

HIGHLIGHTS



THE MONTHLY MAGAZINE *of* HOLY TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

December 2020

**Advent: Preparing for the
Coming of Jesus Christ**

*Deb Ickes fixes a bow on the Advent
wreath hanging in the sanctuary*

ARTS @ HOLY TRINITY

Featuring three of the community's premiere musical arts organizations:

Firestone Madrigal Singers | Les Délices | Holy Trinity Lutheran Church

Procession of Advent Lessons & Carols

Friday, December 4, 7:30 p.m.

Holy Trinity's vocal, percussion and handbell choirs join musical forces with the Madrigal Singers of Firestone Community Learning Center and with artists-in-residence Les Délices for this annual holiday tradition. We hear the powerful story of salvation — from Bible readings, choral anthems and hymns — that moves us from darkness to light, Advent to Christmas. Free and open to everyone who needs their spirits buoyed by the good news that there is indeed a larger force for good at work in this world even in the midst of struggle and suffering.

Les Délices shares selections from their forthcoming online concert *Noel, Noel*, available at their website from December 10-23. (*Noel, Noel* will blend heartfelt carols with both classic and contemporary poetry read by longtime Cleveland radio and TV host Dee Perry to create an alternative Lessons and Carols experience.)



The Madrigal Singers, an advanced, auditioned ensemble under the direction of Chad Pittman, regularly perform professional level sacred and secular music.

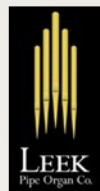


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**HOLY TRINITY
LUTHERAN CHURCH**

Praising. Loving. Serving in Jesus' name.



*Our sincere thanks to the
Leek Pipe Organ Company
for serving as the season's
Outreach Underwriter.*

This pre-recorded concert will premiere Friday, December 4, 7:30 p.m. and will be available for viewing from Holy Trinity's Facebook page (@trinityakron), YouTube Channel and from our website at artsholytrinity.org.

It will be available to stream on-demand for one week following its premiere on December 4.

I Am Praising You



Pastor David

I am praising you this day, O God, but with a clenched fist, shaken at a world full of power politics and broken promises and an arrogance bred of violence. I am tired of pandemics and death, of manufactured righteousness and hate speech and elitist attitudes and the quick assumptions made about other peoples' motives. Assumptions that we gladly use to justify our demonization and dismissal and eventual murder of them.

I am praising you this day, O God, but with a cynical attitude that soils my expectations for anything different or better. Like losing control on an icy road, I strain to see how we can avoid the crash of our world with all its deadly consequences...all the while our ears bombarded with pitiful excuses and the accusations of others.

I am praising you this day, O God, but with a broken heart...knowing all too well that the sin played out across the nations and cultures of this world flows from my own soul as well, and that I am powerless to stem the tide. As much as I might imagine otherwise, the evils I see in others are no stranger to my own being.

I am praising you this day, O God, because I have no place else to go. You are the last resort of a shattered creation that resists every gracious invitation and refuses to make you first. And what is true on a cosmic scale is all too true for this shattered creature as well.

So here we are...at the beginning of another year with nothing to show for all our efforts, and hoping for the best. And, my God, that is what you are. The only possibility for hope.

Selah.

I am praising you this day, O God, awestruck and wonder-filled at grace beyond my ability to grasp, let alone to know. You are the Lord. We do not deserve your attention or your healing or your love. Most days, we don't even want your mercy. But we are desperate, desperate for it all. And in this season that would teach us the holy values of waiting and expectation, we cry out in our need: "Amen. Amen. Come, Lord Jesus." †





Advent 2020 Diaper Drive

Diapers will be distributed to clients of the DLM Food & Resource

You may drop off your donation at the church through Sunday, December 20th. You may also make arrangements for your donation to be picked up by contacting Rachel Núñez, Director of Formation, at (330) 376-5154 or by email at rnunez@holytrinityakron.org.

You may always make a monetary donation at holytrinityakron.org. This is hosted by the Youth & Education Ministry Team. Thank You! †

Help Prepare & Serve To-Go Meals

Holy Trinity has been partnering with the Robinson CLC Family Resource Center (FRC) throughout the school to prepare and

provide to-go meals for the students and families. *NOTE: This activity is tentative due to the County's Stay-at-Home Advisory.*

Your help is needed to prepare to-go meals on **Thursday, December 17**. Volunteers need to arrive by 3 p.m. at the school for prep work; meals will be delivered to families' homes via DoorDash. Face masks are required. If you can serve, please contact Sandy DeLuca at (330) 703-4870 or at sdeluca@holytrinityakron.org. †



Robinson CLC

Holy Trinity Lutheran Church

2021 Ernie Liska Memorial Scholarship

In 2021 Holy Trinity Lutheran Church will again be sponsoring The Ernie Liska Memorial Scholarship which provides financial assistance to students who plan to earn a college degree, university degree, or become certified in a vocational/building trade, and who aspire to utilize their education to serve their community. The \$1,000 scholarship, designed to assist deserving students attending Akron Public Schools, will be awarded following a review of applications by a select committee. This annual scholarship is a one-time award and is not renewable.

Please consider making a donation to this very important scholarship program and support deserving students as they launch their careers. Contributions may be made to the Ernie Liska Memorial Scholarship fund at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church.

For more information, please contact John Stefanik at (330) 666-3579 or jrstef@roadrunner.com. †

We recently contacted the 2020 recipients and received the following comments:

Abednego Kashindi

I am doing great and thank you so much for your prayer, God bless you. My first semester went better than I expected because before I started college, I had so many people in my ears telling me how hard college is, which gave me stress, and I felt like I would never pass any class. Yes! College is not the same as high school, and it is hard, but if you are going with a positive mindset, you will be successful. Right now, I am taking two classes online and another two on campus. Based on my first semester's experience, I learned that college is all about being responsible for all your work; it is way different from high school. Also, asking for help is very important; I have seen so many struggling students, but they don't ask for help when there are multiple resources ready to help students. †



Jeremy Fertig

It's definitely been a chaotic semester. All of my classes are online. Midway through the semester I realized that a lot of things were not working out and I felt like accounting was not what I was meant to be doing. I have changed my major to history and I think I would like to go for secondary education and teach history. It's something I've always thought about but never committed to. I talked to some personal and religious mentors at my church and we put into words what really engages my mind, and I am incredibly happy with the change.

Online work is definitely hard. I find myself most engaged when I can see someone in front of me, but this new start really has me emotionally invested in what I am doing, and I couldn't be more excited for next semester when I have a full roster of history. I hope everything is well with everybody at the church. Make sure to thank the people asking about me! †



Advent/Christmas Worship:

Pandemic Style

We will be learning new ways of gathering this year as we anticipate and celebrate the coming of Christ among us. It's Emmanuel by way of Zoom and Facebook...with more limited opportunities for in-person gatherings than we're used to. But that won't keep us from the praise and thanksgiving that are part of Advent and Christmas.

Join us on Sunday morning. We continue to worship at 9:30 a.m., offering both in-person (please see our guidelines for in-person worship on page 15) and via livestream options each Sunday morning. You'll want to check out our guidelines for in-person worship before arriving at 50 N. Prospect Street. Online, you'll find us at holytrinityakron.org/live, as well as on Facebook Live, and on our Youtube page.

Join us for Compline. We will gather via Zoom at 8 p.m. on Wednesday, December 2, 9, 16, and 23. Our "Prayer at the Close of the Day" liturgy invites us into Scripture, prayer, meditation in the midst of a busy season. Contact Pr. David for login information at dnevergall@holytrinityakron.org.

Join us early on Christmas Eve. We're planning a special service for children and families at 7 p.m. on December 24. Readings. Favorite carols. A story to share. A special gift for the children. And a bedtime prayer for Christmas Eve. You can join us via livestream (see the Sunday options above). But we encourage you to register at holytrinityakron.org so that we can send along that special gift to the children in your household.

Join us later on Christmas Eve. We will gather in-person and via livestream at 10 p.m. for Christmas Eve Candlelight and Holy Communion. We will enjoy musical offerings from the Trinity Bell Choir, a mixed vocal quartet, harp and cello. We will revel in the story of God's coming among us in the Christ Child. We will gather to be fed at Christ's precious table. Together we will proclaim and be sent out with the good news of God's saving incarnation.

Join us on Christmas Morning. Our celebration continues at 9:30 a.m. on Christmas Day as we gather in person and via livestream to reflect once more on the light of Christ born into humankind. Favorite carols, the Holy Gospel, and the Lord's Supper will feed and nourish us.

We are blessed, even in these challenging circumstances. Emmanuel...God with us...makes known the love and hope and grace of God whether we are together or apart. Our celebrations may seem strange this year. But they are no less powerful in their ability to remind us and equip us with Good News to share with the world around us. Come and worship!



Drew Russell



McKayla Ferguson

We Welcome New Section Leaders

When alto Claudia Holen and baritone Hugo Christensen recently relocated to Illinois, we were blessed to secure two upper-classmen from Kent State University to serve as Section Leaders.

McKayla Ferguson, mezzo-soprano, is in her third year at KSU obtaining her Bachelor of Music. On stage, she has been featured in operatic and choral productions. Recent operatic performances include leading roles in Menotti's *The Medium* and Purcell's *Dido and Aeneas*. McKayla's recent choral performance features the alto soloist for Britten's *Rejoice in the Lamb*. As an ensemble musician, McKayla has appeared with Kent State University's Chorale, Cantique (women's chorus), and Grace United Methodist Church. She currently serves as a founder and the secretary of Student Advocates for Classical Singing (SACS) at her university.

A native of Aurora, Ohio, baritone Drew Russell is a junior at Kent State University's Hugh A. Glauser School of Music studying for his Bachelor of Music in Performance-Voice. Drew participated in opera performances at KSU to include the role of Gontran in *Operetta: The Land of Smiles*, *Pirates and Pinafores*, as well as cover and ensemble member in Menotti's *The Medium*, and the role of Melchior in *Amahl and the Night Visitors*. Ensemble participation includes the Kent State Chorale and Coro Cantare. Previously, Drew was a member of the Baldwin Wallace Men's Chorus, the Cleveland Orchestra children and youth choruses, and also a cantor at his local church, The Church of the Resurrection in Solon, as well St. Anthony of Padua in Parma. In his free time, Drew enjoys piano and working out/nutrition, in addition to teaching swim lessons to children and adults.

May God bless their ministry among us! †

The Joy of Watts

When we sing the hymn *Joy to the World*, we think of Christmas. It is a great Christmas carol, but there is more meaning to it than that. Sometimes we limit our appreciation of a piece of music because we associate it with certain experiences or cultural celebrations. It helps us to know that Isaac Watts (1674-1748) wrote this hymn to paraphrase Psalm 98:4-9. Hymn-singing for Christmas - or any other season - was rare in Watts' early life. The only songs people sang in worship were psalms. Despite this restriction, psalms were not often sung well. Thomas Mace, a contemporary of Watts, wrote of the "whining, tooting, yelling, or screeching" heard in many churches. One day in 1692, Isaac gave up singing in worship, disgusted by what he heard. His father suggested he try to write something better, and Watts' first hymn was sung the next Sunday. He began a new era in English hymn singing, eventually writing over 600 hymns, many of which are considered among the finest in the English language. Watts is known as the "Father of English Hymnody."

Consider the first line of *Joy to the World* ... "the Lord is come." This is a call for each of us to make room in our hearts for God not just at Advent or Christmas, but daily. We can sing this song in our hearts and minds in any season.

The next time you hear this joyful song, take a moment to remind yourself "the Lord is come," thank the Lord for his presence, and pray that those around you may know the joy of Emmanuel - God with us.

And don't be surprised if the next time you sing this hymn at Holy Trinity is... mid-summer. †





As has been mentioned before, Invite-Welcome-Connect is an initiative created by a member of the Episcopal Church named Mary Parmer. Over the past five years, the Renaissance Committee has looked at quite a few examples of church growth. What makes IWC particularly attractive is that it was created and successfully implemented by a mainline denomination, not a contemporary “evangelical” church. (Yes, we know that our original name was The Evangelical Church of the Holy Trinity and we belong to the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America). What follows is testimony from one Episcopal diocese.

“In the Diocese of Alabama, nearly a third of our ninety-two churches have participated in Invite Welcome Connect workshops. These churches range in size from 75 to 550 average Sunday attendance and are in locations from downtown and historic to suburban, from lake and resort to small town. After a year, these churches were polled about their successes and challenges while incorporating the Invite Welcome

Connect ministry.

“We found that when people are dedicated to implementing this ministry, they experience vibrancy and change in their congregation. In addition, we learned that there are as many ways to succeed in this ministry as there are people implementing it. What works for one church may fail at another. It is essential for you to know your church’s personality to integrate this ministry into your church’s way of being.

“One of the most important things to remember is Keep at it. Don’t let one or two obstacles derail your ministry. Tweak your strategy when necessary. . . .

“Start with things that are easy and don’t require large investment. Look for early success then move to items that require funding. Start with creating a team for each ministry area of Invite Welcome Connect, then empower and equip people to start (or stop) initiatives and programs. *The key to success is buy-in from the clergy and involvement and commitment of lay leaders.*” + (Emphasis added)

Christmas Poinsettias

Order a Christmas poinsettia to help decorate Holy Trinity’s altar this Christmas Eve! Fill out this form and place in the offering plate or mail it to the Church. Make your check out to *Holy Trinity Lutheran Church* and mark “poinsettia” on the memo line. **All orders must be placed by noon on Monday, December 21.** Thank you for this offering! You may pickup your poinsettia immediately following the 9:30 a.m. service on Friday, December 25. The remaining poinsettias will be delivered by our Friendly Visitors to Trinity Members who are shut-in, hospitalized or recovering in their homes from a hospital stay. For more information, please contact Debbie Ickes at (678) 353-7444 or Sophia Morton at (330) 794-7059.

I would like to order _____ poinsettias @ \$15 each.

Please check one of the following and print clearly.

I give my poinsettia(s):

_____ in memory of _____

_____ in honor of _____

_____ to the glory of God.

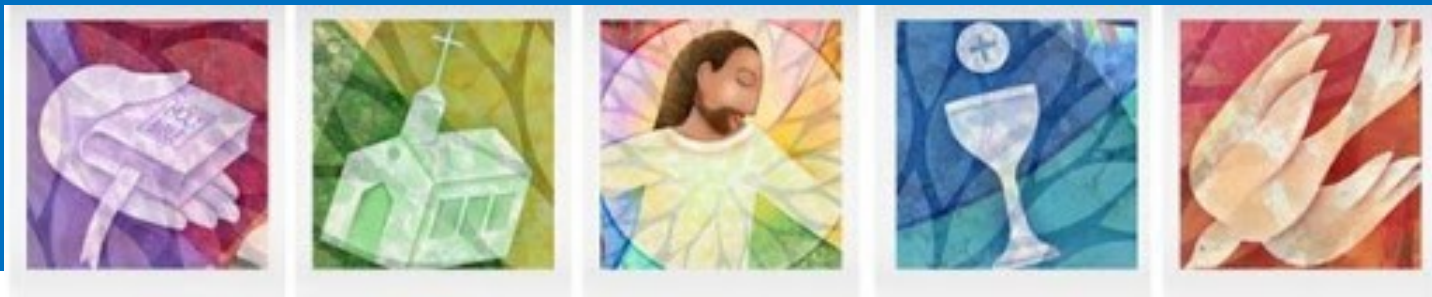
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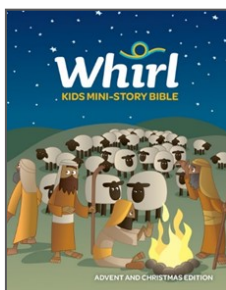
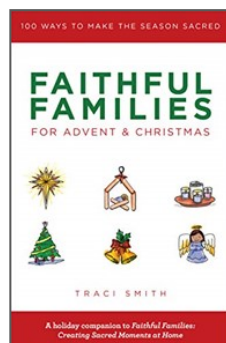
Faith Formation

Bedtime Story & Prayer for the Seasons of Advent, Christmas, and Epiphany

SUNDAY EVENING @ 7 p.m.
via Facebook LIVE

Join Miss Rachel as we read *The Story of Christmas* from the *Whirl Kid's Mini-Story Bible* and receive blessings and prayers from *Faithful Families for Advent & Christmas*. We will get ready for Jesus' birthday by reading about what his family did to prepare for him and how some visitors journeyed to see him after his birth.

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| November 29 th | What is Advent? |
| December 6 th | <i>Angels Visit Mary & Joseph</i> (Matthew 1: 18-25; Luke 1: 26-38) |
| December 13 th | <i>Mary and Elizabeth</i> (Luke 1: 39-56) |
| December 20 th | <i>The Little Shepherd</i> by Elizabeth Jaeger, beamingbooks.com ; <i>Jesus Is Born</i> (Luke 2: 1-20) |
| December 27 th | <i>The Star in the Christmas Play</i> by Lynne Marie, beamingbooks.com |
| January 3 rd | <i>The Wise Men</i> (Matthew 2: 1-12) † |



Sunday LIFT

Living in Faith Together 

Advent 2020 via Zoom

In this study, we will learn about Advent as a season for remembering God's dreams for the world through Jesus. The stories of Jesus' birth in Matthew and Luke are used to identify Jesus as the fulfillment of God's covenant promise, and the way God promised to reveal God's self to all people everywhere. Our virtual study, *God's Promise Is Born*, will meet the following Sundays in Advent:

- November 29th – *Advent Hopes and Dreams* (Isaiah 9: 6-7 & Isaiah 11: 6-9)
- December 6th – *Matthew's Story of Jesus* (Matthew 1: 18-25)
- December 13th – *Luke's Story of Jesus* (Luke 1: 26-38)
- December 20th – *Christmas Joy* (Matthew 2: 1-12 & Luke 2: 1-20)
- December 27th – NO CLASS MEETING

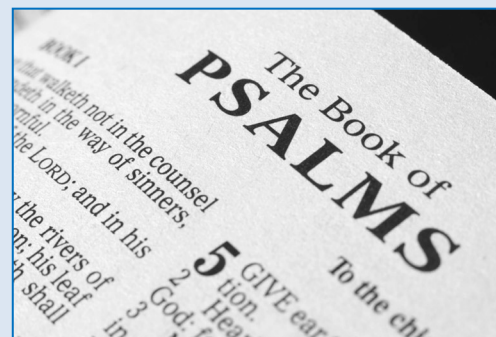
Contact Rachel Núñez, Director of Formation for Zoom meeting instructions and if you have any questions at rnunez@holymtrinityakron.org or call/text (330) 634-6597. †

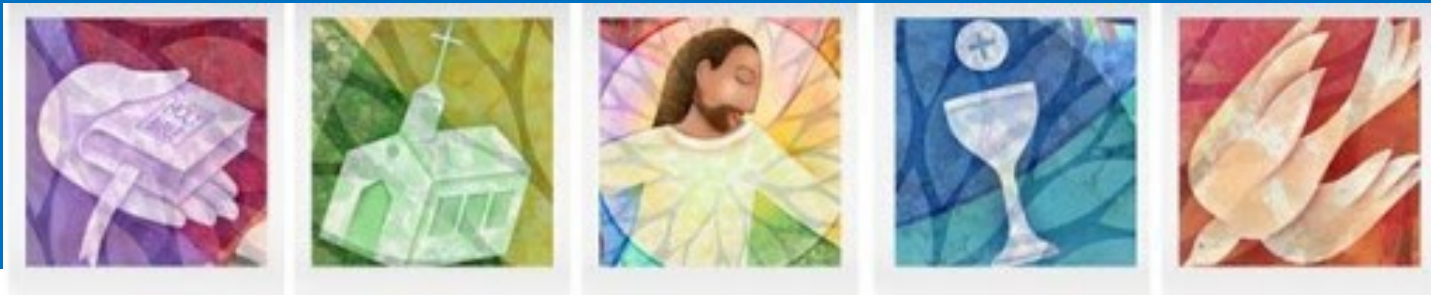
Advent Wednesday Studies the Psalms

"Psalms for the Season" is the topic of our mid-week Bible study for Advent. Join us via Zoom at 11 a.m. or at 6:30 p.m. on four consecutive Advent Wednesdays. Pr. David is our study leader. Weekly topics include:

- December 2 – A Litany of Salvation: Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19
- December 9 – A Prayer of Confidence: Psalm 85:1-2, 8-13
- December 16 – A Harvest of Joy: Psalm 126
- December 23 – A Remembrance of Covenant: Psalm 89:1-4, 19-26

Please email Pr. David (dnevergall@holymtrinityakron.org) for Zoom access. Then join us as we journey together during this time of expectation. †





Faith Formation

Friday Morning Devotion & Check-In

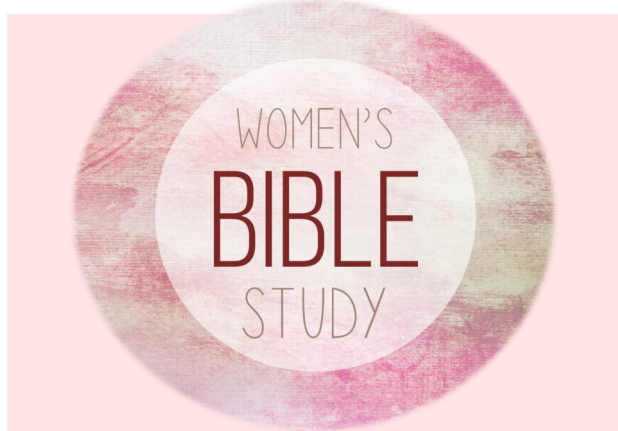


Fridays @ 9 a.m. via Zoom

We gather via Zoom for a time of sharing, scripture reading, talking, prayer, and blessing. Our text for the Advent and Christmas seasons will be the Friday devotion from *our hope and expectation*, Devotions for Advent & Christmas 2020-2021. †



Contact Rachel Núñez, Director of Formation for a copy of the text and Zoom access at rnunez@holytrinityakron.org or call/text (330) 634-6597.



Saturday, December 19 @ 10 a.m. via Zoom

Contact Rachel Núñez, Director of Formation for meeting instructions, rnunez@holytrinityakron.org, call/text (330) 634-6597

Gather magazine's 2020 Advent devotional, written by the Rev. Jordan Miller-Stubbendick, focuses on a liminal story: Mary's journey as she follows God's call into motherhood. While exploring Mary's story, we think about the liminal days in her life, and how she might have traveled spiritually and emotionally during her own uncertainty. As we embark on our own emotional and spiritual journeys this Advent, we'll explore four practices that can help to ground and steady us: gratitude, movement, song and honest conversation. †



Looking ahead to Epiphany – Save the Date!

Wednesday – January 6th @ 6:30 p.m. via Zoom

Guiding Stars:

An Epiphany Activity at Home with Fellowship & Dessert

Epiphany, January 6, is the official end of the 12 days of Christmas. Many Christians celebrate this day by remembering the journey of the Magi. The Magi found their way to Jesus by following a bright heavenly body, usually represented by a star. This activity allows each person to pick out a star that will guide him or her throughout the coming year. We will gather virtually to celebrate with sharing, reading scripture, talking, prayer, blessing, and eating seasonal goodies!

Contact Rachel Núñez, Director of Formation for Zoom meeting instructions and also to receive a star in the mail and a recipe to make for a dessert to be eaten during our time together. She can be reached at rnunez@holytrinityakron.org or call/text 330-634-6597. †



Advent Kits for Families



The Youth & Education Ministry Team was hard at work with preparing Advent kits for Holy Trinity families as well as families from

Robinson CLC. Included in each kit is the book, Faithful Families, A Whirl Advent activity book, stickers and crayons, along with a box of cookie mix and hot chocolate. Lots of family fun! †

Pictured at top: Amy Indorf and Diane Chambers collate materials for the Kits.

Pictured at right: LJ Kimble sorts through items to include in the kits.



Preparing Thanksgiving Meals for Robinson CLC

It is a privilege to be able to serve with our partners during this pandemic. We have been helping the Family Resource Center each month to prepare and distribute to-go meals to families at Robinson CLC. †

Thank you to (from top photo, clockwise): Pastor Dave, Gregg Loesch, bob Keener, Rachel Nunez, Pastor Lor Breyley and Sandy DeLuca.



FRC staff prepared stuffing.



Clothing Give-Away



Marquasia Jones, from OhioGuidestone, is new to DLM Food & Resources.

For the first time since March, DLM Food & Resources opened its doors on October 29-31 for limited in-person shopping for clothing. Twenty families attended over the 3-day period. There was a tremendous amount of prep work that took place to prepared for people to come in for shopping. For example, all clothing was sorted and individually bagged. Only one family member was permitted inside with a limit of three families shopping at a time. Masks were required, and all were physically distant from one another. Volunteers were on-hand to assist if needed. †



More than 80 filled food boxes line the hallway ready for delivery to families' homes. The need is growing each month. In November, more than 800 people were served through DLM, receiving food and personal care items.





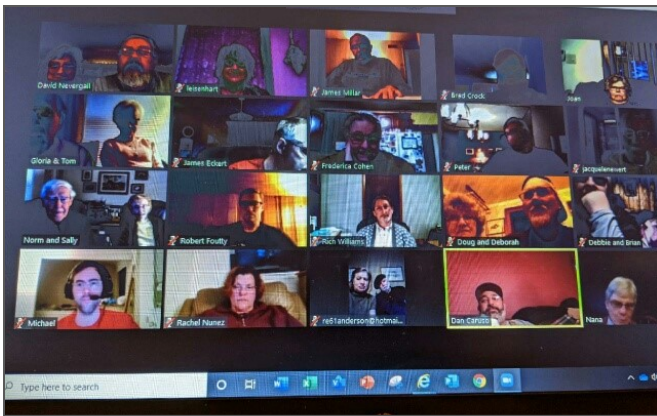
The student, Pastor Debbie, poses with her internship teacher, Pastor David.

Pastor Debbie's Ordination

Congratulations to Pastor Debbie Pinnegar on her ordination! It was a picture-perfect day on October 31 at Lutheran Memorial Camp, albeit having a chill in the air. Many ELCA pastors, family and friends attended this important event. She was called to serve as pastor at St. Paul Lutheran Church in Bellville, Ohio (near Mansfield). †

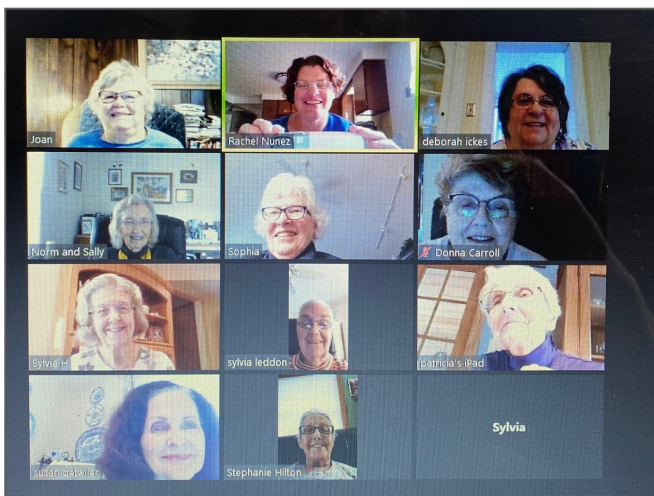


Pictured at right: Bishop Allende leads the ordination ceremony for Pastor Debbie.



Who's on Zoom?

Pictured above is the group from The Luther & Lager Hour. And, pictured below is Altar Guild.



Advent Decorating Made Easy

Holy Trinity took a minimalist approach to decorating for Advent this year. Just a couple of wreaths by the altar and garland all adorned with blue bows and, of course, the Advent candles and wreath ... and we're done!

Thank you to the following individuals for assisting: Jennifer Keller, Jacquie Wert, Lesli Eisenhart, Karen Nevergall, Brad Crock, William Yeager, Deb Ickes and Deacon Ruth Anderson. †



ONLINECHURCH

Join us online for devotions, prayers, group study and conversations!

SUNDAY



Bedtime Stories & Prayers
Sunday Evening, 7 p.m.
Facebook LIVE

SUNDAY

JOIN US!

TRINITY BOOK CLUB

Sunday
December 13
1 p.m.
via Zoom



SUNDAY

SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE

Sunday @ 9:30 a.m.

Join us in-person or
online via Facebook LIVE
or YouTube

To attend in-person, face masks are
required. Upon arrival, you will
need to sign-in and have your
temperature taken. Ushers will
seat and dismiss you. The worship
bulletin can be downloaded at
holyltrinityakron.org.

M-T-W-H-F

DAILY DEVOTIONS

Weekday mornings | 8 a.m.
Facebook LIVE



TUESDAY

Prayer MEETING

Let's lift each other up in prayer!

Tuesday @ 1 p.m.
Facebook LIVE

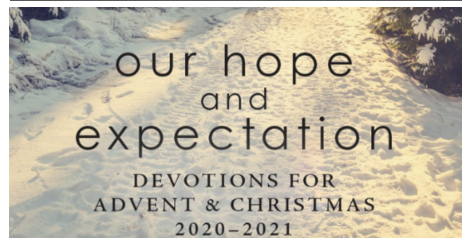
WEDNESDAY



**Advent
Bible Study**
Psalms for
the Season

Wednesday @ 11 a.m.
& 6:30 p.m. via Zoom

FRIDAY

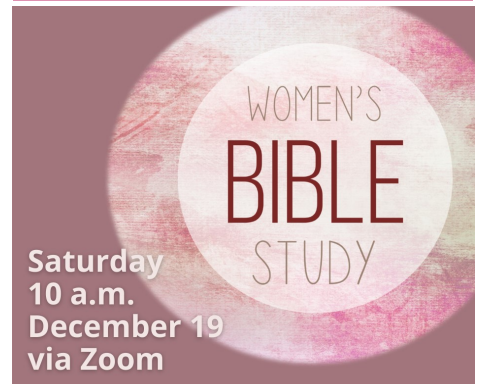


our hope
and
expectation

DEVOTIONS FOR
ADVENT & CHRISTMAS
2020-2021

Friday Morning
9 a.m. via Zoom

SATURDAY



Saturday
10 a.m.
December 19
via Zoom



'Happy Birthday' to the following members who

December 1 – Kurt Seiberling
 December 2 – Justin Bader
 December 3 – Tina Laybourne
 December 4 – Joan Amon
 December 4 – Nancy Chancey
 December 5 – Thomas Bouton
 December 5 – Dorothy Creed
 December 8 – Julie Sanders
 December 9 – Dennis Dick
 December 9 – Logan Seiberling
 December 11 – Dorothy Shoemaker
 December 12 – Kenneth Burkins
 December 12 – Gregory Mitchhart
 December 14 – Valerie Clark
 December 16 – Gilliam Godding
 December 16 – Ella Izenour
 December 16 – Samantha Lupo
 December 16 – Marcy Nagy
 December 18 – Deborah Ickes
 December 18 – Andrew Snowball
 December 19 – Paul Anacki
 December 19 – Carole Bader
 December 19 – Bob Nagle
 December 21 – Jennifer Bennage
 December 21 – Alex DeLuca
 December 21 – Ryan Giffels
 December 22 – Natalie Spencer
 December 24 – Lor Breyley
 December 25 – Jacob Isenhardt
 December 25 – LJ Kimble
 December 26 – Jordyn Rogers
 December 27 – Heather Kubiak
 December 27 – Jacob Padgett
 December 28 – Matthew Vowles
 December 29 – Jim Feeman
 December 29 – Samuel Forbes
 December 29 – Delaney Kubiak
 December 29 – Debbie Schramm
 December 30 – Dan Detwiler
 December 30 – Sandra Plummer

*If you want to include your birthday in a future issue of the Highlights, please contact Ammarie Demko at (330) 376-5154.
 NOTE: This list only includes known birthdays.*

Archive Room Now Complete!

As a follow-up to the article about the Archives Room being completed that appeared in the November Highlights, a HUGE THANK YOU goes to the TTTs who did all the work of sorting and organizing all the items in this room. Those who helped with this project included: Joanne Aller, Judy Coffman, Donna Carroll, Carolyn Mason, Velma Pomrenke, Gloria Woodford, Gary Radanof, Bruce Mansour and Ricki Ethington. Now archival pieces are beautifully displayed and items can be easily and quickly found.



Worship Stewards

Date	Readers	Sound System
December 6 9:30 a.m.	Ann Lawson (in person)	Joe Moxon
December 13 9:30 a.m.	Alexa Sandmann (virtual)	Mike Ameling
December 20 9:30 a.m.	Marsha Asente (virtual)	Dennis Dick
<u>Early Service</u> December 24 7 p.m.	TBA	NA
<u>Late Service</u> December 24 10 p.m.	TBA	Bob Ethington
December 25 9:30 a.m.	TBA	Lorin Sickafoose
December 27 9:30 a.m.	Mike Ameling (in person)	Lorin Sickafoose



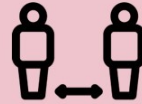
HOLY TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

Praising. Loving. Serving in Jesus' name.

Your Guide for Sunday Morning In-Person Worship



In-person worship has resumed on Sunday morning with one liturgy at 9:30 a.m. Livestream worship continues for those who are in at-risk populations or who wish to continue to avoid large gatherings. Those attending in person may be seen on the broadcast.



You must observe 6' physical distancing upon entry into and exit from the building and while in the Sanctuary.



Entry to the building will be by the north narthex door only. An usher in the parking lot will direct you to this entrance. Dismissal after worship will be guided row-by-row by the ushers through the door into the office lobby. You are asked to immediately exit through the

office entrance to your vehicle. Both the entry and exit doors will be kept open (weather permitting) to reduce surface contact and increase ventilation.



Hand sanitizer will be located near all doors and throughout the sanctuary. You must sanitize your hands upon entry and after any physical contact.



Upon entry, you will be asked to do the following:

- **Sign-in**—this will assist public health organizations if contact tracing is needed.
- **Have your temperature taken**—anyone with cold, allergy, or flu-like symptoms or anyone

with a temperature of 100° or more should stay home and seek appropriate medical care. Anyone with a temperature of 100° or more will not be admitted.

- **Sanitize your hands**—a hand sanitizing station will be set-up.



Masks must be worn by those not leading the liturgy. Please bring your own mask; only a limited supply will be available at the building. If you cannot or will not wear a mask, please worship at home via the livestream.



Seating in the Sanctuary will be guided by ushers on a first-come, first-served basis beginning from the front of the nave. Family groups from the same household may be seated together.



Additional changes to take note of:

- There will be no congregational singing during the liturgy. There will be other music (vocal and instrumental) offered by the worship leaders.
- There will be no sharing of the peace with physical contact. There will be no celebration of Holy Communion at this time.
- Bibles, hymnals and other printed materials have been removed from the pews.
- There will be no printed order of service provided. An electronic version is available for download on your own mobile device or download it from the website and print it at home to bring with you.
- We will not pass offering plates. Offering plates will be placed near the sanctuary doors (both entrance and exit) to receive our tithes and gifts.
- Restrooms will be available for use; one person at a time will be permitted.
- The nursery will not be open and child care is not available.
- There will be no in-person fellowship or discipleship time.

All public areas and high touch objects/surfaces will be thoroughly cleaned and sanitized before and after all in-person activities.

Beyond Sunday worship: small groups, ministry teams, committees, and studies are encouraged to continue meeting online.

Groups may meet in the building, if necessary, but must abide by physical distancing and sanitization protocols.

Meetings will be scheduled so that only one group is in the building at a time, and so that the meeting space may be cleaned/sanitized before and after.

This guide will be reviewed, modified and updated on an on-going basis, and as such, is subject to change, even to the point of closing again, should a change in the public health situation demand it. Visit our website for the most current information relating to this guide.

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The mission of Holy Trinity Lutheran Church is to bring Jesus to people through love and the word of God.

Vision Statement:

Holy Trinity Lutheran Church is a faith community grounded in God's word, called to worship and committed to serve as disciples of Jesus Christ.

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