

Religion NOTES

Christmas

■ **St. Timothy Lutheran Church** will offer an informal Bluegrass Christmas Service at 5 p.m. today in the sanctuary at 1070 N. Suncoast Blvd. (U.S. 19), Crystal River. The public is invited to attend this "come-as-you-are" service featuring bluegrass-style Christmas music presented by the Swanson Family Band. The event is free. Call the office at 352-795-5325 for more information.

■ **St. Margaret's Episcopal Church** will celebrate the fourth Sunday of Advent with Holy Eucharist Rite 1 at 8 a.m. and Holy Eucharist Rite 2 at 10:30 a.m. Christmas Eve family Holy Eucharist Rite 2 candlelight service with a children's pageant is at 7 p.m. Tuesday. Caroling will begin at 10:30 p.m. and a Solemn High Holy Eucharist Rite 2 candlelight service will be celebrated at 11 p.m. Holy Eucharist Rite 1 will be celebrated at 10 a.m. Wednesday.

■ **Hernando United Methodist Church** invites all to enjoy the following Christmas season events: The

Hernando UMC choir cantata at 10 a.m. Sunday under the direction of Darryl Frenier accompanied by John Petro organist and Donna Kless, pianist. Christmas Eve services at 6 p.m. by Pastor Jerry Carris. The church is at 2125 E. Norvell Bryant Highway (County Road 486), Hernando. Call 352-726-7245 or visit www.HernandoUMCfl.org.

■ **First Baptist Church of Beverly Hills** will present the Christmas musical/drama with special guests, the Crystal River High School band and Kid's on the Rise, at 11 a.m. Sunday. The Christmas Eve candlelight service at 7 p.m. Tuesday will include a special children's story and Christmas message.

■ **Inverness Church of God** will host its annual "Christmas Fest" at 6 p.m. Sunday. The public is invited and admission is free. This is a great time of fellowship with activities, baked goodies, and hot beverages to share. Activities include Christmas karaoke, Christmas train, etc. The children will decorate cookies and make a Christmas ornament. The church is at 416 U.S. 41 South, Inver-

ness. Call the church at 352-726-4524.

■ **Yankeetown Community Church** will present the Christmas cantata, "He's Still King of Kings," at 6 p.m. Sunday. Light refreshments will be served after performance.

■ **Floral City United Methodist Church** invites everyone to its Christmas services. All Christmas Eve services are in the 1884 church. The 4 p.m. service will present the choir with the candlelight service. The 7 p.m. and 9 p.m. are candlelight services. Holy Communion is offered after each service. The 1884 church is handicapped accessible from the back entrance. The choir will perform their cantata for residents of nursing homes and retirement facilities at 2 p.m. today in Hilton Hall. The church is at 8478 E. Marvin St. across from the elementary school. Call 352-344-1771.

■ **St. Raphael Orthodox Church** will celebrate the Nativity of Our Lord at 4 p.m. Tuesday with a Nativity Molieben (Vespers) followed by a Holy Supper at 5 p.m. and Nativity Vigil at 6:30 p.m. and Divine Liturgy at 9 a.m. Wednesday. The church is at

1277 N. Paul Drive, Inverness, off U.S. 41 North, across from Dollar General. Call 352-201-1320 or visit www.straphaelchurch.org.

■ **Inverness Church of God** will host a Christmas Eve service at 5 p.m. Tuesday. The public is invited. The church is at 416 U.S. 41 S., Inverness. Call 352-726-4524.

■ Christmas Eve worship services will take place at 5 and 7:30 p.m. Tuesday at **Good Shepherd Lutheran Church** on County Road 486 opposite Citrus Hills Boulevard in Hernando. The Christmas Day service is at 10 a.m. Everyone is invited to attend. Call 352-746-7161.

■ **Joy and Praise Fellowship of Beverly Hills** invites the public to a candlelight service from 6 to 7 p.m. Christmas Eve at 4007 N. Lecanto Highway, Beverly Hills, in the Beverly Plaza. The phone number is 352-527-8612.

■ **North Oak Baptist Church's** Christmas Eve worship at 6 p.m. will include music and an inspiring message from the Word of God. The community is invited. The church is at the intersection of North Elkcam Boulevard and

North Citrus Springs Boulevard in Citrus Springs. There is no charge and child care is available. Call the church office at 352-489-1688.

■ A candlelight service will take place at 6 p.m. Christmas Eve at **Parsons Memorial Presbyterian Church**. The church is by the Coast Guard Station on Riverside Drive in Yankeetown. Come enjoy the service followed by refreshments. Call 352-447-2506.

■ **Peace Lutheran Church** Christmas services are at 7 p.m. Christmas Eve and 10 a.m. Christmas Day. The church is collecting unwrapped Toys for Tots and food for Food-4-Kids. Call the church office at 352-489-5881 or visit PeaceLutheranOnline.com.

■ **Faith Lutheran Church** welcomes the public to its Christmas Eve candlelight service at 7 p.m. and Christmas Day service at 10 a.m. Both services will celebrate Holy Communion. The church is in Crystal Glen Subdivision, off State Road 44 and County Road 490 in Lecanto. Call 352-527-3325 or visit faithlucanto.com. The Rev. Stephen Lane is pastor of the church.

■ **Joy Lutheran Church** will celebrate Christmas Eve with candlelight services at 7 and 10 p.m. Pastor Holmway's message is "Unto Us a Child is Born" at the 7 p.m. service. His message at the 10 p.m. service is a surprise. The Joy vocal and bell choirs will provide music at the 7 p.m. service and the bell choir and special music will be featured for the 10 p.m. service. Communion served at both services. The choir and church members will go caroling to homebound members at 1 p.m. Sunday. The church is on S.W. State Road 200 at 83rd Place, Ocala. Call 352-854-4509, ext. 221.

■ The Christmas Eve service on Tuesday at **Holy Faith Episcopal Church** in Blue Cove, Dunnellon, will begin at 7 p.m. with carols and continue at 7:30 p.m. with the service of Holy Communion. Everyone is welcome to attend. Call the church office at 352-489-2685.

Special events

■ **Rock Crusher Road Church** welcomes Pastor Michael Chambliss. Pastor

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