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*Holy Trinity Lutheran Church is a family of Christians saved by God's grace
to proclaim the good news to our community and to the world by word and action.*

The Service

8:45 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.

November 19, 2023

GATHERING

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude "Now Thank We All Our God" -Sigfrid Karg-Elert/D. Wells

*The Confession & Forgiveness

In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another. (we kneel)

Silence is kept for reflection.

Most merciful God, we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. **We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**



Psalm 90

Lord, you have ¹ been our refuge
from one generation ¹ to another.
² **Before the mountains were brought forth,
or the land and the ¹ earth were born,
from age to age ¹ you are God.**
³ You turn us back to the ¹ dust and say,
"Turn back, O child- ¹ ren of earth."
⁴ **For a thousand years in your sight are like yesterday when ¹ it is past
and like a watch ¹ in the night;**
⁵ you sweep them away ¹ like a dream,
they fade away suddenly ¹ like the grass:
⁶ **in the morning it is ¹ green and flourishes;
in the evening it is dried ¹ up and withered.**
⁷ For we are consumed ¹ by your anger;
we are afraid because ¹ of your wrath.
⁸ **Our iniquities you have ¹ set before you,
and our secret sins in the light ¹ of your countenance.**
⁹ [When you are angry, all our ¹ days are gone;
we bring our years to an end ¹ like a sigh.
¹⁰ **The span of our life is seventy years, perhaps in strength ¹ even eighty;
yet the sum of them is but labor and sorrow,
for they pass away quickly and ¹ we are gone.**
¹¹ Who regards the power ¹ of your wrath?
Who rightly fears your ¹ indignation?
¹² **So teach us to num- ¹ ber our days
that we may apply our ¹ hearts to wisdom.**

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WARM GREETINGS AND LOVE IN CHRIST are extended to all members and visitors. We trust that you will experience the warmth of Christian fellowship and the inspiration of God's presence here today. Prayer Request Cards (yellow cards) are located in the pews. Please place these in the offering plate. Names will be listed in next week's bulletin.

Activity Bags are available in the Narthex for children who are attending service; please return them after the service.

SERVING YOU TODAY – November 19

Minister..... The Rev. J. Chris Fischer
 Organist/Choir Director.....Jill Helgeson
 Acolytes.....(E) Lucy Roehrs (L) Katie Fischer
 Lectors.....(E) Jane Potter (L) Jane Cahaly
 Assisting Ministers.....(E) Suzie Bannister (L) Harry Coggins
 Video/IT Engineer.....Paul Wagner/Christopher Caldwell/Connor Caldwell
 Tabulators.....Dave & Nancy Korn
 Ushers
 (E) Bob Straup - Captain, Susan Straup, Skip Knight, Terry Cribbe, Beth Cribbe,
 Claude Calloway
 (L) Sid Stokes - Captain, Ernie Thoms, John Lybrand, Harry Coggins
 Church Secretary.....Pat Ross
 PresidentBobbi Metz
 Vice-President.....Beth Cribbe
 Treasurer.....Diane Richardson
 Financial Secretary.....Jane Potter
 Council Secretary.....Connor Caldwell

**CALENDAR FOR THIS WEEK
 November 19 – November 25**

TODAY

8:45 a.m. Worship Service (Sanctuary)
 Early Choir Practice (after worship)
 10:00 a.m. Youth Sunday School Class (Youth Room)
 10:00 a.m. Adult Sunday School Class (Fellowship Hall)
 11:00 a.m. Worship Service (Sanctuary)

MON.

6:00 p.m. Lutheran Men In Mission Supper Meeting (Fellowship Hall)

TUE.

6:00 p.m. Women’s Bible Study (Fellowship Hall)

WED.

10:00 a.m. T.O.P.S. (Pairs and Spares Room)
 7:00 p.m. Choir Practice

THUR.

THANKSGIVING DAY - OFFICE CLOSED

(we stand)

*Hymn

“Come, Ye Thankful People Come

Hymn #693

*The Greeting

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

*The Kyrie (sung responsively)

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In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the peace from above, and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For the peace of the whole world, for the wellbeing of the church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord. **Amen.**

*The Hymn of Praise

“This Is The Feast”

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*The Prayer of the Day

Righteous God, our merciful master, You own the earth and all its peoples, and You give us all that we have. Inspire us to serve You with justice and wisdom, and prepare us for the joy of the day of Your coming, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

WORD

Children’s Sermon

The First Lesson (Zephaniah 1:7, 12-18)

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Psalms 90 (sung responsively)

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The Second Lesson (1 Thessalonians 5:1-11)

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*The Gospel Acclamation (sung by all) *Alleluia. Abide in me as I a 'bide in you; those who abide in me 'bear much fruit. Alleluia. (John 15:4,5)*

The gospel is announced: The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the 25th Chapter.

Glory to You, O Lord.

*The Holy Gospel (Matthew 25:14-30)

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After the reading: The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to You, O Christ.**

Sermon **“USE IT OR LOSE IT”**

*The Hymn of the Month **“What God Ordains Is Good Indeed”**

HYMN #776

*The Nicene Creed

**We believe in one God,
The Father, the Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth,
Of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
The only Son of God,
Eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
True God from true God,
Begotten, not made,
Of one Being with the Father;
Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
He came down from heaven,
Was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary
And became truly human.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
He suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
In accordance with the scriptures;
He ascended into heaven
And is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
And his kingdom will have no end.**

LOOKING AHEAD

**November 26, 2023
Worship Assistants**

	8:45 a.m.	11:00 a.m.
Acolytes	Cathy Rudisill	Katelin Passow
Lectors	Matt Roehrs	Sandi Jordan
November 26	Worship Service (Sanctuary)	8:45 a.m.
	Early Choir Practice (After Worship)	
	Youth Sunday School Class (Youth Room)	10:00 a.m.
	Adult Sunday School Class (Fellowship Hall)	10:00 a.m.
	Worship Service (Sanctuary)	11:00 a.m.
November 29	T.O.P.S. Meeting (Pairs and Spares Room)	10:00 a.m.
	Choir Practice	7:00 p.m.
December 3	Worship Service (Sanctuary)	8:45 a.m.
	Early Choir Practice (After Worship)	
	Youth Sunday School Class (Youth Room)	10:00 a.m.
	Adult Sunday School Class (Fellowship Hall)	10:00 a.m.
	Worship Service (Sanctuary)	11:00 a.m.
	Congregational Family Advent Event (Fellowship Hall)	3:00 p.m.
December 5	Women’s Bible Study (Fellowship Hall)	6:00 p.m.
December 6	T.O.P.S. Meeting (Pairs and Spares Room)	10:00 a.m.
	Advent Meal host – Luther’s Ladies (Fellowship Hall)	6:00 p.m.
	Advent Service (Sanctuary)	7:00 p.m.
	Chrismon Tree Setup by Youth	
	Choir Practice after service	
December 10	Worship Service (Sanctuary)	8:45 a.m.
	Pageant Practice to follow after worship	
	Worship Service w/Congregational Christmas Pageant	11:00 a.m.
	Church Council Meeting (Fellowship Hall) – NOTE: date change	7:00 p.m.
December 12	Women’s Bible Study (Fellowship Hall)	6:00 p.m.
December 13	T.O.P.S. Meeting (Pairs and Spares Room)	10:00 a.m.
	Advent Meal host – Katie’s Ladies (Fellowship Hall)	6:00 p.m.
	Advent Service (Sanctuary)	7:00 p.m.
	Choir Practice after worship	
December 16	Christmas Youth Gathering at Goodson Farm	5:00 p.m.
December 17	Worship Service (Sanctuary)	8:45 a.m.
	Early Choir Practice (After Worship)	
	Youth Sunday School Class (Youth Room)	10:00 a.m.
	Adult Sunday School Class (Fellowship Hall)	10:00 a.m.
	Worship Service (Sanctuary)	11:00 a.m.
	Congregational Christmas Chili and Caroling (Fellowship Hall)	5:00 p.m.

8/27 Owen Oates
8/27 Steve H.
8/27 The Family of Deanna Denker
8/27 Bill Welborn
8/20 Mandy Wood
8/20 Melissa Bell
8/20 The Kem Oliver Family
8/20 Dr. Cindy Lee
8/20 Lori Sanders

LONG TERM PRAYERS

Gabrielle Godfrey
Richard Benedict
Carolyn Culbreath
Abby Barrett & Family
Chris Goodwin
Buddy & Lesley Taylor
Jean Vinson
Kathy Weeks
Linda Rikard
Judy Jarrett
Ross King
Willy E. Johnson
Donna Welborn
Michael Morrison
Pruitt Martin
Kenneth
Joan Stinson
Susan Socha
Robert Scribner
Danny Rouse
Sandy Matlack Forrest
Laura Wagner
Sue Walthall
David Lane
Nina & Larry Sherman

Michael & Amber Oates and Mike & Sherri Oates
Robert & Vicki Allen
Robert & Vicki Allen
Mike Oates
Rita Bell
Rita Bell
Andy & Sharon Christmas
The Stokes and Moody Families
Sid & Rette Stokes

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Brenda McGowan
Dave & Sue Rasche
The Stokes Family
Jay & Suzie Bannister
The Fischer Family
Marisa Adrian
Bob Vinson
Tom Weeks
Bob & Susan Straup
The Fischer Family
Cherie Brown
The Stokes Family
The Stokes Family
Jill Helgeson
Bob Vinson
Jay & Suzie Bannister
Brenda McGowan
Dan & Johnnie Hunnicutt
Jan House
Brenda McGowan
Jill Helgeson
Paul Wagner
Bob & Susan Straup
Dan & Johnnie Hunnicutt
Jill Helgeson

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
Who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
Who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
Who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
And the life of the world to come. Amen.**

With the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, let us pray for the church, those in need, and all of God's creation.

The Minister concludes each petition with "Lord In Your Mercy," and the response is, "Hear our Prayer."

The Minister concludes the prayers with these words: Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through Your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*The Peace Is Shared

MEAL

The Offering is Received

The Anthem

"We Gather Together"

Netherlands Folk Hymn

We gather together to ask the Lord's blessing;
He chastens and hastens His will to make known;
The wicked oppressing now cease from distressing,
Sing praises to His name; He forgets not His own.

Beside us to guide us, our God with us joining,
Ordaining, maintaining His kingdom divine;
So from the beginning the fight we were winning;
Thou, Lord, waste at our side, all glory be Thine!

We all do extol Thee, Thou leader triumphant,
And pray that Thou still our defender wilt be.
Let Thy congregation escape tribulation;
Thy name be ever praised! O Lord, make us free!

*The Offertory Hymn

"Let The Vineyards Be Fruitful"

Hymn # 181

*The Prayer (The congregation responds with AMEN.)

DURING THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER WE ARE COLLECTING NEEDED ITEMS

FOR A.I.M. CUPBOARD. - ITEMS INCLUDE: Peanut Butter, rice, dried beans, pasta, canned meat, canned fruit, canned soup, oatmeal, grits, flour, sugar, cereal, cooking oil—cleaning/personal hygiene list: bath soap, shampoo, deodorant, toothpaste, toothbrushes, toilet tissue, laundry soap, bleach, cleaning solutions (Lysol, Mr. Clean for example). Please note: perishables are not included.

*The Great Thanksgiving (sung responsively)

L. The Lord be with you.

C. And also with you.

L. Lift up your hearts.

C. We lift them to the Lord.

L. Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C. It is right to give our thanks and praise.

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*Preface of the Day

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise (Here the minister continues with the preface for the day, concluding) ... we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

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*Sanctus (sung by all)

**Holy, holy, holy, Lord, God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.**

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*Words of Institution

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*The Lord's Prayer

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is
in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses
as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory
forever and ever. Amen.**

*The Communion Hymn (sung by all)

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.**

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PRAYER LIST

11/12 The Family of Susan McIntyre

11/12 Marijane Coggins

11/12 The Family of Ardy Armen

11/12 The Family of Gail Williams

11/12 Ben Emanuel

11/12 Carole Anne Cantey

11/12 Nora McClendon

11/12 Scott Smith

11/12 James Maxwell

11/12 Denise Ludlow

11/5 Richard Polsdorfer

11/5 Ashley Williams

11/5 The Family of Anne Willis Inman

11/5 The Family of Lewis Zeigler

10/29 Karen Cromer

10/29 Suzie Bannister

10/29 The Family of James Adams

10/29 Jean Vinson

10/29 Madison Dunn

10/29 Marisa Adrian

10/22 Allan Cole

10/22 Ashleigh Drennan Craft

10/15 Barbara Thomas

10/8 Anita Roehrs

10/8 Robert Scott

10/8 Debra Smith

10/8 The Family of Judy Warncke

10/1 Henry Adair

9/24 Paul Brill

9/24 Doni Whitley

9/17 Charlene Kelly

9/17 Jimmy Burdette

9/10 Sam Burroughs

9/10 Tamara Polsdorfer

9/3 The Family of Tina Haynes Dulaney

9/3 Marilyn Shereda

8/27 Kendall Collins

8/27 Kenny Leisure

8/27 The Family of John Ferguson

8/27 The Family of Donald Campbell

8/27 The Family of Bob Dawes

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Johnnie Hunnicutt

Congregation

Jill Helgeson

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Bonnie Emanuel

The Stokes Family

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Andy & Sharon Christmas

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Pat Ross

Tamara Polsdorfer

Rette Stokes

Jill Helgeson

Dan & Johnnie Hunnicutt

Suzie Bannister

Jay Bannister

Congregation

Bob Vinson

Nancy Scalf

Tom Adrian

Chris & Anna Caldwell

Cathey Sale

Congregation

Rev. Stephen Roehrs

Janice Davenport

Jane Potter

Jan House

Chris & Anna Caldwell

Ben & Bonnie Emanuel

Brenda McGowan

Amy Compton

Jane Potter

Brenda McGowan

Beth Cribbe

Jill Helgeson

Jane Potter

Connor Caldwell

Sid Stokes

Sid Stokes

Paul Wagner

Bob Vinson

Angel Tree

WE NOW HAVE THE TAGS ON THE TREE!!!!!!

1. Pick a tag off the “Angel Tree” in the Narthex and go shopping.
2. Please do not wrap gifts.
3. Leave gift, with tag attached, in the church office parlor (use door code).
4. Gifts should be returned NO LATER than, Tuesday, December 5th, after which, you will be responsible for delivering your gifts to A.I.M.
5. In addition to selecting names from the Angel Tree in-person like we usually do, you also have the option of making a donation and someone from WELCA will do the shopping for you. If you would rather participate in this way, just make a check out to “Holy Trinity Lutheran Church” and put “Angel Tree” in the Memo and drop it the offering plate or mail it to the church office. If you have any questions on any of this, please contact Nancy Scalf or Beth Fischer.

CONGREGATIONAL Advent Family Event

Although the world has already started stocking shelves with Christmas décor, airing Christmas commercials and blaring Christmas music over the radio, Lutheran Christians know that before Christmas comes Advent. The definition of the word Advent is, “the arrival of a notable, person, place or event.” It is during this first season of our liturgical calendar, that we prepare for the Christmas coming of our Savior, Jesus Christ.

This year, the Learning Committee will once again be sponsoring an event to begin our Advent journey with a craft project. This event is for all families and individuals who would like to participate. This project will help us keep our focus on the true meaning of the season.

WHEN: Sunday, December 3 at 3:00 p.m.

WHERE: Fellowship Hall

WHO: Everyone. A signup sheet will be in the narthex to help plan for materials.

WHAT: Advent Family Event

The Christmas Pageant will be on Sunday, December 10th, during the Late Service. All ages are needed to participate in this year’s program. Please prayerfully consider being a part of this delightful Christmas tradition! We will again be using a script created by Brenda McGowan. Practices will be determined later. A full dress-rehearsal will take place on Saturday, December 9th at 9:00 a.m.

Our final rehearsal will be Sunday, December 10th following the Early Service.

The Communion

Invited to commune at this altar are all baptized believers. Children not yet receiving Holy Communion are invited to come with their families to receive a blessing. On the way up, you are to pick up a cup and bring it to the altar. Prefilled cups in the center of the tray contain grape juice; otherwise wine will be dispensed at the altar into empty cups. Gluten free wafers are available as needed. Please notify the Pastor. To have the elements brought to you for communion, please notify an Usher. It would be helpful if you would sit on the front pew or on the aisle. As you go to the altar for communion, you are invited to dip your fingers into the water of the Baptismal Font and make a sign of the cross on your forehead in remembrance of your baptism.

*The Communion Blessing

Pastor Fischer

*The Post Communion Hymn (sung by all)

Hymn # 204

**Thankful hearts and voices raise; tell ev’ryone what God has done.
Let all who seek the Lord rejoice and bear Christ’s holy name.
Send us with your promises and lead your people forth in joy
with shouts of thanksgiving. Alleluia. Alleluia.**

*Prayer after Communion (The congregation responds with AMEN.)

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SENDING

*The Blessing

The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord’s face shine on you with grace and mercy. The Lord look upon you with favor and (+) give you peace. **Amen.**

*The Recessional Hymn

“Now Thank We All Our God”

Hymn # 840

(Silence is observed for meditation as candles are extinguished.)

The Dismissal

Go in peace, serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

Postlude

“God Whose Giving Knows No Ending”

- C. Hubert H Parry

(*) “Indicates congregation to stand”

THE ALTAR FLOWERS are provided by Phil & Jane Cahaly to the honor and glory of God and in loving memory of his father, Charly, and his brothers, Fox B. and George Cahaly.

We have received quite a few **THANK YOU** cards from **The Church of the Ascension, Anglican** thanking us for the use of our worship facilities. We will be publishing them in our bulletin and the newsletter.



Dear Holy Trinity,
Words can hardly describe how grateful we are for your abundant generosity in lending us your space and everything that came with it. What a beautiful space this has been to worship in! We are so blessed by what you have done and we want to thank you from the bottom of our hearts. You have made it possible for us to worship with much ease and it has been such a joy to be in this special place. Much love and thanks. The Vantossen Family

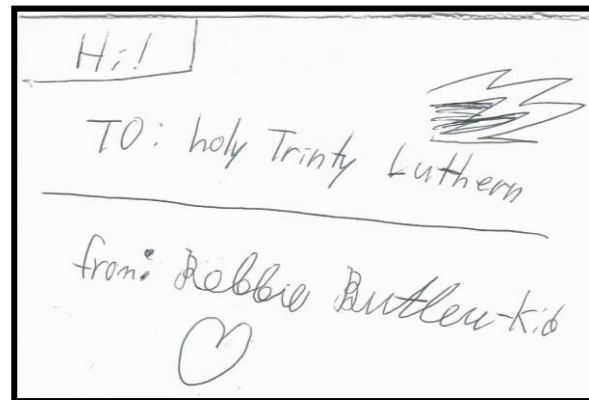
Holy Trinity Lutheran Church,
What a blessing it has been to spend time in your space. Your graciousness and generosity has allowed Church of the Ascension to meet constantly and perform the sacraments, worship God and grow closer as a body. Thank you so much! We have been blessed! God bless you. Lucy Grace

Thank you so much! Mary Andrew Edgar

Holy Trinity,
Thank you for allowing us to use your space and sharing God's generosity with us! God's peace. Carson Cawthon

Friends at Holy Trinity,
We moved here from the north two years ago and left a beautiful Ascension Church. Having no Ascension and no beautiful space to lift our eyes and souls was taking a toll. You all have blessed my soul, our family, and our Church of the Ascension. Bless you and keep you, Oh Lord!
DCN. Tyler Vafosse

Thank you so much for sharing your space with us. It has been a blessing beyond words to have this space as our congregation is starting and growing. We are looking forward to what is to come, but we are so grateful for what you have done for us. Thanks again, Josh Hinks



ADVENT SCHEDULE

Advent Meals – 6:00 p.m.

December 6 Luther's Ladies – host
December 13 Katie's Ladies - host
December 20 The Lutheran Church Youth – host
There will be a free will offering received.

Advent Worship Services to follow at 7:00 p.m. Mark your calendars:

Congregational Advent Event – December 3
3:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall
A sign-up sheet is in the Narthex.

Christmas Pageant – December 10
Annual Christmas Pageant during the 11:00 a.m. service

Youth Christmas Party – December 16 5:00 p.m. at the Goodson farm.

Chili and Caroling – December 17
Congregational Christmas Caroling and Chili 5:00 p.m.

Choir Gathering – December 22 at the Helgeson home 6:30 p.m.
with heavy hors d'oeuvres and desserts.

ADVENT DEVOTIONALS ARE AVAILABLE IN THE NARTHEX. ONE PER FAMILY PLEASE.