



Holy Trinity
Lutheran Church

Engaged by Grace.

WEEKLY

Ministry Announcements for the week of January 27 – February 3, 2019

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
11:30 am – Annual Congregational Meeting

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

Favorite Bible Verse

This **Sunday, January 27** during the sermon song *"Thy Word"* by Amy Grant, we'd like you to consider sharing a verse that has been especially meaningful to you. Microphones will be set up for people to come forward after each chorus to read their verse. Feel free to bring your Bible to church or read from a phone app; otherwise, we'll have Bibles in the pew racks as well. Please contact Vicar Andrew if you have any questions or concerns.

Annual Meeting is Sunday, January 27

Holy Trinity’s annual meeting is this **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.

Bach Beats Bible

Joshua Brodbeck and Dorothy Cameron will lead this week’s Sunday Scripture Discussion on this interesting topic. We meet at 9:30 am between services in the “new” church library. Bring your coffee and opinions. Join us this **Sunday, January 27** and next week, too. Interested? Contact Carl Peterson at 614-374-0297.

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.

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 27 (rescheduled from last week)**, 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 27 at 9:35 am!**

Winter Kick-Off for Lutheran Men in Mission

On **Saturday, February 9th at noon** in the Kerns Religious Center of Capital University, the Lutheran Men in Mission will meet for a discussion with the Reverend Todd Mills, Director of Congregational Engagement and Advancement at Trinity Lutheran Seminary and Capital University. The topic for the day is "Exploring Student Ministry". The discussion will be followed by the Capital University vs. Baldwin Wallace basketball game at 2:00 p.m. An RSVP is required for this event. Please email David Drumm at dadrumm@yahoo.com for a reservation.

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!

Saturday Night Adult Fellowship (SNAF)

All adults are invited to the next gathering of Saturday Night Adult Fellowship on **Saturday, February 9 at 6 pm at the church**. The program for the evening will focus on Latvia. Look for the sign-up sheet at the collection and sign-up table in the Gathering Place to indicate your interest.

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 or sign up at the Collection & Signup Corner. Please contact Pastor Steve or Laura Hudson if you have questions.

Women of Faith

Women of Faith invite all women from Holy Trinity and their friends to join us on **Tuesday, February 12 at 11:30** at Red Hook Grille, 1223 Goodale Blvd. (between Grandview Ave. and Northwest Blvd. on the south side of the street - look for the red awning.) Their food is based on St. Thomas, Virgin Islands cuisine and they have a daily \$7 lunch special that includes meal, drink and tax. We hope you will join us and if so, please sign up at the Collection & Signup table in the Gathering Place so we can make you part of our reservation.

Luther College Nordic Choir

The Luther College Nordic Choir will be performing in the Columbus area on **Monday, February 4**. The concert will begin at 7:30 pm at Prince of Peace Lutheran Church in Dublin (5475 Brand Road). There is no charge for admission; a freewill offering will be collected. Under the direction of Dr. Andrew Last, the Nordic Choir is one of the premiere collegiate choral ensembles in the nation. For more information, visit luther.edu/music.

Stewardship Corner

As stewards, we continually fall short of God's expectations for us. In spite of our good intentions and best efforts, we sin daily. We fail to use our time, talents, and treasures as wisely and faithfully as we should. Through faith, we recognize our sins and are sorry for them. As believers, we place our trust in Jesus for forgiveness for our sins, and we are determined, with the help of God, to be more faithful in how we live our lives as stewards. For more information on stewardship, please contact Max Buban at maxbuban@sbcglobal.net or 614-771-8594.

News of Invite Ministries

We Rejoice With:

Kara and Matt Schumacher, Eli and Noah, at the birth of their daughter and sister, Lydia Louise, born last week

New Prayer Concerns:

Peg Timm, in hospice care

Heidi Larrimer, undergoing surgery next week

Mary Jane Neiman, recovering from a heart attack last week

Prayers for Our Members:

Joseph Benedick

Diane Whalen

Pat Crowell

Glenn Canada

The Hallas family

Bill Lingo

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

Emily and Alex Keys, grandchildren of Barb and Bob Campbell

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

Curt Passafume, Sr., father of Curt Passafume, Jr

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

Wayne Wymer, cousin of Susan 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.

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).

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.

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.

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>.

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 leaders are Dorothy Cameron and Josh Brodbeck. 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 27 – February 3, 2019

Sunday, January 27, 2019

7:45 am – First English Breakfast Ministry
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

Monday

6:00 pm – BSA 555
7:00 pm – iPhone/iPad Workshop

Tuesday

10:00 am – WELCA Bible Study
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

9:30 am – Yoga

Sunday, February 3, 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. 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		
Feb. 17	8:30		Vicar Andrew	Sign-up Genius	Adrienne Wachtman	Laura Hudson	Jeff Warnement John Gray	AC Cochran, Sharon Hamersley	Cochran	Nichols & Riley
	10:30		Elli Cucksey	Sign-up Genius	Drew & Amanda Richards	Beth Myser	Chris Pryor, Phil Favret, Peter Ward	Barb Campbell Bob Campbell		

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 20 - 8:30 am - 24; 10:30 am - 44

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

Sunday, February 3 Worship Text: Jeremiah 1:4-10; 1 Corinthians 13:1-13; Luke 4:21-30

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)

For mobile giving options, scan code below with your phone's camera or go to <http://www.engagedbygrace.org/offering>



Holy Trinity Lutheran Church
2001 Northwest Blvd, Columbus, OH 43212 614-486-9433 phone/fax
email@engagedbygrace.org