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The Herald

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CHRISTMAS EVE WORSHIP
WITH COMMUNION &
CANDLELIGHT

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 24TH
4:00 P.M.

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Come Worship With Us Each Sunday

Sunday School 9:15 a.m.

Worship 10:30 a.m.



From the Pastor

“So you also must be ready, because the Son of Man will come at an hour when you do not expect him.” - Matthew 24:44

Dear Holy Trinity Family,

Welcome to the season of Advent - a time of waiting and preparation.

During Advent we remember how God came to us as a child in the person of Jesus Christ, we look forward to His coming to us again in the future, and we remember that He is with us even now. You will get a sense of these “past-present-future” aspects of Advent over the coming Sundays in our readings, hymns, prayers, and sermons.

Our hope is that you will take the time to learn from Jesus in the Scriptures; that you take the time to seek His guidance from the Holy Spirit; and that you speak to Him in prayer.

Most of the focus this time of year is on Christmas. Earlier and earlier each year, you hear Christmas songs on the radio, see decorations in stores and lights up on houses, and feel the hustle and bustle of Christmas shopping. And rest assured, Christmas will come, whether you are ready or not. But the Advent season reminds us to slow down and to wait...because we know that Christ is coming again.

Whether we are ready for that or not is the ultimate question.

In Christ,

P. Rudy

Upcoming Events



The congregation is sponsoring an “Angel Tree” to help make Christmas a little brighter for 26 children in need who are right here in our community.

Each child will have at least four angels on our Angel Tree - typically, one for clothing, one for pajamas and/or a blanket, and two for toys. If there is an extra special need, a child may have up to three additional angels. When you select an angel, please “sign it out” in the binder located at the Angel Tree. You can purchase just the item that is listed on the angel, or if you’d like, you can add some additional surprises to your package that you think the child would like. Gifts should be wrapped with the angel securely attached to the outside of the package and returned to the Chrismon Tree in the sanctuary. All Angel Tree gifts are due back to church by Sunday, December 8th. We are on a tight schedule with Little Mountain Elementary School, so it is very important that all gifts are brought in by the deadline! Monetary donations are accepted to help purchase gifts for the children. We also need volunteers to shop for gifts with donated funds. If you can be a “volunteer shopper” or have any questions, please contact Julie Haltiwanger (803-321-2356) or Becky Boland (803-422-7672).

Please put the angel you choose in a safe place so it doesn’t get lost. If you choose an angel and see you can’t sponsor that child, please put the angel back on the tree or let us know. We want to make sure every child is sponsored on our Angel Tree this year. Thank you for helping to spread Christmas joy!

The Herald will no longer contain minutes from the monthly Council meetings. Instead, the minutes will be available on the table outside the church office and in the narthex on the table in the elevator room.

Offering envelopes are ready to be picked up. They are located outside of the Nursery. Please pick up yours and your families. Thanks

Upcoming Events

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

Grandpa's Story

December
22ND

Hear Grandpa
Joe's story as he
reminds us of the
true reason for the
season.

HOLY TRINITY
LUTHERAN CHURCH
6:00PM

RECEPTION TO FOLLOW
(Bring app or
dessert
to share)





Poinsettias



ORDER YOUR
POINSETTIAS FOR
CHRISTMAS!

If you would like to order Poinsettias this year, the cost is \$13.00 (with foil wrap) per plant. Deadline for ordering is Sunday, December 1st and payment must accompany order. Please print the information requested below, so we can insure accuracy in the bulletin.

YOUR NAME _____

HOW MANY _____

IN HONOR OF _____

IN MEMORY OF _____

OTHER

TOTAL PRICE \$ _____



Directory Update

Directory Update

One Per Family

Name: _____

Address: _____

Home Phone: _____

Husband Cell Phone: _____

Wife Cell Phone: _____

E-Mail: _____

Anniversary Date: _____

Husband Birthday: _____

Wife Birthday: _____

We would like birth year for everyone for church records.

Please!! No one will see these.

Children Living At Home:

1. Name: _____

 Birthday: _____

2. Name: _____

 Birthday: _____

3. Name: _____

 Birthday: _____

4. Name: _____

 Birthday: _____

Are you a Thrivent member? _____

Please "PRINT" clearly and turn in to church office or
place in the offering plate.

*If your child is not living in the home but at college or has their own apartment
etc.; please let us know and have them fill out a separate form for themselves.*



Happy Mountaineers

Happy Mountaineers met Thursday, Nov. 21, 2024, in TLC with 21 members present. Since our December meeting is an outing away from the church, we had a combined Thanksgiving/Christmas program and feast.

President Janet Fulmer welcomed everyone. Mary Spires had devotions sharing several short stories and poems about Thanksgiving. Minutes from October were read. Ann Sanders gave a Treasurer's report. November birthdays were recognized for Audrey Caldwell, Becky Chapman and Earle Weathersbee.

Updates and concerns were shared about Happy Mountaineers and others in our congregation and community. We were given a report from the Nov. 2 bazaar which was the most successful yet. Promises of pans of stuffing for the HUB Community Thanksgiving meal have been received and donations should be in the TLC kitchen by 8 AM Thanksgiving morning or left in the refrigerator the afternoon before. Be sure to mark your name off the list so those making the delivery will know they have all the donations.

Under "New Business", we were reminded of the December 12 tour of the SC Governor's Mansion. Kevin Shealy will drive the bus which will leave at 9 AM. Lunch will be at Cracker Barrel on Lake Murray Blvd. in Irmo. Happy Mountaineers care for others is shown with a \$200. donation to both Manna House and to Julie Haltiwanger for use with the Angel Tree.

Following all the business, the fun began. Janet led us in several games. Guessing games: how many pieces of candy in the jar; who can identify the Happy Mountaineers on the sheet distributed of baby or MUCH younger pictures; who's left "holding the bag" when Janet finishes the story that has the prize moving left, right or all around. We had great fellowship.

THEN the food arrived! We had a true feast; turkey, ham, rice & gravy, sweet potato souffle, green beans, slaw, macaroni & cheese, rolls with cake for dessert. Special thanks to Brian and Zoe Fulmer for delivering our meal from Shealy's to Holy Trinity. Thanks to Zoe for the homemade Christmas tree ornaments she made and gave to Happy Mountaineers.

Plans are "in the works" for 2025. If you've never tried Happy Mountaineers, please do so in 2025. We have GREAT food, fun and Christian fellowship. ALL senior adults in the congregation are welcomed to come and bring a friend. You do not have to be a member of Holy Trinity to be a part of this special group.

December Serving Assistants



Sunday	Acolyte	Crucifer	Bulletin Folder	Lectors	Flowers
01	Taylor Lake	Zack Henson	Daniel Williams	Eva Kednocker	Philip & Lauren Armstrong
08	Dustin Winn	Zack Henson	Ava Kate Weaver	Ann Sanders	Alex & Caitlin Attaway
15	Dustin Winn	Cooper Morales	Kaylee Hentz	Mary Spires	Blake & Jessica Derrick
22	Keaton Lindler	Cooper Morales	Natalie Winn	Sheri Wicker	Lane & Caroline Attaway
24	Keaton Lindler (4pm)	Daniel Williams (4pm)		Ted Arnold (4pm)	Lane & Caroline Attaway
29	Landon Frick	Daniel Williams	Roman Long	Chris Crouch	Pat Collins

Sunday	Greeters	Nursery
01	Daniel & Samantha Curtis	Morgan Kaihara
08	Danny & Ann Newton	Jennifer Shealy, Sheri Wicker
15	Kevin & Wendy Shealy	Rebecca Edwards, Emily Wooten
22	Rodger & Karen Winn	Morgan Shealy, Robin Loadholdt
29	Travis & Amber Koon	Amy Collins, Karen Winn

	Communion
24	Lin & Frank Lake

Altar / Parament
Wanda Havird & Holly Havird

Ushers -	Chairman:	Kevin J. Shealy	* elevator operator
01, 08, 15	Kelvin Chapman	Jake Loadholdt	Jerry Shealy*
22, 24, 29	Bob Peters	Steve Layton	James Wieters*



December Birthdays

*December 1 Billy Caldwell
Austin Fulmer*

December 2 Renae Grooms

December 6 Rodney Chapman

December 7 Bill Loadholdt

*December 9 Philip Spotts
Boyd Fulmer*

December 10 Andrew Frick

December 11 Susan Crawford

December 12 Kenneth Chapman

*December 13 Greg Wicker
Curtis Boland*

December 14 Barbara Kinard

*December 15 Annie Ruth Farr
Travis Haltiwanger
Tony Shell
Kadence Derrick*

*December 16 Fred Cumalander
Jean Caldwell Barnes
Liam Kaihara*

*December 17 Chris Crouch
Carmen Boland*

December 18 Raelyn Livingston

*December 20 Sylvia Taylor
Kim Stiver*

December 21 Brian Howland

December 23 Rachel Hardy

*December 24 Phil Martinez
Blake Wicker
Christie Allison*

*December 25 Sarah Sheely Paysinger
Ashley Boland*

December 26 Joyce McCall

*December 28 Alaina Shealy
Devon Shealy
Harper Morales*

December 29 Debra Arnold

December 30 Beckett Lambert

December 31 Allen Williams

Happy
Birthday

December

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1 Advent 1 9am- Confirmation 9:15am-Sunday School/Program Prac. 10:30am-Worship/ Congregational Mtg Part 2 4:30pm- Choir Practice	2 Prayer Shawl 9am	3 Faith Circle 11am TLC - 7pm Cemetery Committee 7pm	4 Bible Study 10am Choir Practice 7pm	5	6	7
8 Advent 2 7:30am - Council Mtg 9:15am-Sunday School/Program Prac. 10:30am-Worship	9 Prayer Shawl 9am GLASS 6:30pm	10 Preschool Christmas Program 6:00 p.m.	11 Bible Study 10am Choir Practice 7pm	12 Happy Mountaineers 10am Revelation Bible Study 7pm	13	14
15 Advent 3 9am-Confirmation 9:15am-Sunday School 10:30am-Worship/Cantata 3:30- Teens for Christ Christmas Party	16 Prayer Shawl 9am	17	18 Bible Study 10am Choir Practice 7pm	19	20	21
22 Advent 4 9am-Confirmation 9:15am-Sunday School 10:30am-Worship 6pm-Children's Christmas Program & Reception	23 Prayer Shawl 9am	24 Christmas Eve Worship 4pm	25 <i>Merry Christmas!!</i>	26	27	28
29 1st Sunday of Christmas 9:15am-Sunday School 10:30am-Worship	30 Prayer Shawl 9am	31				

Bible Verse of the Month

"For to us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government shall be upon [a] his shoulder, and his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace."

-Isaiah 9:6

Memorials & Honorariums

Building Fund

In Memory of Bert Riser given by Eleanor Bush, Lib Boland.

In Memory Bruce Lindler (Lib Boland's brother) given by Eleanor Bush.

In Memory of Ollie Dominick given by Eleanor Bush.

In Memory of Evelyn Winkler given by Ashley Ballentine

In Memory of Sara Light (Melody William's mother) given by Jim & Ann Sanders, Eleanor Bush, Bobbie & Maxton King.

In Memory of All Saints Sunday given by Rodger & Karen Winn.



Thank You!

Joanna Alewine & Family
would like to thank
Pastor Randy, the choir,
and the congregation for
their many acts of
kindness during Junior's
passing.

Thank you,
Joanna Alewine

Dear Church Family,
My sister, Kathy, and I want
to thank you for your many
expressions of love, prayers, and
encouraging words over the past
six months. Kathy's journey has
been challenging and yet at the
same time very spiritually rewarding.
God is so good!

Thank you,
Lyn Lake

11-11-24



Holy Trinity Prayer Concerns

Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your request be known to God. (Phil. 4:6)

Family of Sara Light (Mother of Melody Williams), Brenda Wicker, Cade Floyd (Nephew of Patsy Frick), Travis Spires, Hannah Drafts, Al Asbill (Brother of Alice Martinez), Jake Bearden (Grandson of Dot Abrams), Scott & Cheri Bell, Susan Hill (Mother of Crystal Crouch), The Director of Youth and Education Ministries position, Molly Kednocker, Micheal Torrence, Jean Miller (Mother of Pam Bush), Jean Alewine, Bobbie & Andy Bickley, Gerald & Jonell Shealy. Note: Out of respect for individual wishes and privacy, if you wish to have someone placed on the prayer list, please obtain their permission prior to submitting it for publication in the newsletter. Thanks for your understanding.

We remember those in nursing care centers and the shut-ins of our congregation:

*White Oak of Newberry
Jean Alewine*

*Going in the hospital? Having surgery? Recovering from an illness?
Are you in need of spiritual guidance or maybe in need of prayer?*

Pastor Randy and the pastoral care volunteers of our congregation will be happy to visit with you at the hospital, at home or just pray for your healing and well-being.

Please call Pastor Randy Drafts at (803)537-2303 or the church office and let us know of your need and we will be glad to visit and pray with you anytime.

Remember, the Pastor and pastoral care volunteers cannot respond to or meet your needs if they are not aware of them.

Holy Trinity Staff

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Pastor

Parish Office Administrator

Director of Music Ministries

Organists

Sexton

People of Holy Trinity

Rev. Randy Drafts

Mrs. Marie Shealy

Mr. Brett Lindler

Mrs. Lib Boland

Mrs. Donna Fulmer

Mr. Brett Lindler

Mr. Ted Arnold

9:15 a.m. - Sunday School

10:30 a.m. - Worship

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