

# TIDINGS

December 2025

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Dear Friends in Christ,

*“He who watches over Israel will neither slumber nor sleep.”* Psalm 121:4

As we draw close to Christmas, this verse is relatable. There does not seem to be enough time to slumber, sleep or even take a nap amid shopping, baking, cleaning, wrapping, cooking, attending parties and performances.

Yet God’s lack of slumbering and sleeping has nothing to do with anything on this list. God is watching. As verses 1-2 state, *“I lift up my eyes to the mountains— where does my help come from? My help comes from the Lord, the Maker of heaven and earth.”* The maker of heaven and earth loves us so much that we are constantly surrounded by love and care. We are watched over more than the best parents watching over their babies- neither slumbering nor sleeping, but protecting and caring for their precious treasures.

As we scurry around in these coming weeks, know that God is constantly with you - loving and caring for you. How do we share that love with others we encounter? How do we prioritize God in our busyness?

Yours in Christ,

*Pastor Sarah*

## UPCOMING EVENTS:

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<sup>32</sup>And we bring you the good **Tidings** that what God promised to our ancestors<sup>33</sup>he has fulfilled for us, their children, by raising Jesus;  
Acts 13:32-33a

- Dec. 5      Irwin Cookie Tour 5:00 PM – 8:00PM, stop by Holy Trinity!
- Dec. 7      Chrismons at 9:30AM  
Dinner Church: Service at 5:30PM, Dinner at 6:00PM
- Dec. 13     Food Pantry Distribution 8:45-10:00AM
- Dec. 13     Men's Group at 8:00AM **Penn Zion** Lutheran
- Dec. 15     Community Meal, Doors open at 5:00PM, Dinner at 6
- Dec. 17     Women's Faith and Fellowship at 7:00PM
- Dec. 21     Youth Christmas Party at 9:30AM  
Young at Heart Breakfast at 9:30AM  
Blue Christmas Service at 7:00 PM, in the Chapel
- Dec. 22     Christmas Service at Irwin Manor at 11:00am
- Dec. 23     Christmas "Eve Eve" Service at Noon; Lunch provided after
- Dec. 24     Christmas Eve Services at 4:00PM AND 8:00PM
- Dec. 28     ONE Service at 10:00AM
- January 25, 2026 - Annual Congregational Meeting,  
ONE service 10:00AM - Lunch provided

## Food Pantry

2026 Dates: December 13

Special Items needed currently: Canned yams      Stuffing mix      Mashed potato mix      Turkey gravy  
Cranberry sauce      Kleenex      Bar soap      Antibacterial wipes/spray  
single serve Chef Boyardee

### ***Items always needed:***

Mac & cheese/pasta	Applesauce	Baked beans	Cake/muffin/brownie mix
Canned fruit	Canned tuna	Cereal	Toilet Paper
Pasta Sauce	Oatmeal	Paper towels	PB/Cheese Crackers
Peanut Butter & Jelly	Potato/rice mix	Pudding Cups	

Many thanks for the generous donations to date! If you would like to donate, please mark "food pantry" on a pew envelope. Food pantry contact: Jodi Waugaman at 724-516-9680 or [waugawoman86@comcast.net](mailto:waugawoman86@comcast.net)

## Church Finances

### CONGREGATIONAL AVERAGE OFFERING OCTOBER 2025

<u>2025 BUDGET</u>	<u>BUDGET NEEDS WEEKLY</u>	<u>AVERAGE WEEKLY OFFERING</u>
\$392,407.00	\$7,547.00	\$4,634.18
<u>2025 IMPROVEMENT FUND</u>	<u>WEEKLY GOAL</u>	<u>AVERAGE WEEKLY OFFERING</u>
\$24,000.00	\$461.00	\$125.50
<u>2025 ORGAN FUND</u>		<u>AVERAGE WEEKLY OFFERING</u>
		\$1,489.93

**Online Tithing** ....The church has set up online giving through **Tithley**. (the church incurs approximately a 3% fee or you may add the fee into your donation to cover that 3%). To donate through online giving please visit: <https://tithe.ly/give?c=1399928>

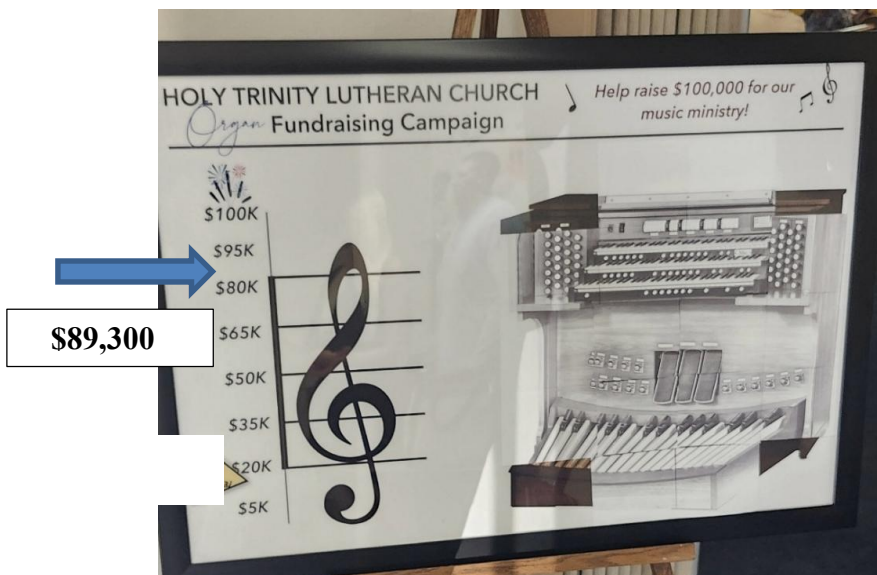
**Trinity Lutheran Care Fund (TLC)** is a ministry of the church that offers assistance to members of the congregation experiencing financial need, due to extreme, unusual and/or medical circumstances. If you'd like to request help, please contact Pastor Sarah, Julie Kuhn, or Jodi Waugaman.

### **THRIVENT Investors:**

It's time to **remember HTLC with your Thrivent Choice Dollars**. Please either go online or contact your Thrivent agent and  
**select Holy Trinity Lutheran Church in Irwin to receive your Choice Dollars**

### **ORGAN FUND**

As you enter the church, you will notice a display in the Narthex about fundraising for the new organ that Holy Trinity is purchasing. The display reflects our progress toward the goal of \$100,000 and with each \$5,000 donated, a new portion of the organ pictured will be revealed. In addition, a running total of to-date donations will be displayed as well. We're on our way with this effort and pray for the continued support from the congregation to reach the final goal!



# OUR CHURCH FAMILY

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## IN OUR PRAYERS IN NOVEMBER:

DYLAN KUNKEL	NANCY BOYD	RACHEL FAULKNER	MARION KUNKLE	ANN DRURY
LINDA WEST	DEE WITHROW	EARL WRIGHT	SHIRLEY ZINCK	MIMI AND CHUCK WIELOBOB
NANCY BALL	CONNIE BERG	JACKIE BRICKNER	SUZANNE BREIG	CHARLES AND DEB WILLSON
ANDREW ZIKELI	SANDY YONIKA	PAT BAIRD	ADRIENNE AMANTEA	DOUG AND NANCY WOODRING
LOIS BROWN	RON BRENTZEL	SALLY CARTER	BEN AND ELLIE BRATTON	
RONI BARRY	LINDA BONACCI	ROCHELLE BELAK	RICK & SHERRY BAVOLEK	
PAT SIMMERS	WESLEY CARTER	BOB AND JAMIE CESSNA	MARIA AND KORRY CLARK	
COLLEEN COCENOUR	ANNE COINER	HALLE AND MARK COPEMAN	TERRY AND PEGGY ZIMMERMAN	

## WE LIFT UP IN PRAYER THE FOLLOWING MILITARY PERSONNEL:

SHANNON DAWSON    ZACHARY ZEHNER    BROOKE NEWELL

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## *Affirmation of Baptism:*

*God Bless Jaden Brittingham, Landen Hillier, & John Sheleheda  
Confirmed on Sunday, November 2<sup>nd</sup>*

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## *Sacrament of Holy Baptism:*

*God Bless Kate Elizabeth Pelino  
Baptized on Sunday, November 9<sup>th</sup>*

*God Bless Colter Murray  
Baptized on Sunday, November 2<sup>nd</sup>*

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## *All Saints 2025 - remembered on November 2, 2025*

Michael Tomasello	Ruth Porter	Kay Shrump
Kevin Gongaware	Valerie Waugaman	Ray West

*God Bless those added to the Communion of Saints through Baptism in 2025:*

Jett Shiley	Xander Bonacci	Theo Pienkowski
Easton Wilson	Donna J Morgan	Cleo Saur
Jentry Ellis	Ensley Fayo	Charlotte Jadlocki
Adeline Randolph	Lily Reese	

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# ANNOUNCEMENTS!

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## CHRISTMAS SERVICES

**Sunday, December 21<sup>st</sup> at 7:00 pm: Blue Christmas Service**

Blue Christmas (also called the Longest Night) is a day in the [Advent](#) season marking the [longest night of the year](#).

Many of us are acquainted with the paradox of the Advent and Christmas seasons – a time when people can feel they are supposed to celebrate hope, love, joy and peace, and yet a time that can also be full of sadness and grief.

Blue Christmas services offer special recognition of the struggles that many people face during this season. It acknowledges the struggles that we all face while providing a safe place of rest, comfort and healing, with the assurance that Christ, the light of the world is coming.

**Tuesday, December 23<sup>rd</sup> at Noon: Christmas Eve Eve**

There will be a service on Tuesday, December 23<sup>rd</sup> at NOON in the Church for anyone who cannot make the Christmas Eve services for any reason. Following the service, lunch will be provided in the Miller Parlor. If you need a ride to this service, please call the office.



**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 24**

**4:00PM – FAMILY SERVICE WITH CANDLELIGHTING  
8:00PM- TRADITIONAL SERVICE WITH CANDLELIGHTING**

**Sunday, December 28<sup>th</sup> one Service at 10:00am - Carols and Lessons**

**We're making Chrismons!**  
**On December 7<sup>th</sup> - 9:30 am - 10:30 am**  
**Please join us! A Light breakfast will be provided.... All are Welcome!**

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## ANNUAL IRWIN CHRISTMAS COOKIE TOUR

The annual Christmas Cookie Tour will be held in downtown Irwin on Friday, December 5, from 5:00 to 8:00 PM, Businesses and churches will welcome guests to take some cookies for the Christmas holidays. Holy Trinity will open our doors to those who come for cookies along with providing music of the season throughout the evening. Come and join us! This is always a great event and a joyful way to welcome the Christmas holiday!

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THANK YOU for donating!!

We packed 44 Operation Christmas Child boxes this year!!  
Thanks to those who contributed,  
AND the Women's Group packing party!

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## OUR DEAF MINISTRY

Please note the dates of our Deaf Ministry for our **10:45 worship**:

December - 7, 21

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Remember to return your 2025 **Advent Coin Folder** on paper.  
If you would like to use the cardboard folder to collect coins,  
there are some available in the Narthex.  
Please return to the box in the Narthex. Thank you!!  
**Flower orders are due by December 1<sup>st</sup>.**

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**2026 Church Directory ....** Any updates to addresses or phone numbers can be emailed to [office@htlc.church](mailto:office@htlc.church) for the new Directory that will be available early 2026.

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## Women's Faith and Fellowship

December 17 will be our Christmas Party! We will meet in the fellowship hall at 6pm. If you can, bring a traditional, ethnic, holiday dish from your family to share.  
Talk to Pastor Sarah or Danielle about the gift exchange.  
All women are welcome!

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**The Endowment committee is now accepting requests** for the distribution of funds for the year ending 2025.

The Congregation Bylaws provide that the funds are to be distributed ***as follows***:

**-Capital Improvements 30 to 50%**

(capital improvements, debt reduction of building projects)

**-Scholarships up to 33%**

(members of Holy Trinity for the purpose of attending college, seminary, nursing or medical school, church related camps and conferences)

**-Community Outreach up to 33%**

(grants to ELCA colleges, camps, social services and agencies for those persons in our parish area)

**-ELCA Missions up to 33%**

(ELCA missions at home and overseas, new mission development in the USA, professional leadership, educational ministries, world mission and TV evangelism)

All requests for funds must be **in writing** and mailed/emailed to the church office no later than **January 11, 2026**. Please call Danielle in the office with any questions.

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**Bible Studies..... Join us Anytime!**

Christmas Carols are a central part of the season. This Advent, we will have multiple different opportunities to learn more about carols and deepen their meaning for us.

Monday Bible Study at 7 pm will look at the history of Christmas carols and how they have developed over time

Wednesdays at 6 pm there will be an online study of four different carols that will be part of our Christmas Eve services with their history, Biblical references and meaning.

Thursdays at noon will look at Christ in carols. What do we learn about Jesus from our songs?

Sunday, December 28 there will be one service at 10am which will be lessons and carols with communion.

Please join us as we grow in our faith through Christmas carols.

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**Men's Group** ..... will meet Saturday, December 13<sup>th</sup> at 8:00AM here at Paintertown Lutheran for breakfast. All men are invited to join us! See Pastor John for details.

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**Scrapbooking** - Join us for Scrapbooking in the Miller Parlor-  
**December 30<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 PM.**

**ALTAR FLOWERS** .....After a generous donation from a member for the silk flowers on the altar, Denise Smith, a designer at Belak flowers generously gave her time to make the arrangements.

New Florists to call moving forward: Zanarini's in Jeannette,  
Lea's in East McKeesport and Logan's in **Madison**.

If you have altar flowers, your florist must schedule flower delivery with Danielle in the office.

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### **HTLC YOUTH- 7th-12<sup>th</sup> Upcoming Activities**

We have lots of opportunities for service and would love to have everyone serve God and our community together!

12/5- 4:30-8- helping with the Cookie Tour at the church

12/7- 9:30 am- Chrismon making during Sunday school. We will be helping serve a simple breakfast and working with the children on their Chrismons

12/7- noon- meeting at Panera for lunch and shopping for Seton Hill children's Christmas gifts.

12/21- 9:30 am- Youth Christmas Party during Sunday school time

Children up through 6th grade will be singing on December 21<sup>st</sup> at both services. If you worship at 10:45am, please have your child at the church in the Miller Parlor at 9 am to sing at the end of first service. For those who worship at first service, children will be singing at the beginning of second service. Thank you to all who are working with the children to lift their voices in praise of Jesus!

#### **FUTURE EVENT:**

Gathering Expedition Camp at Lutheridge (North Carolina), **July 12-17, 2026**.- We will experience camp activities like pool, crafts, campfires, challenge tower, and hiking; and Gathering activities like worship, speakers, and house band music. Stay tuned for more information!

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### **RECYCLING AT HOLY TRINITY**

#### **What items can be placed in the container for recycling?**

- Plastic bottles and containers
- Food and beverage cans
- Paper
- Cardboard – **Please note: flatten all boxes when you take them to the recycling containers in the Fellowship Hall or Church Office.**



#### **Scripture verse for recycling:**

*"The earth is the Lord's, and everything in it, the world, and all who live in it;" – Psalms 24:1*

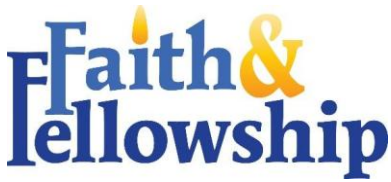
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**PLEASE Pick up your 2026 Offering Envelopes in the Narthex!**

They will be available at the beginning of December.

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## MARK YOUR CALENDAR AND PLAN TO ATTEND!

### DINNER CHURCH IN DECEMBER

Our next Dinner Church – Sacrament and Supper – will be on Sunday, December 7. We will gather around tables in the Fellowship Hall at **5:30 PM for worship, sacrament, and discussion. Dinner is at 6:00 PM.**

We welcome you to join us as we gather, following the example of the early Christian Church as we gather to build community and hope.

### COMMUNITY MEAL IN DECEMBER

Our next Community Meal will be Monday, December 15.

Doors open at 5:00 PM and dinner served at 6:00 PM. This meal is for those who hunger, need a good meal or seek a time of community. All are welcome! Please sign up in the Narthex if you can help!

### YOUNG AT HEART GROUP MEETS SUNDAY, DECEMBER 21

The Young at Heart Group will be on Sunday, November 16, at 9:30 AM in the Fellowship for breakfast. Please contact Pastor John at outreach@htlc.church if you plan to attend or have any questions.

### THEOLOGY ON TAP

Theology on Tap will NOT meet in December.

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**The following changes will be voted on at the Annual Congregational Meeting  
on January 25, 2026....**

### Proposed Amendments to Holy Trinity's Constitution - 2025

At the August 2025 Churchwide Assembly of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, amendments were made to the ELCA constitution. Those amendments resulted in amendments to the Model Constitution for Synods and the Model Constitution for Congregations. It is appropriate that we keep our constitution current. Following are amendments to the *Model Constitution for Congregations* that were approved by the 2025 Churchwide Assembly. Additions are underlined; deletions are ~~struck through~~; all changes are **highlighted**. A copy of the HTELC constitution is available for review in the church office.

#### Chapter 1.

#### NAME AND INCORPORATION

**C1.02.** For the purpose of this constitution and the accompanying bylaws and continuing resolutions, the congregation of (insert full legal name) is hereinafter designated as "this congregation."

*Rationale: Insertion for comprehensiveness.*

#### Chapter 5.

#### POWERS OF THE CONGREGATION

**\*C5.04.** This congregation or the Congregation Council shall elect from among ~~its~~ the voting members of the congregation laypersons to serve as voting members of the Synod Assembly as well as persons to represent it at meetings of any conference, cluster, coalition, or other area subdivision of which it is a member. The number of persons to be elected by this congregation and other qualifications shall be as prescribed in guidelines established by the (insert name of synod) of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America.

*Rationale: This change allows for lay voting members of the Synod Assembly to be elected either by the congregation or by the Congregation Council. Current language requires election by the congregation.*

## Chapter 7. PROPERTY OWNERSHIP

- \*C7.03. If the voting members of this congregation present at a legally called and conducted special meeting of this congregation vote to ~~relate transfer~~ to another Lutheran church body, title to property shall continue to reside in this congregation, provided the process for termination of relationship in \*C6.05. has been followed. Before this congregation takes action to ~~relate transfer~~ to another Lutheran church body, it shall consult with representatives of the (insert name of synod).

*Rationale: Consistency with 9.71.d. of the ELCA Constitution.*

## Chapter 9. ROSTERED MINISTER

- \*C9.02. ~~Only This congregation may call as a pastor only:~~  
a. ~~a member of the roster of Ministers of Word and Sacrament of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America;~~ or  
b. ~~a candidate for the roster of Ministers of Word and Sacrament who has been recommended for this congregation by the synod bishop;~~  
~~may be called as a pastor of this congregation.~~

*Rationale: Formatting for clarity.*

- \*C9.03. Consistent with the faith and practice of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America,  
a. Every minister of Word and Sacrament shall:  
....  
8) speak publicly to the world in solidarity with the poor and oppressed, proclaiming God's love for the world, advocating dignity, justice, and equity for all people, working for peace and reconciliation among the nations, caring for the marginalized, and embracing and welcoming racially and ethnically diverse populations.

*Rationale: A number of amendments were made by the 2019 Churchwide Assembly to this bylaw and to its parallels throughout the constitutions. In the process, the phrase "proclaiming God's love for the world" was omitted from the list of responsibilities of rostered ministers. This amendment restores the phrase.*

- \*C9.06. At a time of pastoral vacancy, an interim pastor ~~shall may~~ be appointed by the bishop of the synod with the consent of this congregation or the Congregation Council.

*Rationale: It is not always possible for a synod bishop to appoint an interim pastor for every congregation.*

- \*C9.15. Under special circumstances, subject to the approval of the synod bishop and the concurrence of this congregation, a minister of Word and Sacrament of a church body with which the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America officially has established a relationship of full communion may serve temporarily as pastor of this congregation under a contract between this congregation and the pastor in a form proposed by the synod bishop and approved by this congregation.

*Rationale: Provision is being changed to "required." With the increasing use of exchangeability of rostered ministers with full communion partners, it is advisable that all congregations make allowance for that possibility.*

- \*C9.22. ~~Only This congregation may call as a deacon only:~~  
a. ~~a member of the roster of Ministers of Word and Service of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America;~~ or  
b. ~~a candidate for the roster of Ministers of Word and Service who has been recommended for this congregation by the synod bishop;~~  
~~may be called as a deacon of this congregation.~~

*Rationale: Editorial reformatting for clarity.*

- \*C9.23. Consistent with the faith and practice of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, every minister of Word and Service shall:  
....  
c. Speak publicly to the world in solidarity with the poor and oppressed, proclaiming God's love for the world, advocating dignity, justice, and equity for all people, working for peace and reconciliation among the nations, caring for the marginalized, and embracing and welcoming racially and ethnically diverse populations;

*Rationale: A number of amendments were made by the 2019 Churchwide Assembly to this bylaw and to its parallels throughout the constitutions. In the process, the phrase "proclaiming God's love for the world" was omitted from the list of responsibilities of rostered ministers. This amendment restores the phrase.*

## Chapter 15.

### DISCIPLINE OF MEMBERS AND ADJUDICATION

- \*C15.01.** Persistent and public denial of the Christian faith, willful or criminal conduct grossly unbecoming a member of the Church of Christ, continual and intentional interference with the ministry of this congregation, or willful and repeated harassment or defamation of member(s) of this congregation is sufficient cause for discipline of a member. Prior to disciplinary action, reconciliation and repentance will be attempted following Matthew 18:15–17, proceeding through these successive steps, as necessary:
- a) private counsel and admonition by the pastor,
  - b) censure and admonition by the pastor in the presence of two or three witnesses,
  - c) written referral of the matter by the Congregation Council to the vice president of the synod, who will refer it to a consultation panel drawn from the Consultation Committee of the synod, and
  - d) written referral of the matter by the consultation panel to the Committee on Discipline of the synod.
- If, for any reason, the pastor is unable to administer the admonitions required by paragraphs a. and b. hereof, those steps may be performed by another pastor chosen by the Executive Committee of the Congregation Council.

*Rationale: Formatting correction and consistency of constitutional language.*

- \*C15.11.** When there is disagreement between or among factions within this congregation on a substantive issue which cannot be resolved by the parties, members of this congregation may petition the synod bishop for consultation after informing the president [vice president] of this congregation of their intent to do so. The synod bishop shall seek a timely resolution of the dispute. If the issue relates directly to the pastor, the bishop may begin the process in #S14.18 \*C9.05.d. In all other matters, if the bishop's consultation fails to resolve the issue, the bishop shall refer the matter to the Consultation Committee of the synod, which shall undertake efforts to find an appropriate solution. If the Consultation Committee's efforts fail to resolve the dispute, the entire matter shall be referred to the Synod Council for adjudication by whatever process the Council deems necessary. The Synod Council's decision shall be final.

*Rationale: It is more logical to cross-reference within the Model Constitution, rather than to make reference to the synod constitution.*

## Chapter 16.

### AMENDMENTS

- \*C16.02.** An amendment to this constitution, proposed under \*C16.01., shall:
- a. be approved at any legally called meeting of this congregation by a majority vote of those voting members present and voting; and
  - b. be ratified without change unchanged at the next regular meeting of this congregation by a two-thirds vote of those voting members present and voting.

*Rationale: Consistency of constitutional language.*

## Chapter 20.

### PARISH AUTHORIZATION

*[\* Required provisions when congregation is part of a parish]*

- \*C20.04.** Any one of the congregations of the parish may terminate their relationship with the pastor as provided in #S14.18 \*C9.05.d. of the synod constitution of the synod named in \*C6.01. In such case, the other congregation(s) of the same parish shall have the right to terminate the parish agreement.

*Rationale: It is more logical to cross-reference within the Model Constitution, rather than to make reference to the synod constitution.*

- \*C20.05.** Any one of the congregations of the parish may terminate their relationship with a minister of Word and Service as provided in #S14.43 \*C9.25.d. of the synod constitution of the synod named in \*C6.01. In such case, the other congregation(s) of the same parish shall have the right to terminate the parish agreement.

*Rationale: It is more logical to cross-reference within the Model Constitution, rather than to make reference to the synod constitution.*

<b><u>DUTIES for December</u></b>		<b>Assisting Minister</b>	<b>Communion Assistants</b>	<b>Acolyte</b>	<b>Lector</b>	<b>Altar Flowers</b>
<b>Sunday, Dec. 7</b>	8:15AM	Heather Newell	Doug Hillier Delany Hillier	Landen Hillier	Bob Cessna	Eric Walt
	10:45PM	Jennifer Fitzgerald	Diane Kowalski Jeffrey Horvath	Justin Keiser	Sean Keiser	
<b>Sunday, Dec. 14</b>	8:15AM	Tracy McNelly	Dave and Jodi Smith	Andrew Sheleheda	Chris Karpinsky	
	10:45PM	Jodi Waugaman	Mary Smaligo Joe Thomas	Ty Cessna	Mike Stark	
<b>Sunday, Dec. 21</b>	8:15AM	Joe Thomas	Julie Kuhn Glenda Wendling	John Sheleheda	Jerry Kuhn	Howells
	10:45PM	John Howell	Eric Walt Jeffrey Horvath	Grant Darby	LeNora Emanuelson	
<b>Tuesday, Dec. 23</b>						
	Noon	John Smaligo	Connie Berg Rochelle Belak		Beth Smaligo	
<b>Wed., Dec. 24</b>	4:00PM	John Smaligo	Samantha and Zack Tinsley	Sean Keiser Pastor Sarah	Justin Keiser	Choirs
	8:00PM	John Smaligo	Susan Siems Maria Clark	Will Little Landen Hillier	Heather Newell	
<b>Sunday, Dec. 28</b>		Livestream Christmas Eve – Zack Tinsley at 4, David Emanuelson at 8				
	10:00AM	Colleen Cochenour	Joe Thomas Mike Stark	Will Little		


### **Altar Guild**

Dec. 6 Set Up Tom and LouAnne Dawson  
 Dec. 7 8:15 Lois Brown and Debbie Reed  
 10:45 Zack and Sami Tinsley  
 Dec. 13 Set Up Nina Saccamano and Debbie Curtis  
 Dec. 14 8:15 Lori Thomas  
 10:45 Nina Saccamano and Debbie Curtis  
 Dec. 20 Set Up Lori Thomas  
 Dec. 21 8:15 Lois Brown and Debbie Reed  
 10:45 Tom and LouAnne Dawson  
 Dec. 23 Set Up and Clean Up Lori Thomas  
 Dec. 24 Set Up Lori Thomas  
 Dec. 24 4:00 Andrea Smith and Cindy McCune  
 8:00 Altar Guild  
 Dec. 27 Set Up Lori Thomas  
 Dec..28 10:00 Zack and Sami Tinsley

### **Greeters: 10:45**

Dec. 7 - Debbie Kunkle and Eric Keiser  
 Dec. 14 - Lisa Lucotch and Jocelyn Snyder  
 Dec. 21 - Grace and Heidi Darby  
 Dec. 24 - Lisa and Josie Lucotch 4PM  
 Andrea and Brian Smith 8PM  
 Dec. 28 - Doug and Nancy Woodring

# December 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	<b>1</b>  <b>Prayer Group</b> 6:00PM  <b>Bible Study</b> 7:00 PM	<b>2</b>  <b>Property Committee Meeting 7:00PM</b>	<b>3</b>  <b>Christian Ed Meeting 7:00PM</b>	<b>4</b>  <b>Bible Study</b> Noon  <b>Choir Rehearsal 7:00PM</b>	<b>5</b>  <b>Irwin Cookie Tour 5:00-8:00PM</b>	<b>6</b>
<b>7 Advent 2</b> 8:15am Worship 9:30am Sunday School With Chrismons 10:45am Worship with Sign Language Interpreter 5:30PM Supper and Sacrament Service <i>Dinner served at 6:00</i>	<b>8</b>  <b>Prayer Group</b> 6:00PM  <b>Bible Study</b> 7:00 PM	<b>9 Stewardship Meeting 7:00PM</b>  <b>Stewardship For All Seasons Meeting 7:00PM</b>  <b>Men's Group 7:00PM</b>	<b>10</b>  <b>COUNCIL Meeting 7:00PM</b>	<b>11</b>  <b>Bible Study</b> Noon  <b>Choir Rehearsal 7:00PM</b>		<b>13</b> <b>Food Pantry Distribution 8:30-10:00AM</b>  <b>Men's Breakfast at Penn Zion Lutheran 8:00AM</b>
<b>14 Advent 3</b> 8:15am Worship 9:30am Sunday School 10:45am Worship	<b>15</b> <b>Prayer Group</b> 6:00PM  <b>Bible Study</b> 7:00 PM  <u><b>Community Meal</b></u> <b>at 5:00PM w/dinner @ 6:00PM</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>  <b>Women's Faith and Fellowship 6:00PM in the Fellowship Hall</b>	<b>18</b>  <b>Bible Study</b> Noon  <b>Choir Rehearsal 7:00PM</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>
<b>21 Advent 4</b> 8:15am Worship- Youth Singing 9:30am Sunday School 9:30am Young at Heart Meeting 9:30am Youth Christmas Party 10:45am Worship – Youth Singing/Sign Language Interpreter  <b>Blue Christmas Service 7:00PM</b>	<b>22</b> Pastor John and Pastor Sarah at Irwin Manor for Christmas Service at 11:00am  <b>Prayer Group 6:00PM TBD</b>  <b>Bible Study 7:00 PM TBD</b>	<b>23</b>  <b>Christmas "Eve Eve" Service at Noon (Lunch provided after)</b>  <b>Choir Rehearsal 7:00PM</b>	<b>24</b>  <b>Christmas Eve Services 4:00PM &amp; 8:00 PM</b>	<b>25</b>  <b>Have a Blessed Christmas!</b>  	<b>26</b>  Office Closed	<b>27</b>
<b>28 Christmas 1</b>  <b>10:00 One Worship Service with carols and lessons</b>	<b>29</b>  <b>Prayer Group 6:00PM TBD</b>  <b>Bible Study 7:00 PM TBD</b>	<b>30</b>  <b>Scrapbooking 6:00PM</b>	<b>31</b> New Year's Eve			

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## December

### UPCOMING EVENTS:

- Dec. 5 Irwin Cookie Tour 5:00 PM – 8:00PM, stop by Holy Trinity!
- Dec. 7 Chrismons at 9:30AM  
Dinner Church: Service at 5:30PM, Dinner at 6:00PM
- Dec. 15 Community Meal, Doors open at 5:00PM , Dinner at 6
- Dec. 17 Women's Faith and Fellowship at 7:00PM
- Dec. 21 Blue Christmas Service at 7:00 PM
- Dec. 22 Christmas Eve Service at Irwin Manor at 11:00AM
- Dec. 23 Christmas "Eve Eve" Service at Noon; Lunch provided after
- Dec. 24 Christmas Eve Services at 4:00PM AND 8:00 PM
- Dec. 28 One Worship Service 10:00AM, carols and lessons
- Jan. 4 Dinner Church: Service at 5:30PM, Dinner at 6:00PM
- Jan. 25 One Worship Service 10:00AM Followed by Annual Congregational Meeting and Luncheon