



Holy Trinity
Lutheran Church

Engaged by Grace.

WEEKLY

Ministry Announcements for the week of January 20 - 27, 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 February’s Intro to Holy Trinity seminar.
- ❖ **B** - I/We would like to learn more about becoming a Sunday School teacher, substitute, or assistant.
- ❖ **C** – 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

During the month of January, the Sunday Adult Forum is considering God’s call to care for immigrants and refugees in the ever-more complicated times in which we live. This **Sunday, January 20**, Holy Trinity welcomes special guest Ruben Castilla Herrera, a second generation Mexican-American born in Seguin, TX. He spent his childhood as a migrant farmworker in California, Oregon, and Washington. He graduated from Willamette University in Salem, OR and attended the Methodist Theological School in Delaware, OH. Herrera is a long-time organizer and activist fighting for justice, freedom, dignity and liberation for all people. He was founding member of several Latinx-related organizations including, most recently, the Columbus Sanctuary Collective (Colectivo Santuario de Columbus). The CSC is organized around Sanctuary as Resistance and the #AbolishICE movement. The faith-based strategy is to stop deportations and provide a unified resistance to Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE). Please join us **Sunday, January 20 at 9:35 am** in the Conference Room to hear this interesting perspective.

First English Breakfast Ministry

Holy Trinity will prepare and serve breakfast at First English Lutheran Church on **Sunday, January 27**. We would also like to provide baked goods for the coffee hour as people come in out of the cold. If you would like to help with this effort, donations of muffins, breads, coffee cakes, etc., as well as fresh fruit, would be greatly appreciated. Any food contributions should be dropped off in Holy Trinity’s kitchen by 7:45 am on Sunday, January 27, or meet us at First English at 8:00 am for serving at 9:30. Please contact Becky Warnement for more information at bwarnement124@gmail.com.

WELCA Bible Study

The January WELCA Bible Study will meet on **Tuesday, January 29 at 10:00 am** in the new location of the church library. This month we start a new study series entitled “Meetings with Jesus.” “*Come and see. Seeking and finding faith*” is the topic of the first session. Please join us for an hour as we study God’s word. All are welcome.

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 are available at the Info Center table for your review prior to the meeting.

YWCA Family Center

Holy Trinity will provide a lasagna dinner for the families at the YWCA Family Center on **Saturday, February 2 at 5:00 pm**. The event is a wonderful service project for families and friends! Volunteers help with meal prep, setting tables, and serving food. If you would like to help, please arrive at the Y-Center by 5:00 pm (900 Harvey Ct., Columbus, 43219). You may also help by making a donation for purchasing the food. If you make a monetary donation, please make checks payable to Holy Trinity and mark the check or envelope for the Y-Center. Please contact Chris Pryor or Danielle Gonsiska if you have questions or for more information. Thanks for your support!

Interested in learning more about Holy Trinity?

An Introduction to Holy Trinity seminar is being conducted during the Sunday School hour on three Sunday mornings in February. This seminar is designed to help interested people learn more about the ministry of our congregation and the encounters with God's grace that we share here. Even if you can't attend all three sessions, we'd love for you to participate. To learn more, please mark **Ministry Opportunity A** on the *All Good Gifts* card located in the hymnal rack or sign up at the Collection & Signup Corner in the Gathering Place. Contact Pastor Steve or Laura Hudson if you have questions.

Stewardship Corner

We are new creatures in Christ, the Apostle Paul declares (2 Corinthians 5:17)! As such, we no longer view ourselves or others the way we once did. We have a new role; we are ambassadors for Christ, *as though God were making His appeal through us* (2 Corinthians 5:20). And those to whom God appeals are the lost for whom Christ has died. What a sober responsibility we have! As stewards of the Gospel that we spread not just with our mouths, but with our actions as well, let us implore God to enable us to be His light in this dark world. For more information on stewardship, please contact Max Buban at maxmbuban@sbcglobal.net or 614-771-8594.

News of Invite Ministries

New Prayer Concerns:

Emily and Alex Keys, grandchildren of Barb and Bob Campbell, facing deployment overseas
Wayne Wymer, cousin of Susan Setterlin, recovering from a gunshot wound suffered during street violence
Curt Passafume, Sr., father of Curt Passafume, Jr., recovering from gall bladder surgery and battling pancreatic cancer

Prayers for Our Members:

Joseph Benedick
Diane Whalen
Pat Crowell
Glenn Canada
The Hallas family
Bill Lingo
Peg Timm

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
Marvin Buban, brother of Max Buban
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
Mary Guggenaster, sister of Madeleine Guggenaster

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 (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.

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 yours home so that you can continue to enjoy the beauty.

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

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).

Thursday Night Supper Ministry

Everyone's invited to attend Holy Trinity's Thursday Night Supper Ministry as we share food and friendship from 5:30 – 7:00 pm. 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>.

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.

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 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. 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 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. You will find QR codes on tabletop signage and 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.

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.

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.

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

News of Empower Ministries

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.

Ministry Calendar at Holy Trinity for January 20 - 27, 2019

Sunday, January 20, 2019

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

Monday **Offices Closed – Martin Luther King Day**

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 – Bell Choir
7:00 pm – Bible Study
7:30 pm – Chancel Choir

Friday No Events Scheduled

Saturday 9:00 am – Council Retreat
9:30 am – Yoga
6:00 pm – Council Dinner

Sunday, January 27, 2019

8:30 am – Worship with Communion
9:30 am – Learning & Fellowship Hour
10:30 am – Worship with Communion
11:30 am – Annual Meeting of the Congregation

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. 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		
Feb. 10	8:30		Tim Hudson	Matthew Rice	Julie & Keith Hallas	Dave Fenner	Matt Sharp Alan Gaulke	Peter Brooks Dan Brooks	Van Fossen	VanFossen & Hunter
	10:30		Peg Steele	Sign-up Genius		Keith Townsend	Skip Duncan Dale Svendsen John Schueler Tom Grabenstatter	Herb Maxwell Janet Maxwell		

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

Contributions:	Receipts	Expenses	Contributions:	Receipts	Expenses
Dec. Actual:	\$ 77,136	\$ 64,382	YTD Actual:	\$567,171	\$591,694
Budget:	\$ 46,828	\$ 47,833	Budget:	\$558,600	\$586,189

Attendance: Sunday, January 13 - 8:30 am – 65; 10:30 am – 73

Sunday, January 20 Worship Text: Isaiah 62:1-5; I Corinthians 12:1-11; John 2:1-11

Sunday, January 27 Worship Text: Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10; 1 Corinthians 12:12-31a; Luke 4:14-21

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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