking
- Queens** Shrimp Volcano Saffron Lava
Nestled on Blush Vodka Sauce
Chef Charles
- Brooklyn** Balsamic Glazed Chicken
Seared breast with balsamic
mushrooms, garlic (red Wine)
- Bronx** Triple Cheese Stuffed Potato
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