

Please pray for...

Our Church Family: Week of 11/16/25 Chuck Witzke, Jennifer Fischer 11/10/25 Rosemarie Conklin 11/3/25 Vic Larson, Dagny Scheelk 10/28/25 Paula Wiedewitsch 10/21/25 Joanne Donaldson



Our friends and relatives: Week of: 11/23/25 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: 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, Phyllis Friedmann, 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.

THE Hope CANDLE

Also known as the Prophets' Candle, this first candle of Advent signifies the promise of the Messiah.

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; Upon those who dwelt in the land of gloom a light has shone.

—Isaiah 9:2



November 30, 2025

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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:** _____

READER: Marianne Click

Acolyte : Isla Wild

COMMUNION ASSISTANTS: Marianne Click, Dale Meyer, Rita Meyer, Jennifer Fischer

TODAY'S 10:45am SERVICE VOLUNTEERS:

GREETER: Tom Mount **BULLETINS:** The Holdrich Family

READER: Janice Hanus

OFFERING: Tom Mount, _____

COMMUNION ASSISTANTS: Maryrose Risner, Sally Simpson, Shawn Hernandez, Diane Boettcher

COFFEE HOUR HOSTS: Early: Jo & Dick Duhn Late: Janice Hanus

FLOWER DELIVERY TO HOMEBOUND: Pat Morgan

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: Lamentations 3:46-57; Luke 2:1-5

10:45 HYMNS - OPENING: We Gather Together **SERMON:** ELW 658 **SENDING:** ELW 434

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—Dec 1

9:00a—Food Pantry

11:00a—Single Women Pot Luck

Tuesday—Dec 2

10:00a—Bible Study

Wednesday—Dec 3

9:00a—Food Pantry

9:00—Christmas Set Up!

5:00p—Evening Food Pantry

6:30p—Chancel Choir

Thursday - Dec 4

9:00a—Quilters

11:00a—Joyful Ringes

5:30p—Trinity's Praise

Friday—Dec 5

Office Closed

6:00p—Tender Hearts

Saturday – Dec 6

Office Closed

10:00a—2 Piano Practice

Sunday - Dec 7

9:00a—Celebration Service

9:15a—Let's Talk

9:45 Sunday School

10:10a—Congregation Meeting

10:45a—Traditional Service

6:30 p—BINGO!!!!

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



Today's altar flowers are presented
by
Nancy & Tom Dummer
In honor of their 49th
Wedding Anniversary



Today's communion wine is presented by
Pat Isom

To the Glory of God

THIS WEEK'S BIRTHDAYS

Dec 3— Pete Cintron

Scott Furnas

Connie Wuckert

Dec 4— Carol Stockly

Dec 6— Isabella Mancini



**Sometimes talking to your sister is
all the therapy you need. And
sometimes, you need therapy after
talking with your sis.**



In-person Attendance

Nov. 23, 2025— 307

Last year 2024— 291



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*

Suggested Free
Will offering
**\$15.00 per
person**

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
Sundays: November 30th and December 7th



BYOB (wine or beer)



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

The Fall Congregation meeting will be held (as per the constitution) next **Sunday, 12/7/2025 at 10:10am.** At this meeting, we will be electing members to leadership positions and voting on the 2026 Spending Plan.

CHRISTMAS
bingo
Sunday,
December 7th
@ 6:30.
Bring a snack to
share

Single
women's ministries
Monday,
12/1/2025 at 11: 00.
Pot luck!
SIGN UP SHEET WILL BE IN NARTHEX



Angel Tree

The tree will be up in the narthex on November 30th with over 60 children & youth provided by **Lutheran Services of Florida** that our HTLC family is blessed to 'adopt' for Christmas. **Wrapped Gifts will name tags attached** will be accepted up to **December 14th.** Thank you!



We will be decorating the church for Christmas.
Pastries and Coffee will be served to all workers.

Wednesday, December 3, 2025

9:00 AM

All help is greatly needed!



SPOT A STROKE

LEARN THE WARNING SIGNS AND ACT FAST



B E F A S T



BALANCE

LOSS OF BALANCE,
HEADACHE
OR DIZZINESS



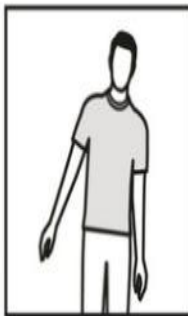
EYES

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



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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

To the Holy and faithful brothers and sisters, Holy Trinity Lutheran Church,
Grace and peace to you all from God our Father.

We praise God for you because of your faith in Christ Jesus and the gift of Love as reflected in the gifts you send to us. Your faith and Love will never go unnoticed by God. Your faith and Love is already evident here in the gospel preached on radio, bearing fruits and signs of transformation and growth beginning to unfold. We pledge not to stop praying for you and asking God to continue blessing you as you bless others. Always be strengthened with all powers to remain thankful to what God is accomplishing through you as you serve and reflect Godly living. In **Matthew 5:13-16** Jesus names us as salt and light - people who preserve hope and reveal God's truth. Salt keeps the world from moral decay through humble obedience, and light pushes darkness through visible Love and integrity. When we serve with compassion, forgive freely, and live honestly, others see God's glory in us and in this he is glorified. Let this coming advent season and Christmas, help us be true witnesses, and Christ shine through our actions so that many are drawn to the Father's saving grace.

Wishing you a peaceful and blessed Advent season ushering us to Christmas.

With Love, *Very Rev Can Eric Twine, Hoima Archdeaconry*





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”****

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



Tuesdays @ 10am

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)



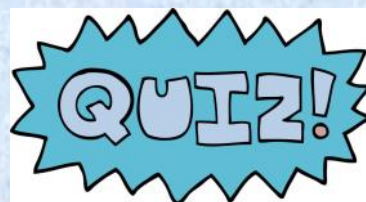
The *December Ladies Luncheon*, hosted by Barbara Schnur (502-432-0204), will be on **Wednesday, December 17th at 12 noon** at ***CODY'S ROADHOUSE*** (1441 S Tamiami Trail).

We will be ordering off the regular menu. There will be a signup sheet in the narthex.





Blood Pressure Check will be on December 14th instead of the first Sunday of the month, between services. Please stop by!



1 Which of these events does Advent NOT anticipate?

- A. The resurrection of Jesus
- B. The birth of Christ in Bethlehem
- C. The second coming of Christ
- D. The reception of Christ in the heart of the believer

2. How many purple (or violet) candles will you typically find in an Advent wreath in a modern Anglican church?

- A. three B. one C. Four D. two

What is the last day in Advent?

- A. Christmas B. Easter C. Epiphany D. Christmas Eve

3. A common scripture reading during the Advent season is, "A shoot shall come out from the stump of Jesse, and a branch shall grow out of his roots." In which book of the Bible is this verse found?

- A. Jeremiah B. Isaiah C. Luke D. Psalms

4. Which of these is the best example of an Advent hymn?

- A. We Three Kings
- B. O Come, O Come Emmanuel
- C. The Old Rugged Cross
- D. Breathe Upon Us, Holy Spirit

5. What does the pink (or rose) candle symbolize in the Advent wreath?

- A. Peace B. Joy C. Love D. Death

Did you know that your offering to our Church goes into our GENERAL OPERATING FUND?
UNLESS you specify that it go to the *Love Fund* **or** the *mortgage* **or** the *food pantry* **or** to *support some other program close to your heart?*

These are some of things we pay for from the General Operating Fund – our “**household expenses**” if you will, listed as annual amounts:

- Property & Flood Insurance: **\$22,109**
- Mortgage: **\$23,000** (\$55,000 comes from designated giving)
- Electricity: **\$16,849**
- Water & Sewer: **\$1,789**
- Telephones & Wi-Fi: **\$6,709**
- Trash: **\$3,523**
- Building Repairs & Maintenance: **\$8,792**
- Custodial & Landscaping Service: **\$24,947**



Thank you for your continued generosity to our Church.
God Bless You, Shawn Hernandez Treasurer, HTLC



1. Resurrection of Jesus
2. Three. According to Teddy Colbert in his book "The Living Wreath", the tradition of the advent wreath originated among German Lutherans in the 16th century.
3. Isaiah 11:1-6
4. O Come, O Come Emmanuel – "We Three Kings" is an Epiphany hymn. "The Old Rugged Cross," which is about the Crucifixion,
5. Joy – The first two purple candles symbolize hope and faith. The pink (rose) candle is known as the "Shepherd's Candle" in some traditions.