



Holy Trinity  
Lutheran Church

*Engaged by Grace.*

WEEKLY

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Ministry Announcements for the week of January 6 - 13, 2019

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## Our Sabbath Day Schedule

- 8:30 am – Worship with Communion
- 9:30 am – Learning and Fellowship Hour
- 10:30 am - Worship with Communion
- 4:00 pm – Epiphany Concert

## 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 will attend the Care for Migrants and Refugees Adult Forum in January.
- ❖ **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](mailto:joshua.brodbeck@engagedbygrace.org).

## **Looking for Sunday School Teachers, Subs and Assistants**

*"Blessed is the one who does not walk in step with the wicked or stand in the way that sinners take, or sit in the company of mockers, but whose delight is in the law of the Lord and who meditates on his law day and night. That person is like a tree planted by streams of water..." -Psalm 1:1-3*

We're looking to build up our team of teachers, subs, and assistants. Prayerfully consider whether God might be calling you to teach our children so they might be "planted." Please contact Vicar Andrew for more details ([andrew.potsko@engagedbygrace.org](mailto:andrew.potsko@engagedbygrace.org)).

## **Hat & Mitten Tree Collection**

Many thanks to everyone that contributed to the Beacons' and Knitting for the Needy's Hat & Mitten trees this year. A total of 374 items were donated including 82 hats, 124 pairs of gloves, 34 pairs of mittens (19 of which were hand-knitted), 3 hat & mitten sets, 131 pairs of socks, and 2 headbands. The items will be delivered to the Lutheran Social Services' south-side food pantry in the coming days. Thank you for your generosity!

## **Altar Ministry Un-decorating and Meeting**

All members of the Altar Ministry teams are asked to help take down Christmas decorations at the church on **Saturday, January 12 at 9:30 am**. (The decorations need to remain in place for the Epiphany concert on Sunday, January 6.) Additionally, save the date for the Altar Ministry teams' winter meeting on **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 help.

## **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. 12<sup>th</sup>!

## **Annual Meeting is Sunday, January 27**

Holy Trinity's annual meeting will be **Sunday, January 27 at 11:30 am**, immediately following the 10:30 worship service. Copies of the 2018 annual report will be available for your review prior to the meeting.

## **Donate Life - Red Cross Blood Drive February 23**

Save the date for **Saturday, February 23** for the American Red Cross Blood Drive that will happen at Holy Trinity from 9:00 am – 2:00 pm. You may donate blood if you last gave on or before December 29, 2018. You can make an appointment by clicking <http://redcrossblood.org> or by calling 1-800-RED-CROSS (1-800-733-2767). As always, walk-ins are also welcome.

## **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 part 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](mailto: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.

## **Thank You**

From the staff at Holy Trinity, thank you for the generous gifts you gave to us for Christmas. It's a privilege being partners with you in ministry and we look forward to continuing our service together in 2019!

## **Stewardship Corner**

Somehow a New Year seems to bring revitalization. We take a deep breath, forgetting all that went wrong in the old year, and start fresh. For the Christian, this revitalization takes place daily as we remember our baptisms, for God *"has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead"* (1 Peter 1:3). Empowered by this knowledge, let us use each day for God's glory. For more information on stewardship, please contact Max Buban at [maxmbuban@sbcglobal.net](mailto:maxmbuban@sbcglobal.net) or 614-771-8594.

## **News of Invite Ministries**

### **New Prayer Concerns:**

Marvin Buban, brother of Max Buban, undergoing radiation treatments

### **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](mailto: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**

### **Women of Faith**

Women of Faith invites all women 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. Feel free to invite a friend!

### **Thursday Night Supper Ministry**

Holy Trinity's Thursday night supper ministry resumes January 10 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 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!

### **Year-End Ministry Reports Requested**

Ministry leaders are asked to submit a brief summary of their ministry activities to their council partner or the church office as soon as possible. Please include names of leaders as well as ministry highlights from 2018 and plans for the coming year. You may submit your report electronically to [laura.hudson@engagedbygrace.org](mailto: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.

### **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.

### **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 Ken Sauer. Future leaders are: 1/13 – Vicki Townsend; and 1/20 – Steven Rice. Please contact Dorothy Cameron or Carl Peterson for more information.

## **News of Empower Ministries**

### **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](mailto:detailsdetails96@gmail.com).

## Ministry Calendar at Holy Trinity for January 6 – 13, 2019

### 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  
 6:30 pm – Sr. High Youth

**Monday** 6:00 pm - Boy Scout Troop 555

**Tuesday** 8:00 am – Men’s Spiritual Discussion  
 11:30 am – Women of Faith (Tommy’s Pizza, Dublin)  
 7:00 pm – Beloved Group

**Wednesday** 10:15 am – Preacher’s Bible Study  
 1:30 pm – WELCA Esther Circle II

**Thursday** 5:30 pm – Thursday Supper  
 6:00 pm – Children’s Choir  
 6:30 pm – Bell Choir  
 7:00 pm – Bible Study  
 7:30 pm – Chancel Choir

**Friday** No Events Scheduled

**Saturday** 9:30 am – Yoga  
 9:30 am – Altar Ministry Remove Decorations  
 6:00 pm – Saturday Night Adult Fellowship (SNAF)

### Sunday, January 13, 2019

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

## Holy Trinity Schedule of Worship Servers – January 2019

Date	Time	Welcome Center	Assisting Ministers	Acolytes	Nursery Attendants	Lay Reader	Ushers	Communion Assistants	Bread Bakers	Communion Ministry Team
Jan. 6	8:30		Ron Benedict	Sign-up Genius	Adrienne Wachtman	Ron Benedict	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 Benedict	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		
Jan. 27	8:30		Ron Benedict	Sign-up Genius	Adrienne Wachtman	Ben Kaffenberger	Keith Darding, Dave Fenner	Ron Benedict, Alan Gaulke	Burton	Duncan & Michael
	10:30	Dan & Pam Perry	Max Buban	Sign-up Genius	Drew & Amanda Richards	Karen Larson	Bob Campbell, Jim Henderson, Paul Kruse, Barb Campbell	Peg Steele, Susan Setterlin		

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 30 - 8:30 am – 66; 10:30 am – 77  
 Sunday, January 6 Worship Text: Isaiah 60:1-6; Ephesians 3:1-12; Matthew 2:1-12  
 Sunday, January 13 Worship Text: Isaiah 43:1-7; Acts 8:14-17; Luke 3:15-17, 21-22