



# HOLY TRINITY TIMES

HOLY TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

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## Holy Trinity Advent & Christmas Schedule

Nov 29, Dec 6 & 13	Midweek Advent Services	3:30 & 6:30pm
Dec 3 & 10	Sunday Worship	7:45 & 10:15am
Dec 17	Sunday Worship w/Communion	7:45am
	3K-8 Children's Christmas Service	9:30am
Dec 24	Sunday Worship	9:30am
	Christmas Eve Candlelight Service	6:30pm
Dec 25	Christmas Day w/Communion	9:30am
Dec 31	Sunday Worship w/Communion	9:30am



Please take advantage of the opportunity to join us for special services in our preparation for the birth of our Savior. The midweek Advent services will give us an opportunity to reflect upon the theme, *Of The Father's Love Begotten*. Christ Jesus is the love God sent down from heaven to take away the sin of the world. God's blessings to you and your family as we gather in God's house to hear His Word, receive His mercy and thank Him for His goodness.

### Change at Holy Trinity

This is a time of change at Holy Trinity. With Pastor Madson accepting his call to New Life Lutheran Church in Sebring, Florida, many people have been wondering things like, "Will we call another pastor?", "What will we do with the parsonage?", "How will this affect the school?" and the list goes on.

The Church Council, the Elders, Pastor Hartwig and the rest of our leadership are certainly thinking about these things. But at this point in time, the opinion of the leadership is simply this: *Let's take some time to reflect on the changing circumstances of the congregation and let the Holy Ghost guide us to a decision.*

We are planning a farewell reception for the Madsons after the Children's Christmas Service on Sunday, December 17, 2017 at about 11am. Pastor Madson's final service will be Christmas Day.

Starting in January, Pastor Hartwig will be the sole pastor at Holy Trinity. Whether this is a temporary or permanent situation is the discussion we will start in January. Until then, let's take the next few weeks before Christmas to enjoy our time with the Madson family, and to rejoice in the Lord who brings us salvation in the barn of Bethlehem!



### Live Nativity

St. Matthew's Lutheran Church in Oconomowoc is hosting their Live Nativity Saturday, December 2, after the Oconomowoc Christmas Parade. This year there are only two shows at St. Matthew's, 6:30pm and 7:30pm. Experience the sights and sounds of the first Christmas in a show that includes live animals. Children have the opportunity to get up-close to the animals between the shows.

St. Matthew's gym is open to the public as a hospitality center throughout the evening with warm drinks and plenty of seasonal treats. St. Matthew's is also hosting a hospitality tent at the roundabout before the City Christmas Tree lighting. They're serving hot chocolate between 3:30 and 5:00pm.



HOLY TRINITY is a member of the *Evangelical Lutheran Synod* (ELS), a national church body headquartered in Mankato, Minnesota. As a member of the ELS, we confess that we are saved by *Grace Alone* (Eph. 2:8) through *Faith Alone* (Acts 16:31) revealed in *Scripture Alone* (John 5:24). Though we are totally sinful from birth, Jesus Christ paid for our sins on the cross and gives us eternal life in heaven. We subscribe to the Lutheran Confessions (the Book of Concord, 1580) because they are a faithful and accurate summary of this Biblical doctrine.

**Advent by Candlelight**

Women of all ages are invited to Holy Trinity's Advent by Candlelight, Prepare My Heart to Receive You, Lord Jesus, on Sunday, December 10 at 1:30pm. Family, friends and neighbors are welcome! Desserts and beverages will be served. Reservations are being taken thru December 8. Please RSVP on the sign-up sheets in the Fellowship Center or contact the church office at 262.567.2737 Ex. 701 or email <church@holytrinityels.org>. If you have any questions please contact Lisa Beaver or Gretchen Klug. Thank you.

**Children's Christmas Service Practice**

Sunday School will be temporarily suspended through Dec 10, so that we can rehearse the Children's Christmas Service program. Practices will be held from 9am - 10am on Nov 26, Dec 3 & Dec 10. Both public school and Holy Trinity School students are encouraged and welcomed to participate in the program. Parents, please make every effort to have your children in attendance for the practices as this makes it easier for the faculty to facilitate the practices and for the children to learn the songs and memory work. If you have any questions, please contact Samantha Hussman or Mike Tubbs.

**Senior Bible Class**

The December 7 Senior Bible Class will meet in the fellowship center at 9:30am. Special treats will be provided. Mrs. Chris Westendorf's class will provide special Christmas music for the group at 9:30am. All seniors are welcome.

**Caroling**

On Saturday, December 9, we will go caroling to some of our Holy Trinity shut-ins. Meet at the church at 1:30pm. We should return between 3:30-4:00 pm. All ages are invited to join us.

**Christmas Cards**

The LYA will once again have Christmas Cards for sale. Please stop and take a look at the Christmas cards on display in the fellowship center. The LYA has a variety of cards to choose from and at a good price of \$5 per box and if you buy 2 boxes you get 1 box free. If you have any questions, contact Pastor Hartwig.

**Updating Church Directory**

It is time to print an updated Church Directory. If you have changed your address, phone number or email address in the last year and have not informed the

church office, please do so at this time so that we may update our records. Thank you.

**Upcoming Events in January**

- Regular Thursday worship schedule resumes, Jan 4
- Regular Sunday schedule resumes, Jan 7
- Annual Women of Holy Trinity (WOHT) mtg., 9:00am, Jan 21, 2018
- Annual Voters' Budget Mtg., 9:00am, Jan 28, 2018
- First public examination of confirmands, 10:15am, Jan 28

**Electronic Giving**

Have you considered Electronic Giving? Several families from Holy Trinity have switched to Electronic Giving and we are encouraging more to give it a try. For more information, contact the church office.

**Flower & Radio Charts for 2018**

Please note that the new Flower & Radio Broadcast Charts on the bulletin board in the narthex. Your generosity in filling these will be greatly appreciated. If you are donating in honor of a special occasion or in memory of a loved one, please make that notation on the sheet or contact the parish office. Thank you.

**Christmas Yard Signs**

There is a supply of Christmas yard signs in the fellowship center. Please feel free to take one (or more) for you and/or family, neighbors, friends, etc. There is no donation being taken for these signs as in the past.

**Holy Trinity Lutheran Church Council Summary**

Statistical summary for November:

SOULS:	459
COMMUNICANTS:	391
FAMILIES:	194
SCHOOL:	
4K-8 =	54
3K =	8
2K =	5

Average Sunday attendance in November 2017 was 226.

**Installation of Boards & Officers**

On Sunday, December 10, the officers and board members who will serve Holy Trinity in 2018 will be installed at either worship

service. Thanks to all who volunteer in these positions, and thanks to those who have served in the last years.

**HTL Financials Jan—Oct 2017**

Revenue	\$619,195
Expense	(\$646,980)
<u>Building Principal</u>	<u>(\$15,911)</u>
<b>Net Income</b>	<b>(\$43,696)</b>

**2018 Offering Envelopes**

The new 2018 offering envelopes will soon be available in the fellowship center. Please find your box of envelopes and take them home for your use. Until January 1, please continue to use your 2017 offering envelopes. In most cases, your offering envelope number changes from year to year.

Thanks for your cooperation and your generosity in supporting the work of God's kingdom at Holy Trinity and in our Evangelical Lutheran Synod.

**Band/Piano Recital**

The winter band/piano recital is Sunday, December 3rd, beginning at 12:00 p.m.

Light refreshments will be enjoyed immediately after the 10:15 am service, before the recital begins. Students are asked to be here by 11:30 am to prepare.

Families are asked to help with the refreshments.

- A-H fruits
- I-R crackers, cheese or sausage
- S-Z veggies and dip

Thank you for your help. We are looking forward to a wonderful program.

# Church Calendar

# December 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					<b>1</b>	<b>2</b> 6:30 & 7:30 pm Live Nativity @ St. Matthew's
<b>3 Advent 1 (Blue)</b> Service of Communion Children's Christmas Service Practice/LYA Bible Study 10:15 am Service of Communion	<b>4</b> Bd of Finance Bd of Service & Outreach Bd of Ed	<b>5</b> 7:45 am Catechism 3:30 pm Catechism	<b>6</b> 8:00 am HTLS Chapel 3:30 & 6:30 pm Advent Service	<b>7</b> 7:45 am Catechism 9:30 am Senior Bible Study	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b> 11:30 pm Caroling
<b>10 Advent 2 (Blue)</b> Service of the Word Children's Christmas Service Practice/LYA Bible Study 10:15 am Service of the Word 1:30 pm Advent by Candlelight	<b>11</b> 6:00 pm Bd of Finance 6:30 pm Bd of Service & Outreach 7:00 pm Bd of Ed	<b>12</b> 6:45 am Men's Bible Study 7:45 am Catechism 9:30 am Women's Bible Study 3:30 pm Catechism	<b>13</b> 8:00 am HTLS Chapel 10:00 am Pastor @ Shorehaven 3:30 & 6:30 pm Advent Service w/Communion 7:30 pm Adult Choir	<b>14</b> 7:45 am Catechism	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>
<b>17 Advent 3 (Blue)</b> Service of Communion Children's Christmas Service Luther Prep Concert @LPS Lakeside Concert @LLHS	<b>18</b> 6:00 pm Bd of Elders 7:15 pm Council 11am, Madson Farewell	<b>19</b> 7:45 am Catechism 3:30 pm Catechism	<b>20</b> 8:00 am HTLS Chapel 6:30 pm Adult Choir	<b>21</b> 10:00 am Luther Prep Concert @LPS 11:00 am HTLS begins Christmas Vacation	<b>22</b> HTLS - No School, Christmas Vacation resume Jan 3, 2018	<b>23</b>
<b>24 Advent 4 (Blue)</b> Christmas Eve Service of the Word 6:30 pm Christmas Eve Candlelight Service	<b>25 The Nativity of Our Lord</b> 9:30 am Christmas Day Service w/Communion	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>
<b>31 Christmas 1 (White)</b> 9:30 am New Year's Eve Service w/ Communion	HTLS - No School, Christmas Vacation Classes resume Jan 3, 2018					



**DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS**

- 1 Angelo Polito
- 5 Amy Knoelke
- 6 Alan Malak
- 7 Austen Wolf
- 10 Maxine Neumann
- 11 Gillian Race
- 12 Kevin Musser
- 13 George Vogen
- 14 Avery Roe
- 15 Matthew Brody
- 17 Lois Durfee  
Christine Frisch
- 18 Gretchen Klug
- 22 Jim Lau
- 24 Chuck Wrucke
- 26 Grace Brue  
Fred Luehring
- 27 Carol Krug  
Dick Kuiper
- 29 Don Miller
- 31 Nancy Thiele

**DECEMBER GREETERS**

**Sunday, 12/3**

- Dan & Maxine Neumann, early
- Dave & Linda Mickelson, late

**Sunday, 12/10**

- Ron & Mary Eigenschink, early
- Dave & Maria Daubert, late

**Sunday, 12/17**

- Thomas & Maureen Manteufel, early

- Joe & Katie Daubert & Sharen Madson, Children's Christmas Service (K3-8) @ 9:30am

**Sunday, 12/24: Christmas Eve**

- Jon & Marty Bruss, 9:30am
- Dick Schlieve & Amalia Biester, 6:30pm

**Monday, 12/25: Christmas Day**

- Bill & Jan Tweeden, 9:30am

**DECEMBER USHERS**

- Sunday - Dec. 3
- Jim Lau - Early
- Jim Young - Late

- Wednesday - Dec. 6. (Advent)
- ???????? - 3:30 pm
- Bill Tweeden - 6:30 pm

- Sunday - Dec. 10
- Steve Rome - Early
- Andy Cuneo - Late

- Wednesday - Dec. 13. (Advent)
- ???????? 3:30 pm
- Eric Ryerson - 6:30 pm

- Sunday - Dec. 17
- Wally Fiedorowicz - Early
- Peter Banaszak - Late

- Sunday - Dec. 24
- Pat Beaver - 9:30 am (Christmas Eve Candlelight Service)
- Jim Young - 6:30 pm.

- Monday - Dec. 25 (Christmas Day Service)
- Peter Banaszak-9:30 am

- Sunday - Dec. 31 (New Year Service)
- Franz Schultz. - 9:30 am

**Shut-ins**

This Christmas season and throughout the year, please remember the following Holy Trinity members who are shut-ins:

- ◆ Jeanne Alberts
- ◆ Ed Bauch
- ◆ Florie Bowers
- ◆ David Dunsmoor
- ◆ Lois Durfee
- ◆ Nancy Dvorak
- ◆ Jim Hansen
- ◆ Steve Hansen
- ◆ Helmut Leukert
- ◆ Bev Nottling
- ◆ Agnes Puestow
- ◆ Myrtle Scheuers
- ◆ Bill & Sandy Winkelman



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## School Calendar

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
3 7:45am Communion Worship 9:00am LYA/Bible Study 9am Christmas Practice Gr. 3K-8 10:15am Communion Worship 12:00pm Band/Piano Recital	4	5 BB Practice 3:30-5:00pm	6 8:00am HTLS Chapel  3:30 & 6:30 pm Advent Service 5-8th Grades sing @ 3:30pm service	7 BB Practice 3:30-5:00pm	8 9:30am Field Trip Grades 1-8  Away BB vs. Christ (Big Bend) GB—5:00pm; BB-6:00pm GA—7:00pm; BA—8:00pm	9   Oconomowoc Christmas Parade @ 5:00pm Live Nativity @ St. Matthews, 6:30 & 7:30pm
10 7:45am Worship 9:00am LYA/Bible Study 9am Christmas Practice Gr. 3K-8 10:15am Worship	11  7:00pm Board of Ed	12 BB Practice 3:30-5:00pm	13 8:00am HTLS Chapel  3:30 & 6:30 pm Advent Service with Communion 3-4th Grades sing @ 3:30pm service	14 BB Practice 3:30-5:00pm	15 Home BB vs. CTL (held at Zion) GB—5:00pm; BB—6:00pm GA—7:00pm; BA—8:00pm	16
17 7:45am Communion Worship 9:30am Children's Christmas Service (3K-Gr. 8)	18  7:00pm Board of Ed	19 Home games vs GS/LOG (Held at Holy Trinity) BB 4:30pm; BA—5:30pm	20 8:00am HTLS Chapel in gym	21 <b>1/2 Day of School</b> Classroom Christmas Parties	22 <b>NO SCHOOL</b> <b>Learning Center Open</b>	23
24 Christmas Eve 9:30am Worship 6:30pm Christmas Eve Candlelight Service	25 Christmas Day 9:30am Christmas Service with Communion <b>Learning Center Closed</b>	26 <b>Learning Center Closed</b>	27 PALS Sledding Party—1:00pm <b>Learning Center Open</b>	28 <b>Learning Center Open</b>	29 <b>Learning Center Open</b>	30
<b>NO SCHOOL—Christmas Break, Classes resume Wednesday, January 3, 2018</b>						
31 New Years Eve 9:30am New Years Eve Communion Service						