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**The white poinsettias on the altar** for the season of Advent are given to the glory of God: (week 1) by *Janet and George Schwenke* in memory of their parents, and *Julie and Paul Corbett* in memory of the Corbett and Brooks family members; (week 2) by *Barb Egtvedt* in memory of Myron; (week 3) by *Tom and Karen Camp* in thanksgiving for the blessings of family and friends, and *Monte, Jenn, and Avery Young* in memory of Monte's dad, Marty Duggan; (week 4) by *Anna Salway*. The **Front Door Wreaths** for the Season of Advent are given to the glory of God by *Monte, Jenn, and Avery Young* in memory of Monte's dad, Marty Duggan and by *Joyce Trickett and Rick Powers* in thanksgiving for Holy Trinity Lutheran. The **Advent Candle Wreath** is given to the glory of God by *Helen Dobrovosky* in memory of Paul and George. The **Christmas Tree** is given to the glory of God by *Barb and Joe Mushock*.

**This Week's Celebrations:** **Happy Birthday** to *Trevor Frendak* on December 10; *Pete Buehler* on December 14.

**This Week's Meetings and News:**

- Sunday, December 9 – 8:30am Sunday Meditations; 10am Worship with Holy Communion. The **Baptism** of *Josephine Eleonore Kloiber* will be included in the 10am worship service, along with the congregation receiving *Dirk, Janine, and Leonard Kloiber* as **new members**. Sponsors for *Josephine* are: *Danielle Elizabeth Main, Michelle Mary DeOrio, Barbara Eckert, and Reingard Mirza*. A reception follows, along with a Bake Sale held by *Laura Gonzalez* and *friends* to support the residents at Loretto in Syracuse.
- Saturday, December 15 – 3-4pm Holy Trinity's **Children Handbell Choir** rehearsal.

**Next week:**

- Sunday, December 16 – 8:30am Sunday Meditations; 10am Worship with Holy Communion. **Holy Trinity's Children Handbell Choir** will offer special prelude music. All are invited to watch "The Star" movie in the fellowship hall following worship.
- Sunday, December 16 – 4pm *Handel's Magnificent Messiah* will be performed by **MasterWorks Chorale** at St. James' Episcopal Church. Tickets are \$15; seniors (60 and over) are \$10; age 18 and under are free. A great way to embrace the season!
- Tuesday, December 18 – 6:30pm **Preschool Christmas Program**.
- Wednesday, December 19 – 6:30-8pm **Adult Study**, using "*The Bible through the Ages*."

**New at Holy Trinity:**

- The **Slovak Christmas tradition** continues! If your family would like Christmas wafers, please let the Church Office know how many you would like. *Pastor Paula* will also deliver wafers to our homebound who request them.
- **Holy Trinity's Children Handbell Choir** is being revived for the Advent season. Rehearsals are scheduled for Saturdays, December 8 and 15, from 3-4pm at the church. The choir will offer Prelude Music on Sunday, December 16.
- *The Skaneateles Ecumenical Food Pantry* will again be distributing Christmas Baskets to those in need in the Skaneateles School District. Holy Trinity's contribution will be **cans of SLICED**

**pineapple** which can be left in the basket in the back of the church before December 9.  
Thanks for your help!!

### **Sunday School:**

- Holy Trinity's **2018-2019 Sunday School** runs from 9:45-10:30am, enabling attendees to join 10am worship during the Sharing of the Peace. Schedule is set for Sundays January 13 and 27; February 10 and 24; March 10 and 24; April 7, 14 (Palm Sunday Procession); May 5 and 12; June 2, with ice cream social following 10am worship.

### **Upcoming Events - Save the Date:**

- Monday, December 24 – 5pm **Christmas Eve** service with holy communion, carol singing, and candlelight.
- Sunday, January 13 – 10am worship includes the **Baptism** of *Sawyer Cade Dennis*.

### **Reminders:**

- Feel free to **park in the church driveways** on Sunday mornings. The driveway by the Preschool entrance can hold at least 6 cars. This driveway is not limited for handicap accessibility.
- If you would like to include **new information** for next week, please contact *Pastor Paula* by the end of day Wednesday.
- In case of **inclement weather**, please watch the local channels (3, 5, or 6) for emergency closings and cancellation information.
- Want to know what goes on in Council meetings? **Council Minutes** are available on the table in the back of the sanctuary as well as being emailed to congregation members.

### ***We remember those in need of prayer. Lord please grant...***

**Peace and Comfort** to the Families of: *Lory Brown* (niece of Helen Dobrovosky); *Lynne Cronk*

**Healing from Surgery/Injury/Illness:** *Jim Bartlett* (Kathryn Carlson's nephew); *Dale Zabel*; *Don* (Preschool Director Desiree Franciamone's father); *Robin Bradley* (former Preschool Board member); *Polly Weeks* (Al Matijas' sister); *Al Matijas*; *Shirley Perry*; *Ann Bader*; *Ann Jedik* (Jean Jedik and Christine Netzer's sister-in-law); *Ali Siefka*; *Sandy and Dale*; *Barb Grimaldi* (Bishop Macholz' daughter); *Rose*; *Clara Siefka*; *Sylvia Maditsi* (friend of Val Schulz); *Louise Zabel*; *Maggie Bowers*

**Long-term Healing and Comfort to:** *Suzanne Rouland* (Schwenke's relative); *Becky Britton* (Rolfe Floyd's daughter); *Arthur Wannamaker* (Judy Holmes' father); *Josh Wilson* (Joyce Trickett's son); *Lori* (Kathryn Carlson's sister-in-law); *Pat Barrie* (Karen Camp's sister-in-law); *Barbara Keefe* (Rolfe Floyd's sister-in-law); *The Olsen Family*; *Beverly* (Mary Dobrovosky's mother); *Jim McGowen* (Scott Braun's coworker friend); *The Reeves Family*

**Guidance and Wisdom to:** All God's people facing persecution and gun violence throughout the world; those protecting the health of Skaneateles, Otisco, and Oswaco Lakes along with all the Finger Lakes; our companion synod of Zimbabwe; our ELCA leaders and staff – *Presiding Bishop Elizabeth Eaton*, *Synod Bishop John S. Macholz*, *Dean Gail Wolling*, *Pastor Paula* and the *Council* and *lay members* of *Holy Trinity Lutheran Church*; *First Presbyterian Church* in Skaneateles in this time of pastoral transition, and *The Rev. Joellyn Tuttle*, *all leaders, staff*, and the *congregation* of *Skaneateles United Methodist Church*.

### **Today's Stewards of Worship**

Pastor: *The Rev. Paula E. Roulette*

Pastor Emeritus: *The Rev. Stephen Hluchy*

Organist/Pianist: *Barb Mushock*

Sexton: *Sheila Ryder*

Advent Wreath Candlelighting: *Kloiber Family*

Acolyte: *Laura Gonzalez*

All in attendance

Altar Care: *Sheila Ryder*

Lector: *Scotty Braun*

Asst. Minister: *Rolfe Floyd*

Communion Assistant: *Nancy Tiedemann*

Ushers: *Frendaks*

Counters: *Brauns*

The Slovak words on the arch over the chancel reflect the roots of Holy Trinity's original congregation.

"*The Lord loves those who hate evil*" is translated from Psalm 97 v.10.

The Psalm continues "Light dawns for the righteous and joy for the upright in heart.

Rejoice in the Lord... and give thanks to his holy name."