

## Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, Middle Island - Advent Outreach Events.

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As part of our Advent season, our congregation wanted to focus more on Jesus Christ in different ways in addition to Advent church services. First, on December 5 we had a baked ziti dinner and invited residents of a local Veterans Home to thank them for their service to our country. After dinner we enjoyed "Old Fashioned Christmas Caroling" in the church sanctuary. Second, on December 9 we came together at the church for a pizza dinner and made 170 home-made Christmas cards for the residents of Oak Hollow Nursing Home in Middle Island. Third, on December 13 we delivered and handed out the cards and sang Christmas Carols to the residents of that nursing home. It was wonderful to see how a home-made card with lots of glue and glitter lit up faces. And finally, we asked the congregation to consider buying "one less gift" and donate the money that would have been spent to either Food For The Poor; Veterans of the Cross; Lutheran World Relief; or the food pantry of Holy Trinity Lutheran Church which serves needy members as well as families outside of the church. The donations are still coming in and we will be sending out our offering to those organizations as soon as possible in the new year.

Jesus Christ gave of himself to all in so many ways and we wanted to share His love to those around us who are sometimes forgotten. The result was unexpected as we got much more than we gave and we are thankful.



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