



# News and Notes

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**CHURCH DIRECTORY** This is the time of year when families get together and take new photos. Share one with us to add to the online directory! If there are any changes in addresses, names, phone numbers, or emails please send them as well. Email Toni Shane at [directory@holytrin.org](mailto:directory@holytrin.org).

**WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS NEEDED** A new year is almost upon us! Tabby is working on worship scheduling for 2024. If you are interested in volunteering or changing your current volunteer status, please contact Tabby in the office ([tabby@holytrin.org](mailto:tabby@holytrin.org)). We are looking for Readers, Greeters, Media, and Live Streaming volunteers. We are in *desperate* need of Media and Live Streaming volunteers for both early and late service. We will train anyone who is interested in either of those positions! Thanks in advance!

**ALTAR GUILD** We serve by ensuring that the place of worship is maintained and set up for the times and seasons of the Church Year which includes paraments, linens, preparing/cleaning sacramental vessels/linens, as well as making preparations for each service. This may sound like a lot, but with some training (*that we will provide!*) it is an amazing way to give back! We are looking for volunteers who would be interested in learning and serving in this volunteer position! If you are interested, please call/text Brittany Augustine at (620) 615-1916 or email Tabby in the office at [tabby@holytrin.org](mailto:tabby@holytrin.org) by **Sunday, January 14th!**

**MEN: WANT TO READ THE BOOK OF CONCORD?** HTLC member Jerry Ball is wondering if there are men in the congregation who would like to form a group to read through the Book of Concord in 2024 and to meet weekly in person to discuss that week's readings. The Book of Concord is the source for Pastor Longman's weekly E-Blast's "CONFSSIONAL NUGGET." The quotes he uses are taken from *Concordia: The Lutheran Confessions - A Reader's Edition of the Book of Concord* published by CPH which has a built-in daily reading chart (you can the book online here: <https://holytrin.link/g24vqD>). If this is something you think you'd like to do, please catch Jerry at church or e-mail him at [GDBPhD@aol.com](mailto:GDBPhD@aol.com).

**LUTHERAN WITNESS** Did you know that the LCMS publishes a wonderful magazine called the *Lutheran Witness*? It is published 11 times a year (monthly, with a combined June/July issue) and is full of useful articles for members of LCMS congregations with topics ranging from apologetics to archaeology to tough questions on today's sexuality. It is a doctrinally sound, layman-accessible resource designed to help Lutherans to engage our challenging culture in an informed, intelligent manner, while standing firm for Truth. Additionally, the center insert contains news from our own Mid-South district. A limited number of free copies of back issues of The Lutheran Witness are available in the giving center. Pick one up and give it a read. The annual subscription price is \$28.25. However, the Mid-South District is funding \$13.25 for each subscription to the *Lutheran Witness* with hope that all households will receive this valuable resource. So a year subscription will only cost you \$15! If you are interested in signing up for the *Lutheran Witness* in 2024, please sign up in the Narthex by **December 31st**. Payment of \$15 can be dropped off in the office, or placed in the offering plate marked "*Lutheran Witness 2024*". If you have any questions, contact Tabby in the office or Christy Lehenbauer.

**FELLOWSHIP COMMITTEE** It's that time of year that we look for folks to sign up to help in the kitchen for various events that happen throughout the year. Sign up sheet is in the narthex. See Deb Studyvin for more information!

**DAILY DEVOTIONS** Daily Devotions from Lutheran Hour Ministry will help strengthen and encourage your faith as you do the same for others. Have them delivered right to your inbox, podcast the audio devotional, access them on your mobile device through the free app, or listen with Spotify, iHeartRadio, Alexa, or Google Home. Seasonal devotions for Advent and Lent are also available in both English and Spanish. Visit <https://www.lhm.org> for more information.

**STUFFED ANIMAL DRIVE** In January the Outreach Ministry Team will be collecting stuffed animals for the Children's Hospital. This is such a meaningful gift for a child who is not feeling well this season. Please pick up NEW stuffed animals while you are Christmas shopping! There is a box in the narthex by the Outreach board for your donations. Questions? Contact Roger Gust.

**CRAFTY CREW - MISSION CRAFTS** from now until Christmas we will be meeting in Classroom 6 on **Wednesday nights** from **4-7 pm**. Come craft with us, have soup supper, and then attend the Advent midweek services. Bring your own crafts to work on, or help us work on our Outreach project Scripture books.

**JACKET DONATIONS** Thank you to all who have donated so far! The jackets have flown out the door and are appreciated by those in need! Please consider donating new or gently used jackets and coats to the food pantry. With it getting colder out, it's an opportunity to help those in need to stay warm! Contact Krista Malone in the office for more information.

**FOOD PANTRY** The Food Pantry is open **Tuesday through Friday from 2-4pm**. Pastor's Care Fund is available (when we have funds) on **Thursday and Friday from 2-4pm**.

**THE LUTHERAN HOUR** December 24  
**"Community and Conversation"** Lutheran Hour Speaker: [Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler](#). (John 1:1)

**LUTHERANS FOR LIFE** Advent IV/Christmas Eve – Almighty God has profound interest and investment in childbearing and childrearing (2 Samuel 7:12; Luke 1:31). He has made this relationship and vocation central to the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Every mother and father, every son or daughter embodies the love of the Lord for humankind. While abortion attempts to conceal the realities, our sanctity-of-life advocacy gets to reveal this delightful mystery (Romans 16:25).

**ALTAR FLOWERS NEW** flower charts for 2024 - one for each urn - have been posted on the bulletin board across from the Men's restroom. Cost to sponsor a week is \$35 for one urn, or \$70 for both. On your sponsored day, you are welcome to take the flowers home following the late service. If you have any feedback, feel free to send it to [flowers@holytrin.org](mailto:flowers@holytrin.org).



**CIRCUIT CHURCH** Faith Lutheran Church in Bentonville and Pastor David Schmidt

**CHURCH MINISTRY** Church Officers

**PRAY FOR OUR MILITARY** Especially those associated with our church.

**PRAY FOR ALL THOSE  
ON OUR PRAYER LIST**