

PCPH Calendar

Sunday, November 27

- 9:30a Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)
- 10:15a Family Worship (Sanc) – **Malissa Garcia**
First Sunday of Advent
- 10:30a Children's Sunday School (4's & 5's Rm 114; 1st to 5th Lib)
- 11:45a Coffee, Cookies and Conversation (FH)

Monday, November 28

Office Closed

Tuesday, November 29

- 9:30a Quilting for Comfort (FH)
- 10:00a Create and Share (104)
- 5:45p Brownie Troop (FH)
- 7:00p Session Meeting (LIB)

Wednesday, November 30

- 6:30p "Thrive" Middle School Youth Group

Thursday, December 1

- 9:00a Property Ministry (Ongoing Projects)
- 10:00a Covenant Women (LIB)
- 7:00p Choir Practice (Choir Room)
- 7:00p Theology on Tap (Pint and Brew)

Friday, December 2

- 9:00a Holiday Shopping Fair (FH) & (Sanc)

Friday, December 3

- 6:00p PCPH Christmas Dinner (FH)

Sunday, December 4

- 9:30a Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)
- 10:15a Family Worship (Sanc) – **Pastor Penny**
Second Sunday of Advent
- 10:30a Children's Sunday School (4's & 5's Rm 114; 1st to 5th Lib)
- 11:45a Coffee, Cookies and Conversation (FH)
- 7:00p High School Youth Group "Alive"

Worship

Large print bulletins are provided for those with compromised sight. Please speak with an usher for assistance.

Listening devices are available for those with hearing issues.

Devices are located in the center entryway to the Sanctuary. A small step-by-step instruction page is there to help you to use the device effectively.

Welcome worship guests! You are special because God brought you into our presence. Together, we rejoice and celebrate God's blessings in our lives.

The chancel flowers are from Tom & Peggy Berge to the Glory of God and in honor of Tom's dad Kurt's 96th Birthday and Tom's Birthday.

The chancel flowers are from Malcolm Tuck to the Glory of God and in honor of his wife of 63 years, Madelyn.

The congregation is invited to the **Coffee, Cookies and Conversation** time held in the Fellowship Hall after worship. Be a friend, and make a friend as you enjoy the treats provided by the Fellowship Ministry.

Pray

Members and Friends: Dick and Iris Thomas, Ray and Marilyn Inman, Mike Craig, Leslie C., Carol M., Joe B., Bev M., Larry Murdock & Family, The Brawley Family, Lynn M., Teresa & Jason, Carole H., Sharon S., Lynn, Dolores H., Jay & Janet F., Pat M.,

Peggy D., Ellie D., The Ritter Family, The Kelley Family, The Hansen Family, Deena W., Randy W., June, Paul L., Phil O., Gail K., Diane L., Michael S., Kathy B., Robert P., Mike B., Judith M., Davis K., Denise, Patti W., Ariana, Mike S.

Military men and women: Brian Jacobson, Bryson Boyd, David Wallingford, Georgette Encinia, Patrick Bannon, Chris Hargis, Rosie Mundhenk, Adam Armstrong, Ashley Miller, Alex Durstein, John Albright, Gary Leonard, Jr., Tom Whissel, Nick Lozar, Hillary and Richard Durstein, Samuel Leyford, Tyler Meade

Church Life

F.E.A.S.T.: The food for November is 8oz to 16oz. canned meat (tuna, spam, ham, etc.) The food for December is Jell-O, regular or sugar free.

Women's Mission Project for F.E.A.S.T.: The item for November is shampoo. December items are dish soap and toilet paper. Thank you!

Bulletin Reminder: Please submit all of your announcements for the Sunday bulletin by **1pm on Tuesday**.

Worship Attendance	Oct. 30	Nov. 6	Nov. 13	Nov. 20
	132	169	146	143

Angel Tree: The Angel Tree, with names of those children to provide with gifts, will arrive soon. The names of the children are provided to us by the Pinellas Opportunity Council. This is a long-standing PCPH Tradition, and we want to continue the Tradition by not leaving a name on the tree! So when it gets here, make sure to check it out.

Office Closed: The church office will be closed tomorrow, Monday, November 28th.

Guest Organist: George Algozzina originally hails from New Jersey where he began his musical training as a child and teenager. After moving to Florida, he became involved with the "YOA" organization... "Young Organists of America" with which he continued his musical training and launched his early musical career. George spent several years traveling the country as a concert artist presenting organ concerts and demonstration performances for audiences throughout the United States. George has also had a business career, but is blessed to be utilizing his musical talents again.

Theology on Tap: Join us at the [Pint and Brew](#) in Palm Harbor (3261 Tampa Road), for food, fellowship, and faith! We will meet this Thursday, December 1st, and childcare will be provided free of charge at PCPH from 7 - 9pm. Contact Malissa Garcia with any questions, and or concerns! We cannot wait to see what God has in store for this fellowship group, come as you are and bring a friend!

PCPH Christmas Dinner: The Annual PCPH Christmas Dinner will be held on Saturday, December 3rd at 6:00pm in Fellowship Hall. The dinner will be a catered buffet, costs \$12 per person, and no charge for children under 12 years old. The dinner includes a full buffet, drinks and dessert. Please sign up in the Narthex.

Dessert and Fellowship: As in the past, The Schier's would like to invite the church family to their home after the PCPH Christmas Dinner on December 3rd for desserts and fellowship. You may sign up for this in the Narthex.

Holiday Shopping Fair: Friday, December 2nd, 9am-2pm in the Fellowship Hall and Narthex is the first annual Holiday Shopping Fair. Tell your friends and family to join us for this special shopping event! There will be a 50/50 Raffle (you do not have to be present to win) and proceeds will benefit The Growing Tree's Playground Renovation fund!

Christmas Cantata: Join us on December 11th at 4:00pm here in the sanctuary for our choir's musical presentation of the celebration of the Messiah's birth. The music will take us through the story leading up to the birth of Jesus Christ, our King. The public is welcome. Invite your friends, families and neighbors for this special musical event.

Create and Share: We will meet this Tuesday, Nov. 29th in Room 104 from 10:00am – 2:00pm. Our December meeting will be the Tuesday after Christmas, Dec. 27th. We will meet at 11:00am for a luncheon. Please bring a dish to share.

Giving: Giving the gift of **stock** to PCPH this holiday season or for end of year tax deduction? We no longer use Merrill Lynch, but Synovus Securities. Please contact the office for more information. Thank you!

Chili Cook Off: Fellowship would like to start the New Year with a fun Wonder Wednesday Event - a Chili Cook Off and game night. So, get your recipes perfected for a night of food and fun. It will be on Wednesday, January 11th. We will need a few people to sign up to be our tasters and judges as well. If you have a chili recipe that you think is a winner, or if you want to be one to taste all the winning recipes, please let us know! You can call the church office or contact Jan Harding. It will be a fun night!

Children

Christmas Caroling: We invite all children ages 3 -11 to join our children's ministry for a fun afternoon of Christmas Caroling, Christmas Crafts, Cookie Decorating, a Christmas Movie, and fun! Our group will gather together immediately following worship on Sunday December 11th, and participate in Christmas fun. We will also partake in spreading of Christmas cheer by heading to Coral Oaks to give joy through music. The cost is \$5.00 and this will include lunch, transportation, activities, and caroling! Please email either Malissa Garcia or Huiran Xaxni by December 6th if your child wishes to participate in such a special event at PCPH!

Sunday School: Each week our elementary age children have the privilege of participating in Sunday School which takes place during the same time as worship. Children will leave after the Children's Message for Sunday School. Our hope is that children will learn God's Word and have a strong Christian foundation for their future as they grow up in His Word.

Nursery (Birth - Age 3) "Frolic": A curriculum created for babies and toddlers that was developed by early childhood experts, Frolic resources introduce little ones to faith concepts in age-appropriate ways. Our hope at PCPH is to equip all families with children of any age with the right materials to start their faith journey at a young age.

Little Ones (Age 4 – 6) SparkHouse Lectionary Curriculum: Each week, kids and their leaders gather together to explore their Bibles, enjoy fun activities, pray, and grow in faith. The curriculum follows the church lectionary in a fun and exciting way to create a faith that is grounded in truth.

Older Ones (Age 7 - 11) "Connect": Connect takes children on a journey through the Old Testament and into the New Testament exploring the connections between several stories each week. The curriculum includes a video, lesson, and hands on projects for our children.

Youth

The Gathering (6th – 12th): Will take a break from now until the New Year, due to busy schedules and the advent season upon us!

Middle School Ministry (Thrive 6th – 8th): Will meet regularly throughout the school year on Wednesday nights from 6:30pm - 8:00pm. Come meet new friends, join a small group, and play wacky games that you really couldn't play anywhere else. We are dedicated to getting to know and love God as we form a Christian foundation that can last a lifetime. This Fall our middle school youth group will journey together through "Echo The Story Experience". Our hope is that this study will help you as a student discover your self-worth, and your identity through Biblical truth via DVD, and Sketch Journal!

High School Ministry (Alive 9th – 12th): Will meet regularly throughout the school year on Sunday nights from 7:00pm - 8:30pm. During this time, we will learn, eat, fellowship, play games, and support one another in a Christian atmosphere. This Fall our group will be taking a look at the hard questions of life with the book, "Can I Ask That?" We will look at both Biblical principles as well as a world view. Our hope is that as a student you will form an anchor in Christ as you transition to your young adult life. **High School Youth Group will not meet this Sunday (11/27) due to Trinity Café on Friday!**

Upcoming Events:

December 14th - Middle School Ministry Christmas Party
December 18th - High School Ministry Christmas Party
December 21st - Metropolitan Ministry Holiday Tent Service Project (High School and Middle School)



Presents Our First Annual

HOLIDAY SHOPPING

FRIDAY DECEMBER 2nd
9am-2pm

2021 Nebraska Ave. Palm Harbor

Tell your friends and family to join us for this special shopping event!



There will be a 50/50 Raffle* and proceeds will benefit The Growing Tree's Playground Renovation fund!

*You do not have to be present to win!

Vendors Include:

- LuLaRoe
- Scentsy
- Perfectly Posh
- Origami Owl
- IT Works!
- Usborne books
- Mary Kay
- Jewelnique
- Creative Wood Designs
- Pampered Chef
- Swag Tags
- Young Living
- Handmade Soaps
- Stella & Dot

Merry
Christmas

YOU ARE INVITED !!!

CHURCH WOMEN UNITED ANNUAL IN-GATHERING

Friday, Dec. 2, 2016 9:30 a.m. Coffee ; 10:00 a.m. Program

St. Paul's Lutheran Church

407 S. Saturn Ave., Clearwater 33765

Corner of Gulf-to-Bay at Saturn (just west of Keene)

Bring items for Farmworkers Children: Good Samaritan; Beth El; Dade City

Bring new toys (no stuffed animals, please); Socks; School supplies;
Rice and Beans; Gift Certificates (\$5 or \$10) Dollar Tree or WalMart

Update from Mission Leaders; Entertainment by PreSchool Children
of St. Paul's Lutheran Church.

Additional information or car pooling, please contact:

Joan Ruddle (ph. 727-787-5791)

FIRST SUNDAY IN ADVENT

“And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, full of grace and truth; we have beheld his glory, glory as of the only Son of the Father.”

John 1:4

GATHER JOYFULLY

Welcome, Announcements, Moment for Mission, Quiet Time

Melanie Haslam

Holiday Shopping • Huiran Xaxni
Christmas Cantata • Yohance Wicks
Angel Tree • Bob Walker

*Call to Worship *(Please rise for the Call to Worship)*

Liturgist: Julie Hardaker

Leader: In a world with so many people, places, and things to do we often feel empty.

People: “God is making life out of barren places.”

Leader: Lord, we bring our hearts to you this morning, with the hope that you may fill our hearts.

People: “God is making life out of barren places.”

All: Together, let us worship our coming Savior.

*Song (insert/wall)

“Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus”

Hymn 2

*Prayer of Confession (together)

Father God, we confess that it is too easy to be cynical. It is too easy to believe Christmas is too commercial, the stores are ripping us off, and the lyrics to our favorite songs are just words. We need faith, Lord. We need the faith to believe we can make a difference, faith that you are there and you are listening, faith that “all is calm” and “all is bright.” We need the unyielding faith of a child, Lord. WE need to understand there was a reason you came to Earth as an infant. Give us the faith of a child, Lord. Amen.

*Words of Assurance

And now may our God make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all. Christ promises to strengthen our hearts in holiness that we may be blameless before him. In the name of Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

*Praise Response (all sing)

“Gloria Patri”

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, amen.

PCPH Christmas Traditions

Melanie Haslam

GROW SPIRITUALLY

Lighting of the First Candle in the Advent Wreath

Xaxni Family

(Children are invited forward to watch the lighting of the first candle in the Advent Wreath)

Children’s Message

Thanksgiving Kids Camp Choir

(Children will go to Sunday School after the Children’s Message.)

*Song (insert/wall)

“O Come O Come Immanuel”

Hymn 9

Prayer of God’s People, Lord’s Prayer, Choral Response

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

Call for Offering

“Winter Snow”

Audrey Assad

Vocalist: Bianca McChesney

*Doxology (together)

Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below; Praise Him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Prayer of Dedication

Anthem

Scripture

Luke 1:5 – 20

The Message

Message

“First Christmas: Elizabeth’s Story”

Malissa Garcia

*Song (insert/wall)

“Let There Be Peace on Earth”

GO FAITHFULLY

*Blessing

*Response (all sing)

“Go Tell It on The Mountain”

(Refrain Only - See Insert for Music)

Hymn 29

*Congregation stands. If standing is difficult, please remain seated.