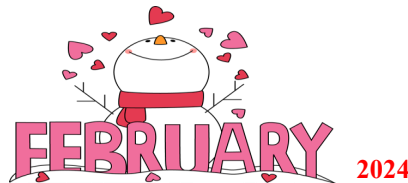




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CALL COMMITTEE UPDATE FOR FEBRUARY

By now you have probably heard the news that the Call Committee has extended an invitation for an on-site visit to a Pastor we have been talking with. The Pastor has accepted our invitation, and he and his family plan to visit Holy Trinity from March 8 – 10. The Pastor will lead both worship services on Sunday, March 10. To protect the Pastor and his current congregation, we do not plan to reveal his name until the beginning of March.

I would like to extend a THANK YOU to the members of the Call Committee: Glenn Rupp, Janet Green, Bill Eaker, Grace Young, Bruce Zander, Tia Abernethy, Leisa Brown, Sam Black, and Grant Sparks. For the past eight months, the committee has come together and prayerfully considered each Pastoral Profile forwarded to us. The one thing the committee agreed upon was that we would not rush the process and trusted in God's timing to reveal who He was calling to be our next Pastor. We truly feel that God has led this Pastor to us, and we cannot wait for the congregation to meet him and his family. The Pastor also sensed that God is calling him and his family to Holy Trinity.

Towards the end of February, we will share with the congregation plans moving forward. We ask that you continue to be in prayer for our congregation as we prepare ourselves to welcome the Pastor and his family, and for the Pastor's current congregation as they navigate his potential departure.

**Blessings in Christ,
Donna Allen
Call Committee Chair**

NEW MEMBER AND REFRESHER COURSE Beginning Sunday, February 11

Starting February 11 during the Sunday School hour, Pastor Tom will be offering a basic New Member and Refresher course. The topics will be the following: Who are Lutherans and what is the Lutheran Church?, A complete study of Lutheran liturgy, basic Lutheran Theology, a short history of the Reformer Martin Luther, and The Seasons of the Church Year.

All are welcome to come to the PLC for this learning experience.





My Dear People,

I spoke to the SONshiners on Wednesday, January 10 and told some stories from my ministry. Below are the exact words I said at this young man's funeral.

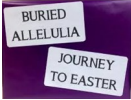
I will never forget one of the most sacred moments of my life with a total stranger by the name of Ron. His friend introduced me to him, and then she and his two other aunts left us alone. Even as weak as he was, Ron was able to share a desire in his heart. I asked him if he had ever been baptized. He said he was not sure. I asked him if he would like to be baptized. In a halting voice, he asked me if he could be baptized. I smiled and asked the nurse, who had just come in, if she could get me a bowl of water. She said she had a styrofoam cup. "Perfect," I said. I gently shared the story of Jesus with Ron. Then I baptized him in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Then something happened that is branded into my memory. Ron took his hand and held it over his forehead as if he were trying to keep the water there forever. I promised him that in his faith and God's grace he was God's child forever.

Remember these words from Jesus: ***Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you?***

I had no idea that a potter had come to Ron's funeral. About two months later I received a call from him. He wanted to give me something. We met and he told me that he had heard the story about the styrofoam cup. He determined that I needed a true baptismal bowl and pitcher. While at Hospice, I baptized seven patients in their homes. Today the bowl and pitcher are in the Gordon Hospice House in Statesville, NC.

The Council met on Saturday, January 6 to "vision" and discuss the future ministry of Holy Trinity. The Call Committee is working toward calling a new Lead Pastor. I say this to you, the followers of Jesus here at Holy Trinity, and to the Call Committee: Be willing to be shaped by the Lord. Pray for His desire for Holy Trinity. The potter took a lump of clay and made the beautiful bowl and pitcher pictured above. Read the words from Jeremiah 18:1-4 (ESV): ¹ ***The word that came to Jeremiah from the LORD:*** ² ***"Arise, and go down to the potter's house, and there I will let you hear my words."*** ³ ***So I went down to the potter's house, and there he was working at his wheel.*** ⁴ ***And the vessel he was making of clay was spoiled in the potter's hand, and he reworked it into another vessel, as it seemed good to the potter to do.***

Be open and praying for the Lord's leading.
Your fellow servant,
Pastor Tom



SHROVE TUESDAY

Tuesday, February 13 - 6:00 p.m.



Shrove Tuesday is February 13. Please join us at 6:00 p.m. We will experience the ancient rite of the Burial of the Alleluias and a wonderful pancake supper.



Our **Lenten Journey** begins on **ASH WEDNESDAY, February 14**. The services that day will be -

- 12:00 Noon - Quiet Communion with the Imposition of the Ashes
 - 7:00 p.m. - Service (see below) with the Imposition of the Ashes.
- No meal on Ash Wednesday.*



For the remainder of Wednesdays in Lent, soup and sandwich meals will be at 6 :00 p.m. and worship at 7:00 p.m.

Under the theme of *Guided by the Cross* the following topics will be addressed at the Wednesday evening Lenten Services:

February 14 • Guided to Forgiveness (Colossians 1:13-14): When we confess our sins, we find forgiveness in the cross of Christ and are empowered to forgive others.

February 21 • Guided to Hope (2 Corinthians 1:10): When we are uncertain about what the future holds, we discover in the cross the sure hope of heaven.

February 28 • Guided to Love (1 Timothy 1:13-14): When we are separated from others and from God by our sin, the cross brings us together through its love.

March 6 • Guided to Peace (Colossians 1:19-20): With wars waging within and without, the cross settles them all with peace to body, mind and soul.

March 13 • Guided to Trust (1 Timothy 1:15): Plagued by doubt and competing voices, we turn to the cross to put our trust fully in the salvation won for us there.

March 20 • Guided to Perseverance (Ephesians 6:18): When we are faced with hardship, we look to Christ on the cross who endured to the end so that we might carry on.

WEDNESDAY LENTEN SOUP & SANDWICH SUPPERS

Beginning February 21 at 6:00 p.m.

- **February 21** - Meal provided by Upper Room class. Contact Charlotte Sautner for details.
 - **February 28** - Meal will be coordinated by Anna Houser's Sunday School class and the Ladies Bible Study group.
 - **March 6** - TBD
 - **March 13** - TBD
 - **March 20** - Meal will be provided by the Chancel Choir and LaVerne Davis's Small Group/Lingle Class.
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COMMUNITY LENTEN SERVICES AND LUNCHEONS

The full schedule will be announced soon, but we do know that
Holy Trinity will be hosting Wednesday, March 6.

EASTER LILY SPONSORSHIPS COMING IN MARCH

Please consider sponsoring an Easter lily in honor or in memory of a loved one. Upchurch Greenhouse in Cherryville will be providing the lilies again this year. **All orders will be due by March 18** for delivery on Friday, March 29. More information will be available soon.



HOLY WEEK



WORSHIP SCHEDULE

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| March 24 | Palm Sunday (Combined Service at 10:30 a.m.) |
| March 28 | Maundy Thursday
12:00 Noon Quiet Communion
7:00 p.m. Worship with Holy Communion |
| March 29 | Good Friday Tenebrae Service 7:00 p.m. |
| March 31 | The Resurrection of Our Lord – Easter Sunday
6:30 a.m. Sunrise Easter Service
7:30 a.m. Breakfast
9:00 a.m. Contemporary Service
11:00 a.m. Easter Festival Service |



The Welcome Team is an important ministry in the life of our congregation. What is it that we do, you may ask? Well, we are usually at the doors of the church on Sunday mornings, welcoming disciples and visitors to worship. If a visitor is joining us for the first time, we present them with a red Welcome Bag, which contains a copy of the monthly Herald, a copy of the church's Vivid Description, a coffee mug and a Portals of Prayers devotional book. When you see someone with a Welcome Bag, make sure you welcome them to worship, tell them about who we are and invite them back. We also make sure the coffee is hot, snacks are available and everything is set up for worship. If you would like to be a part of the Welcome Team, reach out to a greeter or usher on Sunday. And if you have the gift of baking, we could always use some homemade treats during Connection Time.

**Blessings,
The Welcome Team**

CONGREGATIONAL LIFE TO HOST HUMAN TRAFFICKING SEMINAR *Saturday, February 17 ~ 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 Noon*

On February 17, we are hosting a Human Trafficking seminar from 9:00 a.m. until 12:00 Noon in the PLC gymnasium. Hope United Survivor Network is the organization that will lead the seminar and educate us on what to look for and how to report this criminal activity.

Gaston County, with its proximity to Charlotte and several interstates, is a prime location for sexual and labor human trafficking. Together, we can be a light in this dark world.

We ask that each individual register by 2/15/24 using this link: <https://www.holytrinitygastonia.org/seminarrsvp>.

Topics to be presented:

- Human Trafficking 101
 - What is Human Trafficking?
 - * Labor Trafficking
 - * Sex Trafficking
 - Who is vulnerable to trafficking?
 - * Signs of Trafficking
- Reporting Trafficking
 - State and federal laws
 - Child reporting
 - Adult reporting
 - * Disabled and vulnerable Adults
- Activity/Scenarios
- Q&A

GIVE FROM THE HEART
Blood Drive ~ Monday, February 26 ~ 2:00 - 6:30 p.m.



Holy Trinity's next blood drive will be held on Monday, February 26 from 2:00 - 6:30 p.m. The theme of February's blood drive is "Give from the heart." 42 people have signed up thus far. We have 61 slots. Please check your schedule and see if you are free to give blood that day. You can sign up through the Red Cross, sign up on Sunday mornings before and after the early service and before the late service or contact John and Charlotte Sautner at 2sautners @gmail.com or 704-860-3399 and we will get you signed up. **Won't you please "Give from the heart?"**

Charlotte & John Sautner
Holy Trinity Blood Drive Coordinators



COFFEE FOR A CAUSE
(Taken from the Casa Bernabe Facebook Page)

We have a fun little fundraiser coming during the month of February that combines FREE coffee with supporting Casa Bernabe. **We're calling it Coffee for a Cause!**

Starting the first Monday of February (and every Monday of the month), we're going to post a Starbucks gift card barcode on our **Instagram & Facebook** stories.

1. Use the barcode to grab your coffee.
2. Enjoy your coffee and in return...
3. We kindly ask you to make a donation of the same cost to support our cause...it's an honor system!

There will also be opportunities to take it a step further, such as "give a coffee a month" by turning your donation into a recurring contribution, or doubling your impact by donating the cost of an extra coffee and "buying a friend's coffee." And, of course, you can spread the news by sharing the fundraiser on your story!

If you don't already, make sure you are following us on our social media pages so you can participate in the fun and enjoy some free coffee on us.

I hope you will join us as we make every cup count this February!

Blessings,
Jenna Rice
Director of Communications
Casa Bernabé/FOCE

FAMILY MINISTRIES

Youth Ministry Schedule for February



- February 2:** Lock-in for any interested youth. 6:30 p.m. - 10:00 a.m. the next morning. Minimum of 6 required.
- February 4:** Youth group/confirmation class 5:00 - 7:30 p.m.
- February 11:** No youth group. I am out of town.
- February 13:** Fat Tuesday pancake dinner: 6:00 - 7:30 p.m.
- February 14:** Ash Wednesday services 12:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m.
- February 18:** Youth group/confirmation class 5:00 - 7:30 p.m.
- February 25:** Family catechesis during Sunday school hour.
- February 25:** Youth group/confirmation class 5:00 - 7:30 p.m.
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Children's Ministry Schedule for February



- February 13:** Fat Tuesday pancake dinner. 6:00 - 7:30 p.m.
- February 14:** Ash Wednesday services 12:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m.
- February 24:** Parents Morning Out 8:45 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
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Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner

Join your church family on **Tuesday, February 13 from 6:00 - 7:30 p.m.** as we enjoy a fellowship meal before Lent begins. We will have pancakes, sausage, and all the fixins! We'll also bury the Alleluias, play some games, and, of course, have our annual pancake race!

New Guidelines for Youth and Children Events

In 2024, we will begin having a hard RSVP deadline for offsite/special onsite events, as well as minimum participation numbers. This will help cut down on last-minute event cancellations due to low numbers. Generally, it's best to have *at least* 5 participants for events: otherwise, events don't run very well. If we don't have the minimum number of students by the RSVP deadline, the event will be postponed/canceled.

Details will be communicated well in advance, both to parents *and* students. Each special event will have an RSVP form available online *in addition* to a sign-up sheet in the Welcome Center.

Family Catechesis

Once monthly, youth and children's families will gather for fellowship and learning during the Sunday school hour. This will be a time of discussion, age-appropriate teaching, and a lot of fun, too! Other members of the congregation are invited, as well! Snacks will be served!



WOMEN'S MINISTRY NEWS FOR FEBRUARY

Happy New Year! February is the start of a new year for Holy Trinity Women's Ministry! We are looking forward to 2024 and will be working on many activities and events. For 2024, we will focus on opportunities for service but will also schedule fellowship events.

Thank you to LaVerne Davis, Lori DeFreitas, Tess Gibbons, Barb Kies, Ana Mathews, Heather Peoples, Dana Rice, and Sarah Waldrop for serving on the Team in 2023. Their time and talents were appreciated, and without them we would not have had a successful year.

We just kicked off the new year with our Annual Meeting and Mini-Retreat. We elected the following new officers: LaVerne Davis, President; Judy Weatherford, Vice President; Nancy Faulkner, Secretary; Heather Peoples, Treasurer; Barb Kies, Missions Director; and Ana Mathews, Spiritual Director. The Fellowship Director position is vacant. Our program focused on the importance and benefits of serving others as we have been directed to do through scripture, and our service project was making Blessing Bags. Danielle Webb from Displaced Roses spoke about her ministry especially here at Holy Trinity. She gave us a guided tour of her area and offered ways we can help support and serve. There are numerous ways to get involved with Displaced Roses; all talents and gifts are needed!

Consider joining one of the two circles! While they are centered in the Word, the Circles are not a Bible study. They are more about fellowship and service projects. These groups meet monthly, one on Sunday afternoon and one on Thursday morning. The groups welcome new members. If a different date and time would work better for you, we can create new groups.

Women's Ministry Team

February Circle Meetings

This is a time of fellowship, snacks, a program led by a Circle member and service projects that are for Holy Trinity Disciples and people in the community. These groups are always open to new members. **Please join us!**

Circle of Patience:	Sunday, February 4	After 11:00 Worship	Library
	Program:	LaVerne Davis	
	Hostesses:	Elizabeth & Harriett Lethermon, Martha Sofley	

Circle of Goodness:	Thursday, February 8	10:00 a.m.	PLC Room 25
	Program:	Marilyn Kosak	
	Hostess:	Marilyn Kosak	
	Card Ministry:	Marsha McLamb	



Women's Annual Meeting and Mini-Retreat on January 27



CHRISMON WORKSHOP AT HOLY TRINITY

Saturday, March 9 ~ 12:30 - 3:00 p.m. in the PLC

Melonie Rufty Beaver will be conducting a Chrismon workshop at Holy Trinity on March 9 from 12:30 – 3:00 p.m. Workshop registration and fees will be handled by Rufty's (Salisbury). To register, please call Melonie Beaver at (704) 636-7790.

Three different butterfly inspired designs will be featured and will range in cost from \$38.00 plus tax to \$50.00 plus tax.



Thank you for all of the prayers, cards, emails, and texts over the last few weeks. Your love, encouragement, and support have provided great comfort during this difficult time.

John, Heather, Kathryn, and Evan Peoples

To the Holy Trinity Lutheran church family,

The Charlotte/Piedmont Foster Care team would like to thank your congregation at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church for your generosity shown toward our Foster children during the Christmas holidays. The children were really surprised and grateful for the gifts received as a token of love during the holiday season.

Again, thank you for your support over the years and all that you do for our children in care.

Ernest Bradford

Regional Manager, Charlotte/Piedmont Foster Care Team



FINANCIAL HEALTH OF HOLY TRINITY FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2023

And God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that by always having enough of everything, you may share abundantly in every good work. (2 Cor. 9:8 NRSV)

Holy Trinity has reason for Celebration! **GOD is Good!** God continues to work through us, his disciples. It is revealed by our 2023 giving to His church that we have chosen a deeper relationship with God as we all grow in discipleship. Let's rejoice and celebrate!

I am pleased to report that our GIVING was very generous. For December, receipts were \$67,319.78, giving us total receipts for the year of \$522,880.94. We also gave away \$52,288.09 in Benevolence due to the blessing we received in 2023. The 2023 Endowment Fund made awards of \$90,259 for capital expenditures, training and scholarships, local and global outreach, and missions in our community and throughout the world.

In 2023, we operated with the congregation approved ministry budget of \$605,350. This budget was a step-in-faith to revitalize Holy Trinity's mission of Knowing, Loving and Sharing Christ, and to answer God's commission to "Go and make disciples for Christ." We are expecting to close the 2023 with around \$475,000 in expenses. This is \$130,350 less in actual expenses compared to the budgeted expenses. Most of this difference came from not having a Lead Pastor for the twelve months in 2023.

The financial reporting for the year ending December 31, 2023 has not been finalized as of the time this article is being written. We are far enough into the preparation of the year-end statements to conclude that our financial health is good! Celebrate and give thanks for the work that God is doing through us!

Year-end 2023 Highlights

- Gifts received for the 2023 year were \$522,880.94.
- Gifts received in 2023 towards general operations were \$38,081.10 less than gifts received in the previous year.
- Additional gifts received in 2023 towards designated purposes included \$8,386 to the Capital Fund, \$3,885 to Maui Disaster Relief, \$1,939 to Samaitian's Purse – Israel Response, \$320 to S.O.C.K.S., Inc., \$340 to Disaster Relief, \$560 for Hunger Relief, \$3,525 to the Pastor's Discretionary Fund, \$335 to support Casa Bernabe Orphanage, \$720 to Holy Trinity music ministries, \$350 to support the Backpack Weekend Food Program – Lingerfeldt Elementary, \$600 to support Filter of Hope, \$510 for Lutheran Study Bibles for Discernment Retreat, \$822 for the Souper Bowl offering with 100% being sent to Gastonia Street Ministries and \$2,000 for Holy Trinity's Outdoor Nativity.
- Total operating income for 2023 was \$522,880.94.
- Disbursements in 2023 are being estimated to be about \$475,000. These disbursements include 9% increase in salaries paid to our staff. The disbursements were lower than planned in our budget, mostly due to not having a Lead Pastor for the twelve months of 2023.
- The 2023 Surplus of funds will be around \$47,881 (\$522,881 - \$475,000). The 2022 year-end Accumulated Surplus was \$102,149 bringing the 2023 year-end Accumulated Surplus to \$150,030 (\$102,149 + \$47,881).

For those that like more numbers...

Noted below we show our gifts received **December 2023** and for the **Year 2023** compared with our monthly budgeted ministry plan. Our church leadership is doing their best to be good stewards of our financial resources.

	Month of December 2023	Year 2023
Gifts Received:	\$67,320	\$522,881
Budget for Ministries:	\$58,207	\$605,350
Difference:	\$ 9,113	(\$82,469)
Previous Year (2022) Comparison:	\$65,926	\$560,962
Difference between 2023 and 2022:	\$1,394	(\$38,081)

Noted below we show our estimated expenses incurred to date for the **Year 2023** compared with our budgeted ministry plan. Our staff and leaders continue to manage our expenditures and be good stewards of our financial resources.

	Budget 2023	Actual 2023
Summary of Expenses to Date:		
Personnel	\$376,795	\$259,083
Benevolence	\$ 60,355	\$ 52,288
Property Expenditures	\$125,985	\$136,870
Other Expenditures	<u>\$ 42,215</u>	<u>\$ 26,759</u>
Total	\$605,350	\$475,000

As you read this summary, our Church begins a new financial, calendar year with a faithful and prudent ministry plan for 2024. The congregation approved a 2024 Ministry Budget plan totaling \$630,933. As we move through 2024, I invite you to consider your response to God's grace in your life and what you are giving back to His glory! We are prayerful that we will call a Lead Pastor in 2024. We have tremendous work to be done in 2024. Our ministry plan is one way God works through Holy Trinity to serve the community and the world. I would encourage each member of our congregation to continue to make your commitments earlier as we have much work that needs to be done in this New Year.

For the last few years, we, as individuals, have been growing significantly in faith and discipleship. We have begun the next step in the process of growing as a discipleship and disciple-making church to become more skilled and comfortable in sharing Jesus with other people. As we move into 2024, I ask you to continue to pray for the financial strength of our Church and for the Holy Spirit to stir in us the joy of sharing our faith and inviting others to be a part of our community of disciples of Jesus.

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You can help improve our financial position by keeping current on your offerings. If you miss a Sunday, feel free to mail your gift to the church using your offering envelope which can be used as a self-addressed envelope or give online @ www.holytrinitygastonia.org/ and click on the Online Giving* tab.

Thank you for your continued support of the ministries of Holy Trinity.

Lee Stadther
Church Council Treasurer 2024

*Holy Trinity Lutheran Church discourages the irresponsible use of credit cards. We offer the opportunity to donate by credit/debit card as a convenience to those who manage their finances in a God-honoring way.



CHURCH COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS
From the January 15, 2024 Regular Meeting

At the January 15 meeting of the Church Council, the following actions were taken:

- Received and approved December financial report from Treasurer, Lee Stadther (see Herald article pages 10-12).
- Approved the Communications Committee to create a task force to explore creating promotional material to market Holy Trinity's core beliefs to the community.
- Approved Gaston County Schools use of facility for "Battle of the Books" competition.
- Approved issuance of church credit card to Richard DeFreitas for use with approved properties expenses.
- Received a summary report from Judy Zander on the 2023 Global Outreach Ministry.
- Received an update on the upcoming Fellowship Brunch (program and agenda) from Anna Houser.
- Received a report from Richard DeFreitas regarding property repairs and maintenance.
- Reviewed Human Trafficking Seminar scheduled for Saturday, February 17, 2024.
- Received staff and attendance reports.
- Next Council meeting: February 19, 2024

SPONSORING ALTAR FLOWERS FOR 2024



The flower chart for 2024 is available in the Narthex of the church. There are still opportunities for members of the congregation to honor a loved one or a special occasion. Cost of sponsorship is \$60.00 per week. Checks should be marked "flowers" in the memo line and sent to the church office or placed in the offering plate.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

There's a song that often plays in my head . . . "Onward, Christian soldiers, marching as to war . . ." I am debating whether I want it sung as the recessional hymn at my funeral or if I want "Oh, when the saints go marching in" sung. I've told Chris (hopefully, he remembers) that I want his brass quartet to dance me out of the sanctuary to "As the saints . . ." You know, two steps forward, one step back, in a typical New Orleans style.



Back to "Onward, Christian soldiers" . . . This song motivates me to keep going even when I don't feel like it. As a church family, we are at a point where we could easily grow weary. But, I trust God will encourage us in our spirits and keep us from growing weary. Thankfully, we have had the blessing of Pastor Tom, Chris, and Cody to keep us afloat and make this time of transition a blessing in many ways. Because of what God has already provided for us and the hope we have in Christ, we can live in joyous expectation of what is yet to come.

As I mentioned at the Fellowship Brunch, I am so very grateful for the staff and volunteers who have served diligently to keep us moving forward while we await a new Lead Pastor. It is my hope that we will all seek ways to serve within our church family to benefit both Holy Trinity and our surrounding community so our new pastor can simply join us when he/she arrives versus motivate us. We all have gifts to offer. I hope you will bless us with yours.

It is the hope of the 2024 Church Council that we encourage one another to utilize and bless others with our spiritual gifts and that we, as a congregation, become more involved in our community. Together, we are one body with many parts. To that effect, remember the words of Mother Teresa:

*Christ has no body but yours,
No hands, no feet on earth but yours,
Yours are the eyes with which he looks
Compassion on this world,
Yours are the feet with which he walks to do good,
Yours are the hands, with which he blesses all the world.
Yours are the hands, yours are the feet,
Yours are the eyes, you are his body.
Christ has no body now but yours,
No hands, no feet on earth but yours,
Yours are the eyes with which he looks
compassion on this world.
Christ has no body now on earth but yours.*

**In His Service,
Anna Houser
2024 Council President**



- **The family of Dennis Zander**, son of Bruce and Judy Zander, following his death on 1/25
- **Barbara Keene**, Lee's aunt, at her hospital discharge due to stage 4 kidney failure
- **Belinda Chranzanski**, cousin of Elizabeth & Harriet Lethermon, grieving the loss of husband, Alan Chranowski
- **The family of Tommy Thompson**, father of Janie Norton and grandfather of Sawyer Norton, under hospice care
- **Kelly Powell**, 19-year-old niece of Diane Campbell, healing from recent cancer surgery and discovery of cancer lymph nodes
- **The family of Wayne Hinshaw**, father of Heather Peoples, following his death on 1/14
- **The family of Donna Leiby-Gehringer**, at her death on January 4, 2024, by Kim K Leiby-Smith
- **The family of Dawn Goodwin**, sister of Darlene Harper, following her death.
- **Charlene Goltz**, successful surgery to remove liver tumor on January 10, and speedy healing and recovery
- **Cindy Garrison**, recovering from surgery on her broken ankle
- **Jann Green-Webb**, daughter of James and Janet Green, recovering from invasive surgery for the insertion of nerve block stimulator in her back
- **For friends and family dealing with cancer:** Kelly Powell, Jim Siedel, Teresa Hartman, Renee Dubler, Octavia Glenn, Margo Schopper, Chad Barnes, Lauren Bryant, LeaAnn Buckwell, Bob Burleson, Jackson Hall, Tina Heracklis, Artie McGlohon, Braxton Morris, Pastor Bill White
- **Homebound:** Caroline Banker, Pinkney Froneberger, Rob Frye, Dell Guffey, Paul Kaiser, Janie Norton, Kathy Wallace, Iris Work
- **Family and friends actively serving in the military:** Brett Boyd, Eric Cooper, Mae Dodd, Josh Holland, Andrew Lambert, Luke Saylor, Liam Overby, Ryan Wallace, Jacob Lawing
- **For healthcare workers:** Chuck and Bridget Niemeyer, Beth Michaels, Melodie Garrison, Kailey Hinds, Cindy Isenhour, Lynn Ledbetter, Anna Murphy, Reggie Parlier, Jennifer Sutley
- **Robin Simmons**, for her health
- **That the world would value the dignity of all life**
- **For peace in the world and in our homes**
- **Leah Sharibu, and all the persecuted**
- **The Voice of the Martyrs**
- **The Thorstad family** and all missionaries
- **For those outside the Church**, that they may be brought to faith in Christ Jesus
- **For the youth and children of Holy Trinity**, for the Holy Spirit to guide them
- **For our ministry partner, Displaced Roses**, and for the Holy Spirit to stir us up to serve our neighbors in need
- **For the North American Lutheran Seminary System and for an increase in vocations to the ministry**
- **The Call Committee:** Tia Abernathy, Donna Allen, Sam Black, Leisa Brown, Bill Eaker, Janet Green, Glenn Rupp, Grant Sparks, Grace Young, Bruce Zander
- **For our Bishop, Dan, our dean, Steven, and for all clergy and people of the Carolinas Mission Region**

Upcoming Birthdays

With special joy, we recognize and celebrate these birthdays in the months of February & March. We are thankful for the life and spirit of the birthdays we celebrate. May the blessings of God flow in the life of each of you.



1 Lee Allen, Rob Frye
 2 Janet Green
 3 Pastor Tom Corbell, John Ratz
 4 Kathleen Kaiser, Teleena Stadther
 6 Morgan Bryant
 7 Debbie Link
 8 Diane George
 9 Charlie Currie
 11 Jeff Dulin
 12 Elizabeth Lethermon
 15 Anne Cloninger
 19 Harriett Lethermon, Oyebode Orija
 20 Margaret Miller
 21 Kendall Parsons
 22 Claye Hodge
 23 Maggie-Grace Lanier
 25 Katie Stroupe
 26 Ken Kies
 27 LaVerne Davis

2 Matthew Fox
 3 Jaimie Cline, Janie Norton
 4 LaVada Barnhill
 6 Tim Black, Martin Brown
 7 Alex Johnson
 8 David Fogle, Katrina Hinds
 10 Tim O'Donohue
 11 Kinslee Stroupe
 12 Ryan DeFreitas, Donna Motsinger
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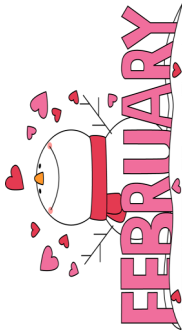
We have one Special & Homebound Saint that has a birthday in February.
 Please help us wish him a Happy Birthday by sending cards!

Rob Frye will turn 97 years young on **February 1**.
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