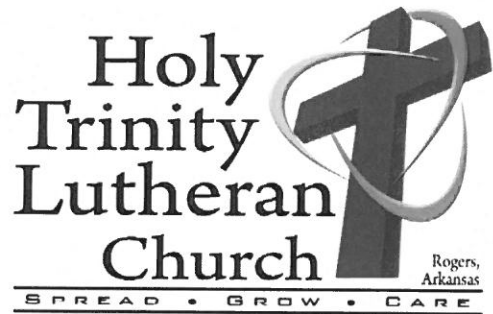


CLARION

DECEMBER 2018

FROM THE LUTHERAN CHURCH —
MISSOURI SYNOD WEBSITE



QUESTION: Why does the church year begin at Advent, what is the history of Advent, and what is the history behind the Advent candles and wreath?

ANSWER: The word “advent” is from the Latin word for “coming,” and as such, describes the “coming” of our Lord Jesus Christ into the flesh.

Advent begins the church year because the church year begins where Jesus' earthly life began — in the Old Testament prophecies of his incarnation. After Advent comes Christmas, which is about his birth; then Epiphany, about his miracles and ministry; then Lent, about his Calvary-bound mission; then Easter, about his resurrection and the sending of the apostles; and then Ascension (40 days after Easter) and Pentecost, with the sending of the Holy Spirit.

The first half of the church year (approximately December through June) highlights the *life* of Christ. The second half (approximately June through November) highlights the *teachings* of Christ. The parables and miracles play a big part here. That's "the church year in a nutshell," and it should help reveal how Advent fits into "the big picture."

Advent specifically focuses on Christ's "coming," but Christ's coming manifests itself among us in three ways — past, present, and future.

The readings which highlight Christ's coming in the past focus on the Old Testament prophecies of his incarnation at Bethlehem. The readings, which highlight Christ's coming in the future, focus on his "second coming" on the Last Day at the end of time. And the readings that highlight Christ's coming in the present focus on his ministry among us through Word and Sacrament today.

The traditional use of Advent candles (sometimes held in a wreath) originated in eastern Germany even prior to the Reformation. As this tradition came down to us by the beginning of this century, it involved three purple candles and one pink candle.

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The purple candles matched the purple paraments on the altar (purple for the royalty of the coming King). The pink candle was the third candle to be lit (not the fourth) on Gaudete Sunday, the Third Sunday of Advent. "Gaudete" means "Rejoice!" in Latin, which is taken from Phil. 4:4.

("Rejoice! ... the Lord is near"). Hence a "pink" candle was used to signify "rejoicing." Some also included a white "Christ candle" in the middle to be lit during the 12 days of Christmas (Dec. 25 to Jan. 5).

The concept of giving each candle a name, i.e., Prophecy, Bethlehem, Shepherd and Angel, etc., is a relatively novel phenomenon and probably originates with certain entrepreneurial publishers seeking to sell Advent candles and devotional booklets.



CAMERON'S CORNER



The most wonderful time of the year is right around the corner! Although stores have had their calendars running fast for a while by the looks of it. I find it fitting that very soon we will be a brand new year, a time for a fresh start and new beginnings, which is just the season we are in here at Holy Trinity. Part of our ministry is very different and will only be changing more from here on out. As such, we are having to adapt and take up new roles in ministry. I pray as we venture down this new road together that we work under the goal that everything we do is the betterment of the kingdom and our community here in Rogers.

That being said, this year has been an incredible one. Amazing work has been done here for the kingdom and will continue to be done. As a church, the greatest and best work we do is when we all come together for the ministry. Just look at Trunk or Treat this year. Many of you came to help in many and various ways and as such, it was our greatest Trunk or Treat that I can remember. Let us not forget that and continue to work together for God.



The youth group would like to extend a huge thanks to all who came to our Thanksgiving Cafe. We hope you enjoyed your meal with us. It was a blast preparing it. Thank you all for the amazing support that you have given us. We have one big event in December and then we like to leave the rest of the month for our students to spend with their families during the Christmas season. Progressive Dinner is December 8th. We will be starting around 4 at the first house. That address will come later. Let Cameron know if you plan on attending as soon as you can.

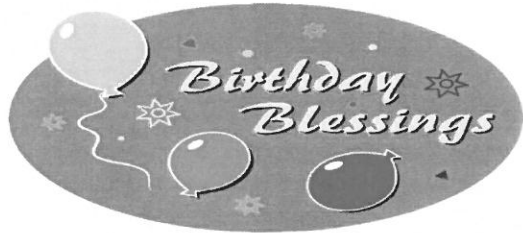


Happy Anniversary

6 Bryan & Kati Evans	27 Kurt & Anita Frevert
15 Alvin & Gayle Brewer	28 Gary & Marcia Black
16 Christian & Jennifer Lehenbauer	30 Ron & Gloria Sommers
20 Dan & Laurie Martin	Marian & Carol Wahl
22 Christopher & Jennifer Reimers	31 Mike & Debi Hartwig



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| 1 Gary Black
Natalie Wahl | 10 John Jenkins
Pat Rader | 20 Debi Hartwig
21 Marian Venenga |
| 2 Camiran Brockhoff | 11 Charles Scott
Jennifer Vojdani | 22 Lynn Chapman
Erin Reinker |
| 3 Bob Bauer | 13 Roger Gust | 23 Tommy Byrd |
| 5 Helen Jones
Bettye Platt
Beryl Zemke | 15 Mary Hanson
Chase White | 25 Catherine Dodge
Arthur Gearheard
Peter Tang |
| 6 Jan Sij | 17 Levi Wright | 26 Christopher Reimers
Christopher Wilken |
| 7 Scott Gutche | 18 Jeffrey Blake
Joanne Byrd
Caleb Wilken | 27 H.L. Bernthal
Colleen Catroppa |
| 8 Vernon Schmiegelow
Charles Wilken | 19 Bob Wolgast
20 Hunter Brunson
Brian Bulin | Natalie Scott
30 Dan Martin |
| 9 Adrienne Kerr
Eric Kerr
Donna Spencer | | 31 Jenny Sevick |
| 10 Delores Hermes | | |



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Pea Ridge, AR 72751

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PINOCHLE CARDS

There will be NO pinochle night in December.



We seem to have a lot more going on and I pray you keep the true meaning of Christmas in all your activities.



Christ is the light of Christmas.

Watch for January date in the next Clarion.

DECEMBER 2018

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 Advent by Bonfire
2 FEED MY SHEEP 8:00am— Communion 9:30am— Education Hour 9:30am—Handbell Choir 10:45am—Communion 6:00pm—Candlelight Advent	3 Cameron's Day Off 11:30am—Outreach Team 6:30pm Elder's Meeting 6:30pm ESL (Classroom 1)	4 5:30pm- Education Team	5 10am— Advent 1 Service 12pm-Staff Meeting 12pm-News & Notes Due 6:30pm ESL (Classroom 1) 4:00pm Head to Heart 5:30pm—Advent Dinner 7pm-Advent 1 Service	6	7 1pm-Assemble Bulletin	8 4pm Youth Progressive Dinner
9 8:00am— Worship 9:30am— Education Hour 9:30am—Handbell Choir 10:45am—Worship	10 Cameron's Day Off 6:30pm ESL (Classroom 1)	11 2:00pm Pastor Bernthal Bible Study 6:30pm—Council Meeting	12 10am-Advent 2 Service 12pm-News & Notes Due 6:30pm ESL (Classroom 1) Head to Heart Service Event 5:30pm-Advent Dinner 7pm— Advent 2 Service	13	14 1pm-Assemble Bulletin	15 12pm-Clarion Deadline
					Cameron Vacation	
16 8:00am— Communion 9:30 am—Education Hour 9:30 am — Handbell Choir 10:45am—Communion	17 Cameron's Day Off	18	19 12pm-Staff Meeting 12pm-News & Notes Due 4:00pm Head to Heart 5:30pm— Advent Dinner 7pm-Childrens Program	20	21 1pm-Assemble Bulletin & Clarion	22
Cameron Vacation						
23 8:00am— Worship 9:30am— Education Hour 9:30am—Handbell Choir 10:45am—Worship	24 Cameron's Day Off	25  Christmas Day Office Closed	26 12pm-News & Notes Due	27	28 1pm-Assemble Bulletin	29
30	31					

Serving in DECEMBER 2018

		December 2	December 9	December 16	December 23	December 30
Greeters	8:00am	Dallas & Delores Drda	LB & Ila Teeter	John & Gloria Jenkins	Sam & Kathy Welborn	Elaine Launderville & Vernon Schmiegelow
	10:45am	Cameron Pullmann & Youth	Cathy Dodge & Mike & Bettye Platt	Duane & Amy Wright	Eva Jean Beck 7 Maxine Reihman	Mike & Lisa Nelson
Readers	8:00am	Mary Frevert	John Jenkins	Leyland Hermes	Karen Launderville	Sabrina Isbell
	10:45am	Jeanne Meyer	Lee Launderville	Eric Kerr	Pam Pickett	Amy Wright
Video	8:00am	David Heintz	Sabrina Isbell	John Jenkins	Stephany Franco	David Heintz
	10:45am	Evan Wright	Cole Brockhoff	Dave Lehenbauer	Liam Scott	Matt Bolte
Acolyte	8:00am	Owen Winters	Reanna Dunlap	Jena Eisma	Abigail Tang	Owen Winters
	10:45am	Levi Wright	Lucas Haddock	Brayden Leech	Landen Kerr	Zachary Gust
Lead Counters		David & Connie Heintz	Fred & Shirley Lewis	Fred & Shirley Lewis	Fred & Shirley Lewis	Fred & Shirley Lewis
	Counters	Elaine Launderville & Beth Kikoen	Dennis & Verlee Scheel	Ted Reinker & Phil Garling	Von & Phyllis Von Holdt	Ken & Pat Rader
Lawn Care		Team #3	Team #4	Team #5	Team #1	Team #2
Office Helpers		November 29	December 7	December 14	December 21	December 28
		Omar & Ione Kauffeld Elaine Launderville & LB & Ila Teeter	Richard Rumpf & Marian Venenga	Leyland & Dolores Hermes	Karen Launderville & Bruce Pilcher	Libby Garner, Emily Jenkins, Norman & Helen Jones, Laurie Martin

SERVING ALL MONTH

ALTAR GUILD

Marcia Black & Sabrina Isbell

ELDERS

8:00am Mike Nelson
10:45am Duane Wright

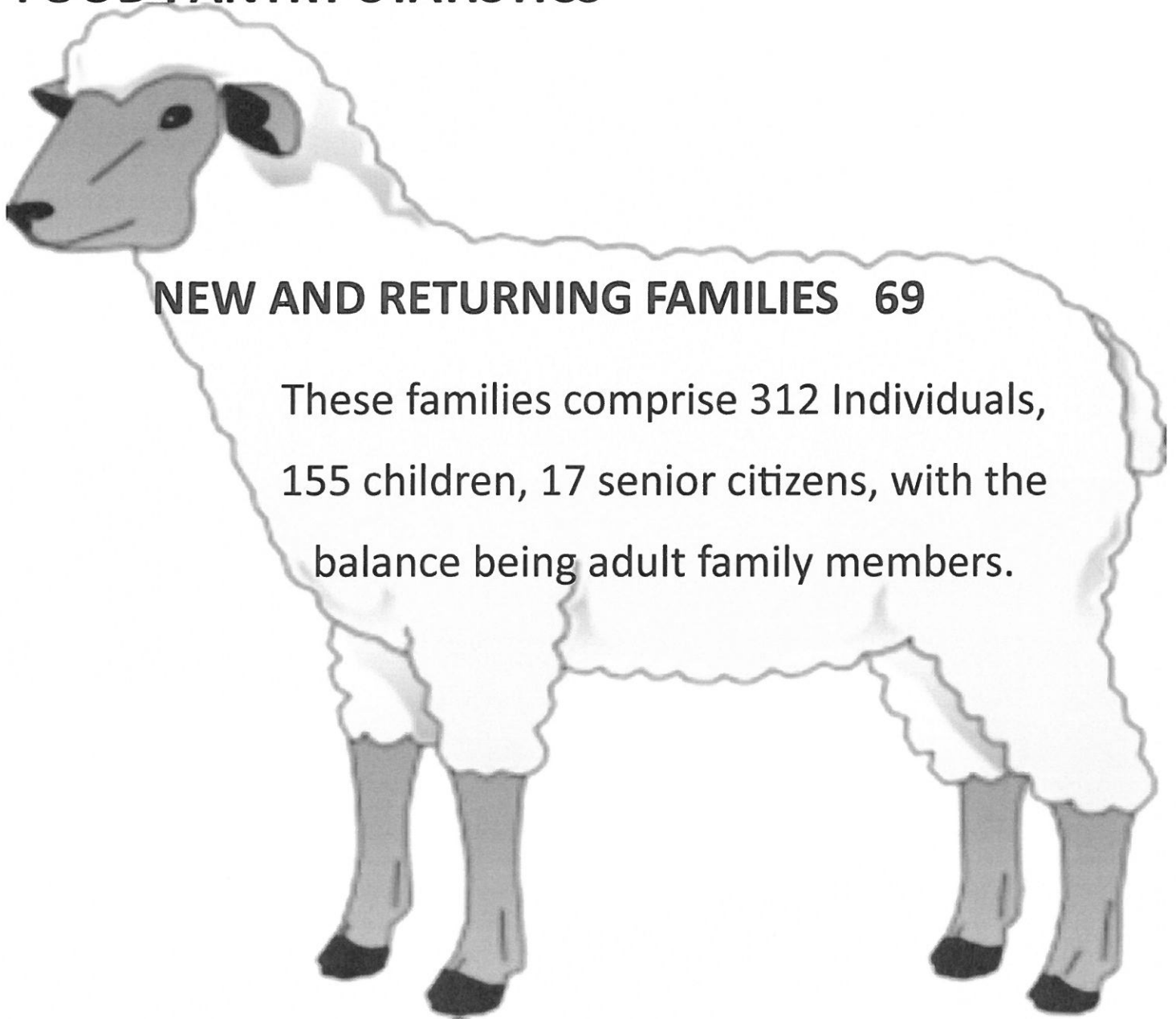
USHERS

8:00am Team A
10:45am Team C

Dave Ferguson, Vern Schmiegelow, Fred Faust, Sam Welborn, Kurt Frevert, Lou Holtz
Fred Lewis, Brent Garner, E. C. Von Holdt, Kevin Brockhoff, Don Mayer, Gil Campbell

FEED MY SHEEP OCTOBER

FOOD PANTRY STATISTICS



NEW AND RETURNING FAMILIES 69

These families comprise 312 Individuals,
155 children, 17 senior citizens, with the
balance being adult family members.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT.
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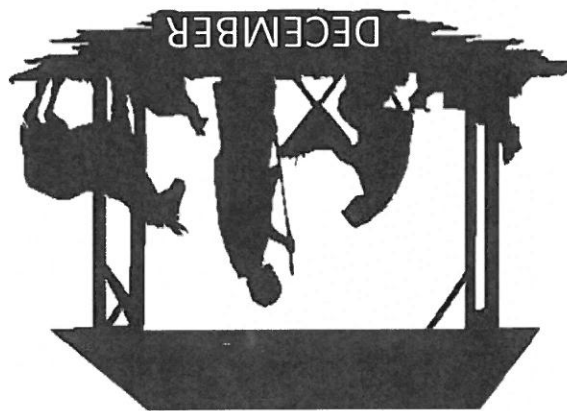
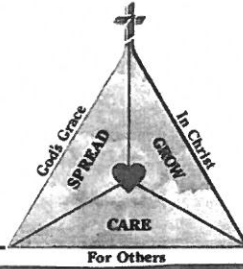
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The mission of Holy Trinity is to:

SPREAD God's Grace

GROW in Christ

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