



Holy Trinity  
Lutheran Church

*Engaged by Grace.*

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Ministry Announcements for the week of March 31 – April 7, 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

### **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 provide \_\_\_ (qty.) Easter lilies or spring flowers for Easter worship.
- ❖ **B** - I/We will attend the Women of Faith lunch gathering on Tuesday, April 9.

### **New This Week**

#### **Estimate of Giving Follow-up – Sunday, April 7**

All members of Holy Trinity are invited to attend a brief meeting on **Sunday, April 7 at 11:30 am**, immediately following the 10:30 worship service, when Church Council will provide an update on the results of our recent Estimate of Giving ministry and present a revised ministry spending plan for 2019. Copies are available at the Info Center for your review prior to the meeting.

#### **YWCA-Family Center Dinner**

Holy Trinity will provide a lasagna dinner for the families at the YWCA Family Center on **Saturday, April 6 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!

#### **Discovering Islam**

##### **Sunday Adult Forum Topic for March 24, 31 and April 7**

For the sake of understanding more fully the faith of our Muslim neighbors and exploring any opportunities we might have for connecting with them as people of faith living in the same country, we continue our consideration of the DVD series entitled *Discover Islam*. Using discussion guides provided by the ELCA and theologians from the Lutheran seminary in Chicago, last week we considered the topic of Faith and History, looking into the origins of Islam. This week we'll consider the topic: Islam in America and next week, Islam and Christian relations.

For those who might be interested to learn a little bit about Islam for themselves, PBS published the documentary *Muhammad: Legacy of a Prophet* which you can stream at this website. The full-length video is found at the second link on that page. <https://www.upf.tv/films/muhammad-legacy-of-a-prophet/watch/#streaming>

These events are being moderated by Pastor Steve who would be glad to address any questions or suggestions that you might have.

## **ReNew - The Good Steward VBS 2019**

### **Grow in Faith ~ Have Fun ~ Change the World**

ReNew Vacation Bible School invites kids to learn about Jesus, help build our community, and grow as they become stewards of God's creation. At "ReNew - The Good Steward VBS," kids will plant seeds of faith exploring God's Word through Jesus' Parable of the Sower & the Seed, and they will learn about God's creation and what we can do to care for it.

Here's the schedule this year:

- 5:00 – 7:00 pm Sunday, June 23, pizza supper kick-off event
- 9:00 – 11:30 am Monday through Friday, June 24-27, rotation of activities

A central activity for this year's experience will be a pizza vegetable garden along the back of the church. With youth and adults tilling, planting, and tending through the summer months, we'll celebrate the harvest of God's abundance with a grilled pizza party late in the summer or early in the fall.

The VBS Creative Team is coming together nicely. Here's a current roster with available opportunities as well. Planning resources are available for each position with the exception of Nursery (which is what it is!) and the Pizza Garden Coordinator which calls for some creative gardening expertise. Please see Pastor Steve to learn more and join the team!

Promotions and Registration: Heidi Christman  
Gather and Sending Team: Pastor Steve and Josh Brodbeck  
Self-Exploration Activity Leader: Allison Abell  
Community Exploration Activity Leader : \_\_\_\_\_  
World Exploration Activity Leader: Noelle Fox  
Games Activity Coordinator: \_\_\_\_\_  
Preschool Group Leader: \_\_\_\_\_  
Snack Coordinator: Nichole Wilhelm  
Set Coordinator: Amanda Darding  
Supplies Coordinator: Suellen Sharp  
Pizza Garden Coordinator: \_\_\_\_\_  
Small Group Shepherds (5): \_\_\_\_\_

Watch for online registration coming soon!

### **Mid-week Lenten Worship: *Parables Unplugged***

Jesus was a skilled storyteller and perceptive teacher who used parables from everyday life to effectively convey his message and meaning. Life in first-century Palestine was very different from our world today, and many traditional interpretations of Jesus' stories ignore this disparity. In *Short Stories by Jesus*, Jewish scholar and author Amy-Jill Levine analyzes these "problems with parables," taking us back in time to understand how their original Jewish audience understood them. Throughout our mid-week Lenten services, we will explore these moving stories for the contemporary person, showing how the parables are not just about Jesus, but are also about us—and how they can still challenge and provoke us two thousand years later. Please join us on **Wednesdays at 11:45 am and 7:00 pm** for worship, devotions, and insight about the parables that we may have never considered.

### **Honoring Dr. Walter Taylor**

The April 2019 issue of *Currents in Theology and Mission* is a *Festschrift* for the Rev. Dr. Walter F. Taylor, Jr., Ernest W. and Edith S. Ogram Professor Emeritus of New Testament Studies at Trinity Lutheran Seminary. Drawn from the German words for "celebration" and for "writing," a *Festschrift* is an academic tradition in which a distinguished scholar is honored with a collection of essays written by colleagues and former students.

A *Festschrift* is a two-directional piece of writing. At one level, a *Festschrift* "honors up." It celebrates the scholarship of the person being honored. At another level, a *Festschrift* "teaches forward." In celebrating the scholarship of the honoree, the contributing authors draw on what they have learned from their colleague or mentor and continue the legacy in their own scholarly work. Graduate students know that one way to get a good sense of someone's influence in the field is to look at their *Festschrift*.

Wally's New Testament colleague at Trinity, the Rev. Dr. Mark Allan Powell, introduces the *Festschrift* with these words: "Walter Frederick Taylor Jr. came to Trinity Lutheran Seminary in July of 1981 to serve a little more than thirty-five years as a professor of New Testament studies. He retired at the end of 2016, having impacted the lives of more than 2,000 students." Now that's a legacy!

You can read the *Festschrift* online at <http://www.currentsjournal.org/index.php/currents>

## **Invitation from Beacons**

Holy Trinity's Beacons group will meet on **Wednesday, April 3 at 9:00 am**. We are working on quilts, fleece blankets, and neck pillows. You do not need any sewing skills to help out. Please come and bring a friend. Suggestions for new projects are always welcome. We will break for the Lenten Service at 11:45 and the soup and bread luncheon following. Then we will have a business meeting and serve dessert. Hope to see you there!

## **Thank You!**

Thank you, everyone, for the cards, visits, prayers, and kindness you've shown during my recovery from knee surgery. Your thoughtfulness has been overwhelming. I look forward to being back with you at Holy Trinity as soon as I can.

– Carl Peterson

## **Concerts at Holy Trinity**

The next installment of Holy Trinity's concert series will be **Sunday, April 14 at 4:00 pm**. Organist Joshua Brodbeck and Art Collector John Kohan will present Dupre's Stations of the Cross, combined with Paul Claudel's poems and Albert Decaris' artwork. Please join us for a perfect way to start Holy Week!

## **Easter Flowers**

Holy Trinity will again be beautifying the sanctuary with Easter lilies and spring flowers on Easter morning. If you would like to purchase a potted flower for the display, please sign up on the *All Good Gifts* card **Ministry Opportunity A** or at the Collection & Signup Corner in the Gathering Place. The cost is \$8.

## **Uniform Series International Bible Study**

The Thursday Evening Bible Study is resuming at **7:00 pm, Thursday April 4**, with study materials written for the uniform series weekly Bible passages identified by the National Council of Churches. The passages used across different Christian denominations and selected to correlate with the church year, will give the group an opportunity to experience our unity as God's people around the gift of God's Word. Study materials are available at the Information Center. See Pastor Steve for more information.

## **Stewardship Corner**

*"Faith by itself, if it is not accompanied by action, is dead,"* writes the Apostle James (James 2:17). As God's stewards, we live out our faith by acting in obedience to God's command to feed the hungry, give drink to the thirsty, entertain the stranger, clothe the naked, care for the sick, and visit the prisoner (Matthew 25:35-36). For more information about stewardship, please contact Max Buban at [maxbuban@sbcglobal.net](mailto:maxbuban@sbcglobal.net) or 614-771-8594.

## **News of Invite Ministries**

### **New Prayer Concerns:**

Noah Fox, undergoing oral surgery this week

Jay Richter, former member of Holy Trinity, diagnosed with lupus

Jil Lossing Williams, sister of Donna Marie Jones, undergoing surgery this week

The family of Glen Evans, grandfather of choir member Gareth Evans, who died last week

### **Prayers for Our Members:**

Ann Hunter

Carl Peterson

Susan Setterlin

Carol Stewart

Diane Whalen

Jenny Peters

Pat Crowell

Ohmer Crowell

The Hallas family

Bill Lingo

### **Removed from the Prayer List:**

Heidi Larrimer, Hazel Wright, Elli Wachtman, MJ Neiman, and Glenn Canada, recovered from surgery

## **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  
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  
Nancy Hawk, mother of Kris Eicher  
Lynda Krieger, aunt of Leah Forts  
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  
Minae, friend of Barbara Keller  
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  
Ann McKitrick, mother of John McKitrick  
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  
Roger Yekisa, father of Suellen Sharp  
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.

## **News of Embrace Ministries**

### **Women of Faith**

All women are invited to attend the Women of Faith lunch gathering at **11:30 am on Tuesday, April 9** at Hunan Lion Restaurant, 2038 Crown Plaza Dr., Columbus 43235 (faces Bethel Rd next to Dollar Tree). If you like Asian food you will want to join us for some of the best. Please sign up at the Collection & Signup Corner in the Gathering place or on the *All Good Gifts* card **Ministry Opportunity B** so we can add you to our reservation number.

## February Council Meeting Recap

Following is a brief recap of the approved minutes from the February 2019 Church Council meeting:

- Youth room completion is being coordinated with Kris Eicher.
- Awaiting information from Estimate of Giving ministry to decide on Roofing Master Plan.
- Jacob's Porch property purchase is awaiting approval from Synod and ELCA.
- Vicar Andrew's Rural Ministry course has been completed. His final intensive class will be 3/26-4/2/19.
- Giving statements were mailed to all who made financial contributions to Holy Trinity in 2018.
- Stewardship/Estimate of Giving mailing has been sent. About 40 responses have been returned to date.
- Easter music will include a brass quintet as well as organ and piano duets.
- Mike Christman (president), Tim Stock (VP), Matt Fox (Treasurer) and Dan Perry (Financial Secretary) will be signatories in 2019 for the church's bank accounts.
- Leslie Torres will research options for improved electronic file sharing between council members.
- Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper will be March 5 from 5:00-7:00 pm. Please help serve if you're able.
- Income and expenses are within expected estimates for this time period.

## 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 Alan Gaulke. Please contact Carl Peterson for more information.

## News of Empower Ministries

### Donate Eyeglasses and Help Prevent Blindness

It's time to get any unused eyeglasses, lenses or cases to the box with the glasses on it at the Collection & Signup Corner in the Gathering place. Although we collect these items throughout the year, in April we turn them in to VOSH (Volunteer Optometric Services to Humanity), an organization that distributes them in third world countries. Make it part of your Spring Cleaning!

## Ministry Calendar at Holy Trinity for March 31 – April 7, 2019

### Sunday, March 31, 2019

8:30 am – Worship with Communion  
9:30 am – Learning & Fellowship Hour  
10:30 am – Worship with Communion  
2:00 pm – Eagle Scout Court of Honor

**Monday** 6:00 pm – BSA Troop 555

**Tuesday** 7:00 pm – Beloved Group

**Wednesday** 9:00 am – Beacons  
10:15 am – Preacher's Bible Study  
11:45 am – Midweek Lenten Worship & Soup Lunch  
7:00 pm – Midweek Lenten Worship  
7:30 pm – WELCA Group V

**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** 5:00 pm – Brown-Blazer Wedding Rehearsal

**Saturday** 9:30 am – Yoga  
1:30 pm – Brown-Blazer Wedding  
5:00 pm – YWCA-Family Center Dinner

### Sunday, April 7, 2019

8:30 am – Worship with Communion  
9:30 am – Learning & Fellowship Hour  
10:30 am – Worship with Communion  
11:30 am – Estimate of Giving Ministry Update

## Holy Trinity Schedule of Worship Servers – March & April 2019

Date	Time	Welcome Center	Assisting Ministers	Acolytes	Nursery Attendants	Lay Reader	Ushers	Communion Assistants	Bread Bakers	Communion Ministry Team
Mar. 31	8:30		Tim Hudson	Mia Larrimer		Alan Gaulke	Jeff Warnement, John Gray	Jack Amling, Adrienne Wachtman	Cochran	Higbee & Tanner
	10:30	Dan & Pam Perry	Curt Passafume		Allison & Mark Abell	Curt Passafume	John Quarles, Dan Perry, Peg Steele	Carolyn Cramer, Chris Pryor		
April 7	8:30		Tim Hudson	Matthew Rice	Julie & Keith Hallas	Laura Hudson	Tom Wuichet, Alan Gaulke	Peter Brooks, Dan Brooks	Grabenstatter	Grabenstatter, MacConnell, & Wilhelm
	10:30		Peg Steele	Conlan Daykin		Beth Myser	Skip Duncan, Dale Svendsen, John Schueler	Herb Maxwell, Janet Maxwell		
April 14	8:30		Sharon Hamersley	Mia Larrimer	Adrienne Wachtman	Dave Fenner	Matt Sharp, Ron Benedick	AC Cochran, Alan Gaulke	Setterlin	Duncan & Michael
	10:30		Keith Townsend	Maria Favret	Drew & Amanda Richards	Keith Townsend	Chris Pryor, Phil Favret, Peter Ward, Bill Eubanks	JoAnn Curry, MJ Neiman		
<b>April 18</b>	<b>7 PM</b>		Curt Passafume	Matthew Rice			Keith Darding, Dave Fenner	Jeff Warnement, Dan Brooks	Warnement	Perry & Warnement
<b>April 19</b>	<b>7 PM</b>		Keith Townsend				Tom Wuichet, Alan Gaulke			
April 21	8:30		Ron Benedick		Adrienne Wachtman	Debbie Cochran	Keith Darding, Dave Fenner	Jeff Warnement, Sharon Hamersley	Grabenstatter & Taylor	Higbee & Tanner
	10:30		Elli Cucksey	Mia Larrimer, Conlan Daykin	Allison & Mark Abell	Elli Cucksey	Adam Wagenbach, JoAnn Curry, Brian Barrett, Erik Yassenoff	Bob Campbell, Barb Campbell		Grabenstatter, MacConnell & Wilhelm

Financials through February 2019 – Detailed information is available upon request.

Contributions:	Receipts	Expenses	Contributions:	Receipts	Expenses
Feb. Actual:	\$ 39,455	\$ 46,064	YTD Actual:	\$ 66,919	\$101,875
Budget:	\$ 46,822	\$ 50,252	Budget:	\$ 93,644	\$100,504

Attendance: Sunday, March 24 – 8:30 am – 79; 10:30 am – 134; FELC - 10  
 Sunday, March 31 Worship Text: Joshua 5:9-12; 2 Corinthians 5:16-21; Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32  
 Sunday, April 7 Worship Text: Isaiah 43:16-21; Philemon 3:4b-14; John 12:1-8

### The Holy Trinity Staff & Office Hours:

Pastor: Steve Wachtman ([steve.wachtman@engagedbygrace.org](mailto:steve.wachtman@engagedbygrace.org))  
 Vicar: Andrew Potsko ([andrew.potsko@engagedbygrace.org](mailto:andrew.potsko@engagedbygrace.org))  
 Preschool: Nancy VanFossen ([nancy.vanfossen@engagedbygrace.org](mailto:nancy.vanfossen@engagedbygrace.org)) Monday-Friday 8:30am-2:30pm  
 Administrator: Laura Hudson ([laura.hudson@engagedbygrace.org](mailto:laura.hudson@engagedbygrace.org)) Monday-Thursday 8:30am-12:30pm  
 Minister of Music: Joshua Brodbeck ([joshua.brodbeck@engagedbygrace.org](mailto:joshua.brodbeck@engagedbygrace.org))

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