

## This Week

<i>Wed. Dec. 20</i>	<p><b>Noon Eucharist</b></p> <p><b>Youth Group (Frontline):</b> 6:30 pm in the Youth Room</p>
<i>Thurs. Dec. 21</i>	<p><b>YAC and the Steeple:</b> 7:30 pm (Watch for an email from Lauren as to whether or not the gathering will be held this month. New baby at their house!)</p>
<p><i>Sun. Dec. 24</i> <b>Advent 4</b></p> <p><b>(Vesting at all services!)</b></p>	<p><b>Worship Services:</b> 8:15 am (Traditional); 10:45 am (Blended)</p> <p><b>Readings:</b> 2 Samuel 7:4, 8-16; Psalm 132:8-15; Romans 16:25-27; Luke 1:26-38</p> <p><b>NO Adult Christian Ed</b></p> <p><b>NO ESL/Citizenship Class</b></p> <p><b>Christmas Pageant Preparation: 9:30 am, ALL CHILDREN &amp; YOUTH ARE TO MEET DOWNSTAIRS TO GET READY FOR THE PAGEANT!</b></p> <p><b>Children's Christmas Pageant Practice during the 10:45 service</b></p> <p><b>Nursery:</b> Open from 8:00 am – 12:30 pm for all children 4 and under</p> <p><b>Karen Lunch and Christmas Celebration:</b> 12:15 pm in the Downstairs Parish Hall</p>
<p><i>Sunday. Dec. 24 evening</i></p> <p><i>Christmas Eve</i></p>	<p><b>Traditional Candlelight Service:</b> 9:00 pm</p> <p><b>Readings:</b> Isaiah 9:2-4, 6-7; Psalm 96:1-4, 11-12; Titus 2:11-14; Luke 2:1-20</p> <p><b>Nursery is not open this evening</b></p>
<p><i>Monday, Dec. 25 &amp; Tuesday, Dec. 26</i></p>	<p><b>Have a blessed Christmas!</b> The office will be closed through Jan. 2. No church functions from Dec. 25 – Dec. 30.</p>

## Next Week

<i>Wed. Dec. 27</i>	<p><b>Office Closed</b></p> <p><b>NO Noon Eucharist</b></p> <p><b>NO Youth Group (Frontline):</b> 6:30 pm in the Youth Room</p>
<i>Thurs. Dec. 28 – Tuesday, Jan. 2</i>	<p><b>Office Closed</b></p>
<p><i>Sun. Dec. 31</i> <b>Christmas 1</b></p> <p><b>(Vesting at all services!)</b></p>	<p><b>Worship Services:</b> 8:15 am (Traditional); 10:45 am (Blended)</p> <p><b>Readings:</b> Isaiah 61:10-62:3; Psalm 147:13-21; Galatians 3:23-25, 4:4-7; John 1:1-18</p> <p><b>NO Adult Christian Ed</b></p> <p><b>NO ESL/Citizenship Class</b></p> <p><b>NO Youth/Children's Christian Ed</b></p> <p><b>Nursery:</b> Open from 8:00 am – 12:30 pm for all children 4 and under</p>
<p><i>Sunday. Dec. 31</i></p> <p><i>New Year's Eve Service</i></p>	<p><b>Readings:</b> Eccles. 3:1-11; Psalm 139; 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11; Matthew 24:1-14</p> <p><b>Game Night to follow:</b> Bring a hearty appetizer. Drinks and paper products provided.</p>

	<b>Nursery is not open this evening</b>
<i>Monday, Jan. 1 &amp; Tuesday, Jan. 2</i>	<b>Office is closed both days</b> <b>Tuesday: NO Men's Bible Study/Prayer Group this evening</b>
<b>Upcoming Dates and Announcements</b>	
<b>New Year's Eve Service followed by a New Year's Eve Party</b>	7 pm on Sunday, Dec. 31. This service has become a tradition for many at TLC. Join us in giving thanks to God for the past year and asking for God's blessings in the year to come. Following the worship service, all are welcome to TLC's New Year's Eve party in the Rwanda room for a night of games, fellowship, and fun! Please bring a hearty snack to share and a favorite game. Drinks and paper products will be provided. We will ring in the New Year together!
<b>Calling on those who pray....</b>	Youth Group still needs 3 prayerdoctors, as we have had some new kids join Frontline. Please contact Amarah Bailey ( <a href="mailto:baileys@q.com">baileys@q.com</a> ) if you would be willing to pray for one of these youth. Our desire is to cover all of our youth in the power of prayer.
<b>Please turn in your pledge card...</b>	So far we have 61 pledges totaling \$275,000. Our annual budget typically runs just under \$400,000! If you choose not to pledge and are an active member we will estimate your 2018 giving to be the same as 2017.
<b>Children's Christmas Pageant</b>	<b>Christmas Pageant this week (Christmas Eve) during the 10:45 am service. If your child is in the pageant, please be certain to have him/her downstairs by 9:30 am to prepare for the pageant.</b>
<b>Advent by Candlelight</b>	<b>A big thank you to AnneMarie Stone</b> for such a lovely evening and for all of your behind the scenes work in putting this together. Thank you to your team for their help and support. Thank you table hostesses, thank you to the men who waited tables, and thank you to all who attended and brought gifts for the Alternative Pregnancy Center.
<b>Showing of the movie "All Saints" NEW TIME!</b>	<b>On Sunday, January, 21 there will be 2 showings, one at 9:30 am in the Small Chapel and the other at 12:30 pm in the Rwanda Room.</b> Come and enjoy a heartwarming story of God's provision and grace poured out on All Saints Episcopal Church in Smyrna, TN and discover what All Saints and TLC have in common. If you are unable to attend the showing that day, let Jeanie or Deacon Peggy know. We have a couple of copies and you can check the movie out and invite others from the congregation to join you in watching the movie in your home. It is our hope that everyone in the congregation will see the movie by the Annual Meeting.
<b>Operation Christmas Child</b>	<b>THANK YOU TO ALL WHO HELPED INSPECT and PACK BOXES at the PROCESSING PLANT.</b>  <b>Thank you Stacey Stillwell for an outstanding job organizing the Operation Christmas Child Ministry this year. Job well done!</b>
<b>Dates to get on your calendars</b>	<b>Christmas Eve Services, Sunday, Dec. 24:</b> 8:15 am (Advent 4), 10:45 am (Advent 4 and Children's Pageant), and 9 pm (Candlelight Christmas Service) <i>(NO Sunday School on the 24<sup>th</sup> or 31<sup>st</sup>)</i>  <b>Karen Christmas Party with Karen lunch:</b> Sunday, Dec. 24 at 12:15 pm (Everyone is invited!)  <b>NO Christmas Day Services!</b>  <b>Church Office will be closed:</b> Dec. 25 – Jan. 2 (In the case of an emergency, you may call Pastor Jay or Deacon Peggy. Both will be at home over the holidays.)  <b>New Year's Eve Service:</b> Sunday, Dec. 31, 7 pm followed by a game night.  <b>What Goes UP Must Come Down:</b> Sunday, Jan. 7. Please stay and help us take down, pack,

	<p>and put away the Christmas decorations after the 12:15 pm service.</p> <p><b>Bishop Ken Ross and his wife Sallie will return to TLC on Sunday, Jan. 14<sup>th</sup> for the baptism of their grandson.</b></p> <p><b>Youth Sunday:</b> Jan. 21, 2018</p> <p><b>All Saints Movie showing:</b> Sunday, Jan. 21. Two showings: 9:30 am &amp; 12:30 pm. A light lunch of sandwiches and chips will be served.</p> <p><b>Annual Meeting:</b> Sunday, Jan. 28. <b>There will be one service at 10 am</b> followed by the Annual Meeting and a Soup &amp; Sundae Lunch.</p> <p><b>Rocky Mountain Diocese Gathering in Colorado Springs:</b> Feb. 5 – 7 (register online: <a href="mailto:admin@rockymountainanglican.org">admin@rockymountainanglican.org</a> )</p>
<p><b>Please Pray For</b></p>	<p><b>Jamie and Joy George</b> for their family and their next step in ministry. They have moved to the Denver area! See Blog address <a href="http://frontrangemission.wordpress.com">frontrangemission.wordpress.com</a>.</p> <p><b>Healing for:</b> Juri Aye's grandfather; Jane Beatty, Don Bowker; Carolyn Carder; Azra Dass; Rueben Duran; Carm Gardner; Tom Guidera; Steven DeThomas; Jim Frantz; Catherine Groton; Tom Guidera; Eileen Height; Patty Hertel; Bonnie Hughes; Phillip Hoos; Nan Jesser; Al and Liz Nielson; Karol Nylund; Joan Parker; John Parker; Skip Randleman; Greg Smith, Dick Taylor; Terrie Theurer; Lue Trujillo; Bobbi Wegener and Judee Wise.</p>
<p><b>To Make a Prayer Request</b></p>	<p><b>For specific prayers requests</b>, email Barb Padbury: <a href="mailto:barbpadbury@comcast.net">barbpadbury@comcast.net</a>. Prayer requests are shared with the Prayer Team and are usually posted on the same day as received.</p>
<p><b>Vestry</b></p>	<p><b>Vestry Board for 2017: Chair:</b> Neil Peters. <b>Members:</b> Pam Munter, Dean Ogawa, Stacey Stillwell, Mike Sorensen, and Michael Warren; <b>Treasurer:</b> Tom DeBerry; <b>Secretary:</b> Teddy DeBerry. If you have any questions or concerns, you are invited to share those with any of our Vestry members.</p> <p><b>2018 Nominees for 3 year terms:</b> Teddy DeBerry and Mark Smesrud</p> <p><b>Next Vestry Meeting: Tuesday, Jan. 9 @ 7 pm</b></p>
<p><b>Community Ministry</b> 1755 S. Zuni Denver, CO 303-935-3428 ext 102 Email: <a href="mailto:contact@communityministry-denver.org">contact@communityministry-denver.org</a></p>	<p><b>Food Pantry Need:</b> canned or dry beans</p> <p><b>Also:</b> soap, toothbrushes, toothpaste, and pet food</p> <p><b>Pet Pantry and The Inner City Clinic are at CM</b> on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the month from 10-11:30 am</p> <p><b>Colorado Gives Day:</b> \$15,000 was raised. Thank you to all who contributed!</p> <p><b>Souper Sunday:</b> Soup is mainstay for many, particularly the elderly. Consider giving donations of soup to Community Ministry on Super Bowl Sunday, Feb 4.</p>
<p><b>Give Satan an inch, he will be your ruler</b></p>	<p><b>Have you seen a funny or thought provoking church sign recently? Send it to <a href="mailto:peggy@tlcdenver.org">peggy@tlcdenver.org</a> to be placed in our update.</b></p>
<p><b>Advent Prayer</b></p>	<p><b>AN ADVENT PRAYER OF GRATITUDE</b></p> <p>Father God, we thank You and praise You today for the miracle of Your Son's birth. Thank You for bringing great JOY to the whole world! Thank You for giving us the assurance that because You came to us in the form of a human, we who believe in Jesus can know with absolute</p>

	<p>certainty that we'll spend eternity with You. We thank You, Lord, for the many reasons we have been given a merry Christmas. And we rejoice for each blessing. New life. New love. A home. A job. New opportunities. Second chances. And more. We know, Lord, that You bring the sun and the moon and set the stars in motion. You tell the ocean where to stop and the snow when to start. And we thank You for the mighty gift of Your creation. Thank You, Father, for spiritual leaders and faith-filled friends who keep encouraging us when we are close to giving up. And although we have many reasons to rejoice today, Lord, we also know December 25th can be not-so-merry for a whole host of reasons. We pray for those who are experiencing loss during Advent: relational, financial, spiritual and physical. We pray for those who are coping with loving a prodigal and our friends and family members whose hearts are far from You. We pray for those dealing with unemployment and addictions and chronic sickness... and unending pain and frustrations of all kinds. Thank You, Lord, that You are The Wonderful Counselor and Prince of Peace, even in the midst of our not-so-merry circumstances. Finally, Lord, we ask You to grant us peace. Peace in our homes, peace in our churches, and peace in our hearts, when the world all around us spins out-of-control. Help us to stay focused on You, this Advent season and always. Thank You for loving the whole world enough to send the greatest gift, Your Son, so that we might truly have a very merry Christmas. In Jesus' Name, Amen.</p>
<b>To place an announcement in the update or bulletin</b>	Contact Peggy Murray: <a href="mailto:peggy@tlcdenver.org">peggy@tlcdenver.org</a> . Items must be submitted by Tuesday and must be related to church functions and business only.