Calendar of HTLC Events

1 & 2 = Basement Rooms 1 & 2 • B = Balcony • CK = Café Koinonia
FH = Fellowship Hall • MPR = Multi-Purpose Room • N = Narthex • S = Sanctuary

Sunday, December 24

1:00 pm Christmas Eve Worship (S)
3:00 pm Christmas Eve Worship (S & online)
5:00 pm Christmas Eve Worship (S)

Monday, December 25

Office Closed
10:00 am Christmas Day Worship (S)

Tuesday, December 26

Office Closed

Wednesday, December 27

1:00 pm Care & Compassion Group (Virtual)
3:30 pm Mill Pond Worship (Offsite)

Thursday, December 28

6:30 am Son Seekers - Men's Ministries (CK)

Friday, December 29

5:30 pm Cline/Kasischke Wedding Rehearsal (S)

Saturday, December 30

7:30 am Men's Bible Study (Virtual)
4:00 pm Cline/Kasischke Wedding & Reception (Whole Church)

Sunday, December 31

9:15 am Epiphany Pop-up Choir Rehearsal (S)
10:00 am Worship (S & online)
11:00 am Congregational Brunch (FH)

Monday, January 1, 2024

Office Closed

Tuesday, January 2

9:00 am Willing Workers and Paint, Pound & Praise (CK)
12:00 pm HTLC Food Pantry
1:00 pm Afternoon Men's Group (CK)
7:00 pm Lydia Evening Bible Study (CK)

Wednesday, January 3

7:00 pm Adult Choir Rehearsal (B)

Thursday, January 4

6:30 am Son Seekers - Men's Ministries (CK)
1:00 pm Knitting Group (MPR)
7:00 pm Esther Bible Study (CK)

Saturday, January 6

7:30 am Men's Bible Study (Virtual)

Holy Trinity Food Pantry

Our food pantry needs canned fruit! It also needs canned meats, canned soup, paper towels, saltine & oyster crackers, and peanut butter, as well as feminine hygiene products, diapers, and personal care items (toothpaste, toothbrushes, deodorant, shampoo, shaving products). We also need frozen meat in 1-pound packages. Place non-perishable donations in the grocery carts by the entrances.

Monetary donations can be made at the kiosk in the Narthex, online at *http://bit.ly/htlc-FoodPantry20*, or placed in the offering basket or mailbox by the north doors.

Holy Trinity Lutheran Church

ELCA

Christmas Eve • Sunday, December 24, 2023 • 1:00, 3:00 & 5:00 pm
Christmas Day • Monday, December 25, 2023 • 10:00 am

Even though we don't know you yet, we already love you.
Your race, gender identity, mental or physical ability, sexual orientation, marital status, financial situation, social standing, education, cultural background, immigration status, or any other category or label cannot separate you from the love of God, nor keep you from being what God calls you to be.

Reconciling in Christ

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Welcome to Holy Trinity Lutheran Church

Our Mission: Share God's Love

The office is open 9:00 am-3:00 pm, Monday-Thursday. Friday hours are by appointment.

Face masks are optional during periods of low and moderate Covid transmission, per CDC guidance. Masks are available in trays in the Narthex if you wish to wear one.

Holy Communion is open to all who are baptized and trust that Christ is present in the meal, regardless of your tradition or affiliation. Pastors are available to talk about Holy Baptism if you desire to join in the Lord's Supper.

- We share communion by intinction: a communion server will give you bread to dip in the alcohol-free wine found in the chalice. Return to your seat via the side aisle..
- Gluten-free bread is available at the table in front of the baptismal font. Remove a wafer from the bowl, then step forward to hear the words "given for you" and receive the wine.
- Children who do not yet receive communion or those who are not baptized are encouraged to come forward for a blessing. Cross your arms in front of you to signal your desire for a blessing.

Restrooms can be found on the north & south sides of the Narthex (lobby).

Children are invited and encouraged to worship with you.

- A supervised nursery is available for children 4 years and younger if you choose this option for all or part of the worship service.
- Busy Bags are hanging in the Narthex near the balcony steps.

If you are hospitalized or have an urgent need for pastoral care, call our main phone line (515-964-4348) and press 1 to be connected to the on-call pastor.

Staff Directory

Staff Member	Title	email @holytrinityankeny.org	Extension
Timothy V. Olson	Lead Pastor for Mission & Vision	tolson	206
Travis Segar	Pastor for Care & Community	tsegar	205
David Fandrich	Minister for Worship & Music	dfandrich	210
Ellen Rothweiler	Minister for Learning	erothweiler	207
Becky Dieleman	Hospitality Ministry Associate	bdieleman	215
Deb Hopkey	Children's Ministry Coordinator	dhopkey	222
Krista Gerth	Worship & Operations Administrator	kgerth	212
Kristi O'Connor	Communications Director	koconnor	202
Kelsey Sissel	Mission & Learning Ministry Administrator	ksissel	203
Lisa Strnad	Pastoral Ministry Administrator	lstrnad	201
Tammy Walls	Finance & Human Resources Director	twalls	204

Prayer Concerns

Prayer Matters! Please take your bulletin home and pray for those listed.

Thanksgiving to God:

- For the birth of Graham Haynes to Emily & Grant Gillon

Thanksgiving for the Saints:

- Jim Schmadeke
- Nicole Young

Remember in Prayer:

- David Anderson, friend of Rex & Sue Ondler
- Dorothy Barhite, mother of Diane Hamilton
- Amy Benson, sister of Ann Wicks
- Beth Biedermann Barnett
- Eric Biedermann
- Ray Boll, brother-in-law of Annette & Walt Doman
- Judy Comstock
- Kent Corbin, friend of Rex Ondler
- Dave, friend of Melanie Hartman
- The family of Chuck & LeAnn DeVries
- Jessica, Jayme & Jaycee Smith, niece of LeAnn DeVries
- Elaine Ehlers
- Arlene Hamilton, mother of Scott Hamilton
- DeAnn Hayes, niece of Mary & Bruce Eller
- Harold Heeren, friend of Pastor Tim
- Connie Heuton, relative of Jen Topp-Segar
- Annie Hillman & family, great-niece of Joan Dietz
- Marv Hitchings, stepfather of Nicole Gade
- Carleton Jackson
- Robert & Debbie Kem, friend of Tim Olson
- Rich Kruse
- Jim & Sandy Little
- The Derek Lyons family
- Amy M., friend of Skylah
- Laurel Mader, friend of Deanna Questad
- Bill Marrison, friend of Jan Meyer
- Marti & Carolyn, cousins of De Tapper
- Cheryl Murphy, friend of Sue Ondler
- Mark Murphy
- Myrna Murphy
- Matt, friend of Melanie Hartman
- Michelle, cousin of De Tapper
- The Na family, friends of John & Nicole Gade
- Cliff Olson, brother of Jerry Olson
- Myrna Prange
- Larry Roberts, friend of Keven & Jill Crawford
- Shirley Rod
- Vicki Schmitz, friend of Kirstin Bourke
- Kevin Showalter, great-nephew of Dennis & Joan Dietz
- Vicki Showalter, niece of Dennis & Joan Dietz
- Cherie Simons
- Carter Smith, grandson of Darwin & Cheryl Smith
- Steve, friend of Bruce & Kathy Friest
- Teresa Thomason, friend of Nicole Hildenbrand-Elgin
- Nick Wimmer, grandson of Anne Knudten
- Linda & Paul Wold
- Fran Young, mother of Erin Medina

Comfort for Those Who Mourn:

- Nyla and Mark Schmadeke & family at the death of their husband & father, Jim Schmadeke
- Erin Medina & family at the death of her sister, Nicole Young

Christmas Day • Monday, December 25, 2023

10:00 am

✢ Gathering ✢

Welcome & Announcements

Gathering Carols

Good Christian Friends, Rejoice • ELW 288

Angels We Have Heard on High • ELW 289

***Greeting**

***Carol** • Joy to the World • ELW 267 • *verses 1, 2 & 4*

***Prayer of the Day**

✢ Word ✢

Readings

Isaiah 52:7-10

Hebrews 1:1-4

***Gospel Acclamation** • Christmastime Alleluia • *sing as directed:*

***Gospel Reading** • John 1:1-14

Sermon

***Hymn of the Day** • Of the Father's Love Begotten • ELW 295 • *verses 1-4*

***Prayers of Intercession**

***Peace**

Offering • *The offering is received*

Ding! Dong! Merrily on High • arr. Nicholas Palmer • *Brass Ensemble*

✢ Meal ✢

***Thanksgiving at the Table**

***Lord's Prayer**

Communion Music • *Brass Ensemble*

✢ Sending ✢

***Blessing**

***Carol** • Go Tell It on the Mountain • ELW 290 • *verses 1 & 3*

***Dismissal**

Announcements

Mission & Ministry Opportunities & Events

Worship In-Person or Online! Worship in-person on Sundays at 8:30 & 10:00 am and Wednesdays at 6:00 pm. We livestream the 10:00 am service; the videos can be viewed on our website, HTLC app, Facebook page, and YouTube Channel.

Interested in learning more about Holy Trinity? For information about the church, what we believe, and how to become a member, visit *https://bit.ly/htlc-join*.

The office will be closed on December 25 & 26 and January 1 in observance of Christmas and New Year's Day. In the event of an emergency requiring pastoral care, call the church and press 1 to be connected to the on-call pastor.

First to the Lord: Plan for Your Giving in 2024. Complete your pledges online at *bit.ly/htlc-pledge2024*, or pick up a paper copy at the Giving Station in the Narthex.

Christmas Morning Worship will be held Monday, December 25, at 10:00 am.

Christ in Our Home devotion booklets for January-March are available at the wall in the Narthex. Contact Lisa in the office to have one mailed to you.

New Year's Eve Worship & Brunch: On Sunday, December 31, we will only have worship at 10:00 am, followed by a potluck brunch at 11:00 am. We will provide pancakes & sausage - bring something to share!

Pop-Up Choir December 31: If you love to sing, join a pop-up choir to sing for worship on Sunday, December 31. We will rehearse at 9:15 am, then sing for worship at 10:00. All are welcome to join--bring a friend too!

LifeLine Screening will be at Holy Trinity on January 18. The assessment includes a package of four screenings to identify risk for stroke, heart disease, and other chronic conditions. Register by calling toll free 1-844-591-7160, text the word "circle" to 216-279-1607 or go online at *https://llsa.social/HC*. Information is available at the Welcome Desk.

Church School & Confirmation Schedules - Church school classes resume on January 7 and 10. Confirmation resumes on January 10.

Save the Date for Vacation Bible School (VBS)! It will be held from 4;30-7:00 pm on June 23-27. Registration opens on Easter link and more information in the coming months. Contact Ellen Rothweiler or Deb Hopkey with questions.

Wednesday night worship will resume on January 10. We will not have Wednesday night worship on December 27 or January 3.

Do you get our emails? We have many different email lists at HTLC that target people with different interests. The Epistle is our weekly email containing important information about news and opportunities at HTLC. We also have email lists for music, youth, the weekly sermon podcast, and many more. To sign up for a list or see which ones you subscribe to, visit *https://conta.cc/3gKmfb8*.

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1:00, 3:00 & 5:00 pm

☩ Gathering ☩

Welcome & Announcements

***Greeting**

***Procession**

***Gathering Carol** • O Come, All Ye Faithful • ELW 283 • *verses 1-3*

***Prayer of the Day**

Gift of Music

1:00 A Festive Peal on How Great Our Joy • by Linda R. Lamb • *Handbell Ensemble*

3:00 As the Bells Ring • by Bob Chilcott • *Adult Choir*

5:00 As the Bells Ring • by Bob Chilcott • *Adult Choir*

☩ Word ☩

Readings

Isaiah 9:2–7

Titus 2:11-14

***Gospel Carol** • Christmastime Alleluia • *sing as directed:*

***Reading** • Luke 2:1–20

Sermon

***Hymn of the Day** • Love Has Come • ELW 292

***Prayers of Intercession**

***Peace**

Gift of Music

1:00 As the Bells Ring • by Bob Chilcott • *Karlee Nelson, soprano*

3:00 The Wexford Carol • arr. Howard Helvey • *Adult Choir*

5:00 The Wexford Carol • arr. Howard Helvey • *Adult Choir*

☩ Meal ☩

***Thanksgiving at the Table**

***Lord's Prayer**

Communion Music

1:00 The First Noel • arr. Kevin McChesney • *Handbell Ensemble*

3:00 Silent Night, Holy Night • arr. Joel Raney • *Pat Zimmer, flute & John Netten, piano*

5:00 Silent Night, Holy Night • arr. Joel Raney • *Pat Zimmer, flute & John Netten, piano*

Carols

Angels We Have Heard on High • ELW 289

On Christmas Night • ELW 274

☩ Sending ☩

***Blessing**

***Sending Song** • Hark! The Herald Angels Sing • ELW 270

***Dismissal**

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