



Holy Trinity
Lutheran Church

Engaged by Grace.

WEEKLY

Ministry Announcements for the week of January 13 - 20, 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 will attend the Care for Migrants and Refugees Adult Forum in January.
- ❖ **B** - I/We would like to learn more about teaching Sunday School.

New This Week

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.

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 mark **Ministry Opportunity B** on the *All Good Gifts* card or contact Vicar Andrew (andrew.potsko@engagedbygrace.org) for more details.

Hospitality Committee

The Hospitality Committee will meet on Thursday, January 17th at 10:00 am in the new kitchen. We will tour the kitchen to see the organization and examine the new equipment. We will be signing up for assignments for the year. All are invited to join this committee in providing hospitality.

Altar Ministry Meeting

All members of the Altar Ministry teams are to attend the Altar Ministry teams' winter meeting on **Saturday January 19 at 9:30 am**. We will be cleaning the pews afterward so anyone who is able to stay is invited to do so.

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.

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.

Poinsettias

Thank you to everyone that purchased poinsettias to beautify the sanctuary at Christmas. The plants are now located in the entryway outside the sanctuary. Please take your(s) home so that you can continue to enjoy the beauty.

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. (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.

Furniture Available

Thanks to the recent construction and transition of space around the church, several furniture items including a desk, table, and several chairs that were previously in use are now available for free to anyone that can put them to use. For more information, please see Pastor Steve or Laura Hudson.

Stewardship Corner

The old year is past, gone forever. No one can go back in time. No one can do what he/she should have done or undo what he/she shouldn't have done. All of us have regrets, and the Apostle Paul was no exception. He writes, *Forgetting what is behind and straining forward to what is ahead, I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus.* Then he adds his counsel: *All of us who are mature should take such a view of things* (Philippians 3:13b-15). For more information on stewardship, please contact Max Buban at maxbuban@sbcglobal.net or 614-771-8594.

News of Invite Ministries

We Rejoice With:

Kelli & Jeremiah Webb and son Branham, at the birth of their daughter and sister, Ada Lee, on January 3, 2019
Jessica & Tristan Ericson and son Ezra, at the birth of their daughter and sister, Iris Naomi, on December 28, 2018

Removed from the Prayer List:

Karen Stone, daughter of Genie Craven, who is back at work

New Prayer Concerns:

Diane Whalen, in ICU recovering from a fall
Joseph Benedick, recovering from surgery for a broken foot
Mary Guggenaster, sister of Madeleine Guggenaster, recovering from heart surgery
The family of Dale Woods, Cincinnati police officer & nephew of Genie Craven, who was killed when struck by a car

Prayers for Our Members:

Pat Crowell
Glenn Canada
The Hallas family
Bill Lingo
Peg Timm

Prayers for Our Families and Friends:

Marvin Buban, brother of Max Buban
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
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
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 Gathering Place in the room nearest Grace Hall (the door is next to the couch and chairs). This space was the former library. 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.

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 is back in action on Thursdays 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. Go to <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C094BA8AF23ABFC1-thursday> to sign up.

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.

Did you know Holy Trinity now accepts credit cards?

Holy Trinity provides ministries for members of the congregation and community that are possible only through the generous offerings provided to the church. Since it's important to allow people to give in whatever way is most comfortable to them, Holy Trinity is exploring electronic giving through the use of credit and debit cards. We have partnered with Tithe.ly to use their platform on an experimental basis to determine if this meets our needs. Tithe.ly is an ELCA-endorsed electronic giving platform that makes it easy to make payments through a website or mobile device. You will find QR codes on tabletop signage, the *All Good Gifts* card, or the back of this newsletter directing you to our customized giving site <http://www.engagedbygrace.org/offering> which can also be typed into your web browser. 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. As with any credit/debit transaction, there are associated fees. Tithe.ly allows 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.

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!

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.

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 Vicki Townsend. Future leaders are: 1/20: Steven Rice and 1/27 – Josh Brodbeck and Dorothy Camerson. Please contact Dorothy Cameron or Carl Peterson for more information.

News of Empower Ministries

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 were recently delivered to the Lutheran Social Services' south-side food pantry on S. Champion Ave. Thank you for your generosity!

Habitat for Humanity News

The Northwest Partners 27th Habitat for Humanity house was dedicated on **Saturday, January 5**. The home at 1603 Myrtle Ave. was also the 500th Habitat for Humanity Mid-Ohio house. What a joy-filled occasion when the homeowner received keys to their new home. For more information about Habitat, please contact Benson Ross at 614-747-0930 or detailsdetails96@gmail.com.

Ministry Calendar at Holy Trinity for January 13 - 20, 2019

Sunday, January 13, 2019

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

Monday 6:00 pm - Boy Scout Troop 555

Tuesday 7:00 pm – Habitat for Humanity Steering Committee
7:00 pm – Beloved Group

Wednesday 10:15 am – Preacher's Bible Study
12:30 pm – WELCA Mary Martha Circle I
6:00 pm – Windgate Village Condo Assn.

Thursday 10:00 am – Hospitality Committee
1:00 pm – Card Ministry
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 6:30 pm – BSA Troop 555 Electronics Lock-in

Saturday 9:30 am – Yoga
9:30 am – Altar Ministry Planning Meeting

Sunday, January 20, 2019

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

Holy Trinity Schedule of Worship Servers – January & February 2019

Date	Time	Welcome Center	Assisting Ministers	Acolytes	Nursery Attendants	Lay Reader	Ushers	Communion Assistants	Bread Bakers	Communion Ministry Team
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		
Jan. 27	8:30		Ron Benedick	Sign-up Genius	Adrienne Wachtman	Ben Kaffenberger	Keith Darding, Dave Fenner	Ron Benedick, 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		
Feb. 3	8:30		Vicar Andrew Potsko	Sign-up Genius		Alan Gaulke	Tom Wuichet, Ron Benedick	Jack Amling, Adrienne Wachtman	Warnement	Perry & Warnement
	10:30	Dan & Pam Perry	Keith Townsend	Sign-up Genius	Allison & Mark Abell	Jody Passafume	John Quarles, Dan Perry, Peg Steele	Carolyn Cramer, Chris Pryor		

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, January 6 - 8:30 am – 74; 10:30 am – 126
 Sunday, January 13 Worship Text: Isaiah 43:1-7; Acts 8:14-17; Luke 3:15-17, 21-22
 Sunday, January 20 Worship Text: Isaiah 62:1-5; I Corinthians 12:1-11; John 2:1-11

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)

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