



Holy Trinity
Lutheran Church

Engaged by Grace.

WEEKLY

Ministry Announcements for the week of December 23 - 30, 2018

Our Sabbath Day Schedule

- 7:45 am – First English Breakfast Ministry
- 8:30 am – Worship with Communion
- 9:30 am – Learning and Fellowship Hour
- 10:30 am - Worship with Communion
- 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 learn more about the Epiphany camp-in on Thursday, January 3.
- ❖ **B** - I/We would like to learn more about Holy Trinity's multi-media ministry.

New This Week

Church Council Leaders Elected

At a congregational meeting on December 9, the following people were elected to serve 3-year terms on Church Council: Matt Fox, Mary Jane Neiman, Matt Sharp, Tim Stock, and Leslie Torres. Additionally, the following people were elected at December's council meeting to serve in leadership positions: President, Mike Christman; Vice-President, Tim Stock; Treasurer, Matt Fox; Financial Secretary, Dan Perry; and Secretary, Leslie Torres. We thank them for their willingness to serve. Thanks, too, to outgoing Council Partners: Paula Fenner, David Kline and John Quarles for their many years of service to Holy Trinity.

Join Us Christmas Eve

Invite your friends and family to be here 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

Altar Ministry Team

All Altar Ministry Team members are invited to stay after 10:30 worship this Sunday, December 23 when the sanctuary decorations will be changed from Advent to Christmas. Everyone interested in helping is invited to do so.

Epiphany Concert at Holy Trinity

On **Sunday, January 6, at 4:00 pm**, Holy Trinity will host the Columbus Maennerchor in an Epiphany concert featuring Christmas favorites, some German pieces, selections from *The Messiah*, a few Epiphany pieces and a sing-along. Josh Brodbeck will also be playing. Contact Josh for more info at joshua.brodbeck@engagedbygrace.org.

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 phone 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

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.

November Council Meeting Recap

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

- Holy Trinity was invited to take on a new intern from Trinity Lutheran Seminary for 2019-2021 term
- A unanimous decision was made to submit non-binding application to the seminary for an intern
- Council nominating committee received one acceptance and is awaiting response from two other candidates
- Congregational meeting for election of council partners is Sunday, December 9 at 11:30 am
- Parking lot light has been promised by Christmas Eve
- Flooring in Grace Hall and the (new) nursery will be completed within a week
- Child Development Program working with State for certification of former library as preschool classroom
- Youth room renovations are in progress
- Vicar Andrew was approved for ordination and will begin interviewing w/prospective churches in March
- Social media team is producing short, non-polished, video clips to be posted regularly
- OSU student Brad Giordano has been helping with Sunday School
- Ben Kaffenberger, Andrew (and Rachel) Peddicord, and Grace Rawlins w/Everett were approved to be received as members in December
- Proposed safety and security measures for staff and volunteers were discussed
- A unanimous decision was made for 30-day trial of Tithe.ly electronic giving platform (through Advent)
- Preliminary 2019 Ministry Spending Plan was reviewed and discussed
- Endowment committee chair Paula Fenner presented committee's recommended grants for funding. Following discussion, grants were approved for presentation at Holy Trinity annual meeting on January 27.
- Income and expenses are within expected estimates for this time period.

Tithe.ly - A New Way to Give

Holy Trinity provides many ministries for members of the congregation and people within the community. Those ministries are possible only through the generous offerings provided to the church. Therefore, it is important to allow people to give in whatever way is most comfortable to them, including looking at new ways to do so. One option Holy Trinity is exploring is electronic giving through the use of credit and debit cards. We have partnered with Tithe.ly to use their platform on an experimental basis through the month of December to determine if this meets the needs of the congregation. Tithe.ly is an ELCA-endorsed electronic giving platform that makes it easy to make payments through a website or mobile device. During December you will find QR codes on tabletop signage and the *All Good Gifts* card that will direct you to our customized giving site. If you choose to use Tithe.ly for your offering, it will be treated the same as any other offering you may provide, with one exception. With any credit/debit transaction, there are associated fees. Tithe.ly does, however, allow the donor to cover those fees to enable Holy Trinity to receive the full value of your gift. We would also appreciate your feedback regarding the use of the platform and whether we should consider using it on a permanent basis.

Ministry Reports Requested by December 31

Ministry leaders are asked to submit a brief summary of their ministry activities to their council partner or the church office by the end of December. Please include names of leaders as well as ministry highlights from this year and plans for next year. You may submit your report electronically to laura.hudson@engagedbygrace.org or via hard copy to the church office. Please contact Director for Equipping Ministers Laura Hudson with questions.

2019 Giving Envelopes

The 2019 offering envelopes have arrived. You may pick up yours from the table in the hallway near the mailbox area outside the church offices.

Holiday Break for Sunday School

Children's Sunday School classes will not meet on Sundays, December 23 and December 30. Classes for all ages will resume on Sunday, January 6 at 9:30 am.

End-of-Year Charitable Contributions

Year-end financial contributions should be delivered to the church office or postmarked by Monday, December 31 in order to be posted to the 2018 tax year. If you are interested in transferring stocks or securities, please contact Holy Trinity's broker, The Edwards Group at 614-473-2086. The account # is 949-131460-0-526.

Stewardship Corner

Isn't it amazing to think that *The Word became flesh and made His dwelling among us* (John 1:14)? Who are we that the Word Himself should come to this squalid world to live among us? We are those He loves – loves so much that He would leave heaven, would abase Himself, would suffer for us, would die for our sin, would rise so that we, too, can rise. We are those who, in response to this great love, serve God in everlasting righteousness, innocence and blessedness. For more information, please contact Max Buban at maxbuban@sbcglobal.net or 614-771-8594.

News of Invite Ministries

New Prayer Concerns:

Terry Finke, uncle of Josh brodbeck, hospitalized with kidney failure
Marj Kielmeyer, friend of Shirley Boyd, undergoing treatment for breast cancer
Marilyn Franck, friend of Shirley Boyd, undergoing treatment for return of cancer
Bert Wyman, nephew of Madeleine Guggenaster, recovering from an auto accident

Prayers for Our Members:

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

Prayers for Our Families and Friends:

Olivia Rich, colleague of Jan Benedick
Evajeane 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
Vendalee and Sam Lyon, friends 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
Kathy Dillon, friend of MJ Neiman
Doris Emmert, mother-in-law of MJ Neiman
Teresa Wilson, 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
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.

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.

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

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!

News of Embrace Ministries

Thursday Night Supper Ministry

Holy Trinity's Thursday night supper ministry and fellowship is on hiatus until January 10 when it will resume from 5:30 – 7:00 pm. Everyone's invited to attend as we share food and friendship. You're also invited to help with the preparations and share food by providing a meal with other friends. You can sign up for a date to serve at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C094BA8AF23ABFC1-thursday>. Hope to see you in January!

Women of Faith

Women of Faith will not meet in December but plan to join us for pizza on **Tuesday, January 8, 2019 at 11:30 am** at Tommy's Pizza, 4179 W. Dublin-Granville Road, Dublin. A signup sheet is available at the Collection & Signup Corner in the Gathering Place.

Welcome New Members

The following people were received as members of Holy Trinity on Sunday, December 9: Ben Kaffenberger and Rachel and Andrew Peddicord. Please introduce yourself!

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 Julie Hallas. Future leaders are: 12/30 – Sharon Kokot. Please contact Carl Peterson for more information.

News of Empower Ministries

Hat & Mitten Tree

Holy Trinity is decorating a Hat & Mitten Tree (or 2) 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.

Habitat for Humanity News

The Northwest Partners Habitat house is now complete! Save the date for the dedication on **Saturday, January 5 at 9:00 am**. Vicar Andrew Potsko will be presiding. Everyone's invited to 1603 Myrtle Ave, Columbus, 43211 for this joy-filled occasion when the homeowner will receive keys to their new home. Please contact Benson Ross for more information at 614-747-0930 or detailsdetails96@gmail.com.

Christmas Basket Project

Thanks to all who contributed toys, food items, or money for the Boulevard Presbyterian Christmas Basket project. Package delivery took place on Sunday, December 16 at 12:30 pm. Thank you for your generosity in helping make this program a success!

Ministry Calendar at Holy Trinity for December 23 - 30, 2018

Sunday, December 23, 2018 – Fourth Sunday in Advent

7:45 am – First English Breakfast
8:30 am – Worship with Communion
9:30 am – Learning & Fellowship Hour
10:30 am – Worship with Communion
6:30 pm – Sr. High Youth

Monday

Christmas Eve

4:00 pm – Children's Candlelight Service
8:00 pm – Candlelight Service with Communion and Choirs
11:00 pm – Candlelight Service with Communion and Choirs

Tuesday

Christmas Day – Church Offices Closed

Wednesday

Church Offices Closed

Thursday

No Events Scheduled

Friday

No Events Scheduled

Saturday

9:30 am – Yoga

Sunday, December 30, 2018

8:30 am – Worship with Communion
9:30 am – Sunday Scripture Discussion
10:30 am – Worship with Communion

Holy Trinity Schedule of Worship Servers - December & January

Date	Time	Welcome Center	Assisting Ministers	Acolytes	Nursery Attendants	Lay Reader	Ushers	Communion Assistants	Bread Bakers	Communion Ministry Team
Dec. 23	8:30		Vicar Andrew Potsko	Ben Fox		Debbie Cochran	Keith Darding, Dave Fenner	Jeff Warnement, Dan Brooks	VanFossen	VanFossen & Hunter
	10:30		Peg Steele		Allison & Mark Abell	Sue Setterlin	Adam Wagenbach, JoAnn Curry, Brian Barrett, Erik Yassenoff	Max Buban, Janette MacConnell		
Dec. 24	4:00 pm		Middle School Students	Middle School Students		Middle School Students				
	8:00 pm		Curt Passafume			Elli Cucksey	Skip Duncan, Dale Svendsen, John Schueler, Tom Grabenstatter	Peter Brooks, Alan Gaulke	Warnement	Duncan & Michael and Perry & Warnement
	11:00 pm		Max Buban			Elli Cucksey	Mark Abell, Doug Myser, Benson Ross	Nancy Riley		
Dec. 30	8:30		Ron Benedick	Addison Darding	Julie & Keith Hallas	Ron Benedick	Ben Kaffenberger, Tom Wuichet	Peter Brooks, Alan Gaulke	Taylor	Grabenstatter, MacConnell & Wilhelm
	10:30		Peg Steele			Beth Myser	Mark Abell, Doug Myser, Benson Ross	Nancy Riley, Arlene Swanson		
Jan. 6	8:30		Ron Benedick	Sign-up Genius	Adrienne Wachtman	Ron Benedick	Tom Wuichet, Alan Gaulke	Peter Brooks, Dan Brooks	Setterlin	Nichols & Riley
	10:30	Dan & Pam Perry	Peg Steele	Sign-up Genius	Drew & Amanda Richards	Jody Passafume	Chris Pryor, Phil Favret, Peter Ward, Bill Eubanks	JoAnn Curry, MJ Neiman		
Jan. 13	8:30		Tim Hudson	Sign-up Genius		Tim Hudson	Matt Sharp, Ron Benedick	AC Cochran, Alan Gaulke	Sharp	Higbee & Tanner
	10:30	Dan & Pam Perry	Keith Townsend	Matthew Rice	Allison & Mark Abell	Keith Townsend	Adam Wagenbach, JoAnn Curry, Brian Barrett, Erik Yassenoff	Karen Larson, Don Larson		

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

Contributions:	Receipts	Expenses	Contributions:	Receipts	Expenses
Nov. Actual:	\$ 37,305	\$ 42,545	YTD Actual:	\$488,570	\$527,312
Budget:	\$ 46,822	\$ 47,847	Budget:	\$511,772	\$538,356

Attendance: Sunday, December 16 - 8:30 am – 71; 10:30 am – 231

Sunday, December 23 Worship Text: Micah 2:2-5a; Hebrews 10:5-10; Luke 1:39-45

Sunday, December 30 Worship Text: 1 Samuel 2:18-20, 26; Colossians 3:12-17; Luke 2:41-52

The Holy Trinity Staff & Office Hours:

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

Vicar: Andrew Potsko (andrew.potsko@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)