

HOLY TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH
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December 2024

CHRISTMAS EVE WORSHIP
Tuesday, December 24
4:30 p.m. Family Life Center
7:00 p.m. Sanctuary

ONE SERVICE
Sunday, December 29
9:00 a.m. Sanctuary



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Office Hours:

Monday through Friday
7:30am-3:30 pm

Holy Trinity Staff:

Interim Pastor: Barbara Bartholomew
Choir Director: Robin Whitacre
Praise Team Leader: Jolene Moody
Secretary: Stacy Lake
Custodian: Julie MacKim

Mission Statement

Holy Trinity Lutheran Church exists to:
HEAL – Through Word and Sacrament,
TEACH – Through Word and Deed,
LOVE – Through being Sent to Serve,
In *CHRIST JESUS*

**Newsletter
Deadline**

Please turn in your articles for the Trinity Trumpet by the third Sunday of every month.

E-mail your articles to htlc.canton@gmail.com

**Sunday Morning
Schedule**

8:30 am – Sanctuary & Livestreamed (link will be e-mailed)

**bulletins will be e-mailed & snail mailed to those that do not have email

10:00 am – Family Life Center

**Holy Communion at both services

10:00 am – Sunday School

**Saturday, December 14
8:30am**



If you like breakfast, fellowship with friends, and spiritual conversation and growth, then join us in the FLC on Saturday, December 14 at 8:30am. Sign up on the bulletin board in the main hall.



**SASSY
SCISSORS**



We will meet the following days in December:

Monday, December 9 – 10am-2pm

Thursday, December 12 – Noon

Christmas Celebration at Variety's Restaurant (Main St., North Canton)
(NO Quilting. It's time to relax!)

We need **VOLUNTEERS** for



4:30pm – 1 Lector - 2 Communion - 1 Sound/Slides

7:00pm – 1 Lector – 3 Communion needed

If you are interested in serving at one or both of these services please contact the office at 330-492-0072.

ADVENT BIBLE STUDY – “AN UNLIKELY ADVENT”

Continues for the next 3 Wednesday evenings at 6:00pm and Thursday mornings at 10:00am. You are welcome to join us as we meet some of the unlikely people in the nativity.



Thank you to everyone that helped prepare, serve, and clean up for the Veterans Luncheon.

Bruce Patterson

Thank you to everyone that donated items for the Honor Home. Thank you to the men's breakfast group that prepared and provided a delicious Veterans Luncheon.

Sincerely, Council Social Committee

Dear members of Holy Trinity,

Thank you so very much for your thoughtful and generous gift of \$600 to Urban Ark. The number of families and individuals we serve has grown beyond our expectations, so your gift is greatly appreciated. Please continue to keep our mission and the people we serve in your prayers.

Sincerely, Your friends at Urban Ark



“Wait for the Lord; be strong, and let your heart take courage; wait for the Lord!” (*Psalm 27:14*)

Advent is a season of waiting. This year, Advent seems shorter with Thanksgiving having come so late. For most adults, Advent's four weeks fly by in a flurry of activities; attending children's end-of-year school concerts and programs, putting up a tree and decorating it and the home, baking cookies, shopping and in all the preparations to celebrate Christmas; hosting family gatherings, cooking and cleaning, wrapping gifts, sending out Christmas cards or letters, and endless trips to the grocery store.

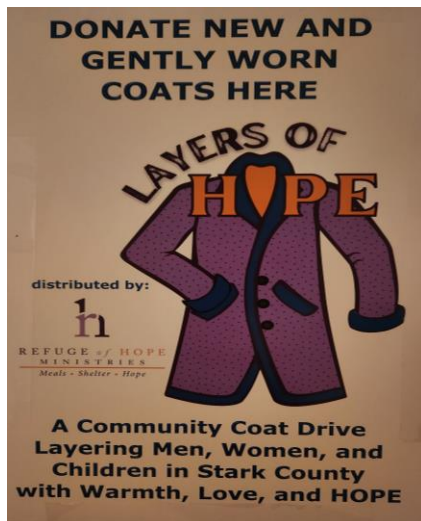
For children, the four weeks of Advent are excruciating long and slow, as they wait with hopeful anticipation and excitement. Christmas just can't come soon enough!

What a wonderful sense to have! That Christmas can't come soon enough to bring us a new hope, a peace for our weary and worn souls, fresh joy, and a love so great and amazing in the Christ child that wondrously fills us. Every Christmas it seems that our lives are made new in the life of the newborn Savior, given to us by the very grace of God. Why wouldn't we want Christmas to come soon?!?!

But there is a grace and goodness in the waiting – a time for to prepare ourselves, our hearts, homes and lives, to receive this gift of love; a time to anticipate with hope, knowing that looking forward to the celebrations, gatherings, time with families, and honoring traditions becomes ever greater with each passing week, and perhaps, an opportunity to soak ourselves in the presence of God through some quiet reflection.

In this interim time, we wait with anticipation for a new pastor to be called to serve with and among you at Holy Trinity. It has been a long wait and you are ready to welcome a new pastor. Perhaps, you have felt that a new pastor can't come soon enough! But we wait with eager anticipation, just as we wait in Advent for the coming of Christ into the world and our lives.

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We are collecting new and gently worn coats for the Refuge of Hope until Sunday, December 8, to distribute to those in need this fall/winter season. Donations can be placed in the box in the main hall by the water fountains.

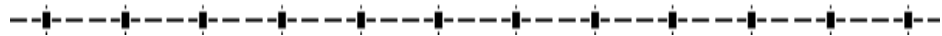
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May we open ourselves to hear again the song of the angels, to bathed in the light of the Christmas star, and during Advent, to make the journey to Bethlehem in our hearts and minds to see this wondrous thing which has come to pass and to welcome the Christ child in the manger.

Join us on Sundays in Advent as we prepare to greet the newborn Lord and Savior. Come worship with us Christmas Eve at 4:30 pm and 7 pm as we celebrate the gift of love so long-awaited and longed for.

Engage in the 12 Prayers for Christmas during Advent and we will be prepared and ready to welcome the gift of God's love in Christ Jesus.

Wishing you all a most blessed Christmas full of wonder, joy, peace, hope, love and life! Pastor B

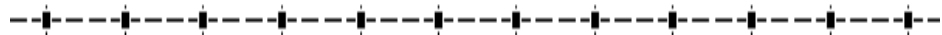


CROCHET/KNITTING GROUP



We will meet on Thursday, December 12 from 5:30-7:00pm in the Conference Room.

We are currently making hats & scarves for winter for Refuge of Hope. If you already know how to knit or crochet that's fabulous! Our hope is that the experienced crafters could also share their knowledge with those that would like to learn.



We will be **DECORATING FOR CHRISTMAS** and would love for you to help. We will be setting up both trees on **Sunday, December 8 at 11am**. We will be trimming the sanctuary tree and putting up the rest of the decorations on **Monday, December 9 at 9am**. A lite lunch will be provided both days.

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

Please contact the church office at 330-492-0072 if we have missed your birthday, anniversary, or have the incorrect date.



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| 12/01 - Brendan Dick | 12/16 - Karen Lautzenheiser |
| Kris Gibson | Diana Ready |
| Reuben Woolf | 12/19 - Pat Linz |
| 12/02 - Zeth Boord | 12/20 - Zane Hower |
| 12/06 - Laurie Soliday | 12/21 - Todd Gottshall |
| 12/07 - Barb Masuch | Ron Wilson |
| 12/08 - Mark Himes | 12/24 - EJ Mattson |
| Beth Binius | 12/31 - Ken Groves |
| 12/09 - Kerry Elkins | |
| 12/10 - Teddie Wyss | |
| 12/14 - Rory Raff | |



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| 12/08 - Ron & Ellen Wilson |
| 12/15 - Charlie & Shirley Cavender |
| Kerry & Gina Elkins |
| 12/17 - Tom & Connie Jingo |
| 12/18 - Carolyn & Jack Hunter |
| 12/29 - Ray & Darlene Fast |



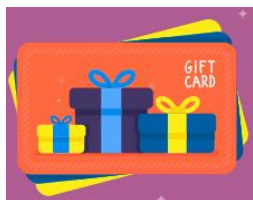


2024 Budget Update

	INCOME	EXPENSES	REMAINDER
OCTOBER	\$20,813.76	\$24,721.80	(\$3,908.04)
YEAR TO DATE	\$293,020.81	\$280,419.88	\$12,600.93

***Three fire tests mandated by the Fire Marshall are included in this month's expenses.

\$33,801 (monthly amount needed to meet 2024 expenses of \$405,630)
Thank you for your faithful support of our many ministries!



GIFT CARDS AVAILABLE IN THE OFFICE

\$10: Taco Bell, Chipotle, Target, Walmart, Cracker Barrel, BW3,

Dunkin' Donuts, Applebee's, Starbucks, Burger King, Pappa John's, Domino's, Pizza Hut, McDonald's, Red Lobster; **\$25:** Red Robin, Amazon, Target, Bob Evans, Chipotle, Arby's, Texas Roadhouse, Meijer, Walmart, Joann, Michael's, Giant Eagle, Speedway, Walgreens, Big Lots, Menard's, Lowe's, Home Depot, TJ Maxx/Home Goods, Visa; **\$50:** Visa. Stop in for any last-minute gifts and help support Holy Trinity's ministries.

URBAN ARK CHALLENGE

Urban Ark is feeding more people now than ever. In October, Urban Ark served almost 900 families. Urban Ark just found out that an individual has offered to match donations collected in November and December up to \$30,000 in memory of Ron Akins. To contribute, please make checks payable to Holy Trinity and mark "Urban Ark" in the memo or use Vanco online to donate.

STAMPING GROUP



We will meet on Monday, December 2 at 6:30pm at Holy Trinity. The cost is \$3.00.



WEDNESDAY MORNING MEN'S BIBLE STUDY

We gather on Wednesday mornings from 9:00-10:00 at the church. We will be using a study guide based on writings in "Matthew" entitled "Matthew - Heaven On Earth". This study delves deeper into what it means for heaven to come to earth: studying Jesus' words, his way of life, and the manner in which he loved. Discover how we are the change agents Jesus is calling forth to make the Kingdom of heaven a reality on earth! Our Bible study moves at an easy, relaxed pace. All men are welcome. If you are free on Wednesday mornings, we would be honored to have you join us.

SATURDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY

The Saturday Morning Bible Study will meet on December 7 at 10:00 AM in the Library. We will continue our video series "You Are Never Alone". We will be taking a break in January and February. We will resume on the first Saturday in March.

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY



We will meet on Wednesday, December 4 at **10:00am** (new time) in the library. Our lesson will be "Understanding Temptation". This study will use a study guide and also our study Bibles. We look forward to seeing you!

DECEMBER WORSHIP

Sunday, December 1 – Advent 1

Jeremiah 33:14-16
Psalm 25:1-10
1 Thessalonians 3:9-13
Luke 25:25-36

Sunday, December 8 – Advent 2

Malachi 3:1-4
(Psalm) Luke 1:68-79
Philippians 1:3-11
Luke 3:1-6

Sunday, December 15 – Advent 3

Zephaniah 3:14-20
(Psalm) Isaiah 12:2-6
Philippians 4:4-7
Luke 3:7-18

Sunday, December 22 – Advent 4

Micah 5:2-5a
(Psalm) Luke 1:46b-55
Hebrews 10:5-10
Luke 1:39-45

Christmas Eve – Tuesday, December 24

4:30 p.m. (Family Life Center)

Children's Time, Praise Team, Holy Communion, Candlelight

7:00 p.m. (Sanctuary)

Choir, Handbells, Holy Communion, Candlelight

ONE SERVICE – Sunday, December 29

Our Christmas Celebration Continues

9:00 a.m. (Sanctuary)

BIBLE and BREWS

We will meet on Monday, December 9 at 7:00pm at New Berlin Brewing Company. We will be looking at the Christmas stories in Matthew and Luke. Join us for good food and good discussion!

SENIOR ACTIVITY

(60 years and older)



Join us for a Christmas movie and snacks on Saturday, December 7 at 2:30pm in the Family Life Center. Bring your favorite snack to share. Beverages will be provided. Please sign up on the bulletin board in the main hallway by Sunday, December 1. (Include your phone number in case of cancellation due to inclement weather.)



DECEMBER FOCUS GIVING: LIGHT AFTER LOSS

"Survivors supporting Survivors"

"to give light to those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death, to guide our feet to the way of peace." *Luke 1:79*

Light After Loss is a nonprofit organization that provides free educational training on suicide prevention, postvention, and other topics related to grief and trauma. Their website is lightafterlossstark.com. To contribute, please make checks payable to Holy Trinity and put "Light after Loss" on the memo.

12 PRAYERS FOR CHRISTMAS

In a season of much and not enough, I invite you to pray for a spirit of all things Christmas for yourselves, loved ones and for Holy Trinity Lutheran Church.

1. **LOVE** – Lord, help us follow the way of love and let the love of Christ so fill us, that all we do flows from this very love.

2. **JOY** – Restore the joy of your salvation to us and let us experience the joy of your presence with us and among us. May the music of the season fill us with good will and good cheer.

3. **PEACE** – Let your peace rule and guard our hearts; give us more of you, for you are our peace. Bring peace to all the world.

4. **HOPE** – Enlighten the eyes of our hearts so that we may know the hope you have called us to. May we live that hope all the days of our lives and encourage others.

5. **FAVOR** – Let your favor rest on us even as it rested upon Mary. May we feel blessed to find that you delight in us and may we bend our wills to yours.

6. **LIFE** – Shine your light of life on us, help us to walk in the light that no darkness can ever overcome. May we reflect your light into the lives of others.

7. **SALVATION** – Help us to honor you in our faith and in our lives so that the treasure of salvation would be ours.

8. **SELFLESSNESS** – Keep us from self-seeking attitudes that reject truth. Keeps us from being self-serving. May we see the needs of those around us and act on them.

9. **GENEROSITY** – Make us rich in ways that grow a generosity within us. Let us give willingly and extravagantly even as you have given us so much – your love, your life, your all.

10. **RECEIVING** – A gift is not fully a gift until it is received. Help us to receive your gift of love, peace, hope, joy, forgiveness, new life, your spirit, your grace and your kingdom humbly and thankfully.

11. **SEEKING** – Encourage us to seek your face with all our hearts, to journey to the manger and find our life in your Son, Jesus Christ.

12. **PRAISE** – We come before you in worship, Lord, for you alone, are holy. May our lives praise you for the gift of our Savior and Lord just as the shepherds praised you on that Holy night so long ago. Amen.

ALTAR FLOWERS & CANDLE CHART

There are still many dates available on next year's charts which are posted on the bulletin board by the Library. The cost for the altar flowers is **\$40 for one vase or \$80 for both vases** and are designed by Dougherty's in Louisville. The cost of the sanctuary candle is \$3.50, and it burns all week. Please sign your name on the chart next to the date you would like and the office will contact you for more information. On the flower chart, please put a number 1 or 2 next to your name to indicate how many vases you would like. If you are not attending services, you can either call the office or email for available dates. Please make checks payable to Holy Trinity and mark "flowers" or "candle" in the memo.

Looking ahead

Monday, Jan. 20 - MLK Day - Church Closed

Monday, Feb. 17 - President's Day - Church Closed

Wednesday, March 5 - Ash Wednesday

Sunday, March 9 - Daylight Saving Time Begins

Thursday, March 20 - First Day of Spring



Thrivent Choice Dollars®

Grant funding from Thrivent Financial through its Thrivent Choice® program can help support organizations you care about. Don't let designated Choice Dollars expire this year.

Eligible Thrivent Financial members are designated Choice Dollars that they can direct to enrolled charities. Help support your home congregation or favorite charity. Go to Thrivent.com/thriventchoice to learn more and find program terms and conditions. Or call 800-847-4836 and say "Thrivent Choice" after the prompt.



ADVENT BEGINS – December 1 – 8:30 am & 10 am

Join us each Sunday as we make our way to Bethlehem. We light the Advent wreath making the darkness brighter every week. May we prepare ourselves to greet the newborn Savior and Lord.



CHRISTMAS EVE – TUESDAY, DECEMBER 24

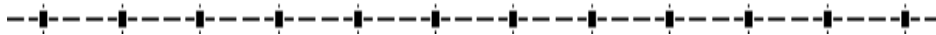
We celebrate the birth of our Savior, Jesus Christ, through scripture, carols, special music, holy communion and candle lighting.

All are welcome to attend our early service on Tuesday, **December 24 at 4:30pm in the Family Life Center or our 7:00pm service in the Sanctuary.** Bring your family and know the true wonder, glory and meaning of Christmas.



FIRST SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS – December 29

We will have **ONE SERVICE at 9:00am** as we continue to celebrate the gift of God's love come to us in the newborn Christ.



EPIPHANY SUNDAY – January 5

We celebrate Epiphany, the coming of the three Magi who following the star, seek out the newborn Christ bringing their gifts to honor him. Star Words for the year will be given out to all who would want one. These star words stay with us for the entire year. Look up the meaning of the word you receive in the dictionary, find it the Bible – although not all the words are specifically found in the Bible. Pray with your word. Where is God providing opportunities to live that word? How does God come to you in that word?

Place the word where you see it everyday; on your nightstand, on the fridge, on the door, etc. As you live with and into that word during year, notice how it brings you closer to God, where it challenges you, what it brings to you, and how it may deepen your faith. As you pick your star word, we trust the Holy Spirit is at work in choosing that word.

COUNCIL NOTES

November 12, 2024



Devotions were based on a story about an interpretation for the word **BIBLE**, which simply means: **Basic Instructions Before Leaving Earth**. The story prompted the question “why go to church?” Think about it, all of us have heard thousands of sermons, but how many of them do we really remember? Are we wasting our time, and is our pastor wasting his or her time by giving sermons? When pondering that question, you might also ask yourself, out of the tens of thousands of meals you've eaten, how many can you recall the entire recipe or menu? And yet, aren't we nourished and given strength to do our work, both by the meals we've eaten which keep us physically alive, and by the sermons we've heard which keep us spiritually alive? Thank God for our physical and our spiritual nourishment! And thank God for Holy Trinity Lutheran Church and its members and staff.

And so, with that in mind, we hope that as the Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays approach, you are both physically and spiritually nourished. Here's another reminder of our holiday worship schedule:

- **Sunday, December 22:** regular Advent services at 8:30 and 10:00AM.
- **Tuesday, December 24, Christmas Eve:** 4:30PM in the FLC and 7:00PM in the Sanctuary
- **Wednesday, December 25, Christmas Day:** no services (but as you gather with family and friends, it's a good time to remind yourselves and each other of how much God continues to bless us in our personal and church lives).
- **Sunday, December 29:** ONE service at 9:00AM in the Sanctuary.

As the end of the year fast approaches, Council is hard at work developing next year's budget and preparing year-end reports for the Annual Meeting (Sunday, January 26, immediately following the first service), and the Call Committee is working diligently and faithfully through the process for a new Call Pastor.

At all times, but especially in this season of Thanksgiving, we give thanks to all HTLC members for so deeply caring for each other, and for your generous support of our numerous areas of ministry through giving of your time, talents, and resources.

From your Church Council. . .Happy Thanksgiving and God's blessings to you and your family!

Let us remember that, as much has been given us, much will be expected from us, and that true homage comes from the heart as well as from the lips, and shows itself in deeds.

Theodore Roosevelt

DECEMBER WORSHIP SERVER

Date	Service Time	Lector	Comm. Assistant	Sound/Live Stream/Slides
Dec. 1	8:30 AM	Barb Turner	Mark Himes	Sound: Jolene Moody Stream: Sharon & Renee Gaul
	10:00 AM	Linda Ramsell	Joanne Murray	Laurie Soliday
Dec. 8	8:30 AM	Carolyn Perlog	Ken Groves	Sound: Jolene Moody Stream: Sharon & Renee Gaul
	10:00 AM	Kari Sparkman	Linda Ramsell	Chad Sinkovich
Dec. 15	8:30 AM	Robin Whitacre	Larry Robenstine	Sound: Jolene Moody Stream: Sharon & Renee Gaul
	10:00 AM	Gretchen Leckie-Ewing	Joanne Murray	Laurie Soliday
Dec. 22	8:30 AM	Jan Whitacre	Paul Feaser	Sound: Jolene Moody Stream: Sharon & Renee Gaul
	10:00 AM	<u>Laurie Soliday</u>	<u>Linda Ramsell</u>	Matt Halvorson
Dec. 29 <u>One Service</u>	9:00 AM	Trudi VanOrman	Howard VanOrman	Sound: Jolene Moody Stream: Sharon & Renee Gaul

DECEMBER 2024

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p>1</p> <p>8:30 W/CM 10:00 Sunday School 10:00 CPS/CM</p> <p>First Sunday of Advent</p>	<p>2</p> <p>6:30 p.m. Stamping Group</p>	<p>3</p> <p>11:00am-1:00pm Urban Ark</p> <p>6:30-8:30 p.m. Peer Conn. Group</p>	<p>4</p> <p>9:00-10:00 a.m. Men's Bible Study</p> <p>10:00 a.m. Women's Bible Study</p> <p>6:00p.m. Advent Study</p> <p>7:00 p.m. Choir Practice</p>	<p>5</p> <p>10:00a.m. Advent Study</p> <p>4:00-5:30 p.m. Urban Ark</p> <p>6:00-8:00 p.m. P2P 7:00-8:00 p.m. Boy & Cub Scouts</p>	<p>6</p> <p>Noon AA Meeting</p>	<p>7</p> <p>10:00 a.m. Bible Study</p> <p>2:30 p.m. Senior Activity</p>
<p>8</p> <p>8:30 W/CM 10:00 Sunday School 10:00 CPS/CM</p> <p>11:00am Set up Christmas Trees</p> <p>Second Sunday of Advent</p>	<p>9</p> <p>9:00 a.m. Decorate the Church</p> <p>10:00a.m.-2:00p.m. Sassy Scissors</p> <p>7:00 p.m. Bible and Brews</p>	<p>10</p> <p>11:00am-1:00pm Urban Ark</p> <p>6:30-8:30 p.m. Peer Conn. Group</p> <p>6:30 p.m. Council Meeting</p>	<p>11</p> <p>9:00-10:00 a.m. Men's Bible Study</p> <p>6:00p.m. Advent Study</p> <p>7:00 p.m. Choir Practice</p>	<p>12</p> <p>10:00a.m. Advent Study</p> <p>Noon - Sassy Scissors Lunch at Variety's</p> <p>4:00-5:30 p.m. Urban Ark</p> <p>5:30-7:00p.m. Crochet/Knitting</p> <p>6:00-8:00 p.m. P2P 7:00-8:00 p.m. Boy & Cub Scouts</p>	<p>13</p> <p>Noon AA Meeting</p>	<p>14</p> <p>8:30 a.m. Men's Breakfast</p>
<p>15</p> <p>8:30 W/CM 10:00 Sunday School 10:00 CPS/CM</p> <p>Third Sunday of Advent</p>	<p>16</p>	<p>17</p> <p>11:00am-1:00pm Urban Ark</p> <p>6:30-8:30 p.m. Peer Conn. Group</p>	<p>18</p> <p>9:00-10:00 a.m. Men's Bible Study</p> <p>6:00p.m. Advent Study</p> <p>7:00 p.m. Choir Practice</p>	<p>19</p> <p>10:00a.m. Advent Study</p> <p>4:00-5:30 p.m. Urban Ark</p> <p>7:00-8:30 p.m. Boy/Cub Scouts</p>	<p>20</p> <p>Noon AA Meeting</p>	<p>21</p>
<p>22</p> <p>8:30 W/CM 10:00 Sunday School 10:00 CPS/CM</p> <p>Fourth Sunday of Advent</p>	<p>23</p>	<p>24</p> <p>Christmas Eve Worship</p> <p>4:30 PM - FLC 7:00 PM - Sanctuary</p>	<p>25</p> <p>CHURCH CLOSED</p> <p>Merry Christmas</p>	<p>26</p>	<p>27</p> <p>Noon AA Meeting</p>	<p>28</p>
<p>29</p> <p>ONE SERVICE 9:00AM</p>	<p>30</p>	<p>31</p> <p>Bring on the NEW YEAR!</p> 				