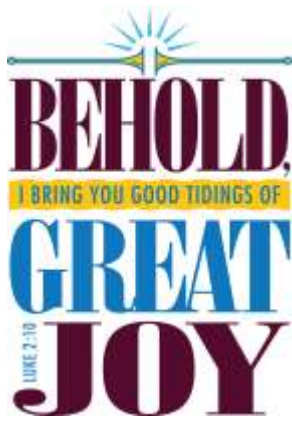


# Merry CHRISTMAS

DECEMBER

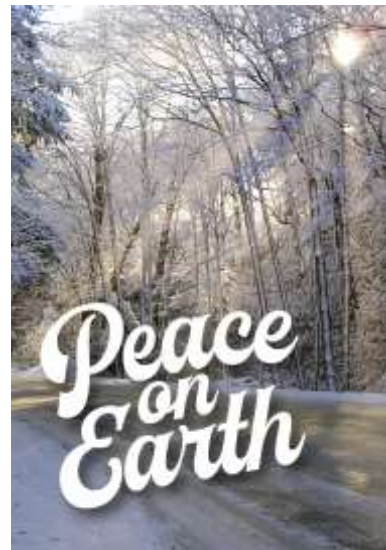
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Maia Ford  
Jasmine Lee  
Cara Bedo  
Hannah Galloway  
Breanna Mason  
Jennifer Whitmore  
Ann Kithie  
Brenda Brown



Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Luke 2:1-11 (KJV)



And it came to pass in those days, that there went out a decree from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be taxed. <sup>2</sup> (And this taxing was first made when Cyrenius was governor of Syria.) <sup>3</sup> And all went to be taxed, every one into his own city. <sup>4</sup> And Joseph also went up from Galilee, out of the city of Nazareth, into Judaea, unto the city of David, which is called Bethlehem; (because he was of the house and lineage of David:) <sup>5</sup> To be taxed with Mary his espoused wife, being great with child. <sup>6</sup> And so it was, that, while they were there, the days were accomplished that she should be delivered. <sup>7</sup> And she brought forth her firstborn son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger; because there was no room for them in the inn. <sup>8</sup> And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. <sup>9</sup> And, lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them: and they were sore afraid. <sup>10</sup> And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. <sup>11</sup> For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord.

Here we are again getting ready for Christmas. I want to share with you the peace that I feel deep inside every time I read these words from Scripture. No matter what is going on in the world at work or even in the family these simple words of the birth of our Lord always bring peace. The child Jesus came into this world in such a way that we almost missed Him. No fanfare, no parades, no TV specials, just a few shepherds. The Saviour, Christ the Lord born in the little town of Bethlehem. The Saviour of the entire world, the Saviour who paid the price for all of our sins. This Saviour came into this world for us. He came for you and me. How amazing is that? As you celebrate Christmas this year remember that "For unto YOU is born in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord."

*God bless you all with a very Merry Christmas!*  
**Pastor Toopes**

## NEWSLETTER NOTE FROM OUR ASSOCIATE PASTOR

### **A Personal Note**

If my count is right, this is the 40<sup>th</sup> newsletter article I have written while serving you here at Holy Trinity. 40 is one of those numbers that shows up a lot in Scripture. The flood waters poured down for 40 days and 40 nights. Israel traveled through the wilderness for 40 years. Moses was on the mountain for forty days and nights (twice). Spies traveled through Canaan for 40 days. Samuel judged Israel 40 years, which was also the length of King Saul's reign, King David's reign, and King Solomon's reign. Jonah prophesied Nineveh's downfall in 40 days. Jesus fasted for 40 days and nights, and He spent 40 days with the disciples between Easter and Ascension.



I am not sure 40 months of newsletter articles deserves the same attention, but it seems to be a bit of a milestone. We look for milestones in our lives, don't we? We celebrate birthdays (we had a "blowout" celebration for Connie's 40<sup>th</sup> – ask her about it sometime!), anniversaries (I remember another "blowout" for my parents' 50<sup>th</sup>), and other significant events. Time and marking time is a big deal during our lives here on earth.

Hard to imagine just what it will be like when we live beyond time and in eternity. Will we still be celebrating? Yes, of course, but the center of the celebration will always be the Lamb in the center of the throne. We will join with myriads of angels, living creatures, and others singing, "Worthy is the Lamb who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might and honor and glory and blessing!" That is a praise verse well worth repeating forever, not just for our 40's here on earth.

### **Smiths Grove Site Outreach**

At this writing we are anticipating two major undertakings with our Smiths Grove outreach: 1) A Pre-Thanksgiving Potluck on 11/20 and 2) Involvement in the Smiths Grove Christmas Parade on 12/3. Please pray that our interactions would bear fruit according to the Lord's plans!

We continue to worship at the Smiths Grove site (First Christian Church, 427 College Street) at 5 PM on Saturdays. Bible study is being held at 4 PM, just prior to worship. We are thankful to First Christian Church for continuing to make their facilities available to us. As you may have occasion, please express our thanks to the members of First Christian.

Your support of this new worship site is vital for it to continue. 1) **Your prayers** are especially important as we get back to some semblance of normal activity. Pray for open doors for us to share the Good News in the Smiths Grove community. 2) **If you know of people** around Smiths Grove (including Park City, Glasgow, Horse Cave, and similar places) who may be needing a church home, please pass the word to them. Or pass their names on to Pastor Press, and we will happily extend an invitation. 3) **Your offerings** to Holy Trinity Lutheran Church are also going to assist this outreach. Thank you for your encouragement.

***Pastor Press***



## ***The Word Became Flesh:***

### **An Advent/Christmas Sermon Series on John 1:1–18**

John 1:1–18 introduces one of the Bible’s greatest and grandest books—the Gospel according to St. John. These eighteen verses contain some of the most important words written—*ever*. They explode with light and brilliance, truth and grace. And John 1:1–18 is chalked-full of dearly-loved Advent and Christmas themes, with the most famous one being, “The Word became flesh.” (John 1:14). That’s the focus of this series of sermons on John 1:1–18. The lineup is as follows:

Advent 1:	<b>“You Have My Word!”</b> (John 1:1–5)
Advent 2:	<b>“A Man Named John”</b> (John 1:6–9, 15)
Advent 3:	<b>“Chosen Children”</b> (John 1:12b)
Christmas Eve:	<b>“The Word Dwelt Among Us”</b> (John 1:14a)
Christmas Day:	<b>“We Have Seen His Glory!”</b> (John 1:14b)
Sunday after Christmas:	<b>“Whoever Takes the Son Gets It All”</b> (Luke 2:1-20)

Historically the Fourth Gospel is likened to an eagle—an image suggesting that John soars to awesome heights of glory and grandeur. As we begin Advent and dig deep into John 1:1–18, *get ready to fly!*







**NOTE:** Events are at Bowling Green site unless noted otherwise.  
**Offerings** at the Advent services will go to our LC-MS Missionaries.

Tuesday, December 7  
**HTLS Preschool**  
**Christmas Program**  
 5:30 p.m.

Friday, December 24  
**Christmas Eve Worship**  
 (Geared toward  
 children...of all ages)  
 5:00 p.m.

Wednesday, December 8  
**Advent Service**  
 6:30 p.m.

**Christmas Eve**  
**Candlelight Worship**  
 7:00 p.m.

**Zion Christmas Eve Worship (FH)**  
 10:30pm-1:00am



*Christmas  
 Program*

Wednesday, December 15  
**Advent Service**  
**HTLS Christmas**  
**Program**  
 6:30 p.m.

Saturday, December 25  
**Christmas Day**  
**Worship (C)**  
 10:00 a.m.

**Christmas Day**  
**Worship (C)**  
 at Smiths Grove site  
 10:00 a.m.

Friday, December 31  
**New Year's Eve**  
**Service - C**  
 6:30 p.m.

**Zion New Year's Eve Worship (FH)**  
 10:30pm-1:00am



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If you would like to have a Poinsettia on the altar this Christmas please fill out the form provided in the bulletins. **The plants are available in Red or White.**

**The cost per plant is \$15.00.** Please make checks payable to Holy Trinity and designate **"Christmas Poinsettia"** on the memo line.

The poinsettias will decorate the church for the Christmas Services and you may take yours home after the service on Christmas Day.



## Lutheran Hour Ministries – Child of Promise

The birth of the Savior is celebrated again this year in *Child of Promise*, a joyful look at the miracle of Jesus' birth. From the beginning, foretold in Genesis and proclaimed throughout the Old Testament, God announced the coming Messiah to a wayward world. In Jesus Christ, that promise was fulfilled.

Each year Christians reflect on the hope God offers the world at Christmas. Born unto us—God's Son, our Savior—Jesus is the fulfillment of the Father's promise to send a Redeemer. Announced beforehand by the prophets, in the Christ Child we have the forgiveness of our sins and the hope of life eternal. This God has given to us in His *Child of Promise*.

Daily Devotions from LHM will help strengthen and encourage your faith as you do the same for others. Have them [delivered right to your inbox](#), [podcast the audio devotional](#), access them on your mobile device through the [FREE app](#), or listen with [Spotify](#), [iHeart Radio](#), [Alexa](#), or [Google Home](#). Seasonal Devotions for [Advent](#) and [Lent](#) are available here in both [English and Spanish](#). Perfect for personal reflection or to share with family, friends and congregations, these seasonal meditations will help prepare you to celebrate the true meaning of these seasons.

Merry  
Christmas



**A WORD FROM**  
**THE DIRECTOR OF SCHOOL MINISTRY**

We are at that time of the year when advertisements will share a "Happy Holidays" greeting rather than saying "Merry Christmas." Christmas cards that avoid any type of message of the Savior's birth are on the increase. Santa, Frosty, and flying reindeer are considered acceptable by popular opinion, but any message related to the Messiah is considered offensive.

What an opportunity we have as Christians to share the Reason for the Season! We get to share the joy that we have because God has come to us to save us from our sins. We get to share the best gift ever given with the world around us.

At this time of year our classes share this joy by selecting a local charity to sponsor. Instead of doing classroom gift exchanges, students bring money and resources to those in need in our community and share the love of Christ through their giving. Christmas Angels, Socks for Seniors, Operation Christmas Child, and the Humane Society are just a few examples of some of the organizations that classes have sponsored.

Jesus knew he would be rejected before he was ever born. He knew he would come into his own creation only to be tortured and killed. He knew that his job was to defeat sin, death, and the devil, and face the judgment and wrath of the Heavenly Father as the payment for mankind's sin. And yet he came anyway. His love for us drove Him to the cross.

In spite of a world that wants to dilute the message of the Gospel, we continue to boldly proclaim the true Reason for the Season. God has come to us and rescued us from the bondage of sin and restored us to a right relationship with God. MERRY CHRISTMAS!!!!!!

*In All Things,*  
**Bill Hiskey, D.S.M.**



The Church & School Offices will be **CLOSED** on Friday, December 24 and on Friday, December 31, 2021.

If you have a pastoral need on these dates please contact Pastor Toopes at (870) 672-2117 or [toopes57@gmail.com](mailto:toopes57@gmail.com)

Please remember to call before coming to the office. With the secretary out with various medical appointments and Pastor Toopes making visits to members the office is not staffed on a regular basis. We are sorry for the inconvenience.



## **DIRECTOR OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION** **NOTES**

Dear Families and Youth,

Thank you to all the parents and families that helped make the Fall Retreat an amazing experience for our students. They had such an amazing time! God truly works through them to care for each other, and I hope we can continue to foster our youth group with this amazing community! Thank you for all the love and support for this wonderful ministry!

December 12<sup>th</sup> at 9:15am, our youth are hosting a bake sale to help fundraise for the National Youth Gathering! With us already at 10% of our goal, we hope to continue raising money so all our students can attend! If you would like to support us, we are accepting donations of baked goods! We hope to see you there!

High school Ablaze takes place on Sundays at 11:45am after our late service. All high school aged students are welcome to join us in the fireside room!

Ignite (Sunday School) will be continuing! We are meeting at 9:15am in the Ignite Room on Sunday mornings! Come join us in the fun and learning during this time!

Fireside (Youth Class) will take place at 9:15 a.m. on Sundays in room 201 upstairs. We are excited to continue the joys of learning and fun as we spend time together!

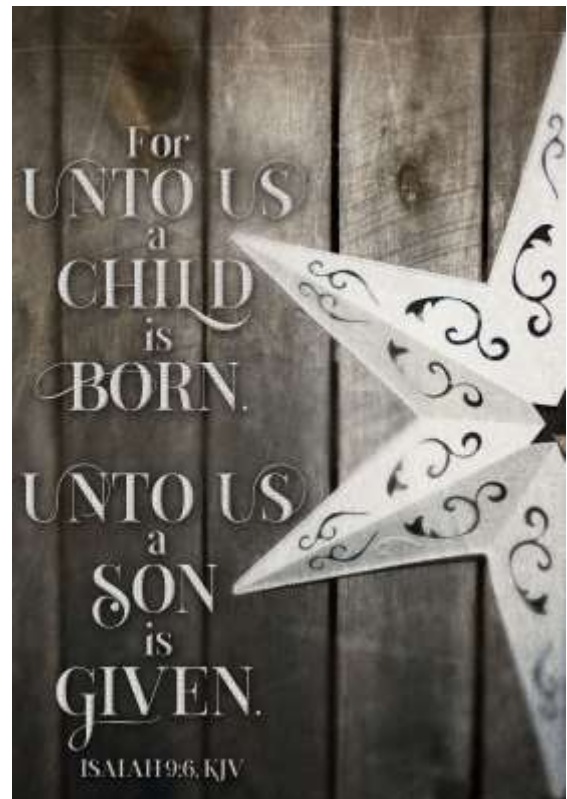
***Jonah Kaufmann, D.C.E.***



## **PROJECT M & M** **"Mittens and More"**

Please keep this project in mind as you do your shopping. Our Mitten Tree will be set up in the Narthex this month. Your donations of mittens, gloves, scarves, socks, hats, even "long johns" (or anything that will help others keep warm in the winter) will be gathered up and donated to a shelter.

We will collect items until Sunday, December 12. If you have any questions please contact Deanna Boddeker at 270-791-4840 or [boddekerang@aol.com](mailto:boddekerang@aol.com)





### CHILDREN'S MINISTRY TEAM

**Ignite:** (ages 2 – 6<sup>th</sup> grade)

We meet at 9:15 a.m. in EO-111 each Sunday.

Come join us in the fun and learning during this time!

**IGNITE:** We are looking for teachers to help teach Ignite! It is a “pick & choose” weekly commitment, so you can pick whichever weekend works for you. If you would like to help teach, you can sign up using this link:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0d4aa9ac2eabfcce9-transformation>

or emailing [jkaufmann@htlc-bg.org](mailto:jkaufmann@htlc-bg.org). Thanks!

### ELDER'S MINISTRY TEAM

**Head Elder: Tim Rathert**

#### **ELDERS ASSIGNMENTS**

In previous years we have had several HTLC families “assigned” to our Elders and we are doing that again. If you have a spiritual issue that you need assistance with the Elders are available for you as well as the pastors. Please know that this includes having communion at home if you are unable to attend worship services at this time.



Following is a listing of the Elders and the families assigned to each of them. Copies of these lists are posted on the bulletin boards in the Fellowship Hall and the Narthex. The lists will also be posted to the church website in the near future.

#### **Mike Case**

1. Steve & Melissa Albert
2. Ron & LWanda Belek
3. Bruce & Bonnie Borth
4. Mike & Janet Bryant
5. Mike & Barb Calvin
6. Jessica Chevalier
7. Jeff Dachtler
8. Neva Gielow
9. Aaron & Jill Goodwin
10. Michael Hartwein
11. Bill & Eleanor Hiskey
12. Mike & Heather Hugo
13. Wayne & Brenda Kirk
14. Irma Lamm
15. Adam Maulden
16. Deb & Katherine Maulden
17. Emily Maulden
18. Henry & Rosemary Mertz
19. Andrew & Melissa Tolbert

#### **Ron Crittenden**

1. Walter & Barbara Dobring
2. Houston & Brittany Hix
3. Marsha Holm
4. Kenneth & Dana Johnson
5. Frank & Susan Kutschenreuter
6. Diane Langhans
7. Nancy Linhardt
8. Veronica Loggins
9. Kelley Matthews
10. George & Jennifer Merkle
11. Deanna Moore
12. Shirley Moore
13. Bob Otto
14. John & Barbara Pugh
15. Ora Rampenthal
16. Tim & Heather Rathert
17. Bernie & Donna Schewe
18. Jamie Schultz & Nicole Mackin
19. Brian & Nina Vratana

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## **MINISTRY TEAM UPDATES** **CONTINUED**

### **ELDER'S MINISTRY TEAM**

#### **Steve Hansen**

1. Karen Buege
2. Lynn & Carole Clark
3. Geneva Bentley & Johnie Trent
4. David & Susan Hoffman
5. Byron & Jackie Hunt
6. David & Linda Kleimola
7. Robin & Martha Lawrentz
8. Don & Carolyn Merkle
9. Carl & Debra Myers
10. Keven & Myrna Neff
11. David & Shirley Nelson
12. Glenn & Joyce Schilke
13. Beverly Sexauer
14. Michele Smith
15. Dick & Claudine Stirn
16. Carolyn Tarrence
17. Deb Urman
18. Dale & Helen Wicklander
19. Dennis & Sandy Widmann
20. Shirley Williams

#### **John Heinze**

1. Marly & Deb Hiatt
2. Bill & Sarah Hiskey
3. David & Laurie Jurgens
4. David & Susan Justus
5. Harlan & Judy Klankowski
6. Josh & Emily Langlois
7. Heidi & Elizabeth Lindsey
8. Ivan & Juanita Linhardt
9. Jay Markel
10. Ron & Beth Markel
11. Chris & Amber Miller
12. Cliff & Karen Mitchell
13. Elizabeth Nehm
14. Scott & Jean Nehm
15. Jeff & April Owens
16. Brandon & Jessica Payne
17. Kay Payne
18. Ed & Kathy Petrusch
19. Andy & SueAnn Toopes
20. Alex & Vanessa Ulm
21. Chris & Andrea Unick

#### **Harlan Klankowski**

1. Roy & Deanna Boddeker
2. Peter & Cindy Brandt
3. Mark & Laura Crothers
4. Doris Deuth
5. Alan & Adrienne Dieball
6. Bob Eversoll
7. Mary Jane Gerlach
8. Joe Hodges
9. Lois Nelson
10. Ralph & Joyce Piel
11. Rick & Margaret Simpson
12. Joan Thomason
13. Kirk & Joleen Toth
14. Robert & Anna Waldren
15. Dick & Nancy Webber
16. Bart & Carol White
17. Jim & Donna White
18. Bobbi Wiebbecke
19. Amy Wieting
20. Sandra Wilson

#### **Keven Neff**

1. Rosie Arnett
2. Herb Blaies
3. Doug & Connie Burt
4. Thelma Crabtree
5. Joe Ertl
6. Irene Garrett
7. Beth Levan
8. Dionne Milam
9. Larry & Amy Poteet
10. Randall & Shelly Olson
11. Bill & Kathleen Parsons
12. Martin & Stacy Peterson
13. Kevin & Pam Schmaltz
14. Joann Smith
15. Lloyd & Louise Smith
16. Faye Talbott
17. Mark & Marilyn Titschinger
18. Joe & Debbie Turner
19. Aaron & Ginger Witherspoon

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**MINISTRY TEAM UPDATES**  
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**ELDER'S MINISTRY TEAM**

**Bob Otto**

1. Joe & Sue Banister
2. Harry Bequette
3. Greg Bergmann
4. Greg & Leslie Brauer
5. Tony & Bessie Brockhouse
6. Larry Bryant
7. Mike & Pam Case
8. Ron & Jay Davis
9. Barbara Frost
10. Don & Marge Green
11. Tina Hansen
12. John Heinze
13. Jerome & Nancy Jascur
14. Jacob & Heather Jordan
15. Mark & Tamara Kahler
16. Bobby & Susan LeRoy
17. Jim & Sheryl Morris
18. Del & Sally Rathert
19. Eva White
20. Ken & Jackie White

**Jason Owens**

1. Ed Adams
2. Steve Adams
3. Aaron & Beth Britton
4. Darrell & Jennifer Burns
5. Jeremy & Robin Crittenden
6. Ron & Wendy Crittenden
7. Jim & Jessica Davenport
8. Jim & Stacie Gleichauf
9. Lynn Hazlett
10. Mark & Jessica Heyungs
11. Jonah Kaufmann
12. Matt Linhardt
13. Mark & Greta McClendon
14. Barry & Jamie Moore
15. Kurt & Kim Otto
16. Josh & Andrea Rathert
17. Daniel & Amber Rosbottom
18. Spencer & Kelsey Sinnott
19. Vernon & Sherry Small
20. Corey & Megan Zirbel

**Tim Rathert**

1. Lisa Boddeker
2. Paul & Natalie Boddeker
3. Frances Bridges
4. Don Brod
5. Steve Brooks
6. Jimmy & Lorie Donohue
7. Kanita Ducloux
8. Jeff & Hilary Eversoll
9. Nelson & Nayda Feliciano
10. Colin & Katie Fritz
11. Elena Frock & Breanna Moser
12. Steve & Bonnie Hansen
13. David & Marty King
14. Al Knudson
15. Don & Donna Ludwig
16. Jerry & Michelle Mefford
17. Ellen Murphy
18. Rande & Kay Murphy
19. Kenny & Kim Newhart
20. Nathaniel Scott & Jessica Miller
21. Elaine & Cathy Towe

**Corey Zirbel**

1. Neal & Traci Gleason
2. Katie Law
3. Todd & Kelley Otto
4. Don & Judy Owens
5. Jason & Sonya Owens
6. Raul & Anne Padilla
7. Michael & Kimberly Parsley
8. Craig & Jodi Praxl
9. Mark & Connie Press
10. Al & Laurie Seavey
11. Carolyn Spiller
12. Lyle Stratton
13. Charlie & Patti Stuckwisch
14. Chris & Melissa Veith
15. Rachel Wagner
16. Del Wolff
17. Cindee Wood
18. Sue Woods
19. Steve Zielke

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## MINISTRY TEAM UPDATES CONTINUED

### LUTHERAN SCHOOL MINISTRY TEAM

Team Leader: Todd Otto



**Enrollment for the 2021-2022 School Year is OPEN!**

Contact the School Office at 843-1001 if you are interested in enrolling a child(ren) or want to give information to a friend.

**REMEMBER:** For families that are members of HTLC – we will continue to offer the 25% discount in tuition for students (Grades K-6) enrolled full time.

**Restaurant Fundraiser Event** – Enjoy a meal and help out HTLS at the same time! Contact Alex Trabue at [pto@htlc-bg.org](mailto:pto@htlc-bg.org) for additional information.

**Donato's** (Cave Mill Rd Location) – Tuesday, December 14



**Christmas Break** – Monday, December 20 through Friday, December 31. Classes resume on Monday, January 3, 2022.



## Fundraising

**THRIVENT GIVING** – if you are a member and have **Action Team Funds** to spend the school has several fund-raising events coming up. Team members get two projects/year. Please contact the School Office (270) 843-1001 if you have any questions on how to proceed to make the funds available. Here are the events coming up:

- Night at the North Pole
- Twinkle at the Tracks – with Action Team Funds we can offer tickets at a reduced price
- Replacing the tile floors in some areas of the facility
- Playground equipment for the bigger kids (perhaps a climbing apparatus)

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### LUTHERAN SCHOOL MINISTRY TEAM

**TRAINING IN CHRIST:** We are continuing with our “**Christ in Me**” Christian Character program. Each month we focus on a character trait and talk about what it means and how it applies to our daily walk. **December’s theme is Acceptance.** We will also be doing an activity once a month with the students as part of our morning assembly to help them understand the concept better. May God continue to use our school to impact this community for the sake of the Gospel.



### OUTREACH MINISTRY TEAM



Holy Trinity will again be collecting food items for needy families and individuals to be distributed by the Salvation Army. Twenty-Eight Days of Giving is an easy way to get your family (and/or yourself) not just thinking about giving during the Advent season, but acting on thankfulness for God’s blessings received during the past year.

There are a few changes from last year. We have extended the number of days to 28. The food will be picked up after Christmas and used in the January time frame when not as many donations are received.

The list of items to be provided is available on our Facebook page. The dates of suggested collection are November 28 through December 25.

The boxes can be returned any time after you have completed the collection, but we would like them all to be returned by Sunday, December 26 if at all possible.

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**OUTREACH MINISTRY TEAM****DECEMBER MISSION/MISSIONARY OF THE MONTH**

Our December mission of the month is Glocal Mission located in Houston, TX, headed by Rev. Dr. David Kim. In the recent past, Dr. Kim visited and spoke on the subject of missions at Holy Trinity.

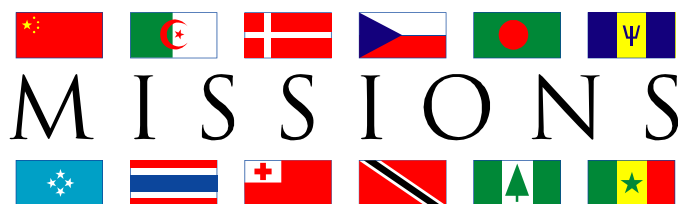
The following are quotes from Dr. Kim which are helpful for us here in Bowling Green, KY:

*“Everyone without Christ is a mission field; Everyone with Christ is a missionary by virtue of their Christian vocation.”*

*“So many Christians experience churches to be Great Omission churches, where churches may be great places of worship or fellowship but may not have a priority to reach lost people for Christ.”*

Glocal Mission is a Christian non-profit organization based in Houston, TX. They are multi-ethnic followers of Jesus who are committed to leading people into God’s mission of **SEEKING** the lost, **DISCIPLING** the saved, and **MULTIPLYING** disciple-makers and churches with the caring love of Christ, globally and locally.

Remember to keep Glocal Mission in your prayers and consider supporting it with your gifts. This can be done 1) by writing a check to Holy Trinity and noting “Glocal Mission” in the memo line OR 2) by contributing through PushPay (Mission of the Month-Glocal Mission).



We would like to invite you to visit our blog  
<http://lcmidsouthdistrictmissions.blogspot.com>

We pray that our blog would be another way for members of the Mid-South District to view, learn, and celebrate God’s worldwide mission of bringing the message of Jesus Christ to all people. We also pray that individuals from the congregation who went on mission trips this year will write up a post for the blog. Take a second to check out the posts on the blog. We would love to hear what you think, so be sure to let us know.

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### PROPERTY MINISTRY TEAM

This ministry depends on volunteers to provide minor maintenance to the facilities and a safe environment. If you are interested in volunteering, contact Glen Schilke, Bob Otto, Ron Crittenden or Al Seavey.



In the last few months volunteers have completed these projects:

- Complete remodeling of the Sanctuary bathrooms
- Installation of vanity and sink in the Nursing/Cry room
- Installation of handicap and staff reserved parking signs by the church office
- Replacing HVAC pipe insulation on all rooftop units servicing the Education building
- Weed control around the facility
- Miscellaneous small repairs for the church and school

Contractors have completed these projects:

- Trane company completed preventative maintenance on the Education rooftop HVAC units and inspected and cleaned all filters in the Education building classrooms and offices
- Buck Electric repaired the south parking lot light and converted to LED
- Bowling Green Refrigeration replaced a faulty control board for one of the furnaces near the Nursery room
- The church van was broken into, a damaged window was replaced

Projects in process:

- Replacing damaged light fixture that shines on the exterior cross attached to the sanctuary.
- Installing LED Floodlight in the picnic area between the sanctuary and the gym
- Replace post that holds the church mailbox
- Replace HVAC unit on top of gym, unit is expected to arrive late December
- Indoor HVAC cassette in classroom 206 has faulty blower motor. Quote to repair is \$7500, considering alternative options

### YOUTH MINISTRY TEAM

Jonah Kaufmann, D.C.E. at (714) 944-8784

**YOUTH BAKE SALE** on Sunday, December 12 at 9:15 a.m.

This is to raise funds for the National Youth Gathering! With us already at 10% of our goal, we hope to continue raising money so all our students can attend! If you would like to support us, we are accepting donations of baked goods! We hope to see you there!



1. **High School Ablaze** takes place on Sundays at 11:45 a.m. after our late service. All high school aged students are welcome to join us in the fireside room!
2. **Fireside** (Youth Class) will take place at 9:15 a.m. on Sundays in room 201 upstairs. We are excited to begin learning a new series this month!
3. **JUNIOR CONFIRMATION CLASS** - We meet on Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m. in the Conference Room. We will **NOT meet** on Wednesday, November 24 as that is Thanksgiving Eve. Youth and their families are encouraged to attend the service at 6:30 p.m.. Contact Pastor Toopes if you have any questions.

## LUTHERAN WOMEN'S MISSIONARY LEAGUE

For more information about LWML, please contact Claudine Stirn at 270-793-9991.



**THANK YOU!** to our LWML quilters, and to all those who donated school supplies and/or helped us assemble school kits for Lutheran World Relief. We were able to contribute **71 completed school supply kits** and **13 quilts** when the National LWML Care Van made its annual November collection stop in Nashville. Your contributions were vital in what we were able to accomplish!



**LADIES WINTER LUNCHEON** - So that we can kick back and relax after a busy December season, we are planning a post-holiday winter luncheon on Tuesday, January 11 at 11:30 a.m. at the Cracker Barrel Restaurant (1960 Mel Browning St/Bowling Green).

We will meet in the country store/entry area so we can be seated together. All confirmed ladies of the church are invited. Please feel free to bring along a friend, relative, or neighbor (or two) with you. Be sure to save the date and plan to attend!

**LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF QUILTERS** - We have been busy tying quilt tops again. We meet on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of each month (January 18) at 1:00 pm. in EO-202.

We usually quilt for two hours or less. Please park in the lot closest to the church office (where the flag pole is located). For more information about LWR quilting, please contact Jean Nehm at 270-991-8856 or Myrna Neff at 270-773-5192.



What do you do with your Portals of Prayer after you have finished using them? We would like to extend their use by recycling them.

The Salvation Army will happily take all of these that we bring to them. Please bring them to church and deposit them in the box in the Narthex marked for Portals of Prayer Recycle.



The latest update has been printed and is available in the Narthex. We make a few bulk printings of the directory throughout the year, but there are consistent changes to the directory.

So whenever you would like an updated copy, please contact the Church Office. We can provide it via email or printed copy.

**Also, please remember to contact the office whenever you have a chance in your contact information.**





Just as a general note for news during inclement weather times here are the ways we will try to get word out to members:

1. **WBKO Polar Report** - Information is posted on their website when we close. It will NOT run on the crawl like the school closings do; you have to go to their website.
2. **HTLC Facebook Page** - Information will be posted on the page about closing & special instructions on contacting staff members.
3. An **e-mail** will be sent out with information on the closing and special instructions on contacting staff members.
4. If you don't have access to the internet then please contact Pastor Toopes at (870) 672-2117.



#### REMEMBER TO PRAY:

- For our members who are going to college whether here in town or in another town/state
- For the students attending WKU that will attend HTLC while here in Bowling Green



#### **PETAL PUSHERS for the Rose Parade and Float Decorating Package**

*The people were amazed at [Jesus'] teaching, because he taught them as one who had authority, not as the teachers of the law.*

Mark 1:22

The Lutheran Hour Ministries Float Committee is pleased that their 2022 Rose Parade float will feature Jesus teaching, surrounded by 12 modern day disciples. This year's float is titled "*Jesus Teaches*".

For information and to make your reservations go to:

<https://www.christiantravelplanners.com/tours/item/193-specail-event-tour-rose-parade-december-28-january-2-2020.html>



The new quarter of **Portals of Prayer** are in the narthex on the table by the bulletin boards.

**NOTE:** We order a certain amount of devotionals. If you want a copy and there aren't any available, please contact the church office at 843-9595.



**Grace Lutheran Church in Clarksville, TN**  
is hosting their Concert Series at their church. The concerts are free, but love offerings are taken.

**NOTE:** that due to changing conditions, concerts may change; call for the most current information. If you have questions or need more information please call (931) 647-6750 or go to [www.grace-lutheran-church.org](http://www.grace-lutheran-church.org)

**Music City Chorus**  
Sunday, December 5  
4:00 p.m.

This is a male group enjoying traditional barbershop and other a capella singing. Named the 5<sup>th</sup> best in the world in 2018, they return for a Christmas theme concert.

**The Epiphany Concert**  
**Choir and Instruments**  
Sunday, January 9, 2022  
4:00 p.m.

It is an annual tradition! The best in sacred music to cap off the Advent, Christmas, and Epiphany seasons. This kicks off the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary year!

**Bob's Your Uncle**  
Sunday, February 13  
4:00 p.m.

Rock & Roll, Americana, Motown, Blues, and all kinds of music come with Bob's Your Uncle in their first appearance here at Grace. They have three albums and have performed all over Nashville.

**Organ Concert**  
**A Five-Year Bach Series Begins**  
Sunday, March 6  
4:00 p.m.

Dr. Jonathan Rudy, Cantor at Grace and AGO Competition winner, begins a five-year series playing Bach's organ works in concert and in worship!

**Vocal Arts Nashville**  
Sunday, April 3  
4:00 p.m.

This widely acclaimed professional Chamber Choir presents a profound choral music program. Their 12 members are dedicated to performing the finest of choral music in Middle Tennessee. We welcome them in their first concert here!



## THRIVENT CHOICE DOLLARS

Help support what matters most to you by directing Choice Dollars

- Designated Choice Dollars are based on qualifying insurance premiums, qualifying contract values and Thrivent Financial volunteer leadership.
- Choice Dollars can be directed to thousands of Lutheran organizations Nationwide, including our congregation and school, by visiting [Thrivent.com/thriventchoice](http://Thrivent.com/thriventchoice) or by calling 1-800-THRIVENT (800-847-4836) and saying 'Thrivent Choice'.

Potential amounts range from \$25 to \$500 for each eligible benefit member. If you have any questions or have difficulty directing your Choice Dollars, you can contact your local Thrivent Financial representative, Tammy Brown at 615-681-0265 or [tammy.brown@thrivent.com](mailto:tammy.brown@thrivent.com)



We are making plans for a team from the Mid-South District to return to Tanzania, Africa in May of 2022. To communicate to the people of Tanzania the life-changing power of Jesus Christ in a practical and understanding way; to develop them into responsible, productive, successful Christians, and equip them for their ministry in the church and like mission in the world.

We plan to visit the city of Shinyanga, home of the Southeast Lake Victoria Lutheran District.

The main emphasis of the trip will be to share the Good News of Jesus with the Sukuma people, located in Northwest Tanzania. We will also visit other areas of past ministry; such as food ministry to albino children, Mwadui Lutheran secondary school, widows' ministry. Team members will go door-to-door in villages to spread the word of God and the wonderful news of Jesus Christ's death and resurrection. The team will be accompanied by local ministers and lay persons who will act as translators. We will be using simple techniques such as: an Evangecube or Bible story telling. So, if you can share a 4<sup>th</sup>-grade level Sunday school lesson in your own words, you are qualified!

Please contact **Bob Allen** for more information about the trip at 270-535-7370 or [rjallen@prodigy.net](mailto:rjallen@prodigy.net)



## LUTHERAN WITNESS MAGAZINE

The *Lutheran Witness* magazine is now available free on the World Wide Web from our LC-MS website.

You can access the magazine in at least three ways:

1. Simply Google **Lutheran Witness**
2. Go to the synod webpage: [www.lcms.org](http://www.lcms.org) and **click on Lutheran Witness**
3. Go directly to the magazine at: [www.lcms.org/pages/witness/asp](http://www.lcms.org/pages/witness/asp)

If you would like to receive your personal copy of the magazine by regular mail you may do so. Just provide a check made out to HTLC with "Lutheran Witness" on the memo line in an envelope marked **Lutheran Witness** and put it in the collection plate or mail it to the church office.

The annual cost for this publication is **\$15.00**.

The deadline to contact the office is Sunday, January 23, 2022.



Holy Trinity has a **FAX MACHINE** for all those last minute – must get it to us items. The number is **843-7466**.



**THANK YOU** for your generous donations and memorial gifts to the **Altar Parament Fund**.

We have paraments for each season of the church and would like to purchase the matching banners. We encourage you to make gifts to the **Altar Linens/Parament Fund** and/or as **Memorials** for loved ones. The donated funds will be used to purchase banners, linens, and altar items. You may make donations to this fund at any time. You may wish to make donations as a memorial for a loved one and/or for celebrations of birthdays or wedding anniversaries, etc.

Make your checks payable to Holy Trinity Lutheran Church and indicate on the memo line that the donation goes to the "Altar Parament Fund". Also, include a note if you wish the donation to be recognized as a memorial or other special event.

If you have any questions please contact one of the elders.



HTLC member, Kay Murphy, helps with training **Service Dogs for autistic children**. She will occasionally have these dogs in church so they learn how to behave in different situations. If you have any questions or know of a child that could benefit from a service dog please talk with Kay.



Holy Trinity Lutheran Church & School are on the Internet.

Our websites are continually updated. The addresses are:

#### **Web Site Addresses** Church

<http://www.holytrinity-lc.org>

#### School

[www.HTLSBG.com](http://www.HTLSBG.com)

There are links on these sites to e-mail Pastor Toopes and Bill Hiskey.

The Sunday sermons are posted on the church website. Just click on the "Sermon Archive" option.



The church services are being "**lived streamed**" now. If you are homebound or away from town you can "join worship" from your computer via our Facebook page.

Our e-mail addresses are as follows:

#### **Church e-mail address**

[dmilam@htlc-bq.org](mailto:dmilam@htlc-bq.org)

#### **School e-mail address**

[school.admin@htlc-bq.org](mailto:school.admin@htlc-bq.org)

**NOTE:** Addresses are case sensitive and there are no spaces in the addresses.





Please be in prayer for these members/family members of Holy Trinity that are in the military. Their addresses are listed below so that you can send them a letter whenever you want to.

**Caleb Goad**, son of Dana Johnson, is in the Navy Military Police.

Goad, Caleb A.  
1931 Hardway Ln  
Bremerton, WA 98312

**Jackson Heinze**, son of John Heinze, is serving in the Air Force.

AB Heinze, Jackson, E.  
323 TRS/Dorm 3A2 FLT 066  
1320 TREUMPER ST. UNIT 369548  
JBSA Lackland, TX 78236-6407

**Jonathan Heinze**, son of John Heinze, is serving in the Air Force.

Sgt. Jonathan Heinze

**Jordan Heinze**, son of John Heinze, is also serving in the Air Force.

Airman Jordan Heinze  
10002 Village Green Drive  
Shreveport, LA 71115-2814

**Michael Schoettlin**, cousin of Sarah Hiskey, is serving in the Air Force.

Senior Master Sergeant Michael Schoettlin  
Davis-Monthan AFB  
Tucson, AZ

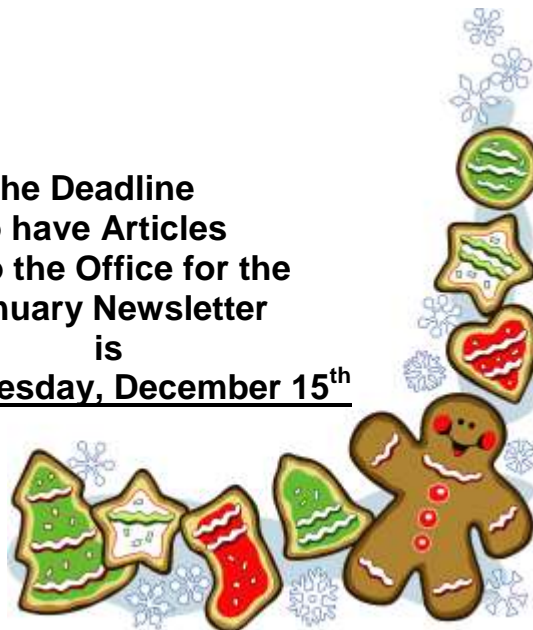


**Jonah Kaufmann** joined by transferring from St. Paul Lutheran Church in Orange, CA.

**Megan Kaufmann** joined by transferring from Bethany Lutheran Church in Long Beach, CA.

***We rejoice in their decision  
to join our fellowship  
and look forward  
to serving the Lord with them.***

**The Deadline  
to have Articles  
into the Office for the  
January Newsletter  
is  
Wednesday, December 15<sup>th</sup>**





**OUR MEMBERS IN LONG-TERM NURSING CARE...**

**Joan Thomason**



**WE EXPRESS OUR CHRISTIAN SYMPATHIES TO THE FAMILIES OF...**

**Don Green** in the death of his brother, Jerry Green. Jerry died on Tuesday, November 2, at 80 years of age. A celebration of life service will be held at a later date.

**Robin & Martha Lawrentz** in the death of their son-in-law, Henry McDougal. Henry died on Tuesday, November 9. Funeral arrangements were not available at the time of printing.

**Veronica Loggins** in the death of her husband, Robert E. Loggins. Bob died on Thursday, November 11, at 78 years of age. Bob was a member of Holy Trinity and served the Lord here in a variety of ministries. Funeral services will be here at Holy Trinity on Monday, November 22.

**Marge Green** in the death of her brother, Perry Sebaugh. Perry died on Friday, November 19. Funeral arrangements were not available at the time of printing.



**OUR MEMBERS THAT ARE HOMEBOUND...**

**Harry Bequette, Greg Bergmann, Herb Blaies, Neva Gielow, Joe Hodges and Irma Lamm**

**NOTE:** Contact Pastor Toopes if you have questions about any of these members.



**IN MEDICAL FACILITIES LAST MONTH WERE...Sayer Parsley and Dionne Milam.**

We pray the Great Physician will continue to bring them healing and strength.

**We commend Don & Marge Green,  
Ginger Stewart,  
Rebekah & Kaydence Stewart,  
Matthew, Katherine, & Leona Stewart,  
Robin & Martha Lawrentz,  
Veronica Loggins,  
and their families  
to the comfort and compassion  
of our Loving and Living Lord Jesus Christ.**



**GREETERS FOR DECEMBER**  
 (First person/couple – 8:00 service  
 Second person/couple – 10:30 service)  
 (Unless noted otherwise)

<u>DATE</u>	<u>NAME</u>
5	AL & LAURIE SEAVEY TIM & HEATHER RATHERT
12	MARLY & DEB HIATT COREY & MEGAN ZIRBEL
19	DICK & CLAUDINE STIRN KEN & JACKIE WHITE
26	MARK & LAURA CROTHERS GENEVA BENTLEY



**READERS FOR DECEMBER**  
 First person - 8:00 service  
 Second person - 10:30 service  
 (Unless noted otherwise)

<u>DATE</u>	<u>NAME</u>
5	CINDY BRANDT BOBBI WIEBBECKE
12	HILARY EVERSOLL LILLIE GLEICHAUF
19	BRUCE BORTH DAVID KLEIMOLA
26	JOE ERTL PAM SCHMALTZ

## ACOLYTES



**ACOLYTES FOR DECEMBER**  
 First person - 8:00 service  
 Second person - 10:30 service  
 (Unless noted otherwise)

<u>DATE</u>	<u>NAME</u>
***1	<b>ADVENT SERVICE 6:30 P.M.</b> LUCY VEITH
5	ELLA PAYNE ZOE WITHERSPOON
***8	<b>ADVENT SERVICE 6:30 P.M.</b> EVA WHITE
12	RILEY MOORE KYLEE JO LINHARDT
***5	<b>ADVENT SERVICE 6:30 P.M.</b> GRAY UNICK
19	SAMANTHA ULM COLE RUBICAN
***24	<b>CHRISTMAS EVE 7:00 P.M.</b> BRENNAN RATHERT
***25	<b>CHRISTMAS DAY 10:00 A.M.</b> SAYER PARSLEY
26	BRYN UNICK ZOE WITHERSPOON
***31	<b>NEW YEAR'S EVE SERVICE 6:30 P.M.</b> EVA WHITE



3	Ginger Witherspoon	18	Jackson Cobb
4	Lyle Stratton		Kaley P. Kleimola
	Barbara H. Wiebbecke	19	Patricia L. Stuckwisch
	Michael P. Parsley		Christy L. Kleimola
	Jennifer Whittamore	20	Marly R. Hiatt
	Alyssa A. Ahlers		Jill M. Goodwin
5	Melody M. Haase		Kathryn R. Goodwin
7	Ivan Linhardt	21	N. Wayne Kirk
	David J. Nelson		Kenny Newhart
	Mark J. Brockhouse	22	Doris W. Deuth
	Addison M. Pugh		Mark Crothers
8	Elena P. Frock		Kaiah M. Kirk
9	Mallory R. Langlois	23	Keven Neff
10	Kristin O. Ducloux		Tamara Kahler
11	Laura Crothers		Aaron J. Zirbel
12	Richard A. Ford	25	<b>JESUS CHRIST</b>
13	Rosalyn Arnett	26	Barry J. Moore
14	Londyn S. Kleimola		Gabrielle R. Hiskey
15	Kathy Petrusch	27	Michael R. Case
	Carl L. Myers	28	Makayla M. Ramsey
	Isaac J. Goodwin	29	Jonah T. Kaufmann
17	Vann W. Witherspoon		
	Gunnar Young		



4	Don & Donna Ludwig (17 <sup>th</sup> )	27	Dale & Helen Wicklander (51 <sup>st</sup> )
9	Ivan & Juanita Linhardt (54 <sup>th</sup> )	29	Andy & Sue Ann Toopes (42 <sup>nd</sup> )
11	Harlan & Judy Klankowski (57 <sup>th</sup> )		Daniel & Jennifer Duarte (15 <sup>th</sup> )
18	<b>Mark &amp; Marilyn Titschinger (50<sup>th</sup>)</b>	30	Adam & Samantha White (11 <sup>th</sup> )
21	Jimmy & Lorie Donohue (30 <sup>th</sup> )	31	Aaron & Jill Goodwin (16 <sup>th</sup> )