

Third Sunday in Advent

December 15, 2013

Holy Communion

We invite baptized Christians who acknowledge their sinfulness, trust in Christ as their Savior and recognize the real presence of Christ's Body and Blood in the bread and wine for the forgiveness of their sins to join us at the Communion table. For those unable to drink wine, white grape juice is available in the center of each tray. Gluten-free bread is also available; please ask a pastor or elder. Those who choose not to commune may come forward and signal their desire to receive a prayer of blessing by crossing their hands over their heart. If you would like to receive Communion and are unable to come forward, please notify the Elder on duty or Pastor Buss before service begins. Communion is celebrated every week at 8:00 and Monday night and at the 10:30 service on the 1st, 3rd, and 5th Sundays.

Our Calendar This Week

Sunday, December 15	8:00am	Worship with communion
	9:20am	Bible Study
	10:30am	Worship with communion
	12:30pm	Children's Christmas program practice
	3:00-4:30pm	Cantata Rhythm Section
	6:30pm	12: Two at Trinity Oaks
Monday, December 16	6:30pm	Monday Night Praise
	7:00pm	Boy Scouts at Trinity Oaks
Tuesday, December 17	10:00am	Nottingham Nursing Home Service
	7:00pm	Sweet Adelines
	7:00-8:30pm	ESL Christmas Party
	7:00pm	Cantata Instrumental Rehearsal
Wednesday, December 18	5:00-6:15pm	Advent Soup Supper
	6:30pm	Advent Conspiracy Service (Love All)
	5:30-10:00pm	58 Watt Coffee Shop
	7:00-8:15pm	Adult Choir
Thursday, December 19	7:00-8:00am	Men's Bible Breakfast-La Madeleine's
	7:00pm	Full Cantata Rehearsal
Friday, December 20	7:00-8:00am	Christmas Cantata and Reception
Saturday, December 21	9:00-10:30am	Girl Scout Daisy's and Brownie's at Trinity Oaks
	9:00am	Elders Meeting
	1:00-3:00pm	Girl Scouts Juniors
Sunday, December 22	8:00am	Worship with communion
	9:20am	Bible Study
	10:30am	Worship
	12:30pm	Children's Christmas program practice
	3:00-4:30pm	Cantata Practice
	4:30-6:00pm	Friendship Circle
	6:30-8:30pm	12: Two at Trinity Oaks

Those Serving Today:

Elder on Duty: 8:00-Erwin Zoch **10:30-** E. Willison **Monday Night-** Gary DeBacco
Acolytes: 8:00 Boston Glaser & Isabel Perregrino 10:30 Morgan Lewis & Lauren Buuck
Sound System: Mike Calamari-8:00 Annalisa Penhollow-10:30 Brad Hicks-MNP
Organist: Chrissie Rogerie-O'Quin **Pianist:** Tim Saeed

Walk Through The Bible Verse of the Week

Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. ² For by it the people of old received their commendation. ³ By faith we understand that the universe was created by the word of God, so that what is seen was not made out of things that are visible.

Hebrews 11:1-3

Our Lord is the Lord who serves. Jesus Christ came into the flesh not to be served, but to serve and to give His life as a ransom for many. On the cross He offered Himself as a spotless sacrifice for the sin of the whole world. Through His perfect life and death, He accomplished forgiveness and salvation for all before the Father in heaven. By His empty tomb and ascension into heaven, He declared His victory over sin and death to all the world. Seated now at the Father's right hand, He graciously serves His church with the gifts of salvation. On the last Day, He will come again to gather His elect from every nation to celebrate the feast that will have no end.

Our Lord serves us today through His holy Word and Sacraments. Through these means, He comes among us to deliver His forgiveness and salvation, freeing us from our sins and strengthening us for service to one another and to the world. At Holy Baptism, He puts His name upon us, pours His Holy Spirit into our hearts, and rescues us from sin, death and the devil. Through Holy Absolution, He pronounces His forgiveness again and again. With His holy Word, written in Scripture and preached into our ears, He daily proclaims His abiding love for us through all the joys and sorrows of life in this world. In His Holy Supper, He gives us His own body and blood to eat and drink as a priceless gift to nourish and strengthen us in both body and soul.

The Lord's service calls forth our service – in sacrifices of praise and thanksgiving to Him and in loving service to one another. Having been called, gathered, enlightened, and sanctified by the Holy Spirit, we receive His gifts with thankfulness and praise. With psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs, we joyfully confess all that God has done for us, declaring the praises of Him who called us out of darkness into His marvelous light. Our song joins with the song of every saint from every age, the new song of Christ's holy people, declaring: "Worthy is the Lamb who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might and honor and glory and blessing!"

(Revelation 5:12)

Opening Hymn: "The Advent of Our King"

Hymnal 331

Invocation

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Congregation: Amen.

Confessions and Absolution

P Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C who made heaven and earth.

P I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

C and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

(Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination)

P O almighty God, merciful Father,

C I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.

P Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit. **C** Amen.

Prayer of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us pray.

C Stir up our hearts, O Lord, to make ready the way of Your only begotten Son, that by His coming we may be enabled to serve You with pure minds; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen

Kyrie

Hymnal 186



C Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -



on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

The Old Testament Reading

8:00

Leif Grottness

10:30

Chris Rosendahl

MNP

Mary Sitton

Isaiah 35:1-10

The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad;
the desert shall rejoice and blossom like the crocus;

² it shall blossom abundantly
and rejoice with joy and singing.

The glory of Lebanon shall be given to it,
the majesty of Carmel and Sharon.

They shall see the glory of the LORD,
the majesty of our God.

³ Strengthen the weak hands,
and make firm the feeble knees.

⁴ Say to those who have an anxious heart,
"Be strong; fear not!

Behold, your God
will come with vengeance,
with the recompense of God.
He will come and save you."

⁵ Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened,
and the ears of the deaf unstopped;

⁶ then shall the lame man leap like a deer,
and the tongue of the mute sing for joy.

For waters break forth in the wilderness,
and streams in the desert;

⁷ the burning sand shall become a pool,
and the thirsty ground springs of water;
in the haunt of jackals, where they lie down,
the grass shall become reeds and rushes.

⁸ And a highway shall be there,
and it shall be called the Way of Holiness;
the unclean shall not pass over it.

It shall belong to those who walk on the way;
even if they are fools, they shall not go astray.

⁹ No lion shall be there,
nor shall any ravenous beast come up on it;
they shall not be found there,
but the redeemed shall walk there.

¹⁰ And the ransomed of the LORD shall return
and come to Zion with singing;
everlasting joy shall be upon their heads;
they shall obtain gladness and joy,
and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

The Second Reading

8:00
Becky Young

10:30
Ellen Keim

MNP
Mike Calamari

James 5:7-11

Be patient, therefore, brothers, until the coming of the Lord. See how the farmer waits for the precious fruit of the earth, being patient about it, until it receives the early and the late rains. ⁸You also, be patient. Establish your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is at hand. ⁹Do not grumble against one another, brothers, so that you may not be judged; behold, the Judge is standing at the door. ¹⁰As an example of suffering and patience, brothers, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord. ¹¹Behold, we consider those blessed who remained steadfast. You have heard of the steadfastness of Job, and you have seen the purpose of the Lord, how the Lord is compassionate and merciful.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

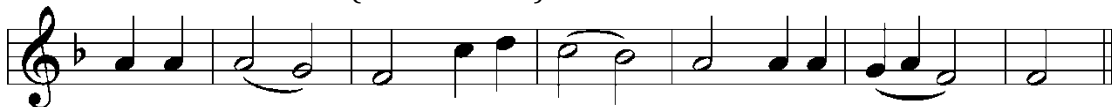
C Thanks be to God.

The Holy Gospel

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the Eleventh chapter,

Alleluia and Verse (Please Stand)

Hymnal 190



C Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia.

The Holy Gospel

8:00
Larry Rosendahl

10:30
Cliff Elliott

MNP
Dana Sanders

Matthew 11:2-15

Now when John heard in prison about the deeds of the Christ, he sent word by his disciples ³and said to him, "Are you the one who is to come, or shall we look for another?" ⁴And Jesus answered them, "Go and tell John what you hear and see: ⁵the blind receive their sight and the lame walk, lepers are cleansed and the deaf hear, and the dead are raised up, and the poor have good news preached to them. ⁶And blessed is the one who is not offended by me."

⁷As they went away, Jesus began to speak to the crowds concerning John: "What did you go out into the wilderness to see? A reed shaken by the wind? ⁸What then did you go out to see? A man dressed in soft clothing? Behold, those who wear soft clothing are in kings' houses. ⁹What then did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet. ¹⁰This is he of whom it is written,

"Behold, I send my messenger before your face, who will prepare your way before you."

¹¹Truly, I say to you, among those born of women there has arisen no one greater than John the Baptist. Yet the one who is least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he.

¹² From the days of John the Baptist until now the kingdom of heaven has suffered violence, and the violent take it by force. ¹³ For all the Prophets and the Law prophesied until John,¹⁴ and if you are willing to accept it, he is Elijah who is to come. ¹⁵ He who has ears to hear, let him hear.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

Anthem: “Go and Tell John”

Kathi Calamari, Mike Hicks, and Claire Shatford

(Please be seated. All children are welcome to come forward at this time. Parents are welcome also).

Children’s Message:

Troy Kane, DCE

Sermon Hymn: “Days of Elijah”

1. These are the days of Elijah
Declaring the Word of the Lord
And these are the days of Your servant Moses
Righteousness being restored.
And though these are days of great trials,
Of famine and darkness and sword,
Still we are the voice in the desert crying,
“Prepare ye the way of the Lord.”

2. And these are the days of Ezekiel
The dry bones becoming as flesh
And these are the days of Your servant David
Rebuilding a temple of praise.
And these are the days of the harvest
The fields are as white in the world,
And we are the laborers in Your vineyard
Declaring the Word of the Lord. **Chorus**

Chorus

Behold He comes, riding on the clouds,
Shining like the sun, at the trumpet call.
So, lift your voice, it's the year of Jubilee,
And out of Zion's hill salvation comes!

There is no god like Jehovah
There is no god like Jehovah
There is no god like Jehovah
There is no god like Jehovah (Repeat 3x)

Chorus

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Sermon

Pastor Dave Buss

The Nicene Creed

Hymnal Back Cover

Offering *Please come forward and place your offerings, prayers and commitment cards on the altar.*

Prayers *(After each portion of the prayers)*

P Lord, in your mercy, **C** Hear our prayer.

P Into Your Almighty hands we commend all for whom we pray. In the name of Jesus Christ our Savior, who taught us to pray:

The Lord’s Prayer

Hymnal Back Cover

Service of the Sacrament

Preface

P The Lord be with you.

C And with thy spirit.

P Lift up your hearts.

C We lift them up unto the Lord.

P Let us give thanks unto the Lord our God.

C It is meet and right so to do.

It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, whose way John the Baptist prepared, proclaiming Him the promised Messiah, the very Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world, and calling sinners to repentance that they might escape from the wrath to be revealed when He comes again in glory. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and singing:

Sanctus

Hymnal 195

C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth;
heav'n and earth are full of Thy glo - ry. Ho - san - na,
ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He,
bless - ed is He, bless - ed is He that com - eth in the name of the Lord.
Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

The Words of Institution

Sharing of the Peace and Greeting One Another

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C Amen. (*We greet each other saying "The Peace of the Lord be with you."*)

Agnus Dei

Hymnal 198

C O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sin of the
 world, have mer-cy up - on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that
 tak-est a-way the sin of the world, have mer-cy up - on us.
 O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sin of the
 world, grant us Thy peace. A - - men.

Distribution Hymns:

8:00

"The Gifts Christ Freely Gives"-pg. 602
"This is Love (with Come Thou Long Expected Jesus)" – Solo Claire Shatford
"When All The World Was Cursed" - pg. 346

10:30

"Emmanuel" – See Page 10
"This is Love (with Come Thou Long Expected Jesus)" – Solo Claire Shatford
"The Gifts Christ Freely Gives" – pg. 602

Post Communion Collect

P Let us pray.

C We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Benediction

P The Lord bless you and keep you,
 The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you,
 The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and ✠ give you peace.

C Amen.

Closing Hymn: "O Morning Star, How Fair & Bright" – (vs 2, 3&6)
 "Our God"

Hymnal 395
See Page 10

Emmanuel

1. Holy holy
I will bow before
My Lord and King
Hallelujah
You have come to us
You make all things new.

Chorus

Emmanuel
Jesus Christ
You'll never let me go
My Shepherd King
You're watching over me
Emmanuel.

2. So amazing
You have named the stars
Of the deepest night
Still You love me
You have called my name
I will follow You. **Chorus**

Our God

1. Water You turned into wine,
Opened the eyes of the blind,
There's no one like You,
None like You.

2. Into the darkness You shine,
Out of the ashes we rise,
There's no one like You,

Chorus

Our God is greater,
Our God is stronger,
God You are higher than any other.
Our God is healer,
Awesome in power our God, our God.

3. Holy, holy, God Almighty
There is none like You.
Holy, holy, God Almighty
There is none like You. (Repeat)

Chorus

Emmanuel
Jesus Christ
You'll never let me go
My Shepherd King
You're watching over me.
Emmanuel, Emmanuel, Emmanuel.

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3. Into the darkness You shine,
Out of the ashes we rise,
There's no one like You,
None like You. **Chorus**
4. And if our God is for us
Then who could ever stop us.
And if our God is with us
Then what could stand against.
And if our God is for us
Then who could ever stop us.
And if our God is with us
Then what could stand against,
(Then) what could stand against. **Chorus**

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Prayer Requests

Please call the church office at 272-3110 with all prayer requests. Requests will generally be listed for four weeks. Please notify the office if additional time is desired.

For TLC Family . . .

Nicole Beeson (Breast cancer; chemo; healing) (2)
Theresa Brooks (Neuropathy; healing)
Dave Carpenter (Healing; pneumonia) (9)
Barbara Cormier (Upcoming back surgery)
Tamsen Hayden (Recovering from pneumonia)
Ken Mall (Strength & healing following surgery & complications)

For TLC Friends . . .

Richard Fischer (Lung & liver cancer; brother of Judith Krohn)
Jimmy Hollis (Heart problems; father-in-law of Heather Hollis)
Bernice McFalls (Depression & breathing problems; sister of Carol Bian)
Ann-Scott Pourciau (Hospitalized; possible ruptured disc) (BRLS 2nd grade teacher)
(Jan Williams) (Surgery for bone infection in foot; friend of Carolyn Watson)

Ongoing prayer requests for TLC Members

(#) Denotes elder zone.

Elise Antoon (Healing & strength; good results from MRI) (4)
Paula Baggett (Healing) (11)
Jon Beeson (Pray for successful treatments; healing) (2)
Candy Bitter (Receiving relief from back pain) (8)
Joseph Bossley (Faith & trust in Jesus Christ in his life) (5)
Tony Bossley (Thank God for happiness & health) (5)
Bill Calmes (Strength & healing) (4)
Dottie Calmes (Healing following procedure) (4)
Lynette Clark (Alzheimer's; and **Ben** for comfort & strength) (6)
Glenn Coats (Healing following procedure) (4)
Ryan Dwyer (Thanksgiving; training completed; job in N.O.)
Betty DeWitt (Fibromyalgia pain; pray for relief & strength) (3)
Chrystal Eubanks (Strength & healing) (4)
Mary Ann Fontenot (Healing) (11)
Albert Ford (Pray for healing & strength) (12)
Mary Lou Freiberg (Continued strength & healing) (11)
Natalie Fulton (Hospitalized; pneumonia) & husband, **Hollis** (2)
Brenda & Larry Gomez (Healing & strength) (11)

Special Families of the Week . . .

Burchard Jones; Caroline Jones; Guy, Julie & Daniel Jones;
Jessica Jones; Joy Jones; Rick & Mary Ann Jones; Robin & Paul Joyner

Pray especially for visitors who are with us today and people in our community who do not know the love of Jesus and/or do not have a church home. Also for our TLC members who cannot be with us today. We pray they will rejoin us soon.

Jennifer Graham (Healing of toe)
Susan Haerb (Infection; strength & healing; improving) (4)
Pat Henley (Healing of infection) (9)
Mike Holbrook (Strength & continued healing)
Fran Hooge (Strength & healing of shoulder) (3)
Ann Huber (Strength and health) (12)
Peter Iron Rope (Healing following procedure) (1)
Luke Kennedy (Pray for overall health)
Steve Kistler (Strength & healing following knee surgery) (6)
Dayton Knippers (Back pain; ongoing testing; pray for healing) (3)
Wes & Mary Koenig (Relief from pain) (4)
John LeMoine (Strength & healing) (1)
Shirley Luker (Continued healing and strength) (9)
Tony Luna (Strength & healing) (8)
Laura Marshall (Pray for strength & healing) (10)
Euralie Mathisen (Relief from pain) (6)
Alice McMillan (Pray for strength & healing) (9)
Mac McMillan (Recovery following surgery) (9)
Joe Michelli (Healing following shoulder surgery) (11)
Polly Morris (Relief from extreme back pain) (11)
Alesha Moss (Strength & healing; stage 1 leukemia) (5)
Babette Nance (Healing following surgery)(6)
Joe Novotny (Strength and healing) (4)
Dale Owen (Strength & healing) (3)
Joseph Parker (Healing & strength) (1)
Paulette Parker (Finances; strength & healing) (1)
Danny Ragan (Healing of ankle) (11)
Erin Rice (Healing) (8)
Evaline Robertson (Recovery from surgery; healing)
Catherine Roscoe (God's hand of healing) (4)
Marjorie & Bill Shaffer (Pray for healing & strength) (4)
Kathy Schuetz (Protection & strength) (8)
Carl Spaulding (Healing & strength; Parkinson's & dementia) (2)
Elizabeth Spiller (Pray for healing & strength) (4)
Victoria Soredjo-Tierney (Relief from foot pain) (5)
Rhonda Starns (Healing & strength) (7)
Mary Beth Tapia (Relief from leg pain; strength & healing) (7)
Lucille Uffman (Thanksgiving; pray for continued healing) (2)
Ramona White (Strength & healing) (4)
Pat Zillen (Pray for relief of back pain) (4)
Donna Zink (Pray for relief of back pain) (11)
Norm Zink (Pray for continued healing & strength) (11)

For Our Mission Partners. . .

Carol Halter in Hong Kong
Jeff & Tara Bellard in Germany

Special Prayers. . . .

Bless and guide our efforts regarding Trinity Oaks Mission Church.

Pray for all of those battling addiction, depression & anxiety; marriages under great stress; and child custody issues, may they find peace & hope with God's help.

Pray for healthy babies & safe pregnancies . . .

Heather Denicola
Danielle Gaylor
Hannah Kane
Olivia Polzin

Stacey Katz
Whitney Kiehn
Rachel (Butler) King

Ashley Moore
Lisa Moyer
Rachel Nance

Prayers for our Military . . .

HN Joey Amoroso (Pensacola, FL)
Maj. Ryan Bulger, U.S. Army (Ft. Leavenworth, KS)
E3 Eric Buss (Virginia)
PO1 Jason Calmes, Navy (Groton, CT)
Cpt. Adam Choate (JAG School, University of GA, Athens)
Cpt. Seth Cormier, Marine (29 Palms, CA)
Alyssa Dilldine (Attending classes at US Naval Academy)
Capt. Robert Dolezal
Sgt. Ryan Fontenot (Army Reserves, Lake Charles)
Sgt. Blake Foret (Zink) (Okinawa, Japan)
Lt. Col. Jeffrey Head (Colorado Springs)

SPC Justin Jenkins, National Guard (Anchorage, AK)
Michael Landry (Attending classes at US Naval Academy)
Sgt. Patrick LeMoine, Army (Destin, FL)
LCpl Robert LeMoine, Marine (Camp LeJeune, NC)
CW2 Andrew McAdams
Sgt. Eric Martin, Army (Kuwait)
SP4 John Neidigk, National Guard
Mark Neidigk, National Guard ROTC
Daniel Oliver, National Guard
WO Ed Perrone, Army
SFC Chris Reed (Ft. Stewart, GA)
LTJG Grayson Young, Navy (Yokosuka, Japan)
Maj. Terry Zoch, Army (Ft. Campbell, KY)
Ensign Kevin Zwernamen (Pensacola, FL)

Ongoing Prayers for Healing for TLC Friends . . .

(Please note prayers have been dated. These will remain on the prayer list for four weeks. Those with () will come off next week. Please notify the church office (272-3110) with any changes and/or updates.)*

Jimmy Alford (Strength & healing; thanksgiving for divine intervention; brother of Deloris Bitting)
Ralph Alford (Ongoing health issues; brother of Deloris Bitting)
Hal Bahlinger (MSA; brother of BRLS teacher, Ann Scott Pourciau)
Stacey Bennett (Healing) 11/17*
Pastor Ken Buth of Trinity, Sulphur (Awaiting a heart transplant)
Hunter Cazes (Deploys to Afghanistan in February; best friend of Devin Collins) 12/8
Martha Christensen (MCTD; sister of Mary Jo Kjeldsen)
Tracey Eloffson (Daughter-in-law of Cissy Eloffson)
Debbie Emrick (Autoimmune disease; sister of Pam Johnson)
Marcus Foote (Friend of Erin Dartez) 11/17
Kelly Garrett (Granddaughter of Faye Seab)
Teri Gomez (Strength & peace)
Suzette Howe (Healing; friend of Carolyn Watson & Mary Heuchert) 12/1
Kenlie Jackson (Former student of Lindsay Collins)
Karen Kaspar (Healing; friend of Erin Dartez) 11/17*
Diane Lynn (Healing; sister of Norma Michelli) 11/17*
Paul McDuffie (Friend of Brenda Henley) 11/24
Gerda Meyer (Sister-in-Law of Ilse Meyer) 11/17*

Rose Naquin (Cancer; niece of Dottie Calmes)
Randy Ogea (Uncle of BRLS 6th grader Michelle Menau) 11/24
Addie Oliphant & Family (Daughter of co-worker of Stephanie Bourland) 11/17*
Judy Panozzo (Sister-in-law of Jeri Prellopp)
Ekemini Phillips (Niece of Grace Dinvaut)
Linda Price (Cancer; friend of Lynette Buss) 12/8
Mary Pruyn (Thanksgiving; mother of Dottie McGehee) 11/24
Margaret Ray (Mother of friend of Carolyn Watson) 11/24
Mike Reed (Healing; brother-in-law of Lou & Mary Heuchert) 11/17*
Mike Robinson (Health issues; brother of Brenda Gomez)
John Sardisco (Healing; friend of Charlie & Jolane Edwards) 11/17*
Barbara Serr (Healing; mother of David & Daniel Sprinkle) 11/17*
Louise Rosser (Healing; pancreatic cancer; mother of Lisa Miller)
Alexis Schmidt (Great niece of Deloris Bitting)
Rena Stevens (Comfort & strength; friend of Lucille Uffman)
Jeff Thompson (Brother of Cindy Fuller) 11/24
Carla Thousand (Hip fracture; sister-in-law of Peggy & Dwight Thousand) 12/8
Tim Thousand (Peace; brother of Dwight Thousand) 12/8

Elders by Their Zones by Zip

Zone 1-John Chikos-70817
Zone 2-Bob Rivas- 70808, 70809;
Zone 3-Drew Brown-70714, 70819, 70810
Zone 4-Glenn Sunde-70815
Zone 5-Allen Schuldt-70739, 70791, 70818
Zone 6-Steve Kistler-70726 North

Zone 7-Tom Bigot-70706, 70726 South, 70727
Zone 8-Earl Willison-70816 North
Zone 9-John Ponseti-70816 South
Zone 10-Gary DeBacco-70737, 70002, 70068, 70119, 70124, 70778, 70734, 70403, 70420, 70433, 70442, 70449, 70462, 70744, 70754, 70755, 70785

Zone 11-Lou Heuchert-70722, 70730, 70748, 70775, 70811, 70769, 70733, 70301, 70503, 70548, 70736, 70767, 70772, 70783, 70807, 71112
Zone 12-Erwin Zoch-70821, 70835, 70837, 70898, 70786, 70795, 70802, 70806, 70805, 70814, 70820, 70764

Trinity Announcements

December 15, 2013

- ✦ **THE FINAL WEDNESDAY ADVENT SOUP SUPPER AND SERVICE** will be on December 18th. Soup is served starting at 5pm with the service beginning at 6:30pm. Join us for the *Advent Conspiracy* as we learn to Worship Fully, Spend Less, Give More and Love All!
- ✦ **GIVE MORE** You have all been so generous during this Advent Conspiracy! Did you know we have already taken one truck full of clothing, blankets, coats, etc. to **Open Air Ministries** for the homeless? We have already had a truckload of toys picked up by the Marines for **Toy's for Tots** from the Ladies Christmas Party! If you have an ornament with a picture of an **ESL** child, please make sure to put your gift (wrapped, with the picture on it) under the tree in the fellowship hall, the party is Tuesday, December 17th at 7pm. **Bring a food from your "native" country and join the festivities...you are all invited!**
- ✦ **SOUTHEAST MINISTRIES** is always accepting donations of food. We have given them several grocery carts of food this year already. Please keep your donations coming, especially during the Holiday Season. **They are in particular need of peanut butter and jelly.**
- ✦ **PLEASE read the blurb on Cantata and Reception under Upcoming Events.**

Walk Through the Bible 365 Day Challenge

December 15-James 1-5	December 19-2 John
December 16-1 Peter 1-5	December 20-3 John
December 17-2 Peter 1-3	December 21-Catch Up
December 18-1 Iohn 1-5	December 22-Iude

Education Hour - 9:20am

Advent Conspiracy

Instructor: Pastor Dave
Music Room

Book of Romans

Instructor: Kermit Wittenburg
DCE's Old Office

One in Christ - 1 Corinthians Parents)

Instructors: Charlie and Jolane Edwards
TLCDC Room 1

Lutheranism 101

Instructors: Joe and Norma Michelli
BRLS Childcare Room

Sunday School for Children & Youth: Children K-2nd grade will begin Children's Ministry @9:15am in the BRLS gym. Children 3rd-5th grade will begin in the 2nd grade classroom on the ground level of BRLS also @9:15am. Jr. High students will have Education Hour in the 4th grade classroom on the ground level of BRLS. HS meets in DCE Troy's office.

Relationships: God's Way

Instructor: John Ponseti
Conference Room

Toddlin' to Jesus 1 (Infants & Parents)

Instructors: Becky Young/Marinea McGehee
Church Nursery (north side)

Toddlin' to Jesus 2 (One year olds &

Instructor: Kathy Schamber
BRLS Preschool Room

Together with Jesus (2 yr. olds & Parents)

Instructor: Sarah Marx
TLCDC Room 2

FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR TODAY are given to the glory of God by Drew and Kim Brown in honor of their children, Ryan and Madelyn, and in honor of 20 years of marriage on 12/19.

THE NEW FLOWER CHART for 2014 has been placed in the Narthex on the wall next to the bathroom. If you would like to give flowers to be used for our church services, please sign your name and phone number on the selected date. You will be called several weeks in advance with information on prices, payment and ordering. Thank you in advance for ordering flowers which beautify our Altar area. Questions? Call Jeri at 275-0757 or the church office at 272-3110.



FOR BATON ROUGE LUTHERAN SCHOOL...

As part of your continuing Financial Peace pre-plan your shopping trips by purchasing SCRIP cards from the school office. We have Walmart, restaurants and more. Stop in before Tuesday morning to purchase and walk away with your SCRIP cards or to place an order for delivery on Friday. Support our school and reach your financial goals by staying on budget.

OUR CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTER continues to enroll infants through age two. **We are looking to hire for two (2) part-time positions.** Please contact Nichole at 275-9517 for more information.



THANK YOU The church looks lovely and festive. Thank you to Mary Kay Watts who decorated the Advent Wreath and to Troy and Hannah Kane and the youth for putting up and decorating the Christmas trees and to Sandra and Jim Campbell for pew decorations and window decorations in the Assembly Hall.

UPCOMING EVENTS

COMMITMENT 2014: We are blessed here at Trinity! Please turn in your Joyous Generosity commitment cards **TODAY!** If you forgot to bring it with you, there are some available in the pew pockets. If you have already filled it out, but didn't bring it today, please mail it to the church office at 10925 Florida Blvd., 70815. Please consider giving 10% more time, talent, and treasure to God in 2014 than you did in 2013! Imagine what that will look like if we all do the same!

ESL CHRISTMAS PARTY: Everyone is invited to the English as a Second Language (ESL) Christmas Party December 17th in the fellowship hall at 7pm. Bring a dish from your "native" country to share with all of the special people that are in our ESL program. Come see what this outreach ministry is all about! Make sure to bring your gift if you chose an ESL ornament.

CHRISTMAS CANTATA AND CANDLELIGHT RECEPTION December 20th at 7pm.

Entitled "*Christ was Born for This*", the cantata is a musical celebration of Christ's coming to mankind, and the purpose of His coming. This is a fresh rendition of Christmas carols, to tell the timeless story of the birth of Christ. There will be a candlelight reception following the cantata in the fellowship hall. **PLEASE BRING AN APPETIZER, FINGER FOOD OR DESSERT TO SHARE. DON'T MISS IT! This will be THE Trinity Christmas party this year!**

SPIRITED SAINTS: December 21st at 2:00 pm, we will attend the Nutcracker at the River Center, with dinner after at Bistro Byronz. Please call Chris Oynes at 703-994-5577 if you are interested in attending the play, dinner, or both.

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES: Family worship will be held on **December 24th at 5pm.** Rehearsals for the program are at 12:30pm in the music room. If you did not attend the informational meeting but would like your child to participate, please contact Gilda at 802-8335 or silda@cox.net or Kathi at 348-7122 or kcalamari@tlcbr.org. You can find rehearsal dates and times at tlcbr.org under ministries and music. **The Christmas Eve Candlelight Service will be at 11pm.**

CHRISTMAS MORNING SERVICE will be at 10am.



June 14-27, 2014 join Pastor Dave and Dr. Monte Luker for 14 Days of Biblical Discovery on the Israel Study Tour. Please find more information on our website at tlcbr.org, click on resources. Brochures are available on the welcome kiosk and in the church hallway at the volunteer desk. Register by March 1, 2014 to

guarantee prices as listed. Please contact Pastor Dave at 225-205-1639 if you have any questions. Dr. Luker's book is available to purchase in the church office, \$18.50 each.

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD'S LOVE

Worship Attendance: 12/8 & 12/9/2013

8:00 (140)	Sherwood Manor (30)
10:30 (125)	Private Communion (6)
Monday Night Praise (20)	Total Weekend (285)
Sunday School (30)	Total Worship (409)
Bible Study (53)	Total Sunday School/Bible Study (83)
Advent 1 (88)	

OUR GIFTS FOR GOD for December 8, 2013

Budget Offerings: \$262,204.00 Actual Offerings YTD: \$254,348.59 YTD over/ (under): (\$7,855.41)

December 8, 2013 Regular Offering: \$14,385.75

All monies designated for Trinity Oaks will now be deposited to Mission Trinity Oaks. We will no longer be segregating the maintenance costs from the mission plant, so all of the money donated will go to the same account: The Mission Plant.