

# Holy Trinity Times

Newsletter

December 2012/January 2013



**You are invited to attend our Christmas Eve Candlelight service at Holy Trinity, Monday, December 24<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m.**

**May you have a blessed Christmas!!**

**Merry CHRIST-mas!!**



## **LIVE NATIVITY IN THE HOLY TRINITY PARKING LOT**

Saturday, December 8<sup>th</sup>  
12:00 – 4:00 p.m.

Nativity presentations at: 12:00 – 1:00 – 2:00 – 3:00  
A manger will be set up in the parking lot and there will be real sheep, donkeys, ponies, horses, ducks, chickens and bunnies to help tell the story of the birth of Jesus! This will be a powerful telling of the Christmas Story! Hot Chocolate and cookies will be served in the Fellowship Hall throughout the day to keep you warm.

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### **Please Call**

Are you sick? Are you hospitalized? Are you housebound? Are you in need of Pastoral Guidance? We appreciate your call to let us know that you or a loved one may be in one of the above situations. Don't hesitate and don't assume that someone else has already told us. Someone could unintentionally be neglected.

**PREPARE**  
*the way of the*  
**Lord**  
**MAKE STRAIGHT HIS PATHS.**



## WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

DATE	USHERS	LECTORS	HC ASSISTANTS	ACOLYTES
<b>Sunday, December 2:</b>	Kenneth and Carole Simila	Carole Simila	Kylee Hackman	
<b>Sunday, December 9:</b>	Dan and Kathleen Finni	Nancy Paananen	Mary Jurgensen	Colin Cowell
<b>Sunday, December 16:</b>	Mark and Ann Roth	Carrie Lystila	Carrie Lystila	
<b>Sunday, December 23:</b>	Larry and Connie Julien	Connie Julien	Mary Pekkala	
<b>Christmas Eve 7:00 pm Monday, December 24:</b>	Jean Pekkala Mary Pekkala Carole Simila	Angelea Young	Mary Pekkala Carole Simila	Maggie Gaunt
<b>Sunday, December 30:</b>	Dennis and Judy Karvakko	Judy Karvakko	Jim Vollmar	

## COFFEE SERVERS

<b>Sunday, December 2:</b>	Mike and Vicky Mattila and Annie and Mike Soumis
<b>Sunday, December 9:</b>	Cheri Laux
<b>Sunday, December 16</b>	Christmas Congregational Family Potluck
<b>Sunday, December 23:</b>	Cookie Bakkila, Sue and Jim Vollmar, Tammy Monette, Wendy Hackman
<b>Sunday, December 30:</b>	Jack and Sandi Engel

## ALTAR CARE

<b>December:</b>	<b>Marvyl Wilson</b>
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## Sunday School Teachers

<b>Pre-school</b>	Heather Gagnon
<b>Arts and Crafts</b>	Practice music for hymn sing
<b>Cooking</b>	Practice music for hymn sing
<b>Storytelling</b>	Practice music for hymn sing

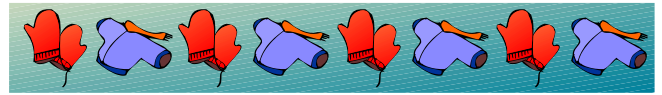
All children in pre-school through 6<sup>th</sup> grade are invited to attend HTLC's Sunday School program.

### **“Christmas Giving Project”**

The Service and Witness Committee will be organizing the “Christmas Giving Project” again this year. The object is to bring the joy of the Christmas Season to the less fortunate families and individuals in Chassell.

How can you help? Donate unwrapped gifts for adults and children. Bring them to church. People are needed to purchase, wrap and distribute gifts. Join in the fun!

Donations of money are needed to buy clothing, toys, food and gas cards. Money can be given to the church office or in the Offering plate and marked for “Christmas Giving Project”.



### **“Mitten Tree”**

There will be a “Mitten Tree” placed in The Fellowship Hall this year. Please make or buy hats, mittens or gloves to decorate the tree and at Christmas we will donate the hats, mittens and gloves to people in need.

If you know someone that could benefit from this ministry please contact the church office.



**You are invited to worship on Wednesday evenings during Advent** with the people of Good Shepherd Lutheran Church / Lutheran Campus Ministry. Worship time is 7:00 pm, fellowship following worship (hot cider, fresh bread and cheese). Our liturgy is Holden Evening Prayer. Dates are December 5, 12 & 19.

### **CONGREGATIONAL FAMILY CHRISTMAS AND POTLUCK**

**Sunday, December 16<sup>th</sup>  
During the 10:00 Worship Service**

We will celebrate Christmas with the children during the 10:00 service. The youth will sing 3-4 Christmas songs. We will ask the congregation to join us in singing some of their favorite Christmas Carols.

After the Christmas song worship – we will come together in the Fellowship Hall for one of our famous, yummy Christmas family potlucks. Everyone come and join in and bring your favorite dish to pass.

## REACH OUT AND TOUCH SOMEONE



### In Our Prayers

Anderson, Laura  
Arneson, Mary  
Aittama, Lucy  
Baker, Marge  
Behm, Addie  
Behm, Zachary  
Belkanen, Jean  
Besonen, Mary  
Brey, Eva  
Britz, Roy  
Cole, Bill  
Cummings, Keegan  
Ecke, Barbara  
Ecke, Marie  
Fillmore, Jim  
Ford, Jonathan  
Gilbertson, Curt  
Hamar, Joan  
Hainault, Ethan  
Howard, Goldie  
Hyatt, Wayne  
Janovsky, Lynda  
Johnson, Jayna  
Kautto, Gladys  
Lanala, Katie Ann  
Luusua, Bertha  
Manninen, Wesley  
McKenna, Tim  
Miller, Chris  
Monroe, Patti  
Monroe, Virginia  
Roberts, Amy  
Roman, Grace  
Rossberg, Jack  
Ronan, Grace  
Sanregret, John  
Sauvola, Eleanor  
Schwenk, Don  
Siller, Janelle  
Slade, Chris  
Szyszkoski, Judy  
Tormala, Mary  
VanKleeck, Todd  
VanTassel, Angie  
Vollmar, Jim, Jr  
Wisti, Mike  
Wisti, Lori

Julia Hongisto  
**Houghton Cty Medical Care**  
1100 West Quincy Street  
Hancock, MI 49930  
Birthday: November 7

Patrice Juopperi  
PO Box 194  
South Range, MI 49963  
Birthday – March 21

Elvie Kangas  
**Bayside Village - #103-1**  
832 Sicotee  
L'anse, MI 49946  
Birthday – December 23

Gisela (Gigi) Kangas  
**Shulstad Leisure Living**  
PO Box 84  
Baraga, MI 49908  
Birthday: July 30



Happy Birthday  
Elvie Kangas  
December 23

Margaret Martin  
**PortagePointe**  
520 Campus Drive  
Hancock, MI 49930  
Birthday – October 1

Florence Naumes  
c/o Kathy Vertanen  
4487 Green Glen Drive  
Youngtown, OH 44511  
Birthday – March 12

Alice Norberg  
**Heritage Manor #301**  
401 E. Montezuma Ave  
Houghton, MI 49931  
Birthday: March 6

Mabel Shandley  
**Houghton Cty. Medical Care**  
1100 West Quincy Street  
Hancock, MI 49930  
Birthday: August 29

Edna Thompson Rm 5A  
**Cloverleaf Health Care**  
275 N San Jacinto Street  
Hemet, CA 92543  
Birthday – January 9

Betty Wolff  
**PortagePointe**  
520 Campus Drive  
Hancock, MI 49930  
Birthday – September 5

**If you would like someone added to the Prayer list prayer cards are available in the office.**

**You can also fill out the blue card that is in the pews and return it to the office or place it in the offering plate.**

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**If you know of someone that should be on or taken off the Prayer List please let the office know. Thank you ☺**

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**Sgt. McKinley Anderson**  
217 West Orange Street  
Troy, AL 36081  
Birthday: February 23

**Lt. Gazvoda Rudy**  
322 Chandler Street  
SW Washington DC 20032  
Birthday: March 3  
Son of Ludd and Carol  
Gazvoda

**PVT Devin G. Holombo RN #233**  
(New Address)  
Grandson of Paulette  
Archambuea

**Sgt Jaakkola, Travis W**  
(New Address)  
Birthday: December 21  
Son of Wayne and the late  
Florence Jaakkola

**SSG Melinda S. Knight**  
PSC 3 Box 366  
APO AP 96266  
Birthday: October 4

**Katie L. Maynard**  
18 Natchez Lane  
Fredericks, VA 22406  
Birthday: July 10  
Niece of Dennis Kotila and  
Gayle Lampinen

**TSGT Justin Perfetti**  
**TF Defender CJTF1**  
**Attn: CJ2C&D**  
Birthday: March 2

**Pvt, Velmer, Matthew**  
2/69 AR  
6590 Luzon Street Box 2244  
Ft. Benning, GA 31905  
Birthday: March 25

**ATAN Winsor, Autumn**  
1668 D Street, Box #65  
Andrews, AFB, MD 60762  
Daughter of Ron & Joyce  
Winsor

**HN Winsor, Erik**  
1<sup>st</sup> LAR BN, DELTA CO  
Camp Pendleton, CA 92055  
Birthday: July 12  
Son of Ron & Joyce Winsor



### **Happy Birthday**

Travis Jaakkola  
December 21<sup>st</sup>



## The Season of Giving

This holiday season, we thank everyone who has supported **Holy Trinity Lutheran Church** this past year with their time, talent and financial contributions and look forward to support from all of our members in the year ahead.

If you need a convenient way to make regular offerings or if you plan to make an additional gift before the end of the year, we encourage you to check out our electronic giving options.

As the pace of life speeds up, especially around the holidays, you may find electronic giving a most welcome way to make contributions. Please contact the church office for more information 523-4315 or [htlc@up.net](mailto:htlc@up.net).



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## **Holy Trinity Lutheran Church Annual Meeting Sunday, January 27, 2013 Following the regular 10:00 a.m. Worship Service**

At this meeting we will be electing Council members, Nominating Committee members and Endowment Committee members. If you would like to serve on any of these various vacancies of governing offices please contact a HTLC Council member or contact the church office.

**All Committees and Organizations at HTLC, please begin to think about your Annual Reports. They will be due in the office by January 7<sup>th</sup>.** They will be put together and available to the congregation January 13<sup>th</sup>. HTLC's Annual Meeting will be held on January 27<sup>th</sup> following the 10:00 Worship service.

## *A note of thanks.....*

Thank you to all who helped to make the Fall Social a special afternoon of music and fellowship.

We appreciate those who provided food, decorated tables, made greeting cards and especially Mary Jurgensen and Deb Young for the fun sing along down memory lane music.

By working together it was fun for everyone.

Thank you,

The Service and Witness Committee



**Coffee Servers are needed for December and January. Please contact Sandy Engel or HTLC office if you are interested in helping.**

If you are signing up to bring goodies for the coffee hour please remember that the number of people attending worship service and then going to coffee has gone up significantly.

~ December 2012 ~						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						<b>1</b> <b>World AIDS Day</b>  <b>December 1</b> <small>24support.com</small>
<b>2</b> 10:00 Worship and Sunday School  First Sunday of Advent 8:00 pm A.A.	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> 9:00 Quilting	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> Noon O.A.	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> Noon-4:00 pm Live Nativity 
<b>9</b> 10:00 Worship and Sunday School  8:00 pm A.A.	<b>10</b> Poinsettia Orders due to the office!	<b>11</b> 9:00 Quilting 7:30 Building and Property Committee Meeting 	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> Noon O.A.	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>
<b>16</b> 10:00 Family Worship No Sunday School  8:00 pm A.A.	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b> 7:00 Council Meeting <i>Church Council</i> 	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> Noon O.A.	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>
<b>23</b> 10:00 Worship No Sunday School  8:00 pm A.A.	<b>24</b> Christmas Eve Service 7:00 p.m.  Christmas Eve CANDLELIGHT SERVICE	<b>25</b> Merry CHRIST mas! 	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> Noon O.A.	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>
<b>30</b> 10:00 Worship No Sunday School  7:00 p.m. A.A.	<b>31</b>	<b>Notes:</b> <div></div>				

### Upcoming Events in January 2013

**January 1** – Happy New Year!!

**January 5** – Building Use, Paulette

**January 6** – Sunday School starts again

**January 7** - All HTLC's Committees and Organizations Annual Reports **due to the office.**

**January 8** – Building and Property Meeting 7:30 p.m.

**January 15** - HTLC Council Meeting 7:00 p.m.

**January 20** – Sunday School Swim Party at the Super 8 in Houghton, Noon – 5:00 p.m.

**January 27** – Annual Meeting following the 10:00 a.m. Worship Service



## December and January Birthdays



**Happy Birthday!!**

Loree Kalliainen 12/01  
Steve Laux 12/03  
Brenda Laux 12/03  
Holly Mattson 12/04  
Michael Gaunt 12/05  
Nicholas Healey 12/05  
Gina LeMay 12/05  
Jack Malmberg 12/05  
Gina Healey 12/06  
Jada Anderson 12/07  
Andrew Hietikko 12/07  
Bryan Kinnunen 12/07  
Brynn Lystila 12/08  
Sydni Hietala 12/09  
Jack Rossberg 12/09  
Tanner Lane 12/14  
Erik Jacobson 12/15  
Joanne Clement 12/16  
Donald Salo 12/16  
Jennifer Schaaf 12/16  
Thomas Jack Edwards 12/17  
Eli Oldt 12/17  
Carole Simila 12/17  
Corey Soumis 12/17  
Lilly Tapani 12/18  
Cole Hackman 12/19  
Jay Lassila 12/19  
Diane Makela 12/19  
Ross Tapani 12/19  
Macy Holombo 12/20  
Bill Binroth 12/21  
Kathryn Panke 12/22  
Roberta Noetzel 12/23  
John Mattson 12/24  
Olivia Panke-Walter 12/24  
Karl Usitalo 12/24  
Michael Young 12/25  
Eleanor Sauvola 12/28  
Jean Immonen 12/29  
Betty Uuro 12/29  
Finn Kyro 12/30  
Kevin Hackman 12/31  
Jane Kangas 12/31

Meg Lawrence 01/01  
John LeMay 01/01  
Sue Vollmar 01/01  
Ryan Finni 01/02  
Nicki Lassila 01/04  
George Uuro 01/06  
Irene Byykkonen 01/08  
Chelsea Bakkila 01/09  
Samantha Cadeau 01/10  
Autumn Jacobson 01/10  
Amy Spahn 01/10  
Jacob Kaarto 01/11  
Jacob Belkola 01/15  
Cortney Lanala-Tervo 01/16  
Libby Kyro 01/17  
Jonathan Julien 01/18  
Raymond Wirtanen 01/19  
Samantha Elenich 01/20  
Ron Jestila 01/20  
Betty Kalliainen 01/20  
Gregory LaBelle 01/20  
Kevin Lassila 01/20  
Paul Makela 01/20  
Emmanuel Trewartha 01/21  
Russell Trewartha 01/21  
Bruce Walitalo 01/21  
Tracie Leix 01/22  
Lane Laux 01/24  
Allie Virenius 01/25  
Branden Peterson 01/26  
Severi Haataja 01/27  
Bertha Luusua 01/28  
Daryl Usitalo 01/28  
Emma Oldt 01/29  
Sandra Engel 01/31  
Emily Hruska 01/31  
Melissa Putala 01/31  
Teegan Tapani 01/31

## **One Third of Our Gifts for the Poor**

When I lived and worked in the Islamic countries of Bangladesh and Mauritania, they had two Eid festivals each year. They were roughly equivalent to our Christmas and Easter in terms of their importance- with gifts of clothes and exceptional feasts of food.

But they had a very practical rule to keep everything in perspective. One third of the gifts were reserved for the larger extended family, one third was to be shared with friends(peers), and one third was to be shared with the poor. I was impressed that they were ready to share so much with the poor.

As we prepare to share our bounty of gifts and food with family and friends in the Christmas Season, may I invite you to focus one third of your gifts on the poor. No I am not talking of tithing 10% of our Christmas gifts for the poor, but 33% of your gifts.

Oh, by the way, if you have trouble identifying who is poor, you might let the ELCA help you decide.

You could start with ELCA Good Gifts Catalogue.

Or you could consider the victims of SuperStorm Sandy in Haiti and along the East Coast of the USA, which I regard as the new poor. You could find their address at ELCA Disaster Response.

Or you could consider the 165 million under five children who are chronically undernourished, and the 2.6 million under five children dying each year from hunger. You could find some of them at the ELCA World Hunger Fund.

Or you could consider the 900 million people without clean water, and the 2.6 million under five children dying from diarrheas and dehydration. You can help fund water wells through ELCA World Hunger.

Or you might consider many people suffering and dying from Malaria, about 600,000 deaths are African under five kids. You can give to the ELCA Malaria Campaign, which is helping 11 African Lutheran churches.

Or you might consider the 22 million Africans who are suffering with HIV AIDS. Through ELCA World Hunger, we are assisting many African churches as they train hospice volunteers and other groups to do education and outreach to begin services for the many AIDS sufferers and the 16.6 AIDS orphans.

Or you might consider Lutheran Social Services as they provide services to troubled youth, half way houses for the people recovering from addictions, and half way houses for newly released prisoners. LSS has been a very consistent church and state partner.

Or you might consider a larger donation to your local food pantry or the Salvation Army.

The exciting thing is that these church agencies can function well with administrative and PR costs of 6 to 8 percent. So we can be proud of the efficiency of our organizations. They know where to find the poor, and they can deliver at reasonable cost.

## **World AIDS Day 2012 Celebrated in Many Lutheran Churches December 2<sup>nd</sup>**

We have some things to celebrate this year. UNAIDS representing the UN agencies, has reported that about 50% of AIDS sufferers are receiving the anti-retro-viral drugs that they need. Eight million people are receiving ARVs. President Bush's dream in 2003 is becoming a reality. You must see the "Lazarus Effect" 30 minutes movie to actually see and believe that the ARVs can be so successful. The parents return to health and take care of their families.

Parents everywhere are getting excited to know that babies of HIV+ mothers have almost a 100% chance of being HIV free. If only the HIV+ pregnant mother is treated with ARVs and the new born is given a combo ARV at birth.

African countries vary widely in delivery of services for mothers during pregnancy. Some countries offer their mothers good coverage of say 70 to 80% of pre-birth services, while the coverage of these HIV ARVs may or may not be offered to these same mothers. The ARV treatment for new born children as prevention often is lagging. There are some countries where only 1% of the babies receive their ARV preventive treatment. There are others where the ARV coverage of newborns is between 60 and 80%. Average new born treatment coverage is closer to 50%.

The challenge of the churches and the health facilities is take this new hope to every village. It is important for mothers to know their HIV status ahead of the birthing time: to prepare the mother with some ARV medications, and to give the child of the HIV+ mother the combo ARV shot immediately after birth.

Some 34.2 million people live with AIDS in 2011. AIDS deaths have fallen to 1.7 million in 2011 from 2.3 million deaths in 2005, which is a decline of 24%. Tuberculosis has become a prime killer of AIDS patients; therefore World Health Organization recommends that AIDS and TB be treated together by the same medical team. ELCA has been supporting AIDS education as well as hospice programs for a number of years in collaboration with African churches.



## From HTLC Council

- HTLC Second graders will receive their Bibles on December 2, 2012.
- There is going to be a “Live Nativity” on December 8<sup>th</sup>, noon – 4:00 p.m. This is a Congregational event and all are welcome. An announcement is going to be placed in the Chassell Old Fashion Christmas inviting the community.
- A Congregational Family Christmas Potluck and hymn sing is going to be held on December 16<sup>th</sup> during the 10:00 a.m. Worship Service with the Potluck to follow.
- HTLC Council will act as the Nominating Committee this year. Members of this Committee are only allowed to serve one year terms non-consecutively per HTLC Constitution.
- December 2, 2012 is the Sunday when most Lutheran churches acknowledge World AIDS Day. After Worship service, during fellowship time Pastor Chuck will show the ELCA HIV AIDS Campaign video in the Fellowship Hall.
- The Council approved the online version of Sundays and Seasons be purchased. This will change the bulletin and be easier for people to follow along including visitors. The Psalms will be included in the bulletin so there will be no need to purchase the Celebrate insert. The new bulletin will start the first Sunday in Advent.
- The Council approved the purchase of a new projection screen for fellowship hall, using undesignated funds from the Memorial Fund.
- Christmas Eve Services will be a Candlelight Service at 7:00 p.m. on Monday December 24, 2012.

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### **Total Contributions for October, 2012**

\$11,497.17	Budgeted amount for each month
\$10,158.81	Total Contributions for October
<u>\$ 2,638.39</u>	<u>Total Directed Contributions for Oct.</u>
\$ 7,520.42	Available for General Fund Checking
\$ 3,976.75	<b><u>Under</u></b> budget