

*January 2025*

# *The Herald*

*Holy Trinity Lutheran Church*

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*Come Worship With Us Each Sunday*

*Sunday School 9:15 a.m.*

*Worship 10:30 a.m.*

# From the Pastor

*"9 Let love be genuine. Abhor what is evil; hold fast to what is good. 10 Love one another with brotherly affection. Outdo one another in showing honor. 11 Do not be slothful in zeal, be fervent in spirit, serve the Lord. 12 Rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer. 13 Contribute to the needs of the saints and seek to show hospitality." – Romans 12:9-13*

*Dear Brothers and Sisters,*

*I suspect that many of you will have new year's resolutions or goals of some kind now that we have hit the month of January. Naturally, that got me thinking about our resolutions or goals as Christians not just in 2025 but all lifelong. One of those goals is to live a life that is pleasing to God. But what does that life look like?*

*In this portion of Paul's letter to the church in Rome, we get a little snapshot of what the life pleasing to God looks like. And it is not surprising that he begins with love – and not just any love, but genuine 'agape' – in verse 9: "Do not just pretend to love others. Really love them. Hate what is wrong. Hold tightly to what is good." Agape (the Greek word for love used in this verse) is the steadfast love of God. This is love that is totally dependent on God and totally committed to the One they love. It is love lived out in our actions.*

*And the list that Paul goes on to give is meant to be illustrative, not exhaustive, of what these actions of love look like. He is making the point that, when we love genuinely, it becomes evident in our interactions with other people.*

*But what's interesting is that the next time Paul uses the word 'love' after verse 9, he uses the Greek word "philiōs" (which is the love of family) instead of agape. Philios love is treating others, as we sometimes say in the south, as our people.*

*You see, when we can get these two types of love (agape and philiōs) to come together, we will then know genuine love. God pours out His agape love upon us and makes us members of His family. Then He calls us to philiōs – to treat other people as family, also.*

*Agape love is that steadfast love of God that He pours out generously upon His people. And philiōs measures how well you and I reflect that love to the people that we meet.*

*And so, Paul tells these Christians who are living in this very hostile environment in Rome that, if possible, so far as it depends on you, live in peace with everyone. Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good. If we do this, he urges, we will know that our love is genuine and that our life is pleasing to God.*

*May your love be genuine in 2025.*

*In Christ,*

*P. Rudy*

# Upcoming Events

## All Committee Gathering

Following Worship on Sunday, January 5th, everyone is invited to the "All Committee Gathering" in the Trinity Life Center. Lunch will be served. After lunch, our committees (listed below) will meet to elect chairpersons, review responsibilities, and plan for 2025. Even if you are not part of a committee in 2025, we welcome your presence. It is a great opportunity for you to sit in on a committee that interests you and learn more about how they serve throughout the year.

### Executive

Bill Loadholdt – Council President  
Carter Lake – Council Vice President  
Chris Crouch – Secretary  
Spyros Lezimis – Treasurer

### Cemetery

Charles Frick – Cemetery Manager  
Sheri Wicker – Treasurer  
Billy Caldwell – Assistant Treasurer  
Kelvin Chapman  
Marty Frick  
Curtis Hardy  
Mark Kibler  
James Sligh  
Robbie Wicker  
\*Ted Arnold

### Christian Education

Amy Collins  
Holly Havird  
Melissa Kednocker  
Brittany Frick  
Melisa Livingston  
\*Chris Crouch  
\*Carter Lake  
\*Julie Haltiwanger

### Church Property & Grounds

Curtis Boland  
Darin Boland  
David Bush  
Daniel Curtis  
Frank Lake  
Cameron Kaihara  
Maxton King  
Marty Frick  
\*Britton Havird  
\*Bill Loadholdt  
\*Bob Peters  
Allen Williams

### Preschool

Amber Koon – Preschool Director  
Ashley Boland  
Hannah Drafts  
Cindy Frick  
Jenna Lake  
Kaye Shealy  
Sheri Wicker  
\*Philip Armstrong

### Social Ministry

Emily Clements  
Crystal Crouch  
Betty Cumalander  
Diane Hardy  
Janet Kibler  
Ritchie Koon  
Charles Shealy  
Kim Steffy  
\*Helen Koon  
\*Danny Newton

### Stewardship/Finance

Spyros Lezimis – Treasurer  
Barbie Rodgers – Assistant Treasurer  
Phillip Allison  
Bobby Chapman  
Rod Steffy  
James Wieters  
\*Tony Shell

### Worship & Music

Brett Lindler – Director of Music Ministries  
Lauren Armstrong  
Bobby Chapman  
Cindy Frick  
Donna Fulmer  
Maxton King  
\*Joe Boland

\* indicates Council Liaison

# Upcoming Events & Important Information

**A VISION MEETING WILL BE HELD  
SATURDAY, JANUARY 25th from 10:30am - 1:00pm**

*You are invited to join us on as we assess God's vision for Holy Trinity. During our time together, we will look at our mission as a church, where God is calling us to go, and what ministries fit that vision. We plan to conclude by 1:00pm. Lunch will be provided. Please sign the slip below to indicate how many from your family will be attending. This will help us better plan for the meal. Please see Pastor Randy with any questions.*

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Name

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# Attending

## **DIRECTORY & YEARBOOK TIME**

### **Committee Chairs and Council Liaisons**

***Please be courteous and have all end of the year reports by Ministry Committees completed and turned into the office as soon as possible.***

## **"YOUR HELP IS NEEDED!"**

*We are looking for members to join our cleaning teams for 2025. These 4 teams rotate throughout the year and are responsible for cleaning the parish building, bathrooms, sanctuary, and hauling away weekly trash. With 4 teams, it means that each team serves 3 months per year. We have had several folks ask to come off of their team after many years of service and we are looking to rebuild! Please contact the church office or let Pastor Randy know if you would be interested in serving as part of a cleaning team.*



# Upcoming Events & Important Information



## ***2025 Church Calendar Of Events***

*The new 2025 Calendar is up on the Bulletin Board outside the church office.*

*If you have a Committee Meeting, Program, or Special Event coming up please mark it on the calendar as soon as you know the dates and times. You can also call the church office or email your information. We need this information for the bulletin and the Herald.*

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***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.***

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

# Directory Update

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One Per Family

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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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.\*

# January Serving Assistants

Sunday	Acolyte	Crucifer	Bulletin Folder	Lectors	Flowers
05	Landon Frick	Eli Kednocker	Barrett Havird	Tanner Shell	Will & Catherine Attaway
12	Tabitha Armstrong	Eli Kednocker	Zack Henson	Daniel Boland	Gail & James Sligh
19	Tabitha Armstrong	Tanner Shell	Eva Kednocker	Philip Armstrong	Spyros & Mavy Lezimis
26	Barrett Havird	Tanner Shell	Keaton Lindler	Cindy Frick	Don Berley

Sunday	Greeters	Nursery
05	TBA	Ashley Boland, Paula Frick
12	Artie & Melisa Livingston	Amber Koon, Christie Allison
19	Robby & Angel Hentz	Glenda Hentz, Melissa & Eva Kednocker
26	James & Debra Wieters	Sheri Wicker, Emily Wooten

	Communion
05	Phillip Allison, Ted Arnold
12	Jackie & Mike Riddle

Altar / Parament
Christie Allison, Kara Cumalander

Ushers -	Chairman:	Maxton King	* elevator operator
05, 12	Mike Riddle	Josh Long	Scotty Kednocker*
19, 26	Kevin Crumpton	Philip Armstrong	Travis Koon*

# January Birthdays

January 1	Robby Hentz
January 2	Curtis Hardy
January 4	Stanley Atkinson
January 5	Derek Bush
January 6	B.J. Collins, Aubree Burns
January 7	Henning Crawford
January 10	Velvet Chapman, Taylor Melani Long
January 12	Bruce Ballentine
January 13	Anthony Chapman, Landon Allison, Tabitha Armstrong, Elizabeth Sligh
January 14	Mary Spires, David Bush, Easton Livingston
January 15	Rett Chapman, Levi Attaway
January 16	Roman Long, Hudson Long, Boyce Wooten
January 17	Thomas Frick, Sharon Shealy
January 18	Houston Billingsley, Addi Crouch
January 19	Jeffrey Shealy, Melody Williams
January 20	Kaylee Hentz
January 21	Holly Havird, Knowlton Lindler, Marilyn Plampin, Bob Peters
January 23	Anna Weaver, Drew Boland, Catherine Attaway
January 24	Stella Alma Jurkovic, Benjie Cromer, Anne Kamke, Annette Shealy, Ben House
January 25	Brendan Crawford
January 26	Brian Fulmer, Cheri Bell
January 28	Jessie Bush, Wilder Long
January 29	Kim Derrick, Betty M. Boland, Rodger Winn
January 30	Claude Cumalander

Happy  
Birthday



# January

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
			1 <i>Happy New Year!</i>	2	3	4
5 <b>Christmas 2</b> 9:15am-Sunday School 10:30am-Worship/All Committee Gathering	6 Prayer Shawl 9am	7 Faith Circle - 2pm  TLC - 7pm	8 Bible Study 10am  Choir Practice 7pm	9   Revelation Bible Study 7pm	10	11
12 <b>Baptism of Our Lord</b>  7:30am - Council Mtg 9:15am-Sunday School 10:30am-Worship	13  Prayer Shawl 9am	14  GLASS - 6:30 pm	15 Bible Study 10am  Choir Practice 7pm	16	17	18
19 <b>Epiphany 2</b> 9am-Confirmation 9:15am-Sunday School 10:30am-Worship 6:30pm- Lutheran Men	20  Prayer Shawl 9am	21	22 Bible Study 10am  Choir Practice 7pm	23 Happy Mountaineers 10am  Revelation Bible Study 7pm	24	25  Vision Meeting 10:30 am - 1pm
26 <b>Epiphany 3</b>  9am-Confirmation 9:15am-Sunday School 10:30am-Worship	27  Prayer Shawl 9am	28  GLASS - 6:30 pm	29 Bible Study 10am  Choir Practice 7pm	30	31	

# Memorials & Honorariums

## **Building Fund**

In Memory of Bert Riser given by Sarah Riser, Travis & Mary Spires.

In Memory of Carl & Ollie Bowers & Donnie Bowers at Christmas given by Brenda Bodie.

In Memory of Pete Bodie at Christmas given by Brenda Bodie & Family.

In Memory of Pete Bodie, Ollie & Carl Bowers, Donnie Bowers, Claudia Smith, & J.C. & Helen Frick given by Gray, Shannon, Christopher, & Benjamin Corley.

In Memory of George Stoudemire given by Rodger & Karen Winn, Jerry & Annette Shealy.

In Memory of Robert Wicker given by Robbie & Sheri Wicker.

In Memory of Nancy Webb given by Allen & Melody Williams, Rodger & Karen Winn.

In Memory of Bennie A. Bush given by Eleanor Bush.

In Memory of Andy Bickley given by Jerry & Annette Shealy.

In Memory of Albert & Caroline Frick & Norris & Margaret Hallman given by Charles & Cindy Frick.

In Honor of Prayer Shawl Ministry given by Eleanor Bush.

## **General Fund for Cemetery**

In Memory of our son & brother, Brad Sanders given by Jim, Ann, & Chris Sanders

## **GAAP Food Drive**

In Memory of George Marion Stoudemire given by Jim & Ann Sanders.

In Memory of Nancy Webb given by Jim & Ann Sanders.

## **Trinity Life Center**

In Memory of Andy Bickley given by Ann & Jim Sanders.

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# Thank You!

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My family and I would like to thank the congregation and church council for your very generous Christmas gift! We appreciate all of the other surcees, cards, gifts, and baked goodies. You have truly blessed us! We look forward to serving with you in 2025!

Merry Christmas and God bless!

~Pastor Randy, Hannah, and Micah

Thank you to the congregation and church council for your very generous Christmas gift. I greatly appreciate all the love and support that you all show me. I hope you all had a wonderful Christmas!

~ Marie

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To my New Friends at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church and the Prayer Blanket Ministry Group:

Thank you so very much for your uplifting prayers of comfort, hope, serenity and healing during my emergency stay at Emory Hospital in Atlanta, Georgia. During most of my 8 week "visit" I was unconscious and unaware of just how life-threatening and serious my condition was.

Your kind thoughts, cards, calls and prayers gave hope and peace to my family and friends. I also want to thank you for the beautiful Prayer Blanket...the colors are my favorite and gorgeous. Bobby and Laurie; thank you for your love and support for Wanda and Brittany during my times of uncertainty.

God placed me in the hands of the most skillful and seasoned Cardiothoracic Surgeon at Emory Hospital; after being revived 4 times and surgery twice, I finally awoke 5 weeks later. He told me that "I had been one of his toughest cases and that he had done his very best, but that God did the really hard work."

I am certain that I would not be here today, "vertical and breathing," without all my family, friends and new friend's prayers. I am living proof of the power of heartfelt petitions and prayers.

My family and I sincerely thank and love everyone for their guided prayerful efforts in bringing me back to life.

Freddie, Wanda (Shealy) and Brittany Andrieni

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Prayer Shawl,

Thank you so much for the beautiful prayer shawl you gave to my grandmother after her stroke. She is enjoying it as she tries to recover. We also thank you for all the prayers for our family during this time.

With love,

Marie Shealy, Loretta Richardson,  
& Family

Dear Prayer Shawl members,

Thank you for the beautiful prayer shawl you lovingly made for my sister, Kathy. Your warmth has been transcended onto many times during her recoveries. May God bless each of you as you share the talents and ministry He has given you!

Love,

Lin Lake

# Prayer Concerns

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*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 Andy Bickley, Kaye Shealy, 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 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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Disciples of Christ

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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