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 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)

Sunday, January 7
8:30 am Church School (2)
8:30 am Worship (S)
10:00 am Worship (S & online)
4:00 pm Good & Beautiful Life (MPR)
5:30 pm Good & Beautiful Life (201)

Monday, January 8
6:30 pm Bell Choir Rehearsal (S)

Tuesday, January 9
9:00 am Willing Workers and Paint, Pound & Praise (CK)
10:15 am Staff Meeting (FH)
12:00 pm HTLC Food Pantry
1:00 pm Afternoon Men's Group (CK)

Wednesday, January 10
9:00 am LWR Quilters (FH)
1:00 pm Care & Compassion Group (Virtual)
5:15 pm Grades 3-8 Choir Rehearsal (202)
5:15 pm Grades K-2 Choir Rehearsal (207)
6:00 pm 6th & 7th Grade Large Group Confirmation (MPR)
6:00 pm 8th Grade Worship & Small Group Confirmation (209)
6:00 pm 9th Grade Small Group (201)
6:00 pm Church School (2)
6:00 pm Wednesday Night Worship (S)
6:30 pm Grades 9-12 Choir Rehearsal (202)
7:00 pm Adult Choir Rehearsal (B)
7:05 pm Adult Learning (MPR)

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

Sunday, December 31, 2023 • 10:00 am — Epiphany of Our Lord

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 marriage of Josh Cline & Kara Kasischke this weekend
- For the birth of Graham Haynes to Emily & Grant Gillon

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
- The family of Chuck & 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
- 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
- Jessica, Jayme & Jaycee Smith, niece of LeAnn DeVries
- 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

Holy Trinity Prayer Team

We are a praying congregation.

As a community of faith, we believe in the power of prayer to strengthen our connections with God and one another. Prayer is a vital part of our journey here at Holy Trinity.

Whether you are seeking prayer, want to pray for others, or simply want to be surrounded by a community of support, this ministry is for you.

How Can You Get Involved?

1. **Prayer Requests:** Share your prayer requests with us. You can submit them through our website or by filling out the back of the welcome card.

2. **Pray for Others:** Commit to praying for the needs of our congregation and beyond. Your prayers make a difference. We publish an updated public prayer list in the bulletin every week.

3. **Join the Prayer Team:** The prayer team will gather regularly to pray together for each other and for the prayer requests of our congregation. If you are interested in becoming a part of the prayer team, please reach out to Pastor Travis. (tsegar@holytrinityankeny.org) Also, be on the lookout for more information in the coming weeks for more details about our prayer team.

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 January 1 in observance of 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 of the pledge form at the Giving Station in the Narthex.

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.

LifeLine Screening will be at Holy Trinity on Thursday, 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*. Informational fliers are 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. Watch for a registration 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*.

Help with Worship! We need readers and communion servers every Sunday. If you're interested in serving, sign up online at *http://bit.ly/htlc-WorshipHelp* or at the white board in the Narthex. If you're willing to serve on an usher team, as a sound tech, or would like to help with fellowship or communion set-up & clean-up, contact the office.

Sunday, December 31, 2023

10:00 am

✢ Gathering ✢

Welcome & Announcements

Gathering Carol • The First Noel • ELW 300 • *verses 1-3*

***Greeting**

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

***Prayer of the Day**

✢ Word ✢

Readings

Isaiah 60:1-6

Ephesians 3:1-12

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

***Gospel Reading** • Matthew 2:1-12

Sermon

***Hymn of the Day** • 'Twas in the Moon of Wintertime • ELW 284 • *verses 1-3*

***Prayers of Intercession**

***Peace**

Offering • *The offering is received*

Bethlehem Wind • by Joseph M. Martin • *Epiphany Choir & Jo Guerdet, flute*

✢ Meal ✢

***Thanksgiving at the Table**

***Lord's Prayer**

Communion Carols

What Child is This • ELW 296

Good Christian Friends, Rejoice • ELW 288

✢ Sending ✢

***Blessing**

***Carol** • 'Twas in the Moon of Wintertime • ELW 284 • *verse 4*

***Dismissal**

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