



**Holy Trinity**  
Lutheran Church

*Engaged by Grace.*

**WEEKLY**

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Ministry Announcements for the week of February 28 – March 7, 2021

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## **Our Sunday Schedule**

8:00 am – First English Breakfast Ministry

9:30 am – In-Person Worship with Communion and Remote, Live-Streamed Worship

## **New Ministry Opportunities**

### **In-person Worship Resumes**

**9:30am, Sundays**

Holy Trinity has resumed in-person worship with a single service at 9:30am on Sundays. Since pivoting in November to online worship only, we've built a regular following of more than 100 views at the same time each week. We hope to maintain and even extend that sense of community with people worshipping at the same time whether at church, at home or on the road. We have a safe-distanced seating capacity of 100 persons in the sanctuary and we'll add another worship time once we approach that number.

We celebrate Holy Communion on Sunday mornings now that the community is gathering together again. We also serve communion in the parking lot after worship for any who would like to drive in to receive it that way.

Other Holy Trinity ministry groups can decide for themselves whether to meet in-person or remotely going forward. Please contact Pastor Steve with any questions about getting access to the building. The same pandemic-safe protocols for facial coverings and safe distance continue to apply for all activities at the church.

### **Midweek Good News in Lent**

#### **Jesus Brings God's Kingdom Near our Outreach Partners**

**10:30am Wednesdays, February 24 - March 24**

For our midweek Lenten reflections in 2021, each of these five Outreach Partners will share a Daily Dose of Good News about the work Jesus is doing to bring near God's kingdom through their ministry, even during these days of pandemic:

- First English Lutheran Church
- Habitat for Humanity
- Jacob's Porch
- Lutheran Social Services of Central Ohio
- Trinity Lutheran Seminary

Wrapped in a service of confession, prayers and music, in-person and online at 10:30am on Wednesdays during Lent, we will present a 5-10 minute video message from a different Outreach Partner each week, celebrating the ministry we share together with them in their particular context. The service will be available to stream from the website after that at any point throughout the day.

## **Faith Enrichment Series**

**The 'Just' Wisdom of Elders/Experts hosted by Racial Justice Ministry**

**7:30pm on Thursday evenings- FINALE TONIGHT!**

*Join Zoom Meeting*

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/5931525374>

*Meeting ID: 593 152 5374*

*Did you ever wonder how Rosa Parks' Christian faith impacted her decision not to move to the back of the bus on December 1, 1955?*

Come find out!

Beryl Anderson is our speaker for this last week of Faith Enrichment. She was the Director of International Communications for Rosa Parks, so Beryl traveled with Rosa, knew her well and covered her extensively. Beryl describes Rosa as "like a grandmother to me".

Beryl knows not only the background and history of Rosa Parks- she also knows some of the intimate details of how Rosa's Christian faith impacted Rosa's specific situation and multiple "God coincidences". Beryl will cover these faith aspects in our presentation TONIGHT!

This is a rare and extraordinary opportunity you won't want to miss!

Our Faith Enrichment format is:

- 1) Presentation for approximately 30 minutes
- 2) Small group breakout rooms for processing further & discussion with one another
- 3) Return to the larger group for any follow up questions & additional discussion

It's an opportunity for us all to learn more and then apply our Racial Justice breakout room questions:

*How does this connect with our thinking & experiences?*

*Expand them further?*

*Or challenge them?*

We had a wonderful time with Pastor Dave & Marge over the first two weeks and with Beryl this past week! But just because you haven't been able to join the previous sessions doesn't mean you can't join tonight! We know there are a substantial number of people coming specifically tonight who have been at none of the previous sessions. So, it's all good- all are welcome!

Please join us for another round of enjoying community and great discussion with one another!!

*In harmony with Christ's call to love our neighbors as ourselves, our Racial Justice Ministry mission is to engage ourselves and the congregation on the journey toward racial justice and equity.*

## **Reflections on Race**

*In honor of Black History Month, and hopefully long after February, members of the Racial Justice Ministry Team are sharing their personal experiences with race. This week, Vicar Sara Wunsch writes a follow-up to Sharon Hamersley's article about school experiences with her family, with Vicar Sara's own school experience.*

I grew up in Circleville, Ohio, in a town of about 12,000 and there were only two black students in my grade. Mary Juanita Tiller was one of them, and as you might guess, since I know her entire name, she became one of my best friends. I met her in fifth grade, we used to go walk around Eastland Mall together in the 80's, I have more handwritten notes from her than I can count- about as many secret crushes as you can imagine, and she covered an entire page of my yearbook with her messy, cursive scrawl, signing at the end with LYLAS ("Love Ya Like A Sister") and BFFAA ("Best Friends Forever and Always").

But it wasn't always perfect. As a matter of fact, I made a racist comment in middle school that could have destroyed our friendship completely. I was referring to someone else who was mixed in race, and called them a "zebra". I'd heard other kids use that term before, and I didn't realize the term was so highly offensive. Duh! Obviously it was, obviously it was wrong, and Mary called me on it, as she should have, and I am very thankful she did. I felt awful, I apologized, and I went and bought a panda

bear stuffed animal for her, as a symbolic way to try and unite both black and white in harmony and beauty. It's probably still not the best way to apologize, but Mary understood that I was sincerely trying and I was genuinely sorry. Mary graciously forgave me and I have been graced and honored by her continued friendship ever since.

One of the blessings in my life is that in engaging and interacting with Mary, this created a relationship with Mary which became both deep and beautiful. Mary became a Gospel singer in her 20's, so naturally, she sang at my wedding and it was Holy Spirit filled and amazing to hear. I attended her wedding and was one of the only white people present. I have noticed that if you scramble the letters in the word "relationship"- you get that word "real". I love that. Because that's what we're going for. Not artificial, nor polite. Mary could have not raised my racist slur to my awareness. She could have been more polite than me- in my flagrant rudeness.

But Mary was willing to be authentic with me. That is risky and vulnerable. I'm sure that wasn't easy for Mary to do. And in my friendship and love for Mary, I was willing to be real with her, and admit it sincerely when I was wrong, even if done inadvertently in my own naïveté, not realizing the deep and damaging impact of my words.

This is race relationships at their finest. Not done perfectly. They will never be done perfectly and that's OK. Jesus doesn't call us to be perfect. But Jesus does call us to live authentically and peacefully. To live with honesty, humility, love and grace for one another in the process. Seeing the beloved in each other, and valuing each other wholeheartedly- as human beings, neighbors, and BFAAs of great value.

### **In Sure and Certain Hope of the Resurrection Thursday Faith Enrichment for March**

In the weeks leading up to our celebration of the resurrection at Easter and as part of the planning for a memorial garden and possibly a columbarium at church, Pastor Steve will invite consideration and conversation around the ways we are church at the time of death. You may join the presentation and dialog via Zoom on Thursdays in March, 4, 11, 18 and 25 at 7:30pm using this link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/5931525374>

These will be the weekly topics:

March 4: Funeral, Memorial Service or Celebration of Life

March 11: Embalming, Cremation or Natural Burial

March 18: Memorial Gardens

March. 25: Columbariums

### **Stewardship Corner**

If you have an income, you have the ability to give. Be glad and give thanks to God for His provision. Lord, I thank You for the opportunities to give. *"The Macedonian churches urgently pleaded... ..for the privilege of sharing in this service to the saints"* (2 Corinthians 8:2,4). For more information about stewardship, please contact Max Buban at 614-771-8594 or [maxmbuban@sbcglobal.net](mailto:maxmbuban@sbcglobal.net).

## **News of Invite Ministries**

### **New Prayer Concerns:**

Jenny Peters, diagnosed with COVID-19 while hospitalized

Madonna Sinks, aunt of Mandy Richards, battling COVID

Ken Doolittle, recovering from surgery this week related to his previous back surgery

The family of Steve Doty, friend of Dave and Jen Kline, who died recently

The family of Carroll Granger, friend of Dave and Jen Kline, who died unexpectedly

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

Sue Ferguson, recovering from a fall

Alice Larrimer, undergoing physical therapy and anticipating another hip surgery

Miriam Ringquist, recovering at home from surgery

## **Prayers for Our Family and Friends:**

Phillip Jones, brother of Janet Benedick, undergoing treatment for bladder cancer  
Marvin Buban, brother of Max Buban, undergoing chemotherapy  
Nancy Case, friend of Sue Eubanks, being treated for cancer  
Deb Markowich, daughter of Marge and Dave Markowich, diagnosed with breast cancer  
Melanie Markowich, daughter-in-law of Marge and Dave Markowich, dealing with medical issues

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

Miriam Ruff, friend of Shirley Boyd, recovering well after a fall  
Jessica Ericson, former member of Holy Trinity, in remission for breast cancer

## **Altar Flowers**

Signup sheets are available for **2021** altar flower memorials and dedications. You can signup at the usher stand near the Info Center or by contacting the church office at [laura.hudson@engagedbygrace.org](mailto:laura.hudson@engagedbygrace.org) or 614-486-9433. The cost is \$30. Checks, electronic drafts, or credit card payments can be made payable to Holy Trinity with “flowers” noted in the memo line. Thank you for supporting this ministry!

## **News of Embrace Ministries**

### **FaithFlix for February**

#### **Do-It-Yourself Style**

“Banner Blue” is a Christian Education resource for families curated by Dan Jacobs, a Deacon of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. Dan currently serves in children, youth, and campus ministries at Wittenberg University, Peace Lutheran Church in Beavercreek, OH, and Christ Lutheran in Old North Dayton. Dan first heard the call to ministry through Liberation Theology as an undergrad at Wittenberg and discovered his gifts for sharing that theology creatively while in seminary at Yale Divinity School. His greatest passions are serving kids and advocating for justice in fulfilling God's promised kingdom.

Among the resources he shares are faith-based discussion guides for movies. You will find his current set of materials at this link: <https://www.bannerblue.org/moviebiblestudies>

Pastor Steve watched *The Greatest Showman*. Let us know which you decide to watch for our Do-It-Yourself FaithFlix for February!

## **God is Our Refuge and Strength**

### **Capital Campaign Update**

For the sake of replenishing reserves after repairing the roof, paying down mortgage principle on the new sanctuary and establishing a memorial garden on the church property, we have to date received 68 responses offering prayers and input to memorial garden planning, along with \$569,600 in pledges toward our baseline goal of \$425,000. Reaching our stretch goal of \$620,000 would pay off our mortgage in full. We plan to make a \$500,000 payment towards the principle of the loan in the coming month. Pledges and contributions will continue to be received throughout the campaign. If you have questions, please contact Financial Secretary Mike Christman at [Michael.d.christman@gmail.com](mailto:Michael.d.christman@gmail.com).

## **News of Empower Ministries**

### **First English Breakfast Ministry**

Holy Trinity's next opportunity to prepare and serve breakfast for our friends at First English Lutheran Church is **Sunday, February 28**. We feed about 65-75 people each Sunday. All items should be cooked, hot and ready to eat. They can be delivered Sunday, February 28 to Holy Trinity by 8am or brought to First English, 1015 E Main St, 43205, by 8:15. We serve at 8:30am. You can signup to help at this link: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080948aaad28a57-first8>. Volunteers need to arrive between 8-8:15am. If you have questions, please call/text Becky 614-638-8170 or Jeff Warnement 614-578-6179.

## Habitat for Humanity Update

The roof is on and building has resumed at the Northwest Partnership Habitat home located at 1517 Republic Avenue in Linden but under COVID-19 restrictions. The crew works on Tuesday and Thursday mornings as well as Saturdays. They would love volunteers, but everyone must first pre-register with Benson Ross at [detailsdetails96@gmail.com](mailto:detailsdetails96@gmail.com) or John Fisher at [Fisher1809@hotmail.com](mailto:Fisher1809@hotmail.com) before coming to the site. Plans for the coming days include completing window installation and beginning siding install. Please contact Benson Ross with questions or for more information.

## Ministry Calendar at Holy Trinity for February 28 – March 7, 2021

### Sunday, February 28, 2021

8:00 am – First English Breakfast Ministry  
9:30 am – In-person and Remote, Live-Streamed Worship at [www.engagedbygrace.org/livestream](http://www.engagedbygrace.org/livestream)

**Monday** No Events Scheduled

**Tuesday** No Events Scheduled

**Wednesday** 10:30 am – In-person and Remote, Live-Streamed Worship at [www.engagedbygrace.org/livestream](http://www.engagedbygrace.org/livestream)  
11:15 am – Preacher’s Bible Study  
7:00 pm – WELCA Ruth Circle V

**Thursday** 6:00 pm – Child Enrichment via Zoom  
7:30 pm – Faith Enrichment via Zoom – *In Sure and Certain Hope of the Resurrection*

**Friday** No Events Scheduled

**Saturday** 9:30 am - Confirmation

### Sunday, March 7, 2021

9:30 am – In-Person and Remote, Live-Streamed Worship at [www.engagedbygrace.org/livestream](http://www.engagedbygrace.org/livestream)  
12:00 pm – Confirmation  
7:00 pm – Confirmation

### Sunday Worship Texts

Sunday, February 28 Worship Text: Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16; Romans 4:13-25; Mark 8:31-38  
Sunday, March 7 Worship Text: Exodus 20:1-17; I Corinthians 1:18-25; John 2:13-22

### The Holy Trinity Staff:

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