

Weekly Reminders & Announcements Page

December 23, 2018

STEWARDSHIP THOUGHTS FOR YOU...

- * How many observe Christ's birthday! How few, His precepts!
- Benjamin Franklin
- * Christmas is a not a date; it is a state of mind! -- Mary Ellen Chase



Martin Luther on MARY. (In his December 24, 1531 sermon on Isaiah 9:5, Luther says we should honor Mary but worship her divine Son.)

Praise Mary, But Worship Christ. It is true, Mary is praiseworthy and can never be lauded and extolled enough. For the honor of having been chosen from all the women on earth to be the mother of this **Infant** is exceedingly high and glorious. Yet we should laud and praise the mother in such a way that we do not let the **Infant** she has borne be torn from our eyes and hearts, nor should we consider the Treasure born to us of less importance than the mother. The praise of the mother should be as a drop, but the praise of this **Infant** should be as the entire expanse of the wide sea. If one of the two is to be forgotten, it would be better to forget the mother than to forget this **Infant**... the mother was not born for us; she does not help us from sins and death. To be sure, she has borne the **Infant** and the **Savior** of all the world for us; but she herself is not the **Infant** and the **Savior**. Therefore we should wean our affections away from the mother and fasten them firmly on the **Infant!**

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD'S LOVE...

Total Offerings Received December 16th = \$42,285.11

* General Offering	\$ 33,884.82	* Altar Flowers	\$ 50.00
* Master's Plan	\$ 139.56	* Sunday School	\$ 35.73
* Building Fund	\$ 1,100.00	* Agape	\$5,200.00
* Guatemala	\$ 1,500.00	* Pat Henke Mem.	100.00
*Miscellaneous	\$ 275.00		

YEAR END GIVING

Per IRS rules all annual contributions for 2018 must be received in the church office no later than December 31st. Any contributions sent by mail must be postmarked no later than December 31st. Any contributions received after these dates will be applied to your 2019 contribution offerings.

Attendance Last Week = 1062* Communing = 130
* Includes the Midweek Advent # 4 Services = 239

IF YOU WISH TO PREPARE FOR NEXT SUNDAY

**Next Sunday, December 30th is the
First Sunday after Christmas**

~ Morning Psalm	>>>	Psalm 111
~ First Reading	>>>	Exodus 13:1-3a ; 11-15
~ Second Reading	>>>	Colossians 3:12-17
~ Holy Gospel	>>>	Saint Luke 2:22-40

THOSE WHO WILL BE SERVING NEXT SUNDAY

	8:15 - Liturgical	9:30 - Liturgical	10:45 - Liturgical	11 - Modern
Preaching:	Pastor Meyer	Pastor Meyer	Pastor Meyer	Pastor Meyer
Assisting:	Pastor Henke Vicar Brakhage	Pastor Henke Vicar Brakhage	Pastor Henke ~	Pastor Henke Vicar Brakhage
Organ/Piano:	Stephen Wurst	Debbie Gerling	Stephen Wurst	
Elders:	Steve Miller	Duane Becker	Keith Swanson	Keith Swanson
Communion:	Sam Cochran Bill Kuehn Robert Smith	Rusty Barger ~	Ray Hasselwander Carl Dement ~	Dylan Crawford David Monismith ~
Crucifiers:	Addison Kuczynski Jaycee Jordan	~	Elizabeth Nance Joshua Cyr	
Ushers:	Andrew Scott - Captain Sam Cochran Robert Namken Greg McCain Robert Smith Duane Hanson	~	Rick Baker - Captain Rich Glasser Dennis Niskern Mark Schwisow Jim Lowry Eric Scheer	
Lectors:	Steve Kukuk	Benny Ormson	Max Mears	John Grunow
Children Lesson:	Pastor Meyer	~	Pastor Meyer	
Greeters:	Tara Scott	Nathan Johnson	Roger & Linda Bradford	Andrea Monismith
Counters:	Loretta Gonzalez & Connie Lewellen			
Nursery:	~ Heidi Mattson & Sandra Erickson Emma Meyer & Katy Krueger			
Acolyte & Lighting Coordinator:	Benny Ormson			
Sound Technicians:	Jeff Adams, Keith Miller and Dennis Paul			
Altar Guild:	Setup: Iva Ormson & Jana Krottinger			
	Reset: Iva Ormson, Hanna Olstad			
	Reset 10:45: Rita Paul, Sara Paul, Carol Payne			
	Clean up: Lisa Kelley			
	Resonate Service: Wendy Kappers, Jennie Hentges			

Please lift up the following in prayer

Our military personnel & government workers:

- * Taylor Adams, Gwyneth Cantu, Brandon Chapman, Mark DeLory, Alex Eck, Greg Emde, Mark Erwin, Daniel Herm, Jennifer Howell, Anthony Kuczynski, Chris & Stephanie Means, Madison Neumann Anthony & Kelsey Payne, Nate & Maggie Phillips, Cameron & Lauren (Maisch) Satterlee, Dan & Stephanie Scherdt, Larry Sull, Ryan Toombs, Mathew & Rachel Young, Eric & Erin Young.
- * HOLY TRINITY LUTHERAN SCHOOL - Prayers for our teachers, students and staff.
- * Evan, Kerri & Roman Mathew - Praise & thanksgiving for the healthy arrival of Claire Olivia
- * Steven & Karen Johnson & family - as they mourn the loss of Karen's father, Clyde McDaniel.
- * Pauline Henke - struggling with several health issues. Prayers for peace & comfort.
- * Verna Holtzen - struggling with some health issues; prayers for peace & comfort.
- * Georgette Jurczewsky- prayers for complete healing from breast cancer.
- * Chad Langager - continued prayers as he deals with stage 4 lung cancer.
- * Norman Loeber - recovering from hernia surgery
- * Al Nance - dealing with some heart complications and preparing for a heart cath. procedure.
- * Gary Quick - Continued prayers for God's mercy in his battle with Parkinson's
- * Kim Rengstorf - recovering from Achilles surgery
- * Michael Sloup - prayers for full recovery from total hip replacement surgery
- * Jonah Sloup - prayers that he will know the abundant joy of having a close relationship with Jesus
- * Michell Smith - prayers for full recovery from knee surgery
- * Rod Steeves - recovering from surgery in treatment for skin cancer.
- * Dick Wickline - undergoing radiation treatment; prayers for success and healing.
- * Kylee Young - Prayers for accurate diagnosis and treatment of possible MCAS.
- * Annette ZumMallen - Recovering from thyroid surgery.

- * Magda Angel - friend of Mark & Jodi Voyles who suffered serious injuries in an accident
- * Roger Banks - longtime organ tuner for Holy Trinity struggling with complications from cancer.
- * Dawn Brouwer - step-mother of Juliette Lucus recently diagnosed with cancer.
- * Tess Chambers- friend of Tim & Amanda Kraus, praying for a cancer free biopsy.
- * Paul Cosby - friend & neighbor of Lynn Klein battling kidney cancer as well as sepsis.
- * Brandy Cox - Gracie Maddox-Scheer's mom, prayers for guidance for brain stem aneurysm.
- * Dave & Kay Filsan - parents of Laurie Nance. Prayers for Kay as she prepares for radiation treatment for breast cancer and prayers for Dave who is battling mobility issues.
- * Ruth Gable - friend of Barbara Shell Ryel, suffering from a disease that could take her eyesight. Prayers that new treatment will be successful.
- * Rhonda Hensley, sister in law of Sherry Herbel, who was just diagnosed with throat cancer
- * Ralph Jaeger- father of Peggy Grunow, recovering from stent placement following heart attack. Praise & thanksgiving as God was with him every step of the way.
- * Chris Kennerly- friend and personal trainer of Jeff Kelley, recovering from skin graft for 3rd degree burns. Prayers for complete healing!
- * Norah Klein - neice of Jonathan who is having some health issues.
- * Marion Loock - aunt of Lindsey Duerr diagnosed with stage 4 lymphoma & leukemia. Lindsey's cousin has also been diagnosed with cancer.
- * Greg & Marta McCain - Prayers for Greg's mother Shirley, who is very frail and in declining health; prayers for Marta's dad, Charles Worm dealing with several health issues; Marta's mom, Alida Worm as she transitions to Assisted Living/ Memory Care and for several other extended family members with numerous health complications and terminal diagnosis.
- * Kirby Marino - daughter of Steve & Marilyn Miller, beginning a chemo regimen for breast cancer.
- * Gary Moore - friend of Tony & Geannie White, diagnosed with advanced stage prostate cancer.
- * Beverly Ogle - friend of Mark & Jodi Voyles who has severe tendonitis
- * Mary Lou Rice - aunt of Mark Mills, recovering from 1st surgery for mouth cancer. Praise the pathology reports came back good. All cancer removed. Will undergo additional surgery soon.
- * Barbara Rogers - friend of Roger & Linda Bradford diagnosed with cancer.
- * Chad Rosanelli - son of Renee' Rosanelli, prayers for healing of PKD- a rare kidney disease.
- * Sheehan Family - prayers for Linda's brother in law who suffered a stroke after recently losing his brother to cancer.
- * Linda Sloup - mother of Michael. Prayers for healing, strength & peace following hospitalization for an undetermined illness.
- * Barbara Spivey - family of Mark & Jodi Voyles, prayer for healing from vision problems
- * Jerry Witzke - father of Jeremy, prayers as he undergoes radiation for stage 4 kidney cancer.
- * Charles Worm- father of Marta McCain, experiencing health issues - possibly heart related.

Please contact the church office with updates on prayer requests for friends and loved ones.

Christmas Caroling
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 23 | 3:00 PM
WITH SOUP SUPPER TO FOLLOW
YOU'RE INVITED TO COME CAROLING AROUND TOWN AND SPREAD CHRISTMAS JOY!
NO EXPERIENCE NEEDED, JUST A WILLING HEART AND A SMILING FACE!
Please contact Leah Baker if you have any questions, 405-822-0813.

OFFERING ENVELOPES

Offering Envelopes are now available outside the church office.

***Also, now is a good time to make sure the church office has all of your "up to date" contact information as well as birthdays and anniversaries for all family members.

Week of December 23, 2018

SUNDAY	December 23, 2018 - Fourth Sunday in Advent
8:15 AM	Traditional Worship Service w/ Holy Communion
9:30 AM	Traditional Worship Service w/ Holy Communion
10:45 AM	Traditional Worship Service w/ Holy Communion
11:00 AM	Modern Worship Service w/ Holy Communion
3:00 PM	HTLC Christmas Caroling and Soup Supper
MONDAY	December 24, 2018 - Christmas Eve
	Church Office Closed
6:30 PM	Family Worship Service w/Holy Communion
11:00 PM	Candlelight Worship Service w/ Holy Communion
TUESDAY	December 25, 2018 - Christmas Day
	Church Office Closed
10:00 AM	Christmas Day Worship Service
WEDNESDAY	December 26, 2018
	Church Office Closed
THURSDAY	December 27, 2018
9:30 AM	Thursday Morning Ladies Bible Study
FRIDAY	December 28, 2018
SATURDAY	December 29, 2018
SUNDAY	December 30, 2018
8:15 AM	Traditional Worship Service w/ Holy Communion
9:30 AM	Traditional Worship Service w/ Holy Communion
9:30 AM	Education Hour – All Ages
10:45 AM	Traditional Worship Service w/ Holy Communion
11:00 AM	Modern Worship Service w/ Holy Communion



Dear Holy Trinity Family~
We would like to thank you for your prayers, calls, cards and visits for our mother. She had a long hard battle and now is in perfect peace and joy! Her last meal on earth was Holy Communion, so thank you Pastor Henke and Pastor Meyer for tending to her spiritual needs and for your visits. Also, we want to thank all of the people who prepared food and the loving service following the funeral. Our family has been deeply blessed by each of you. God bless you for your kindness.
The family of "Euny" Langager

Celebration Corner

BIRTHDAYS	
Dec 23	Hunter Atkinson, Jody Lueb, Gracie Maddox-Scheer
Dec 24	Parker Henderson
Dec 25	Shirley Confer
Dec 26	Carson Beam, Steven Vorel
Dec 28	Jacob Maisch, Robert Renner, Keith Swanson
Dec 29	Sarah Gibbons, Jacoby Gottsch, Natalie Mattson, Karen Miller
Dec 30	Jessica Anderson, Paul Meier
ANNIVERSARIES	
Dec 24	Craig & Suzy Lausen
Dec 26	Bobby & Denise Howard
Dec 28	Rex & Tammy Rozel
Dec 29	Ron & Brenda Schlesinger
Dec 30	Stephen & Cathy Kunkel
Dec 31	Kevin & Teresa Ewing

YOUTH NEWS

****JOURNEY IN JANUARY: High School Retreat**
Join us January 18-20th for Journey at Camp Lutheroma. Registration information can be found on the website or with DCE Lindsey Duerr. Registration is due Jan. 6th.

****New Youth Calendars are available on the website or at the information center. Our next event is January 13th.**

****Our spring volunteer calendar is ready! If you are interested in volunteering for our Sunday youthCONNECT activities visit <http://signup.com/go/HdCKwi>**

GROWING IN WORSHIP
2-Year-Old Workshop & Blessing Day
January 12 | 9:30 am
Luther Commons
Blessing during the 10:45am service on January 13

Parents, you and your toddler are invited to a special workshop focused on equipping you and your children for the routine and ritual of worship. You will leave refreshed with new ideas to help involve your little one in worship!
Childcare will be provided.

For additional details and to register contact Lindsey Duerr at 405-348-3292 or lduerr@htlcook.org.

Now Hiring – Communication Director

Holy Trinity Lutheran Church and School is looking to fill this open position. If you or someone you know is interested, please contact the church office at 405-348-3292. A complete job description will be available in the church office or online.

From Stacy Yates:
For the past four years it has been an absolute joy to work alongside an amazing staff and serve the members here at Holy Trinity. As I transition into a new chapter, I cannot help but reflect on my time as a staff member for my beloved church. The love shown to my family and me, along with witnessing how God works through the staff and ministries at Holy Trinity, has been a wonderful experience. Thank you for the opportunity to use the talents God has blessed me with to serve my church and carry out His mission.

HOLY TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH
COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITY

NOW ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS!

The scholarship program awards scholarships to students enrolled in a LCMS college or university, pursuing a career in the ministry or another church related career.

COMPLETED APPLICATIONS MUST BE TURNED IN TO THE FRONT OFFICE BY DECEMBER 31.

For more info visit holytrinityedmond.org/scholarship or stop by the information center

Marriage Matters

SAVE THE DATE: JANUARY 26
GUEST SPEAKER: THAD P. WARREN PhD, DCE, MSFL, MACC,
Professor of Human and Social Science Chair, Human and Social Science Concordia University Nebraska

To help drive the content of this seminar please complete a short survey online at www.holytrinityedmond.org/marriagesurvey

JOIN US FOR OUR
NEW YEAR'S EVE SERVICE
DECEMBER 31 | 7:15PM