



Holy Trinity
Lutheran Church

Engaged by Grace.

WEEKLY

Ministry Announcements for the week of December 2 - 9, 2018

Our Sabbath Day Schedule

- 8:30 am – Worship with Communion
- 9:30 am – Sunday School/Learning and Fellowship Hour
- 10:30 am – Worship with Communion
- 4:00 pm – Holy Trinity Concert Series
- 5:30 pm – Christmas Pageant Rehearsal
- 6:30 pm – Sr. High Youth

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 receive Advent devotional texts at the following number _____.
- ❖ **B** - I/We would like to order _____ (qty.) poinsettia(s).
- ❖ **B** - I/We would like to nominate the person(s) named on the *All Good Gifts* card for Church Council.

New This Week

Enlighten and Brighten

Seasonal Themes for Advent, Christmas and Epiphany

As the Lord comes to *enlighten and brighten* our lives and the world with the presence of God that exalts the lowly and humbles the exalted, feeds the hungry and awakens the full, forgives the sinner and subdues the proud. Mark your calendars now to share in any or all of the following events that will help introduce the faith formation resources for the focus Bible passage for each week during the season:

Weekly Devotional Videos and Texts

Sign up on the *All Good Gifts* card **Ministry Opportunity A**, email@engagedbygrace.org or at the Ministry Sign-up Table to have your cell number included for a weekly introductory devotional video message on Thursdays with a follow-up text on Tuesdays during the season.

Devotional Printed Materials

Find all seasonal devotional materials in printable format on the church website at www.engagedbygrace.org

Advent Worship with Holden Evening Prayer

From **6:30 - 7:00 pm on Thursday, December 6**, share with all people of all ages in a sung Advent worship service drawn from evening prayer at the Holden Villages Retreat Community in the state of Washington.

Christmas Caroling and Candle Delivery

From **2:00-4:00 pm on Sunday, December 9**, caravan with people of all ages to sing Christmas carols for our homebound friends and neighbors, sharing handmade devotional candles with them as well.

Holiday Camp-in

From **7:00 pm, Thursday, January 3 through 10:00 am Friday, January 4**, engage with people of all ages in an evening and morning of Bible games, group activities and fellowship, camping out in Grace Hall or commuting back and forth to your own bed as you desire!

Please see any of the Advent, Christmas and Epiphany creative team members with questions, suggestion and offers to help with these activities: Mike Christman, MaryAnn Erdmann, Liz and Jim Roth, Director for Equipping Ministers Laura Hudson, Minister of Music Josh Brodbeck, Vicar Andrew Potsko or Pastor Steve Wachtman.

Concerts at Holy Trinity

The next installment of Holy Trinity's concert series will be **Sunday, December 2 at 4:00 pm** featuring the Scioto Valley Brass Band presenting their annual Christmas concert. Plan to join us and invite a friend!

Congregational Meeting – Sunday, December 9

A brief congregational meeting for the purpose of electing church council partners will be conducted on **Sunday, December 9 at 11:30 am**, immediately following the 10:30 worship service. See you there!

Congratulations Andrew!

Trinity Lutheran Seminary's candidacy committee has recommended Holy Trinity Vicar Andrew Potsko for ordination as an ELCA pastor. We have appreciated Andrew's service among us the past 18 months and look forward to celebrating with him as he completes his studies at the seminary this spring. Congratulations and Godspeed to Andrew, Rachel, Eleanora and Liliana!

Choral Scholars

You may have noticed some new faces in the choir at the 8:30 & 10:30 worship services. They are choral scholars from Capital University. Jane, Hannah, Drew and Gareth all study music at Capital and will be singing on Sunday mornings so we can have a choir at both services. We would love to have more people join us in this important ministry. Please see Joshua Brodbeck for more details or email at Joshua.brodbeck@engagedbygrace.org.

Poinsettias

If you would like to purchase a poinsettia to beautify the sanctuary on Christmas Eve, please mark **Ministry Opportunity B** on the *All Good Gifts* card or sign up at the Collection & Sign up Corner. The cost is \$8 per plant.

Everyone's Invited to Advent Events at Wittenberg University

Monday, December 3, 2018 at 7:30 pm: Community Messiah Sing

Friday, December 7, 2018 at 7:30 pm: *"Out of Darkness Comes the Light: Lessons and Carols for Advent and Christmas"* featuring the Wittenberg Choir, Wittenberg Handbell Choir, Wittenberg Singers, Imani Gospel Choir, and the Wittenberg Chamber Orchestra (Pre-service music begins at 7:00 pm).

Both events take place at Weaver Chapel, 4 East Campus Drive, Springfield, OH. For more information, please contact Weaver Chapel, 937-327-7411. or www.wittenberg.edu.

Christmas Basket Project

Please consider donating a new toy or food item to our Christmas Basket partnership with Boulevard Presbyterian. New, unwrapped toys will be collected through **Sunday, December 9**. The greatest need is for older children (footballs, basketballs, dart boards, small electronics, purses, bath sets, etc.), however, any toys will be greatly appreciated! If you're like many people, weekly trips to the grocery store are common. We're also collecting food to pack into the baskets and specifically need: canned soup, peanut butter, boxes of cereal, canned fruit & vegetables, tuna, and macaroni & cheese. Food items will be accepted through December 9. We've been saving our coupons and scouring the ads for the best deals so you might consider a cash donation and we'll do the shopping for you! We'll gladly accept any contributions after each worship service on Sunday and maximize our spending on both toys and food.

Other dates to keep in mind for the Christmas Basket project:

Cookie icing and decorating at 4:30 pm on Wednesday, December 12th

and Cookie donations to Holy Trinity by 4:00 pm on Thursday, December 13th

Package assembly at Boulevard Presbyterian from 9:30-11:00 am on Saturday, December 15th

Package delivery begins at Boulevard Presbyterian at 12:30 pm on Sunday, December 16th

If you have any questions, please contact Denise Meyer degiesecke@aol.com or Karen Eicher keichl@yahoo.com.

Planning Ahead for Christmas Eve

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

- 4:00 pm – Children’s Candlelight Christmas Eve Service
- 8:00 pm – Candlelight Christmas Eve Service with Communion and Choir
- 11:00 pm – Candlelight Christmas Eve Service with Communion and Choir

Hat & Mitten Tree

Holy Trinity will decorate a Hat & Mitten Tree again this year. Everyone is invited to hang hand-made or newly purchased hats, mittens, gloves, scarves and socks on the tree from December 2 through January 2. All items will be taken to the LSS Southside food pantry in January for distribution to their clients when they’re needed most.

2019 Altar Flowers

Sign-up sheets are now available for 2019 altar flower memorials and dedications. 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!

First English News

First English is conducting a Women’s Day Christmas Party on Saturday, December 8 from 10:00 am – 12:00 pm. Donations of stocking stuffer items/toiletries for the church to wrap are welcome. As it gets colder, there is always a need for socks (mostly men’s), blankets, mittens/gloves and hats. Donations of clean, gently used or new items are always appreciated. Donations can be placed in the collection bin at the Collection & Signup Corner.

Women of Faith

Women of Faith will not meet in December but plan to join us for pizza on Tuesday, January 8, 2019 at Tommy’s Pizza, 4179 W. Dublin-Granville Road, Dublin. A signup sheet will be available later in December.

October Council Meeting Recap

Following is a brief recap of the minutes from the October 2018 Church Council meeting:

- Special guest Curt Passafume presented findings from Triad Architects re: First English facility
- Sanctuary artwork and lighting is complete
- Construction related to new kitchen is complete
- Carpet is on order for Grace Hall as well as new nursery
- Awaiting hardware for new parking lot light
- Vicar Andrew’s studies at Trinity Lutheran Seminary are nearing completion with graduation in May 2019
- Social media presence of Holy Trinity is being enhanced with video clips of concerts and presentations
- Introduction to Holy Trinity seminar will be conducted in October/November 2018
- Authority was delegated to Worship Committee to determine feasibility of Thanksgiving Eve service
- 1927 Steinway piano has been received and is in good working condition
- 2019 budget requests are due to Executive Committee prior to November meeting
- Nominating committee is in place consisting of outgoing Council members Paula Fenner, John Quarles, and David Kline, as well as at-large members Kathy Higbee and Curt Passafume
- November Council meeting will be rescheduled for Wednesday, November 28 due to Thanksgiving holiday
- Income and expenses are within expected estimates for this time period.

Stewardship Corner

Twice in Psalm 24, the gates are commanded to lift up their heads. Why? So that the King of Glory may come in. During this Advent Season, we are reminded of just who it was who came to Earth, born of a woman in a lowly stable. He is the King of Glory! He is the One due our allegiance and our service. Open your gates! Let the King of glory come in! For more information on stewardship, please contact Max Buban at maxbuban@sbcglobal.net or 614-771-8594.

News of Invite Ministries

We Rejoice With:

Brad and Sarah Burton Royalty at the birth of their son, Julian Frederick Royalty. Julian’s proud grandparents are Fred and Chris Burton.

New Prayer Concerns:

Vendalee and Sam Lyon, friends of Madeleine Guggenaster

Removed from the Prayer List:

Louise Fisher, sister-in-law of Jody Passafume, whose biopsy was negative

Prayers for Our Members:

Barbara Gladman
Nancy Riley
Glenn Canada
Pat Crowell
The Hallas family
Bill Lingo
Peg Timm
Diane Whalen

Prayers for Our Families and Friends:

Olivia Rich, colleague of Jan Benedick
Evajean Williams, sister of Catherine Canada
Nelson Williams, brother-in-law of Catherine Canada
Katie Nicolli, friend of Debbie Cochran
Karen Stone, daughter of Genie Craven
Denise Hoyt, friend of Bev Farrell
Lynda Krieger, aunt of Leah Forts
Liz Gilfillan, former custodian at Holy Trinity
Sherry Campbell, friend of Liz Gilfillan, former custodian at Holy Trinity
Tricia Gilfillan, daughter of Liz Gilfillan, former custodian at Holy Trinity
Barbara Benson, sister of Chris Grabenstatter
Mary Guggenaster, sister of Madeleine Guggenaster
Richard Hodge, father of Carolyn Hodge-Cramer
Jil Lossing Williams, sister of Donna Marie Jones
Minae, friend of Barbara Keller
Evan Cameron, seminary classmate of TJ Lynch
Kirk Goslee, family member of Janette MacConnell
Rebecca Reynolds, niece of Janet Maxwell
Janet Attanasio, friend of Herb and Janet Maxwell
Terry Madden, friend of Herb and Janet Maxwell
Patty & Gene Uhrig, friends of Herb & Janet Maxwell
Teresa Wilson, friend of MJ Neiman
Kathy Dillon, friend of MJ Neiman
Dylan Fitch, 18-year-old Grandview HS graduate and nephew of Jenny Peters
Juanita, mother of Chris Pryor
Jay Moore, friend of Jack & Norma Rauch
Joe Shamhart, friend of Jack & Norma Rauch
Ben Steiner, son-in-law of Nancy Riley
Carol Saufley, sister of Miriam Ringquist
Dorothy Hill, friend of Susan & Rob Setterlin
Henry Turner, father of Barbara Stock
Wendy Rose, friend of Shawn & Krista Stock
Hilda Torres, mother of Juan Torres
Amy Lavoie, cousin of Becky Warnement
Gary Wright, son of Hazel Wright
Those affected by natural disasters, especially those in the Southeastern United States, the Armed forces, victims of terror, and all those on the margins of society most vulnerable to unrest, oppression and exploitation.

Children's Christmas Pageant

This year, Holy Trinity will be doing a new program titled "Follow the Star!" Children ages 3 years through fifth grade are invited to participate. Regular children's choir rehearsals on Thursdays from 6:00-6:25 pm will be dedicated to learning the music. Sunday evening rehearsals from 5:30 – 6:30 pm, and the dress rehearsal on Saturday, December 15, is when the rest of the program will be put together. The pageant will take place on **Sunday, December 16** during the 10:30 worship service. If your child would like to participate, please contact Josh Brodbeck for more information.

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 across from 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.

News of Embrace Ministries

You're Invited to a Cookie Exchange

Sisters in the Spirit is having a cookie exchange on **Sunday, December 2 at 1:00 pm** at the home of Suellen Sharp, 4091 Fairfax Drive, 43220. Please bring about 6-dozen cookies already baked and we'll exchange them, enjoy some snacks and beverages, and socialize. Please sign up at <https://www.punchbowl.com/parties/991b0522ebdb6ae43343> or on the Sisters in the Spirit Facebook page. Hope to see you December 2!

Thursday Night Supper Ministry

Holy Trinity's *Not To Be Served, But To Serve* Thursday night supper ministry and fellowship continues each week from 5:30-7:00 pm. Everyone's invited to attend as we share food and resources for Jesus to engage us. Everyone's invited to help with the preparations and share providing a meal with other friends. You can sign up for a date to serve at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C094BA8AF23ABFC1-thursday>. Even if you can't make it to the Thursday night suppers, resources are available for use at home with family or friends.

Sunday Adult Forum Topics

In addition to the Sunday Scripture Discussion group that meets weekly in the church library for dialog on the Bible passages for worship that week, the Sunday Adult Forum also meets during the Sunday School hour at 9:30 am between services in the Conference Room. All are welcome to join the conversation on these topics this fall:

Caring for Pigs: a Conversation on Stewardship

Vicar Andrew is facilitating this Sunday Adult Forum series which runs through **Sunday, December 2** with special guests to explore what it means to be God's stewards and disciples.

The Lyra and the Cross

On **Sunday, December 9**, Holy Trinity member Elizabeth Sammons will discuss *The Lyra and the Cross*, an historical novel she authored conjecturing from the Orthodox tradition that the Apostle Paul and Stephen had a close relationship prior to Stephen's martyrdom. Elizabeth will share the scriptural and historical basis for her research, as well as discuss the book itself. This novel is available from our church library, Amazon, or by asking Elizabeth for a copy. **If you would like a copy of Elizabeth's book The Lyra and the Cross, please contact the church office.*

Sunday Scripture Discussion

Enhance your understanding of worship. Expand your circle of friendship. Examine the scriptures of the day. All adults are invited to join us on Sunday mornings between the services at 9:30 am in the church library. A different person leads the discussion each week. This week's leader is Carl Peterson. Future leaders are: 12/9 – Janice Peterson. Please contact Carl Peterson for more information.

Council Seeking Nominations

Nominations are being accepted for a slate of candidates to serve 3-year terms on Church council. All confirmed members of Holy Trinity are eligible to serve. Church members are invited to suggest candidates (including themselves) to Council President Dan Perry, via the *All Good Gifts* card or by contacting the church office.

News of Empower Ministries

Habitat for Humanity

The Northwest Partners Habitat house is nearly complete and it looks GREAT! The walls have been painted, kitchen appliances installed, woodwork and trim are coming along and flowerbeds and topsoil have been put in the yard. This week we will be finishing up woodwork, painting, and touch-up. Come out and join the fun! Any and all help is appreciated. For more info, contact Benson Ross at 614-747-0930 or detailsdetails96@gmail.com.

Ministry Calendar at Holy Trinity for December 2 - 9, 2018

Sunday, December 2, 2018 – First Sunday in Advent

8:30 am – Worship with Communion
 9:30 am – Sunday School/Learning & Fellowship Hour
 10:30 am – Worship with Communion and Choirs
 4:00 pm – Scioto Valley Brass Band Concert
 5:30 pm – Christmas Pageant Rehearsal
 6:30 pm – Sr. High Youth

Monday 6:00 pm – BSA Troop 555

Tuesday 7:00 pm – Beloved Group

Wednesday 10:15 am – Preacher’s Bible Study

Thursday 5:30 pm – Thursday Supper
 6:00 pm – Children’s Choir
 6:30 pm – Advent Worship with Holden Evening Prayer
 7:00 pm – Bible Study
 7:30 pm – Chancel Choir

Friday No Events Scheduled

Saturday 9:30 am – Yoga

Sunday, December 9, 2018 – Second Sunday in Advent

8:30 am – Worship with Communion
 9:30 am – Sunday School/Learning & Fellowship Hour
 10:30 am – Worship with Communion and Choirs
 11:30 am – Congregational Meeting
 2:00 pm – Christmas Caroling to Homebound Friends
 5:30 pm – Christmas Pageant Rehearsal
 6:30 pm – Sr. High Youth

Holy Trinity Schedule of Worship Servers – December 2018

Date	Time	Welcome Center	Assisting Ministers	Acolytes	Nursery Attendants	Lay Reader	Ushers	Communion Assistants	Bread Bakers	Communion Ministry Team
Dec. 2	8:30		Vicar Andrew Potsko	Ben Fox		Alan Gaulke	Tom Wuichet, Ron Benedick	Jack Amling, Adrienne Wachtman	VanFossen	Perry & Warnement
	10:30		Keith Townsend	Justin Roberts	Allison & Mark Abell	Susan Setterlin	John Quarles, Dan Perry, Peg Steele	Carolyn Cramer, Chris Pryor		
Dec. 9	8:30		Sharon Hamersley	Ben Fox	Julie & Keith Hallas	Dave Fenner	Matt Sharp, Alan Gaulke	Peter Brooks, Dan Brooks	Cochran	Nichols & Riley
	10:30		Peg Steele	Matthew Rice		Dyann Taylor	Skip Duncan, Dale Svendsen, John Schueler, Tom Grabenstatter	Herb Maxwell, Janet Maxwell		
Dec. 16	8:30		Tim Hudson		Adrienne Wachtman	Laura Hudson	Jeff Warnement, John Gray	AC Cochran, Sharon Hamersley	Grabenstatter	Higbee & Tanner
	10:30		Elli Cucksey	Sam Cucksey	Drew & Amanda Richards	Keith Townsend	Chris Pryor, Phil Favret, Peter Ward, Bill Eubanks	Bob Campbell, Barb Campbell		
Dec. 23	8:30		Vicar Andrew Potsko	Ben Fox		Debbie Cochran	Keith Darding, Dave Fenner	Jeff Warnement, Dan Brooks	VanFossen	VanFossen & Hunter
	10:30		Max Buban		Allison & Mark Abell	Sue Setterlin	Adam Wagenbach, JoAnn Curry, Brian Barrett, Erik Yassenoff	Max Buban, Janette MacConnell		

Financials through October 2018 – Detailed information is available upon request.

Contributions:	Receipts	Expenses	Contributions:	Receipts	Expenses
Oct. Actual:	\$ 50,621	\$ 51,345	YTD Actual:	\$451,265	\$484,767
Budget:	\$ 46,822	\$ 47,847	Budget:	\$464,950	\$490,509

Attendance: Sunday, November 25 - 8:30 am – 88; 10:30 am – 118
 Sunday, December 2 Worship Text: Jeremiah 33:14-16; 1 Thessalonians 3:9-13; Luke 21:25-36
 Sunday, December 9 Worship Text: Malachi 3:1-4; Philemon 1:3-11; Luke 3:1-6