



Holy Trinity
Lutheran Church

Engaged by Grace.

WEEKLY

Ministry Announcements for the week of December 30, 2018 – January 6, 2019

Our Sabbath Day Schedule

- 8:30 am – Worship with Communion
- 9:30 am – Learning and Fellowship Hour
- 10:30 am - Worship with Communion

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 media ministry team.

New This Week

Care for Migrants and Refugees

Responding to God's Call

The Sunday Adult Forum will consider God's call to care for immigrants and refugees in the ever-more complicated times in which we live. Using discussion guides provided by the Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Service (LIRS), Pastor Steve will moderate conversation on these topics for each of the four Sundays in January.

January 6 - Pursuing Hospitality: The Call to Embrace Migrants and Refugees

January 13 - We Saved You A Seat

January 20 - My Co-worker Holds Temporary Protected Status

January 27 - You're Invited! Bridge-building Meal Times

Appreciating the variety of perspectives on this topic, we will conduct the discussion within the following parameters:

- God's call to care for migrants and refugees is clear.
- Understanding that opinions may vary widely on the most faithful ways to answer that call, all perspectives will be welcome and respected.
- Strong, secure borders are important to caring for migrants and refugees.

Join the conversation in the Conference Room 9:35-10:25 am each Sunday in January.

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.

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. Joshua Brodbeck will be playing. Contact Josh for more info at joshua.brodbeck@engagedbygrace.org.

Saturday Night Adult Fellowship (SNAF)

All adults are invited to attend the next gathering of SNAF on **Saturday, January 12 at 6:00 pm** at Holy Trinity. Elizabeth Garlock and Genie Craven are hosting a winter-themed event and will provide the main dish and table service. Everyone else is asked to bring a salad, side dish, or dessert as well as their favorite beverage. Please sign up at the Collection & Signup Corner in the Gathering Place so they know how many to plan for. See you Jan. 12th!

Altar Ministry Meeting

The Altar Ministry teams' winter meeting will be **Saturday January 19 at 9:30 am**. We will be cleaning the pews following the meeting so anyone who is able to stay is invited to do so.

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.

Estimate of Giving Ministry

For our Estimate of Giving ministry this year, we'd like to share a collection of brief videos from members responding to the question: *As a disciple of Jesus, why do you give to God through your offerings at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church?*

You might reflect on these questions before answering the question above:

- How do you see offering as party of your worship and faith life?
- How is the ministry at Holy Trinity important to your faith and discipleship?
- How does being a steward of God's resources affect your decision-making?
- How does Holy Trinity's mission statement reflect your own attitudes of discipleship?

We strive to welcome all children of God (INVITE), transform each with ministry opportunities to deepen and share faith (EMBRACE) in order that we might serve Christ together in all the events of our daily lives (EMPOWER).

We are looking for 30-second videos. You are welcome to record on your own time and email them to the church office at email@engagedbygrace.org. (Be mindful of background, lighting, and framing.) You may also schedule a time to record with Vicar Andrew or another member of the Media Ministry Team at church or in your home. Please contact Max Buban, Matt Fox, or Vicar Andrew if you have any other questions, comments, or concerns.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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. Or you may choose to give an electronic gift by debit card, credit card, or check by going to www.engagedbygrace.org/offering. 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

Many people don't make weekly worship a priority. Christmas and Easter are often the only times we see many of our friends and neighbors in church. That situation presents a challenge to us, the redeemed of Christ, for we preach sermons every day with our words and our actions. In fact, ours may be the only sermons many hear! We have been called to "*declare the praises of Him Who called [us] out of darkness into His wonderful light*" (1 Peter 2:9). Let us pray that we might embrace our calling and "preach sermons" that will help spread the Good News of salvation for all. For more information, please contact Max Buban at maxbuban@sbcglobal.net or 614-771-8594.

News of Invite Ministries

Removed from the Prayer List:

Barbara Gladman, recovered from pneumonia
Nancy Riley, recovered from knee replacement surgery

Prayers for Our Members:

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
Marj Kielmeyer, friend of Shirley Boyd
Marilyn Franck, friend of Shirley Boyd
Terry Finke, uncle of Josh Brodbeck
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
Bert Wyman, nephew of Madeleine Guggenaster
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, brother of Nancy Riley's daughter-in-law
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

Holiday Break for Sunday School

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

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.

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!

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 Sharon Kokot. Future leaders are: 1/6 – Ken Sauer; 1/13 – Vicki Townsend; and 1/20 – Steven Rice. Please contact Dorothy Cameron or Carl Peterson for more info.

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 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.

Ministry Calendar at Holy Trinity for December 30 - January 6

Sunday, December 30, 2018

8:30 am – Worship with Communion
 9:30 am – Learning & Fellowship Hour
 10:30 am – Worship with Communion

Monday New Year's Eve – Church Offices Closed

Tuesday New Year's Day – Church Offices Closed

Wednesday 9:00 am – Beacons
 10:15 am – Preacher's Bible Study
 7:00 pm – WELCA Ruth Circle V

Thursday 6:30 pm – Epiphany Concert Rehearsal
 7:00 pm – Holiday Camp-in
 7:00 pm – Bible Study

Friday Epiphany Camp-in

Saturday 9:30 am – Yoga

Sunday, January 6, 2019 - Epiphany

8:30 am – Worship with Communion
 9:30 am – Learning & Fellowship Hour
 10:30 am – Worship with Communion
 4:00 pm – Epiphany Concert with Columbus Maennerchor

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. 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	Sign-up Genius		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	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		
Jan. 20	8:30		Sharon Hamersley	Sign-up Genius	Julie & Keith Hallas	Becky Warnement	Pete Nichols, AC Cochran	Jeff Warnement, Sharon Hamersley	Taylor	Grabenstatter, MacConnell, & Wilhelm
	10:30	Dan & Pam Perry	Elli Cucksey	Sign-up Genius		Curt Passafume	Mark Abell, Doug Myser, Benson Ross	Deb Bickford, Peter Ward		

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 23 - 8:30 am – 70; 10:30 am – 150
 Monday, December 24 – 4:00 pm – 268; 8:00 pm – 249; 11:00 pm - 90
 Sunday, December 30 Worship Text: 1 Samuel 2:18-20, 26; Colossians 3:12-17; Luke 2:41-52
 Sunday, January 6 Worship Text: Isaiah 60:1-6; Ephesians 3:1-12; Matthew 2:1-12

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 8:30 am-2:30 pm
 Administrator: Laura Hudson (laura.hudson@engagedbygrace.org) Monday-Thursday 8:30 am-12:30 pm
 Minister of Music: Joshua Brodbeck (joshua.brodbeck@engagedbygrace.org)