



# *The Trumpet*

January, 2022

*The  
Newsletter of  
Holy Trinity  
Lutheran  
Church*

## **Worship Services:**

**Saturday 5:30 pm**

**Sunday 8:30 am**

**Sunday 11:00 am**

**Sunday School 9:45 am**



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## *From the pen of Sr. Pastor Mark Beatty*



### **Christmas 2021**

Thanks be to God for the freedom and ability to safely gather in worship together and celebrate Christmas! It's great to continue to see new faces in worship, plus familiar "new" faces of returning members who are just now coming back in person for the first time since 2020 to worship again. I'm thankful for candles, for hand bells, for strings, for harp and oboe, for piano and organ, for singing, for keyboard, for percussion, for guitars, for dance, and for choir. It's great to see not just eyes but faces, and smiles. May we never take one element of worship for granted, especially the very act of gathering together as the body of Christ.

As we welcome Christ this Christmas, let's open our hearts and eyes to welcome the Christ in each other too. Gifts are great, so long as they remind us of the true gift given to us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Let's soak in and celebrate the gift of Christ throughout these twelve days of Christmas, and give thanks and treasure all the big and small ways we come together in community and in worship to be the gathered body of Christ.

### **2022**

What will the New Year bring? Are we finally near the end of the pandemic, or will Omicron and other variants bring yet more waves of outbreaks? From a statistics perspective, Omicron has become the major source of cases, both, worldwide and here; although (so far) with a higher percentage of milder cases than earlier variants. Prolific, but less dangerous is the synopsis of early reports and predictions to date.

Then we also have sociopolitical distress, division, and uncertainty, plus supply shortages and severe inflation. The exponential effects of social media, internet, and artificial intelligence continue to grow, with change from these and so many areas coming so fast on so many levels that one could argue at no time in our known history has so much change occurred so rapidly on so many levels than for those of this current living generation on planet earth.

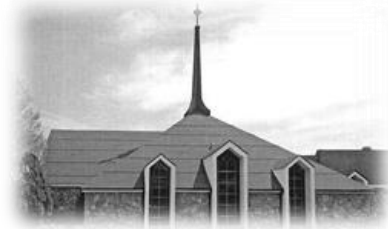
The above are only a few areas of change, distress, and uncertainty. It's almost as if we live in a time where we need a Savior! Did you like that turn? Of course we all need a Savior, and his name is Jesus. The good news for us is that no matter what may come or what may change, the Spirit is in our midst, God is with us, and Jesus is Lord. Let's sit with that in our hearts and spirits for a moment: no matter what may come or what may change, the Spirit is in our midst, God is with us, and Jesus is Lord.

So I'm excited about 2022.... but not from hearing the news online, or from the word on the street. It's from the Good News of Emmanuel, God With Us, and knowing that wherever the road takes us in this New Year, our loving, leading God is right there with us. So let's share this Good News with a world that needs good news now more than ever. Let's go tell it on the mountain, over the hills, and everywhere! Let's receive, live, and share God's love in our church sanctuary and our neighborhood sidewalks, in our homes and in shopping malls, at work, at play, at school, in our homes, in parking lots, and away on vacation. Everywhere! At all times! God is with us, each step of the journey. What's not to be excited about?

In Christ's Love,

*Pastor Mark*

## A Message from our Church Council President



Dear Friends,

*I hope you and your loved ones are safe and well!*

*As the new Council President let me introduce myself to those who might not know me. Pat and I joined Holy Trinity in 2011. We have lived in Marietta and Kennesaw since 1978. I was born and raised in Buffalo, N.Y leaving after a couple of years in college to enlist in the U.S. Navy. After a 26 year navy career, I retired and we stayed in the Marietta area.*

*We have two children, Al and Rick. Al has two boys, Hunter and Avery. Rick has two boys and a girl, Brock, Luke and Lily Ann. Both live in the metro area.*

*My positions of leadership began in the Navy where I attained the rank of Master Chief Petty Officer, the highest enlisted rank and subsequently was selected as senior enlisted advisor to the Commanding Officer. Upon retirement from the Navy, I worked in the aviation field for Beech Aerospace and Raytheon. I was also a Manager of Contract Maintenance for AirTran until they relocated to Orlando. I then was offered a position as General manager of SkyClean, an aircraft cleaning company at Hartsfield International Airport.*

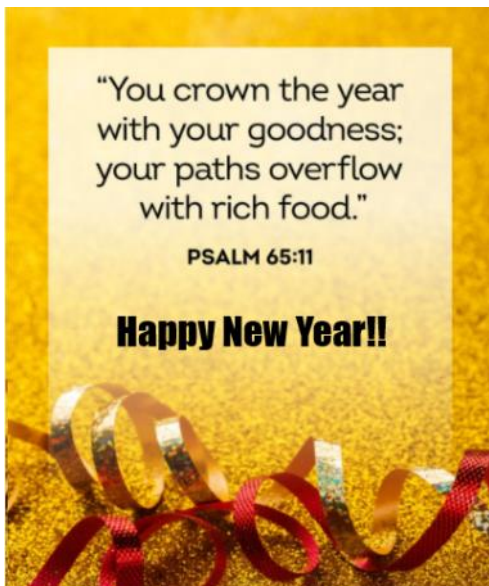
*I have been President of the Naval Air Station Atlanta retirement group for four years. I have also been involved in various social clubs where I have service as president as well. In addition, I serve as a member of the Cobb County Board of Equalization. My hobbies are golf and horseshoes.*

*As for my involvement with Holy Trinity, many of you may know as me an Usher for the 11:00 service. I have also volunteered for various jobs with Octoberfest and was a member of the 9:30 Sunday Bible study group in the library. As I bring my managerial experience to Council President, I sincerely look forward to meeting and working with the church staff, committee leaders and committee members.*

*I hope you all had a very Merry Christmas. Best wishes for a Happy New Year and blessing from our Lord and Savior as we celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ.*

Yours in Christ,

Al Nordin, Council President



HT Finances	Nov, 2021
MTD Income	\$90,628
MTD Expenses	\$90,972
MTD Net	(\$344)
YTD Income	\$859,653
YTD Expenses	\$863,566
YTD Net	(\$3,913)



### Holy Trinity Christmas Challenge update

Team Alice \$18,165

Team Joe \$19,068

# Stewardship

## ***A Message from Your Stewardship Ministry Team:***

On behalf of your Stewardship Team, we hope you had a very blessed and joyous Christmas and send our best wishes for a New Year that's full of God's Peace to all! On behalf of our Church Council and Staff, a heartfelt THANK YOU for your generous financial commitments to continue and grow our 2022 Ministries and Programs here at Holy Trinity! Our Fall Stewardship Appeal Program this year was to celebrate and give thanks **"For All the Saints"** who have gone before us, who have brought us where we are today, and for all the saints in our midst who are lifting high the cross for faithful ministry now and in the future.

Because of our generous congregation, we received 141 Intent Cards with \$619,327 pledged! What's significant is this is the largest amount ever committed in the history of this church and is \$42,000 over last year! Moreover, 84 individuals and families increased their giving over last year and 17 were new. Additionally, this amount pledged is about two-thirds of our annual 2022 budget, a percentage never achieved before! Historically, in previous years only about half of our budget was pledged. We are certainly blessed to be able to move ahead with our many ministries and pray that the ongoing pandemic will not greatly affect our congregation and programs this year.

Again, we cannot thank you enough for your generosity and being a precious and special part of this exciting congregation! Please continue to pray for our common work together as we remember those who gave us so much. Together in God's name let's continue to grow our Lord's ministry here at Holy Trinity, for all the saints.

In His Service,

Bill Van Buskirk  
Stewardship Committee Chair



A SPECIAL THANKS FOR  
ALL WHO PARTICIPATED IN  
THE TASTE OF  
HOLY TRINITY  
POTLUCK & AUCTION  
AND  
THE YOUTH CHRISTMAS  
FUNDRAISER.  
THEY WERE BOTH A GREAT  
SUCCESS!



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**TOTAL DOLLARS PLEDGED 2019 - 2021: \$645,080**

**DOLLARS RECEIVED AS OF THIS UPDATE: 556,125**

**HALLELUJAH!** Our 3-year Capital Campaign has concluded, and the giving members of Holy Trinity should be proud of what we, as a congregation, accomplished:

**PAY IT BACK: REPAIR AND UPGRADE OUR CHURCH BUILDING & PROPERTY**

- New major appliances, new paint on outside stairways & pavilion, new LED lighting retrofit, parking lot re-sealing, parking lot re-lining, parking lot drainage issue fixed, quotes continue to be evaluated on open major projects – doors, windows, ext. paint, etc.

**PAY IT DOWN: REDUCE THE MORTGAGE**

- Holy Trinity's outstanding mortgage will be reduced by an estimated \$138,000.

**PAY IT FORWARD: PROVIDE A TITHE TO DESIGNATED OUTREACH PROGRAMS**

- Outreach programs supported with contributions of an estimated \$55,000.

The coordination of this campaign, and the work to get those projects completed, could not have been accomplished without the selfless contributions of time, talent, and efforts by the following members of the Capital Campaign committee:

**MARK BESSEY, STEVE DOTSETH, DAVID FRICKE, GUY GEBHARDT, BILL HETHERINGTON, JIMMY JOHNSON, JOE PAONESSA, SANDY RADKE, SCOTT STEPHAN, AND DENISE WISE.**

Please take a moment to thank each of these individuals next time you see them... many meetings, emails, phone discussions, and behind-the-scenes work was done by each of these individuals over the last 3 years to make the CC a success.

Based on several requests, we will continue to accept contributions thru the end of January. A final report containing the results of Holy Trinity's Capital Campaign will be available in February. Should you have any questions, please contact me at jimrw2016@gmail.com.

Thank you again for making Holy Trinity's Capital Campaign a success. May GOD continue to bless Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, our congregation, the Church staff, and of course Pastor Bonnie and Pastor Mark, as we enter a new year.... 2022.

Prayerfully Submitted,

Jim Wood - Chair, Capital Campaign Committee

**Gospel Readings for January**

**January 2nd Matthew 2:1-12**

**January 9th Matthew 2:1-12**

**January 16th John 2:1-11**

**January 23rd Luke 4:14-21**

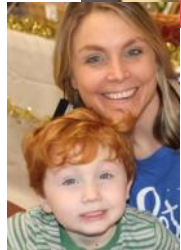
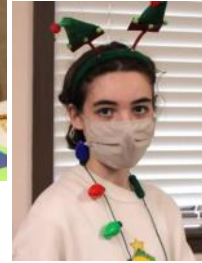
**January 30th Luke 4:21-30**



*Blessings in a Backpack Prep*

Breakfast with Santa . . . & the Grinch

....a huge success! Even the Grinch said so. Too many pictures to share them all but here are a few.....





Make a  
*joyful noise*  
to the LORD  
Psalm 100:1

**MUSIC MINISTRY SCHEDULE CHANGES** Our Covid Team met virtually concerning the Covid Omicron variant. The number of cases and hospitalizations are at a high presently. The team has decided that we should pull back on in-person meetings until the week of January 30 – February 4, 2022 to allow this variant to dissipate. The following is our adjusted schedule:

- Chancel Choir – Thursday, Feb 3 at 7:15 pm
- Preschool Choir – Sunday, Jan 30 at 9:45 am
- Trinity Treblers and Middlers – Sunday, Jan 30 at 12:15 pm
- Kings Ringers – Sunday, Jan 30 at 7:15 pm
- Trebler and Middler Chimes – Tuesday, Feb 1 at 5:30 pm

**TRINITY ORCHESTRA** will tentatively resume at the beginning of 2022. Middle school through Adult Age instrumentalists are invited to attend. Rehearsals will happen on Sunday afternoons two weeks ahead of the Sunday we will play in church. Dates will be publicized at a later time.



## Good News! Bad News!

**Good News** - We're resuming full Coffee Fellowship following each of our two Sunday worship services.

**Bad News** - We desperately need volunteers.

Please consider volunteering for either the 8:30 service or the 11:00 service, one Sunday a month, working with at least one other volunteer. Duties include setting out prepared dishes on the tables in the Fellowship Hall, mingling with the congregation during Fellowship, then returning dishes to kitchen to be washed, dried, and put away. First service workers have a little more to do before Fellowship, second service workers have a little more to do following Fellowship.

It really is more fun than hard work – a lot of camaraderie, not only with the congregation, but with those sharing the kitchen with you.

Try it – I think you'll find it's a very rewarding task!

If you think this might be a good way to serve God by serving your congregation, please contact Weegie Hoffman at 770-855-1145.



### HT Men's Ministry— Bible on Tap

The men generally meet twice each month, on the **2nd Sat. at noon and the 4th Tue. at 6 pm.** **In-person meetings are following church guidelines, so please join their email list (see below) for all updates regarding meetings and volunteer opportunities.**

SUBSCRIBE to:  
BOT.HolyTrinityMarietta@gmail.com

For additional information about this ministry, please email the above address or call: Dave Tester 678-410-9224 or Chris Winkler 770-565-6635.

*This is the day  
that the Lord has  
made... and we  
are grateful  
for it!*



Meets in the Upper Room on Mondays from 9:30 am to 12:00 pm.

Questions can be directed to Marcia Heinzer at 404-405-1853, Patti Ritter at 770-597-5520 or Alice Rohrbach at 770-973-7205.

Each would be happy to share information about our Monday School!



### Women, Wine and Word

Leigh and I are working on our dates for 2022. Please watch your emails for the calendar.

If you wish to be on our mailing list, please contact Sabra Black at [swimmomblack@yahoo.com](mailto:swimmomblack@yahoo.com).

### Ministry Event



### Young at Hearts

Join the Young at Hearts on January 20<sup>th</sup> at 11 am in the Upper Room to watch the Quiet Man with John Wayne and Maureen O'Hara. In addition to a sub sandwich, chips and dessert, you'll get popcorn for that true movie experience. RSVPs are required by January 17<sup>th</sup> and the cost is only \$5 to attend. Folks on our calling list will receive a reminder call the weekend of January 15<sup>th</sup>/16<sup>th</sup>. If you would like to be on our calling list, please let Bonnie Garrett know. Call or text 404-391-1000.

### The Envelope of the Month for January is:



### Lutheran World Relief

LWR is a social services outreach ministry of the ELCA, giving support world-wide and responding to human needs following a disaster.



### Prayer Requests

Just a reminder that submissions should be received by 3 pm on Monday in order to make Tuesday's E-News. Email prayer request to [churchoffice@holylutheranmarietta.org](mailto:churchoffice@holylutheranmarietta.org).

## Social Ministry Opportunities

### The Barnyard is bursting its fences!!

Thanks to all who contributed to the Global Barnyard. Plus, a special thank you to Vacation Bible School, Sunday School and the Youth for designating their offerings to the Barnyard.



### What did we buy???

6 Bees, 1 Cow, 2 Sheep, 1 Rooster, 25 Chicks, 29 Goats, 17 Pigs and 2 Fish Farms

***Your generous gifts are making a difference in the world--responding to hunger and poverty and graciously given so that others may experience God's love.***

Trina Hinkson  
Social Ministry



## Christmas Angel Tree

Thank you Holy Trinity for your wonderful support for the Angel Tree. We were able to donate 135 gifts for the Cobb County Foster Children. I know this year some of the items were challenging, but Samantha promises to improve the process for next year. We weren't the only group that had difficulties this year.

Your generosity never ceases to overwhelm me.

With appreciation,

David Fricke and the Social Ministry Committee

## Community Outreach

### MUST LUNCHES

Thanks to all of our HT volunteers, our community received 66 plates of food, plus second and third helpings at MUST in December.

MUST will be having their Grand Opening and ribbon cutting for their new building on March 18, 2022 and an Open House on March 19, 2022. Kitchen tours of the new MUST kitchen will begin mid to late February 2022. The new kitchen is 3 times the size of the current kitchen where we now serve. Group training begins April 16, 2022.

We are always looking for more volunteers to provide food and to join our team! If you would like to pay for a casserole, purchase peaches, purchase salad fixings or purchase cookies, please let me know.

Laurie Johnson  
Laurasiebertjohnson@gmail.com  
706.325.6466



The Lutheran Coalition for Habitat will be partnering with Habitat Northwest Metro Atlanta on the 2022 build. The Lutheran Coalition has been allotted 25 volunteer spots for each workday, so let's get as many volunteers as possible. No real experience necessary. Tools will be provided.

A sign-up sheet will be available at a ministry station in Fellowship Hall.

The following is the latest schedule: (subject to change due to weather, Covid, etc.)

**Build Location - 761 Britt Road, Mableton, GA 30126**

### Lutheran Coalition Workdays -

**Week 1 – Saturday, February 26 (First Nail)** – Exterior Framing (25 volunteers) – Lunch/Water

**Week 3 – Saturday, March 12** – Insulation and Siding (25 volunteers) – Lunch/Water

**Week 6 – Saturday, April 2** – Interior Paint (25 volunteers) – Lunch/Water (We will need Holy Trinity volunteers to provide lunch on April 2<sup>nd</sup>)

God's Grace Circle will meet for our Annual Epiphany Brunch January 23rd after second service (12:30 pm) at the home of Sherrill McGraw.

Thank you to those who donated last month but the Rainbow Quilters fabric supply is still very low. We will gladly accept fabric donations in good condition and as always appreciate your help. Place them in the Fellowship Hall in the brown WELCA bin for Fabric and Yarn.



**Contacts:**

JUDY BLACKWELL, PRES. 770-971-9079  
 PENNY HOLLOMAN, VICE PRES. 770-642-8962



**Women of the ELCA Circles . . . Circle Leaders are listed below.**

<p><b><u>CIRCLE OF PEACE</u></b>                  will meet Monday, January 10 at 12:30 pm in EB 7-8. Bring sack lunch. For information call Joy Schill at 770-977-5326.</p>	<p><b><u>GOD'S GRACE CIRCLE</u></b>                  For more information, please call Sherrill McGraw at 770-971-4929.</p>	<p><b><u>TENDER LOVING CARE CIRCLE</u></b>                  will meet Tuesday, January 18th at 10:00 am in the Fellowship Hall. For more information, please call Annette Rhadans at 770-424-1957.</p>
<p><b><u>WEDNESDAY AM BIBLE STUDY</u></b>                  For more information, please call Marna Iverson at 770-917-0823.</p>	<p><b><u>RAINBOW QUILTERS</u></b>                  will meet Tuesday, January 11 at 9:00 am in EB 7-8 For information call Joy Schill at 770-977-5326.</p>	<p><b><u>PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY</u></b>                  will meet Tuesday, January 11<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm in EB 7-8. For general information, you may contact Pam Stack at 770-975-8675.</p>

**WOMEN OF THE ELCA (W-ELCA)**

W-ELCA IS THE WOMEN'S MINISTRY OF THE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH IN AMERICA. HERE, YOU WILL FIND: SUPPORT OF YOUR FAITH JOURNEY; OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE AND MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN YOUR COMMUNITY AND AROUND THE WORLD; AND A COMMUNITY OF WOMEN WHO PRAY TOGETHER, SHARE IN BIBLE STUDY, AND EXPERIENCE THE JOY OF GROWING IN FAITH AND FRIENDSHIP. HOLY TRINITY'S W-ELCA PROVIDES GROUPS, KNOWN AS CIRCLES.  
**CONTACT:** JUDY BLACKWELL, PRESIDENT, 770-971-9079 OR PENNY HOLLOMAN, VICE-PRESIDENT, 770-642-8962

## Holy Trinity Member Milestones

### January Anniversaries

**January 1st**

1983 Steve & Patti Dotseth  
 1991 Evans & Pat Axsen  
 2011 Joshua & Lori Bates

**January 9th**

1982 Joe & Gail Carone  
 \*\* 40 Years \*\*

**January 14th**

1956 John F. & Elaine Luthy

**January 20th**

1996 Luther & Patricia Fors

**January 24th**

1976 Mark T. & Pattie Burwick

**January 29th**

1973 William C. & Barbara Smyre



### January Birthdays

**January 1st**

Ben Lee  
 Dewey Staggs

**January 2nd**

Marge Boley

**January 3rd**

Patrick Hendrix  
 Angela Mendez  
 Elisabeth Vogt

**January 4th**

Ami Lecke

**January 5th**

Pat Nordin  
 Greg Roush  
 Nancy Stoeppelwerth

**January 6th**

Alyssa Hetherington

**January 7th**

Bonnie Garrett  
 Tara Welch

**January 8th**

Monica Fritsch  
 Libby Gordon  
 Elise Lodde

**January 9th**

Matthew DePeder  
 Amanda Hanie

**January 10th**

Grant Benson

**January 11th**

Idamae O'Grady

**January 12th**

Crystal Eyrich  
 Emery Nottage  
 Marilyn Paulo  
 Sherry Wright

**January 13th**

Bert Blenner  
 Matt Bomeisl  
 Barry Hall

**January 15th**

Charles L. Bachman  
 David McGraw

**January 16th**

John Bell Manly  
 Dorothy J. Miley  
 Michael Poarch

**January 18th**

Sandy Greening  
 Andrew Scott  
 Bob Stratton

**January 19th**

Anne Churchill  
 Ursula Higgins  
 Julie Walls  
 Stan Wise

**January 20th**

Donna Leidner

**January 21st**

Lori Bates  
 Steve Dotseth  
 Dee Martin-Hughes

**January 22nd**

Steve Kaiser

**January 23rd**

Duane Whitesel

**January 24th**

RaeAnne Forrest  
 Melissa Miller

**January 27th**

Ryan Nottage

**January 28th**

Kayla Hetherington

**January 29th**

Mike Hendrix  
 John Muhlhausen  
 Ian Ritter  
 Keri Wheeler

**January 31st**

John Plumley



### Sanctuary Flowers in Memory or Celebration

If you would like to provide flowers for the Sanctuary in memory of someone special or in celebration of a special event, you can find the sign up sheets in the binder located in the fellowship hall.

**NOTE: FLOWER ARRANGEMENTS COST \$65 AND MUST BE RECEIVED BY THE WEEK PRIOR.**

# Holy Trinity Staff

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Senior Pastor

**Vince Evans**  
Director of Music Ministry/Organist

**Dr. Won-Hee An**  
Associate Director of Music Ministry

**Teresa Hodges**  
Church Administrator

**Debbie Chavez**  
Church Secretary

**Bill Hetherington**  
Facilities Manager

**The Rev. Bonnie Lanyi**  
Associate Pastor

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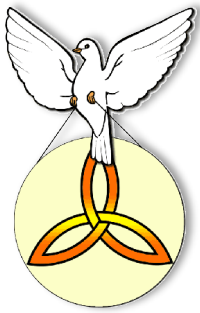
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**Serving Communities Boldly,  
Loving All as Christ**



## **....Update from Sr. Pastor Mark Beatty January 5, 2022**

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

This weekend we hear about the Wise Men in Matthew, who had the good fortune of being able to follow a star to find Jesus. If only we had a navigation system like that to follow Christ. Maybe we do. Come to worship this weekend for singing, praying, the Holy Meal together, and our sermon theme of “Then Turn Right.” See you in worship!

Prolific. If I had to choose just one word now to describe the Omicron variant, it would be “prolific.” Our prayers go out to both members and staff who have recently contracted COVID. Thankfully, in these cases so far another word has also held true: “milder.”

Even though cases overall are milder, with the sheer numbers and infectious nature of this variant, our COVID team has once again offered up some guidance for the coming weeks. The potential good news in all this is that as prolific as cases are, they may also quickly sweep through and this may well be a very temporary state we’re in right now. Of course in the event that things persist longer than expected, we can always extend out guidance to further dates in the future. For now, here is our revised guidance.

- For committee meetings this weekend, please plan to meet virtually if at all possible
- For Sunday School, please plan instead of January 9<sup>th</sup>, to restart again January 30<sup>th</sup>. Note that discretion is given for individual adult classes. Masks are strongly recommended.
- For worship, we will restart more intentional distancing in pews again, until the weekend of Jan. 29/30 or when cases significantly recede. Though masks are not required, we still strongly recommend them and leadership is choosing to model this by wearing masks in worship.
- Perhaps now more than any time in the pandemic, masks indoors might be a difference maker in reducing the risk of spreading the disease.
- For fellowship, we plan to move more toward pre-packaged items again until January 30<sup>th</sup>.
- For choir, please plan for rehearsals together again the first week in February.

May God bless you and watch over you as we *both* practice caution *and* live life fully together.

In Christ’s Love,

*Pastor Mark*