



Holy Trinity
Lutheran Church

Engaged by Grace.

WEEKLY

Ministry Announcements for the week of December 13 - 20, 2015

Our Sunday Schedule

- 8:30 - Worship with Communion
- 9:30 - Sunday School/Sunday Scripture Discussion
- 10:30 - Worship with Communion & Children's Christmas Pageant
- 11:30 - Congregational Meeting
- 4:00 - Holy Trinity Concert Series - The Brass Band of Columbus
- 7:00 - Sr. High Youth Group

Current Ministry Opportunities

Please see the related articles in the body of the newsletter for more information on the opportunities listed below.

- ❖ **A** - I/We would like to purchase a poinsettia(s) to adorn the sanctuary on Christmas Eve.
- ❖ **B** - I/We would like to serve as Usher, Asst. Minister, Communion Asst. and/or Nursery during worship.

New This Week

Congregational Meeting - 11:30 am, Sunday, December 13

A brief, congregational meeting for the purpose of electing church council partners will be held Sunday, December 13, at 11:30 am, immediately following the 10:30 worship service. See you there!

How Can I Help?

As we continue to develop teams of worship assistants for 8:30 & 10:30 worship, we welcome your participation! Whether you've served in these ministries previously or this is something new to you, there are many opportunities.

Ushers - A roster of 8:30 & 10:30 Usher teams with one or two individuals assigned to serve as point person each week is in development. Others are asked to fill in as they're able.

Assisting Ministers - Responsible for leading the prayers during worship and assisting with Communion, one person serves in this capacity at each service.

Lay Readers - Read the selected First and Second Lesson for the day. Texts for review are mailed in advance.

Communion Assistants - Typically serving as part of a team of 2-3 people, this is a great way for families to serve together by assisting with Holy Communion, a key component of our worship service.

Nursery - Teens and families are invited to staff the nursery, now relocated to the first floor, to help with young children that are not yet able to sit through a worship service.

If any of these ministry activities sound like a way you'd like to serve, please complete the *All Good Gifts* card **Ministry Opportunity B** or sign up at the Collection & Signup Corner in the Gathering Place. If you've already served in one of these capacities, we'd appreciate knowing at which worship time you'd prefer to serve. If you have any questions, please contact the church office at 614-486-9433 or laura.hudson@engagedbygrace.org

Planning Ahead for Christmas Eve

Invite your friends and family to join us for any of our three worship opportunities on Thursday, December 24:

- 4 pm - Children's Candlelight Service
- 8 pm - Candlelight Communion Service w/Choir
- 11 pm - Candlelight Communion Service w/Choir

End-of-Year Charitable Contributions

Year-end financial contributions should be delivered to the church office or postmarked by Thursday, December 31 in order to be posted to the 2015 tax year. If you are interested in transferring stocks or securities, please contact the church office for more information.

Resources for Your Advent Journey

Holy Trinity's library committee has selected materials to enhance your Advent journey. Whether you're looking for daily meditations, fun family activities, or colorful picture books for children, you'll find them on the library cart located near the coffee station in the Gathering Place. Check it out and enjoy the journey!

Member Address Updates

The following people have moved:

Ron Lantz Eric & Elizabeth Yassenoff Charles Wilcox

Please contact the church office for more information.

Blood Drive – Save the Date

Please save the date for the American Red Cross Blood Drive that will be conducted at Holy Trinity on Saturday, February 20, 2016. For regular blood donors, mark your calendars! More information will be available in January.

Beacons Christmas Sale is Extended!

It's not too late to find that perfect item for Christmas. The Beacons still have many handmade items on sale at discounted prices. Raffle tickets for the beautiful quilt on display in the Reception Office are still available for \$1 each or 6 for \$5. The winning name will be drawn on Wednesday, December 16. Proceeds will go to Lutheran World Relief Project CARE that pays for shipping of quilts and kits to places where they are most needed. Thanks for your participation!

Stewardship Corner

Again we come to the time of the year when we mark the great miracle of Christ becoming one of us. The Apostle John wrote, "The Word became flesh and made His dwelling among us" (John 1:14). Jesus came to Earth; He bore humiliation and ridicule; He died that we might live; He was raised that we, too, might rise again and live forever with God. "From the fullness of his grace we have all received one blessing after another" (John 1:16). How can we thank God but to give ourselves and our lives in service to God! For more information on stewardship, please contact Max Buban.

News of Invite Ministries

New Prayer Concerns:

Ken Doolittle, recovering from minor surgery

Prayers for Our Members:

Marcia Miller, dealing with dementia

Alice Salzgaber, recovering from blood clots

Barbara Dougherty, transferred to Arlington Court

The family of Brian & Celeste Chappell-Bates

Betty Sauer, recovering at home

Jack and Dot Wheatley, dealing with multiple medical issues

Nancy Ross, recovering from a broken hip

Peg Timm, dealing with multiple medical issues

Heidi and Mike Christman and newborn Claire, dealing with Hypoplastic Left Heart Syndrome

Prayers for Our Families and Friends:

Ryan Selig, friend of Celeste Chappell-Bates
Ann Ihnat, sister-in-law of Barb Dougherty
Meredith White, friend of Ann Hunter
Kathleen Dillon, friend of MJ Neiman
Elijah Dunn, grandson of Herb and Janet Maxwell
David Buchanan, friend of Herb and Janet Maxwell
Virginia King, 95-year-old friend of Elizabeth Garlock
Melissa Nelson, niece of Chris Grabenstatter, and her family
Mary Boyer, friend of the Schuelers
Neve Bowden, 4-year-old daughter of Krissy Malatesta's friend, Maggie
Pamela and Ryan Adams, daughter and son-in-law of Barbara Keller
Ken Parker, husband of Celeste Chappell-Bates's cousin
Rebekah Spicuglia, friend of Celeste Chappell-Bates
Joan Doerr, friend of Max and Francine Buban
Buss Ransom, neighbor of Gavin & Alice Larrimer
Larry Todt, cousin of Shirley Boyd
Dick Moorhead, father of Susan Poling-Jones
Marilyn Read, mother of former Holy Trinity bookkeeper Lou Ann Doub
Lynda Krieger, aunt of Leah Forts
Cathy Copley, friend of Elizabeth Sammons
Rebecca Reynolds, niece of Janet Maxwell
Kirk Goslee, family member of Janette MacConnell
Sharon DeVrou, friend of Bill Eubanks
Larry Behum, Setterlins' neighbor
Arlene Madden, friend of Janet Maxwell
Gary Wright, son of Hazel Wright
Lou Shore, sister-in-law of Carol Stewart
Andy Nelson, nephew of Chris Grabenstatter
Those affected by natural disasters. The Armed forces, and the innocent victims of war & terror around the world.

Concerts at Holy Trinity – 4:00 pm, Sunday, December 13

Back by popular demand, the Brass Band of Columbus will perform various Christmas selections this Sunday, Dec. 13 at 4:00 pm in the next installment of Holy Trinity's concert series. Please join us and invite a friend!

Poinsettias

If you would like to purchase a poinsettia to adorn the sanctuary on Christmas Eve, please sign up on the *All Good Gifts* card **Ministry Opportunity A** or at the Collection & Signup Corner in the Gathering Place. The cost is \$8 per plant.

2016 Altar Flowers

Sign-up sheets are now available for 2016 altar flower dedications and memorials. The cost is \$30, and checks can be made payable to Holy Trinity with "flowers" noted in the memo line. Thank you for supporting this ministry!

Worship Nursery

A nursery is open and available for young children on Sunday mornings during worship. It is located off the hallway to the left as you leave the sanctuary. Follow the signs or ask one of the ushers if you need help finding it.

Children's Pages and Activity Bags

People of all ages are invited to worship at Holy Trinity. Children's activity pages for readers and pre-readers are located at the Reception Window outside the entrance to the sanctuary. Activity bags for the youngest among us are located in the same vicinity. Feel free to utilize the materials during worship and return the bags following the service.

News of Embrace Ministries

Coming Soon! Homemade Italian Sub Sandwiches

To support our upcoming mission trip to Germany, the senior high youth group will be selling homemade sub sandwiches. Made with only the freshest ingredients, the sandwiches will be ready to go on February 7, just in time for the Super Bowl. This year, in addition to buying subs for your friends and family, you will have the opportunity to purchase sandwiches to be shared with Faith Mission. Look for signup sheets in the coming weeks!

Sisters of the Spirit - Saturday, January 9

The Sisters in the Spirit will conduct their second annual Planning Day on January 9, 2016, at 9:30 am at Holy Trinity. Hope to see you there!

Advent Blessings Jar

Sisters in the Spirit is coordinating an Advent Blessings Jar activity for families to use during Advent. The jar consists of multiple sticks naming daily “countable” blessings that families can discuss and count together. One stick may say Ways to Prepare Food. Answers might be a grill, oven, microwave, crockpot, stove, toaster, and fire pit in the backyard. Seven coins of your choosing are then put into the jar, giving thanks for the many ways God provides for us. Every day will be a different blessing and a different number. The money and gratitude should add up quickly! On Christmas Eve, everyone is asked to bring their jars to the Children’s Christmas Eve service so the money can be donated to the Ronald McDonald House of Central Ohio, a home away from home for families whose sick children are in the hospital. If you’d like to participate in the Advent Blessings Jar activity, please see Annika Joy for supplies and instructions.

Sunday Scripture Discussion

Meeting Sunday mornings, 9:30-10:25 am in the church library, with lively discussion, teaching and fellowship, deepen your understanding of the gospel, epistle, and Old Testament readings of the day’s worship service. The class is led by a different person each week. This week’s leader is Elizabeth Yassenoff. Future leaders are: 12/20 – Nancy Riley; and 12/27 – Carl Peterson. Please contact Carl Peterson for more info.

News of Empower Ministries

Hat and Mitten Tree

Holy Trinity’s Knitting Group and the Preschool are sponsoring the Hat and Mitten Tree again this year. Warm hats, mittens, gloves, scarves and socks will be collected to adorn the tree in the Gathering Place in December. All donated items will be sent to the LSS Food Pantry for distribution in January. Thanks for your participation!

Lutheran Social Services Auxiliary

On Wednesday, Dec. 16, at 1:00 pm, LSS Auxiliary of Central Ohio will meet at Kensington Place, 1001 Parkview Blvd. A Pastoral Christmas Meditation will be presented by LSS Board member, Rev. Bill McKee. Our project is the collection of men’s gloves and hats, and towels. Please place your donations in the container marked LSS Auxiliary. The offering will go to the Rose of Concern Fund. Please join us on Dec. 16 for a delightful afternoon.

Christmas Basket Collection

And the crowds asked him, “What then shall we do?” And he answered them, “Whoever has two tunics is to share with him who has none, and whoever has food is to do likewise.” (Luke 3:10-11)

With your help, over 400 families with 1,000+ children had a brighter Christmas in 2014! In fact, Holy Trinity was able to contribute 187 toys, several tubs of nonperishable food items and 1,080 decorated cookies in our annual partnership with Boulevard Presbyterian that truly benefits our less fortunate neighbors inside of I-270. Your generosity makes such a difference each year and we’re hoping you’ll join again in this important project!

A collection bin has been set up outside the sanctuary for new, unwrapped toys for the kids. Toys for older teens are in greatest need: footballs, basketballs, dartboards, and small electronics as well as bath sets/perfume sets, purses, and jewelry. Board games are good, too---- but toys for any age are greatly appreciated!!!

Now – December 9 th	Anytime	Drop off new, unwrapped toys in the tubs located outside the sanctuary
December 16 & 17 th	4:30pm	Cookie decorating – come join in on the fun of decorating over 1,000 cookies!
December 18 th	6:00-7:00 pm	Taping boxes & packaging cookies at Boulevard Presbyterian
December 19 th	9:30-11:00 am	Assemble Christmas Baskets at Boulevard Presbyterian
December 20 th	12:30 pm	Deliver Christmas Baskets (pick up baskets at Boulevard Presbyterian & directions for approximately 4 homes)

Ministry Calendar at Holy Trinity for December 13 - 20, 2015

Sunday, December 13, 2015 – Third Sunday of Advent

8:30 am – Worship with Communion
9:30 am – Learning & Fellowship Hour
10:30 am – Worship with Communion & Children’s Christmas Pageant
11:30 am – Congregational Meeting
4:00 pm – Brass Band of Columbus – Holy Trinity Concert Series
7:00 pm – Sr. High Youth

Monday 6:00 pm - BSA Troop 555

Tuesday 7:00 pm - Beloved Group
7:00 pm – Habitat Steering Committee

Wednesday 10:30 am - Preacher’s Bible Study
12:30 pm – Mary Martha Circle I
7:00 pm – Church Council

Thursday 1:00 pm – Card Ministry
5:30 pm – Thursday Supper at Church
6:30 pm – Bell Choir
6:30 pm – AA Meeting
7:00 pm – Bible Study
7:30 pm – Chancel Choir

Friday 10:00 am – No Events Scheduled

Saturday 9:30 am – Yoga

Sunday, December 20, 2015 – Fourth Sunday of Advent

8:30 am – Worship with Communion
9:30 am – Learning & Fellowship Hour
10:30 am – Worship with Communion
11:45 am – Faith Formation Steering Team

Holy Trinity Schedule of Worship Servers - December 2015

Date	Time	Welcome Center	Assisting Ministers	Acolytes	Nursery Attendants	Lay Reader	Ushers	Communion Assistants	Bread Bakers	Communion Ministry Team
Dec. 13	8:30		TJ Lynch		OPEN	Paula Fenner		Elizabeth & Erik Yassenoff	Chris Grabenstatter	MacConnell & Grabenstatter
	10:30	Bob & Barb Campbell and Jon Scheiderer	Peg Steele	Annie Cucksey	OPEN	Alan Gaulke	Doug Myser, Adam Wagenbach, John Quarles, Joann Curry	Herb & Janet Maxwell		
Dec. 20	8:30			Taylor & Regan Schirtzinger	OPEN		Matt Sharp, Jeff Warnement	Walk-up Worship Help	Gages	Duncan & Michael
	10:30	Walter & Dyann Taylor	Max Buban		OPEN	Elli Cucksey	Skip Duncan, Peter Ward, Brian Barrett	Carolyn Cramer & Barb Keller		
Dec. 24	4:00 pm		MS Youth		OPEN	MS Youth	MS Youth			
	8:00 pm				OPEN	Elli Cucksey		Jeff Sammons	Lisa Gladman & Nancy VanFossen	Perry & Warnement
	11:00 pm		TJ Lynch		OPEN	Tim Hudson		Jeff Warnement & Janette MacConnell	Lisa Gladman & Nancy VanFossen	VanFossen & Hunter
Dec. 27	8:30 am		Sharon Hamersley		OPEN		Dave Fenner		Susan Setterlin	Nichols & Riley
	10:30 am	Adam Wagenbach & Kathleen Murphy	Celeste Chappell-Bates		OPEN	Ann Trenary	Paul Kruse, Ann & Dale Trenary, Dale Svendsen	Bob & Barb Campbell		

To view future service opportunities or signup online, go to <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0e44a8aa29a7ff2-worship>
 Please contact Director for Equipping Ministers Laura Hudson if you have questions or prefer to have the link emailed to you.

Financials through October 2015 - For detailed information, financial reports are available at the Member Services kiosk.

Operating Fund

Contributions:	Receipts	Expenses	Contributions:	Receipts	Expenses
Oct. Actual:	\$ 35,210	\$ 36,652	YTD Actual:	\$379,283	\$381,790
Budget:	\$ 40,733	\$ 37,139	Budget:	\$431,753	\$382,390

Attendance: December 6, 2015: 8:30 am - 77; 10:30 am - 113

Next Week's Worshipping Text: Micah 5:2-5a; Hebrews 10:5-10; Luke 1:39-45 [46-55]

The Holy Trinity Staff & Office Hours*:

Pastor: Steve Wachtman (steve.wachtman@engagedbygrace.org)

Preschool: Nancy VanFossen (nancy.vanfossen@engagedbygrace.org) Monday-Friday 8:30am-2:30pm

Administrator: Laura Hudson (laura.hudson@engagedbygrace.org) Monday-Thursday 8:30am-12:30pm

Minister of Music: Joshua Brodbeck (joshua.brodbeck@engagedbygrace.org)

*other hours available by appointment