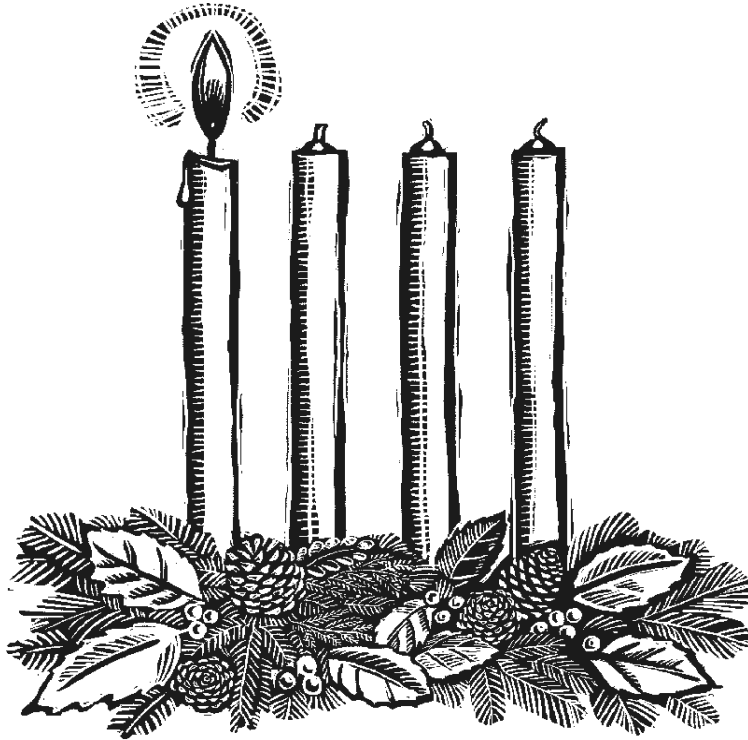


# Orders of Worship and Announcements November 27, 2011

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## First Sunday in Advent

*Stir up your power, and come! The psalmist's plea in Psalm 80:2 has become familiar to us in the Advent prayers. Isaiah wants God to rip the heavens open. Both cry out for an apparently distant, angry God to show up, to save, to restore. When we hear Jesus describing the coming of the Son of Man with stars falling from heaven, it can sound dire and horrible, not like anything we would ever hope for. But when we really look at the suffering of people God loves, we can share the hope that God would tear open the heavens and come.*

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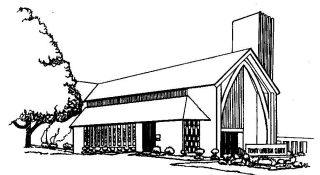
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 Trinity Lutheran Church



**SUNDAY MORNING 10:45 WORSHIP**  
**November 27, 2011**  
**First Sunday of Advent**  
*In the Sanctuary*

PAGES 91-93 provide some interesting background information on the pattern of our worship.

HYMN NUMBERS, **in bold**, refer to hymns 151 thru 893 in the back of the **ELW**.

LESSONS are found both in the bulletin and the pew bibles. You may want to prepare your Bible ahead of time. (A note of caution - the Old and New Testaments are numbered separately, so both *Genesis* and *Matthew* start on page 1).

**LARGE PRINT BULLETINS** of this service are available from the ushers.

*OUR LITURGY is based on Setting III, which begins on page 138 of the ELW,  
but also includes several traditional additions for the Advent season.*

+ + + **GATHERING** + + +

*The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.*

**GATHERING MUSIC**

*Wake, Awake, for Night Is Flying* - arr. Curt Oliver  
Mark Koehler, piano

*Our special music this Sunday features hymns from different ages and cultures which express our longing for the coming of Christ to restore a broken world. The Reformation hymn "Wake, Awake" (ELW 436) by Philipp Nicolai echoes the words of Jesus in today's Gospel.*

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**\*GATHERING SONG**

*God of Grace and God of Glory*

**ELW 705**

*\*Please stand, as able.*

*Please turn and face the processional cross as it passes in the center aisle.*

**\*GREETING, CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

*+The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.*

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God,  
who does great things in every generation,  
who lifts up the lowly,  
who keeps promises forever.

**Amen.**

Let us approach the throne of grace with repentant hearts.  
As we are able, please kneel.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Faithful God,  
 we confess that we have been unfaithful to you.  
 Like dry leaves and withered grass,  
 our lives are blown about by our sins  
 and the powers of evil around us.  
 Restore us, O God;  
 let the light of your face shine on us,  
 and we shall be saved.

**Amen.**

God is patient, not wanting any to perish, but all to come to repentance.  
 In the name of + Jesus Christ, I bring you this good news:  
 You are free from all that imprisons you; your sins are forgiven;  
 God heals your broken hearts.  
 Live in peace and harmony as you wait for the day of God.

**Amen.**

*Please be seated*

## LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH / CANTICLE OF LIGHT

*Prayer by Candlelight - Martin Kral (2010)*

*Cantor sings Refrain first time, then All repeat*

Peace - ful - ly, \_\_\_ lov - ing - ly, \_\_\_ I light a can - dle Pa - tient - ly \_\_\_  
 wait - ing for You to ar - rive. \_\_\_\_\_ Will - ing - ly, \_\_\_ faith - ful - ly, \_\_\_  
 I light a can - dle ask - ing my \_\_\_ Sav - ior to en - ter my life. \_\_\_\_\_

*Cantor sings Stanza 1, then All repeat Refrain*

- Oh, how it flickers reminding me how  
 You came to bring light to brighten my days.  
 And oh, how the wax melts reminding me how  
 my sins will be melted away.

**Refrain**

**LEADER:** (After *Refrain*, as one candle is lit)

6:30 Jason & Nicole Miller, Elleni

8:30 Rob & Jen Wash, Luke and Reid

10:45 Heath & Susan Garrison, Cole and Oliver

Blessed are you, O Lord our God, ruler of the universe.  
You call all nations to walk in your light  
and to seek your ways of justice and peace,  
for the night is past, and the dawn of your coming is near.  
Bless us as we light the first candle of this wreath.  
Rouse us from sleep,  
that we may be ready to greet our Lord when he comes  
and welcome him into our hearts and homes,  
for he is our light and our salvation.  
Blessed be God forever.

**C Amen**

*Cantor sings Stanza 2, then All repeat Refrain*

2. Oh, how the flame burns reminding me how  
Your free gift of love can warm me inside.  
And oh, how the smoke climbs reminding me how  
My prayers are lifted up high.

**Refrain**

**P** Let us pray.

Stir up your power, Lord Christ, and come.  
By your merciful protection alert us to the threatening dangers of our sins,  
and redeem us for your life of justice,  
for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C Amen**

**ANTHEM**

*Comfort, Comfort Ye My People* - arr. David deSilva

A setting of ELW 256

Choir

Lucas Snader, clarinet

Amanda Wolgast, violin

Ron Marenchin, director

*This hymn is a paraphrase of Isaiah 40:1-5 by Johann Olearius, first published in 1671. The bouncy Renaissance tune was published in 1551 by Louis Bourgeois and was probably based on an earlier French folk tune. This new arrangement is by Dr. David deSilva of Ashland Theological Seminary.*

**FOOD BANK / CHILDREN'S SERMON**

Pastor Sanford C. Mitchell

**READING**

*II Samuel 6:1-23*

**THE STORY, CHAPTER 11**

<sup>1</sup>David again brought together all the able young men of Israel—thirty thousand. <sup>2</sup>He and all his men went to Baalah in Judah to bring up from there the ark of God, which is called by the Name, the name of the LORD Almighty, who is enthroned between the cherubim on the ark. <sup>3</sup>They set the ark of God on a new cart and brought it from the house of Abinadab, which was on the hill. Uzzah and Ahio, sons of Abinadab, were guiding the new cart <sup>4</sup>with the ark of God on it, and Ahio was walking in front of it. <sup>5</sup>David and all Israel were celebrating with all their might before the LORD, with castanets, harps, lyres, timbrels, sistrums and cymbals.

<sup>6</sup>When they came to the threshing floor of Nakon, Uzzah reached out and took hold of the ark of God, because the oxen stumbled. <sup>7</sup>The LORD's anger burned against Uzzah because of his irreverent act; therefore God struck him down, and he died there beside the ark of God. <sup>8</sup>Then David was angry because the LORD's wrath had broken out against Uzzah, and to this day that place is called Perez Uzzah. <sup>9</sup>David was afraid of the LORD that day and said, "How can the ark of the LORD ever come to me?" <sup>10</sup>He was not willing to take the ark of the LORD to be with him in the City of David. Instead, he took it to the house of Obed-Edom the Gittite. <sup>11</sup>The ark of the LORD remained in the house of Obed-Edom the Gittite for three months, and the LORD blessed him and his entire household.

<sup>12</sup>Now King David was told, "The LORD has blessed the household of Obed-Edom and everything he has, because of the ark of God." So David went to bring up the ark of God from the house of Obed-Edom to the City of David with rejoicing. <sup>13</sup>When those who were carrying the ark of the LORD had taken six steps, he sacrificed a bull and a fattened calf. <sup>14</sup>Wearing a linen ephod, David was dancing before the LORD with all his might, <sup>15</sup>while he and all Israel were bringing up the ark of the LORD with shouts and the sound of trumpets.

<sup>16</sup>As the ark of the LORD was entering the City of David, Michal daughter of Saul watched from a window. And when she saw King David leaping and dancing before the LORD, she despised him in her heart.

<sup>17</sup>They brought the ark of the LORD and set it in its place inside the tent that David had pitched for it, and David sacrificed burnt offerings and fellowship offerings before the LORD. <sup>18</sup>After he had finished sacrificing the burnt offerings and fellowship offerings, he blessed the people in the name of the LORD Almighty. <sup>19</sup>Then he gave a loaf of bread, a cake of dates and a cake of raisins to each person in the whole crowd of Israelites, both men and women. And all the people went to their homes.

<sup>20</sup>When David returned home to bless his household, Michal daughter of Saul came out to meet him and said, "How the king of Israel has distinguished himself today, going around half-naked in full view of the slave girls of his servants as any vulgar fellow would!" <sup>21</sup>David said to Michal, "It was before the LORD, who chose me rather than your father or anyone from his house when he appointed me ruler over the LORD's people Israel—I will celebrate before the LORD. <sup>22</sup>I will become even more undignified than this, and I will be humiliated in my own eyes. But by these slave girls you spoke of, I will be held in honor." <sup>23</sup>And Michal daughter of Saul had no children to the day of her death.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**SECOND READING***1 Corinthians 1:3-9*

Pew Bible, NT pg. 173

<sup>3</sup>Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.<sup>4</sup>I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, <sup>5</sup>for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind — <sup>6</sup>just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you — <sup>7</sup>so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>8</sup>He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>9</sup>God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.****\*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION***Lord, to Whom Shall We Go?*

pg. 142



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the



words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

**\*GOSPEL** *Mark 13:24-37*

Pew Bible, NT pg. 51

The holy gospel according to Mark.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**<sup>24</sup>But in those days, after that suffering, the sun will be darkened,

and the moon will not give its light,

<sup>25</sup>and the stars will be falling from heaven,

and the powers in the heavens will be shaken.

<sup>26</sup>Then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in clouds' with great power and glory. <sup>27</sup>Then he will send out the angels, and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven.<sup>28</sup>From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts forth its leaves, you know that summer is near. <sup>29</sup>So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that he is near, at the very gates. <sup>30</sup>Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place. <sup>31</sup>Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.<sup>32</sup>But about that day or hour no one knows, neither the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. <sup>33</sup>Beware, keep alert; for you do not know when the time will come. <sup>34</sup>It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his slaves in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to be on the watch. <sup>35</sup>Therefore, keep awake — for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or at dawn, <sup>36</sup>or else he may find you asleep when he comes suddenly. <sup>37</sup>And what I say to you I say to all: Keep awake."

The gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.***Please be seated*

**\*NICENE CREED**

pg. 104

**We believe in one God,  
the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father;  
through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven,  
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary  
and became truly human.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,  
who has spoken through the prophets.**

**We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.**

**We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.**

**We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

**\*PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

*After each portion of the prayers:*

**Lord, in your mercy,  
hear our prayer.**

*Please be seated*

**OFFERING**

*The Lord Will Soon Appear* from CANTATA 24 - J. S. Bach, arr. Hal Hopson  
Choir

*The text of this chorale is based on Isaiah 40:3-4 and Mark 1:3.*

**\*CANTICLE OF THANKSGIVING**

*Create in Me a Clean Heart*

**ELW 186**

*Please stand and sing this traditional response as the offering is presented.*

**\*THANKSGIVING FOR THE WORD**

pg. 220

*Luther held that the Word and Sacraments were central in our worship. On Sundays when we do not celebrate the Sacrament of Communion, we thank God for the gift of the Word which we have received.*

*The prayers conclude either:*

**or:**

For your Word of life, O God,  
**we give you thanks and praise.**

...be honor and glory forever.  
**Amen.**

**\*LORD'S PRAYER**

pg. 221

+ + + **SENDING** + + +

*God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.*

**\*BLESSING**

**\*SENDING SONG**

*What a Fellowship, What a Joy Divine*

**ELW 774**

**\*DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

**\*PASSING OF THE PEACE**

## PARTICIPATING IN OUR SERVICES:

### **6:30 P.M. SATURDAY FOLK COMMUNION**

HOST FAMILIES Ron McConnell; Anthony Miller, Caitlin, Alexander & Zachary  
Lauren Scott, Linda Zehner

LECTOR Kathy Witmer

COMMUNION DEACONS Luann Bradford; Bill Smith

VIDEO Diane Emser, Jim Norris

SOUND Phil Vermillion

### **8:30 A.M. SUNDAY WORSHIP**

HOST FAMILY Tim & Jennifer James

USHERS Merle Witmer, Don Price (Team 3)

ACOLYTE Caitlin Miller

CANTOR Kirk Rader

LECTOR Cindy Funk

CHILD CARE Vella King; Supervisor - Jodee Kerschner

SOUND Bob Pinkley

### **9:30 A.M. SUNDAY SCHOOL**

HOST Brian Hickey

INFANT NURSERY Dan Forbes, Karen Sauber; Supervisor - Jodee Kerschner

### **10:45 A.M. SUNDAY WORSHIP**

HOST FAMILY Kenny & Nancy Oberholtzer

USHERS Ray Miller Sr., John Ferguson (Team 2)

ACOLYTE Kristin Loy

CRUCIFER Benjamin Van Scoy

CANTOR Stan Kopp

LECTOR Nancy Kopp

CHILD CARE (Infant) Karina McFrederick, Gemilla Szabo  
Supervisor - Jodee Kerschner

(Toddler) Robby & Delia Roberson ; Supervisor - Jennifer James

SOUND Randy Cleland

RADIO Al Lawrence

### **10:45 A.M. SUNDAY PRAISE COMMUNION / WORSHIP CENTER at JACK'S PLACE**

HOSTS Ed & Diane Henricksen; Vella King

Tim & Marlene Krisko; Angelisa Sisson

LECTOR Stacy Prochazka

COMMUNION SERVERS Brad & Sondra Hays; Tonya Kral; Tim & Marlene Krisko  
John & Laurie Maurer; Stacy Prochazka

BREAD FAMILY Kathy Kollar

CHILDREN'S CHURCH Brittany McClish

VIDEO Tim Murawski

SOUND Chris Vanderzyden

## **FOR THOSE WITH SPECIAL NEEDS - (JUST ASK A HOST FAMILY OR USHER):**

- CHILD CARE for children age five and under - Nursery area
- PARENT PAGERS - available for use by parents with children in the Nursery
- BABY CHANGING AREA - Infant Nursery
- WORSHIP ACTIVITY PACKETS for younger & older children - at the Sanctuary entrances
- LARGE PRINT WORSHIP BOOKS & BULLETINS for the 8:30 and 10:45 Sanctuary services
- PERSONAL EARPHONES for the hearing impaired for use in the Sanctuary - Ushers Stand
- HANDICAPPED-ACCESSIBLE RESTROOMS - Office area
- WHEELCHAIR available - Narthex
- HANDICAPPED PARKING - near Worship entrances
- COURTESY PARKING - available for the 10:45 a.m. services
- TOUR OUR CHURCH - please speak with a pastor following worship
- PAST SERMONS on the web - visit <[www.trinityashland.org](http://www.trinityashland.org)>

### **...AS WE WORSHIP THIS WEEKEND...**

**WELCOME FRIEND** to a congregation who believes that Christ changes all things through the power of his resurrection. We hope that you have found the strength and guidance for your life in the days ahead. Please know that you are welcome here and we hope to worship with you again soon.

**SANCTUARY ALTAR FLOWERS** given by  
> Mr. & Mrs. Daniel Forbes and family in loving memory of David Wayne Forbes,

> Joseph and Betty Winklmann in loving memory of loved ones,

> David, Annette, Amy and Brian Shaw in loving memory of Curt Humrichouser and Dick Shaw,

>and by Virginia S. Budd in memory of Richard S. Budd.

**PRAISE WORSHIP FLOWERS** are given by Ted and Vanessa Ebert in memory of Steve South and Chris Jacobsen.

**OUR 10:45 RADIO BROADCAST** on WNCO-AM 1340 today is sponsored by Mrs. Rebecca Humrichouser and family in memory of Robert Humrichouser and Kay and Tim Kirk in memory of Lois Adalene Troxel and Paul R. Troxel.

**WITH SYMPATHY** we announce the death of Margaret D. Clever, whose graveside service was conducted on Friday, **November 25**.

**OUR SANCTUARY PARAMENTS** signify Advent, a season of hope and expectation. In the Scandinavian tradition **blue** represents hope. The green Root of Jesse on **each parament** recalls Isaiah 11:1: *A shoot shall come out from the stump of Jesse, and a branch shall grow out of his roots.* On the **lectern** is the Messianic Rose, its five petals and leaves representing the five wounds of Christ on the cross, and the tiny red Star of Bethlehem at its center announcing the birth of the Messiah. The Cross on the **pulpit** is a Chi Rho - "XP" - the first two letters of the Greek word for Christ. The **altar** parament combines the Root, the Rose and the Cross to identify and proclaim Jesus as the fulfillment of prophecy, the One who was to come as Messiah. The paraments remind us to watch and prepare for Christ's coming at Christmas.

**"THE STORY" DISCUSSION GROUPS** are always ready to include new members! Join any of the adult classes on **Sunday mornings**, come to the Church Home Main Lounge on **Wednesdays at 6:15 p.m.** or come to Meeting Room A at **6:30 p.m.** on **Thursdays** to join in!

**UNIQUE KENYAN CRAFTS** make great gifts. There are crafts made by Kenyan craftspeople outside the Narthex (on Saturday night) and in the hall outside Jack's Place (on Sunday) after each service **this weekend**. These are truly beautiful items being sold through Village Markets of Africa, a fair trade business organized by Jacob Schmalzle, the son of the pastor that two groups of Trinity people visited some years ago. Jacob grew up in Kenya and is committed to strengthening the Kenyan economy through this ministry. Payment can be by check or cash. Trinity can keep 10% of sales.

**ADVENT**, which begins this Sunday, **November 27**, is an opportunity to share in family prayer time as we wait for the coming of the Christ Child. We hope these devotionals will help you to focus your attention on the coming of Christ in this Advent season.

In *Ring Around the Manger*, young children and their families will count down the days until Christmas with this traditional chain. Each link includes a Bible reading and brief rhyming devotional thought that provides families with an opportunity to gather around the manger in eager expectation of Christ's birth.

Older children and their families will enjoy *What Are We Waiting For?* Daily prayer in Advent helps us wait in hope while we respond to our Savior's presence among us right now - in Scripture, in the love we bear toward one another, in the Church and in the poor and needy.

In the adult devotional, *Thy Kingdom Come*, Robert Hereth reflects upon the numerous and various ways Jesus uses the term "The Kingdom of God" to assert that God rules, and how God rules. Since we both strive to live in the Kingdom now and also hope for its final consummation, it reflects the weeks of Advent, when we await our King who came at Christmas - our King who will come again.

**WOMEN'S CHRISTMAS BRUNCH** next Saturday, **December 3** from 9-11:30 a.m. in Jack's Place. Cost is \$12 per person. Sign up for a table (10 ladies) and pay only \$10 per person at the time of sign up. Menu: assorted quiches, tomato basil pie, French toast casserole, assorted breakfast meats, homemade muffins and coffeecakes, fruit juices, coffee and tea. For our program we are delighted to have a musical gift from the Hillsdale High School Falcon Singers under the direction of Kim Wolbert. Tickets may be purchased after the services this Sunday, **November 27**.

**IF YOU, A FAMILY MEMBER OR FRIEND ARE OR WILL SOON BE HOSPITALIZED, PLEASE CALL THE CHURCH AT 419-289-2126 AND LET US KNOW.**

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### **...ITEMS OF INTEREST...**

**LAST OPPORTUNITY TO HELP A CHILD THIS WINTER!** We can share our love for Jesus by doing something thoughtful for others. Donate hats, mittens, socks, underwear and girls coats. We have a **Hat and Mitten Tree** in the hallway outside Pastor Mitchell's office through Monday, **November 28**. Please bring new or slightly used hats and mittens to hang on our tree. In addition to the hats and mittens that we normally collect, there is a tremendous need for small children's heavy gloves and new or gently used (working zipper, no rips or stains) **young girls winter coats**, sizes 3T-18. They would be greatly appreciated. The donations will be distributed to area needy children thru Associated Charities. Please help keep a little child a bit warmer by filling up our tree and coat rack!

**SUPPER** in Jack's Place Wednesday, **November 30**, serving from 5:30 to 6:00 p.m. Menu: chicken 'n' noodles, turkey sandwiches, Johnny Marzetti, garlic toast, salad, dessert and beverage. All for **\$4/adult and \$2/ages 8 years and younger**. All are welcome.

**LUTHER CLUB:** What would any December Advent Season be without our yearly blessed opportunity to enjoy the festive ringing in of Yule tidings with Ron Blackley and the AU Chorus at Luther Club? They will be making their yearly dashing through the snow over to Trinity to sing for us on Thursday, **December 1** at noon for our luncheon. If you are near, around or well past retirement & would like to enjoy good food, fun & a festive fanfare of holiday music, then come join us. As always, our kitchen staff will rustle up a delicious menu including: Christmas chicken, wild rice, gourmet beans, tossed salad, rolls dessert and beverage. Please call your reservation in by Wednesday, **November 30**. I'll be there with BELLS on, will YOU? - *Pastor Jeff*

**OUTREACH BALLOTS:** Please return them by next Thursday, **December 1**. You can mail them, using the provided envelope, or drop them in the ballot boxes located in the social corner and the main hallway by Jack's Place.

### ..UPCOMING EVENTS...

**4-6<sup>TH</sup> GRADE EVENT:** Bring all your donations for the military at our next great event: **Christmas Cards and Camouflage!!**

Join us next Sunday, **December 4** at noon in Luther Hall—we'll begin with lunch and move on to lots of fun stuff. Mike Schaefer of our congregation is a recruiting and retention NCR for the Air National Guard and he'll join us for this special day. Do you know how to properly

fold a flag? Dress like a soldier? Run military relays? Eat MRE's? Learn all this and much more and we'll finish by making special Christmas cards for our military personnel. What a great way to honor the men and women in our area who protect and serve us all so faithfully! Sign up now so we know how much lunch to have on hand by calling the church office at 419-289-2126 or e-mailing Dawn Forbes at [<dawn@trinityashland.org.>](mailto:dawn@trinityashland.org)

**Parents:** if you are willing to provide part of our lunch, please contact Melissa Merkel at 419-289-0665. Thanks for your support of this project!

**THE GOOD PENNYWORTHS** will present a Christmas concert, *A Pennyworth of Christmas*, in our sanctuary next Sunday afternoon, **December 4** at 4 p.m. The Pennyworths, a vocal quartet with lute accompaniment from New York City, was founded in 2007 to explore lute songs and traditional folk ballads with dramatic flair. The group's concert programs feature quartets, duets and solo songs, engagingly staged to bring out the laughter and passion contained in these songs. *A Pennyworth of Christmas* is a celebration of holiday songs ranging from Medieval carols to modern favorites given a Renaissance twist.

They have performed in the Boston Early Music Festival, the Lute Society of America's 2008 Lute Festival, Early Music in Columbus's 2008 Summer Concert Series and will be coming to Ashland fresh from a stop at Detroit's 39th Annual Noel Night Celebration. A freewill offering will be received. Invite your family and friends to join you for this unique Christmas experience! (Note - child care will be provided for children 8 and younger, for whom this program will be a little much.)

**YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED** to attend Hospice of North Central Ohio's Annual Tree of Lights Service here at Trinity in Jack's Place on Sunday, **December 4**. Come rejoice in remembering and honoring those lives you have had the privilege to share. Music begins at 4:30 p.m., service begins at 5 p.m. An informal reception will be held immediately following.

**CHRISTMAS MUSICAL PARKING ATTENDANTS:** We are currently recruiting individuals that would be willing to assist with special parking needs over the weekend of the **Christmas Musical on December 10 and 11**. It would require that you would be available for 30 minutes before one of the three services {Saturday evening (arrive by 6 p.m.), Sunday morning 8:30 (arrive by 8 a.m.) or 10:45 (arrive by 10:15 a.m.)}, to direct people to open parking spaces and then to the over-flow lots across the street. We would like to have two people for each service. If this is an area in which you would be willing to serve please contact Corinne Aebersold in the church office or e-mail <[Corinne@trinityashland.org](mailto:Corinne@trinityashland.org)>

**THE TRINITY TRAVELER COMMITTEE** would like to say "Thank you" to all of you who have blessed our trips by traveling with us this year. We are already thinking of where we can make those "wheels on the bus" take us to exciting and fun places in 2012. Since we had a late trip to Oglebay in November we've decided not to have our regular December Trinity Traveler luncheon but we would like to wish you a wonderful and blessed Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. Watch the newsletter and bulletin for information on our next trip. God bless you all and thank you for your faithfulness.  
*- The Trinity Traveler Committee*

**LUTHERANS OF RURAL AREA CONGREGATIONS (LORAC Group):** One of the outreach ministries for the LORAC group is the Cranks Creek, Kentucky Survival Center. The Survival Center has been servicing that Appalachian Area of Harlan County for more than 33 years. Every Christmas they sponsor a Christmas Give-away which the main concern is the bedding, namely, blankets, pillows, and linens. They are asking for new or used blankets (freshly laundered) pillows (new) and clean linen. They will be taking donations now through Sunday, **December 11**. There are donation containers provided - in the hallway by Jack's Place, in the Narthex by the Sanctuary, and downstairs in the hallway by the pop machine. Thank you in advance...the people of Cranks Creek will greatly appreciate your donations.  
*- John Robinson*

**LUTHERAN SOCIAL SERVICES OF NORTHERN OHIO** would like you to please consider making a donation to sponsor a child or family in need this Christmas. There are many ways in which you can help. Please call 877-741-3331 for more information. We also can always use in-kind donations such as towels, sheets, socks, and hygiene products.

**NIKE REUSE A SHOE RESULTS!** The Green Team feels very blessed to report almost 300 pairs of shoes were collected! The Green Team wants to extend a great "Thank You" to all who supported and to those involved in the collection of shoes. The shoes were delivered to a Nike store in Aurora, OH. The Green Team plans to make this an annual event and plan to team up with the Ashland High School that has a clothing drive every fall for those in need in our community. The plan is if shoes they receive during the clothing drive are too worn,

they will send those shoes our way for the Nike Reuse A Shoe Program. In return, if the Green Team comes across shoes that are still in good shape, we will send those shoes their way. THANK YOU again to all for making this such a success and a special “Thank You” to Judy White of the Green Team for presenting the Nike Reuse A Shoe Program to our committee.

**SNOWTRAILS** is scheduled to open for the upcoming ski season, Friday, **December 9**. Members may want to stop in at Snowtrails PRIOR to the 9<sup>th</sup>, during normal business hours, and get your membership cards made. That way the first time you and your family go skiing, you won't have to wait in an additional line to get your membership cards made, before you are allowed to ski. Phone number(s) for Snowtrails is: Toll free: 1-800-OHIO-SKI (644-6754) Direct: 419-774-9818.

**LADIES, MARK YOUR CALENDARS:** *Our Women's Retreat is back!* Mark your calendars for Saturday, **March 3, 2012** for “Awake Your Soul,” an inspiring encounter for women featuring best-selling author and speaker Nicole Johnson. Tickets will be on sale beginning at the Women's Christmas Brunch. In addition GIFT PACKAGES will also be available for purchase. What better gift could you give to that special woman in your life than a special day away for women, to renew, relax and recharge after the business of the holidays and the dreariness of winter. Packages start at \$35 and include one of Nicole's books and a ticket to the Retreat. In addition, those who register by **December 31** will be entered in a drawing for the chance to win a Kindle!!

# *A Pennyworth of Christmas*

*a festive quilt of Christmas songs*

*from Medieval carols and wassail songs  
to favorite hymns and ballads from the 18th & 19th centuries.*



Join us for a concert by *The Good Pennyworths Quartet*,  
a New York City based Early Music vocal ensemble  
with lute accompaniment

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 4 - 4 P.M.**

in the Sanctuary

**Free will** donation.

**Child Care** available for children age **eight** and under,  
for whom this program would be a bit intense.

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## **CHRISTMAS CANTICLES**

*A CANTATA OF CAROLS IN FOUR SUITES*

Our 27th Annual Christmas Musical  
presented by the Trinity Choir and Orchestra  
as part of the worship services on

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 10 - 6:30 P.M.**

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 11 - 8:30 & 10:45 A.M.**

in the Worship Center in Jack's Place.

*Each service will last a little longer than an hour.*

**Child Care** available for children age five and under.

**Additional Parking** available at The Good Shepherd Home,  
Ashland County Historical Society, and the Elks.

**Parking Attendants** on duty

**Handicapped Accessible**



# Youth News

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## This Sunday, November 27...

**Sunday School** - Middle Schoolers and High Schoolers will meet in their respective rooms for Sunday School at 9:30am for a discussion on Chapter 11 of *The Story*. Join us as we learn what the Word of God has to say about going “From Shepherd to King”.

## Youth Choir Rehearsal

**Hey 7th - 12th graders... do you like to sing? If so, then we've got a place for you!** We're off to a fantastic start and look forward to having others join us. We will rehearse again **TONIGHT, November 27, from 6:00-7:00pm in the Choir Room.** The Youth Choir will be singing at the 10:45 Sanctuary Service on December 18th. Future practice dates for this performance will be announced at rehearsal. Contact Dee Pinkley with questions at 419.685.4112.

## This Coming Week...

### Mosaic

**Wednesday, November 30th, from 5:30-7:15pm:** All 7-12<sup>th</sup> graders are invited to MOSAIC. The Youth Area opens at 5:30... D-groups begin at 6:15! Come grow in faith with friends and committed small group leaders eager to share the love of Christ.

## Upcoming Events...

### Youth Council

**Monday, December 5th, from 7:00-8:30pm:** We ask our 2011-12 Youth Council members to meet in the Youth Area from 7:00-8:30pm for our December meeting. We'll finalize plans for the up-coming “Classy” Christmas Party and look into the New Year to see where God might be calling us. Please let Nate know if you cannot attend.

### Catechism

**Sunday, December 11th, from 4:00-8:00pm:** All 7th and 8th graders should plan to attend as we explore our *Lutheran Heritage*. Dinner will be provided for \$3.00 (or \$15.00 for the remaining five sessions, if you have not already paid). Families assigned to bring items for dinner may drop them in Luther Hall prior to the start of Catechism. Please let Nate or Ann know if you are unable to attend.

### Mosaic Christmas Party

**Wednesday, December 14th, 5:30 - 8:00 pm.** All students in grades 7-12 are invited for our “Classy” Mosaic Christmas Party—even if you haven't been a part of Mosaic all year! We'll have hors d'ourves together (see Ann if you are willing to bring something), play some great games, and celebrate the birth of our Savior as we laugh through a white elephant gift exchange—“*Something classy, nothing new, nothing borrowed, just from you*” (i.e. - un-purchased, funny gifts are what we're going for here...no need to spend money... just find something around your house and wrap it up!). We hope you'll join us!

## MAJOR EVENTS THIS WEEK AT TRINITY

\*See announcements for more information

### SUNDAY: November 27

#### FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

- 8:00 a.m. Sonrise Singers
- 8:30 a.m. WORSHIP
- 9:30 a.m. SUNDAY SCHOOL
  - ages 2 thru adult
- 9:45 a.m. Choir
- 10:45 a.m. WORSHIP
  - Broadcast WNCO AM-1340
  - and over the internet
- PRAISE COMMUNION
  - Worship Center at Jack's Place

### MONDAY: November 28

- 8:30 a.m. Moms in Touch
- 7:00 p.m. Catechism Planning Meeting

### TUESDAY: November 29

- 7:00 p.m. Musical Chorus

### WEDNESDAY: November 30

- 2:00 p.m. Bible Conversations
- 4:00 p.m. Trinity Chime Choir
- 4:45 p.m. Luther Bell Choir
- 5:00 p.m. Saturday Night Musicians
- 5:30 p.m. Wednesday Night Supper\*  
Mosaic\*
- 6:15 p.m. MUSIC GROUPS
  - Preschool, Cherub, Junior Choirs
  - Trinity Bells, Trinity Brass
  - The Story/Front Lounge\**
- 7:15 p.m. Choir
  - Family Open Gym

### THURSDAY: December 1

- 9:00 a.m. Ruth Circle
- 10:00 a.m. Thursday Brass
- 12 noon Luther Club\*
- 1:30 p.m. TLC Belles
- 6:30 p.m. *The Story/Room A\**
- 7:00 p.m. Praise Team

### SATURDAY: December 3

- 9:00 a.m. Women's Christmas Brunch\*
- 6:30 p.m. FOLK SERVICE

### SUNDAY: December 4

#### SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

- 8:00 a.m. Sonrise Singers
- 8:30 a.m. HOLY COMMUNION
- 9:30 a.m. SUNDAY SCHOOL
  - ages 2 thru adult
- 10:45 a.m. WORSHIP
  - Broadcast WNCO AM-1340
  - and over the internet
- PRAISE WORSHIP
  - Worship Center at Jack's Place
- 12 noon 4-6<sup>th</sup> Grade Event\*
- 4:00 p.m. *A Pennyworth of Christmas Concert\**
- 5:00 p.m. Hospice Tree of Lights Service\*
- 7:30 p.m. Musical Chorus

**WINTER STORM ALERTS:** During these next few months there may be winter storms in or near our area that may cause hazardous driving conditions. Our **CHILDREN'S CHOIRS SNOW POLICY** is as follows:

- 1. We will NOT automatically cancel if the schools close,** as morning ice and snow have been known to melt by evening.
- 2. Listen to WNCO-AM 1340** after 3 p.m. for cancellation information or call the church office between 3 and 5 p.m. at 419-289-2126.
- 3. The decision to cancel** will be made by the Coordinator of Music Ministries, in consultation with the directors.
- 4. Adult choirs** may be decided separately.