



Holy Trinity
Lutheran Church

Engaged by Grace.

WEEKLY

Ministry Announcements for the week of August 22 - 29, 2021

Our Sunday Schedule

8:00 am – First English Breakfast Ministry

9:00 am – Sunday School for Youth

10:00 am – In-person Worship in the Sanctuary and Remote, Live-Streamed Worship

New Ministry Opportunities

Ministry on the Horizon

Did you know that nearly 40 ministry activities were highlighted at last Sunday's worship service and ministry fair? If you didn't have a chance to attend or even if you did and you'd like to learn more, there are several visual displays set up in the front entryway at church along with copies of the Ministry on the Horizon catalog. Inside the catalog, you'll find a ministry response card that allows you to indicate which ministries you'd like to learn more about. You can drop your completed response card in the gold box at the ministry table or in the offering collection plate.

Additionally, if you're not sure which ministry activity might be right for you, I encourage you to take a spiritual gifts inventory to help determine which activities suit you best. Click here for an electronic version <https://www.elca.org/Our-Work/Congregations-and-Synods/Faith-Practices/Spiritual-Renewal/Assessment-Tools> or pickup a printed copy at the display table in the entryway. I'd be happy to discuss how we might match your gifts with ministry opportunities at Holy Trinity and in the community. I look forward to hearing from you! Laura Hudson, Director of Equipping Ministers

Pentecost - Fall 2021

At the recommendation of Staff, the Worship Advisory Team, and Church Council, Sunday **worship will continue at 10am throughout the fall**. In response to the pandemic which continues to inhibit us from fully appreciating our community together while vaccines are not yet available for everyone and virus transmission rates are especially risky for those with other health considerations, we are enjoying the *esprit de corps* of a single worship service with a fuller sanctuary with others participating simultaneously online. Having begun worship at 9:30am for the last six months, we're trying 10am for the next several months as we strive to identify a time that is not too early for some households to get ready nor too late for other households' Sunday events. So let's give this a try for the sake of community that God inspires among us!

The church office is open from 8:30am - 12:30pm, Monday through Friday. Please call or stop by and the Ministry Support Team will be ready to assist you.

Thank you for your continued partnership in ministry at Holy Trinity. Be well and let us know how we might be of service with you.

Fall Sunday School Plans

With an eye toward creating Sunday School opportunities for children as safely and conveniently as possible, here is the plan for this fall beginning **Sunday, August 22**:

- 45-minute sessions at church beginning at **9:00am** on Sundays before worshippers arrive
- One-stop Schedule for all youth age levels
 - Pre-reading children
 - Reading children
 - Middle School Confirmation (simultaneous hybrid in-person and on-line)
 - High School Youth
- Each group team-led by adults who have been vaccinated
- All building access will be channeled through the playground entrance
- Space set apart for Sunday school activity alone:
 - Playground and yard, with all groups meeting outside as weather permits
 - Grace Hall and Upstairs Classrooms that the preschool uses now
 - Everyone in masks whenever we move inside
- At 9:45, everyone is free to leave or stay for worship as works best for their family
- Video summaries of each Sunday school lesson will be posted online, and we will review the schedule again at the holidays.

Adult Sunday School will be offered on Sundays beginning **August 29 from 11:15am-12:30pm** in the sanctuary, immediately following worship. Watch for more information about topics coming soon.

Program Staff Development Proposal

At its August meeting, Council began consideration of a Program Staff Development Proposal from the Executive/Personnel Committee, according to the vision Holy Trinity discerned in 2008 for growing into a program model church where ministry activity channels through several ministry professionals in addition to the pastor. The plan calls for Noelle Fox to serve as our Director of Faith Formation joining Joshua Brodbeck who serves as our Minister of Music, Laura Hudson who serves as our Director for Equipping Ministers, Nancy VanFossen who serves as our Director of the Child Development Program and Doug Myser who serves as Director of Operations.

You may review the proposal here <http://www.engagedbygrace.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/08/Council-Program-model-Staff-Development-Proposal.pdf>. You can learn more and share your impressions at two town hall discussions **7:00pm, Wednesday, Sept. 1** via Zoom <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/5931525374> and **11:15am, Sunday, Sept. 12** in-person immediately following worship. Questions and comments may be directed to Vice-President and Personnel Chair Mary Jane Nieman or Pastor Steve Wachtman.

First English Partnership

First English is looking for partner congregations to get engaged, donate, volunteer and attend their Neighborhood Entangle block party on **Saturday, September 18**. Holy Trinity can help by providing burgers/buns/condiments, watermelon, paper products, or even providing a dunk tank. More importantly, Becky Warnement is hoping for a number of people, a team, to sign up to transport donations, volunteer for a bit and enjoy the afternoon. There will be music, dancing, games, conversation, and lots of fun for all ages. The street is blocked off so it is very festive. Here is the link to a volunteer sign up sheet for other activities, etc. [First English Block Party Sign Up](#). Please contact Becky for more information.

Stewardship Corner

First Corinthians 15 has been called the Resurrection chapter of the Bible. It rings with the promises of God concerning our victory through Christ over death and our eternal life in Heaven with God. It ends with the command to stand firm in the Lord and to use our mortal lives in God's service. *"Always give yourselves fully to the work of the Lord, because you know that your labor in the Lord is not in vain"* (1 Corinthians 15:58). This is our stewardship response to God who has given us all we are and have. For more info about stewardship, please contact Max Buban at 614-771-8594 or maxbuban@sbcglobal.net.

Sikhona – “I Exist”

Update on Endowment Grant to Kenyan Mission

Elli “Nafula” Wachtman will be presenting on recent developments around the Sikhona Rescue Centre for children in Kitengala, Kenya which received a grant from the Holy Trinity Mission Endowment Fund last year. Having secured and renovated a house and yard, the Centre will serve as a classroom for the community and a home for one housemother and up to two families who have survived gender-based violence. Pictured below with the Sikhona Board of Directors, Elli will share pictures and stories of their work on **Sunday, August 29 at 9am** for children on the playground and at **11am for adults** in the sanctuary.



News of Invite Ministries

New Prayer Concerns:

Diane Whalen, hospitalized at OSU

Prayers for Our Members:

Sue Roberts, struggling with back pain
Judy McKittrick, recovering from a heart procedure
Bill Lingo, in hospice care at home
MJ Neiman, at home, recovering from hip surgery
Gail Svendsen, at home, recovering from a heart ablation
Carole Myers, ailing and confined at home
Liz Roth, recovering from hand surgery

Prayers for Our Family and Friends:

Phillip Jones, brother of Janet Benedick, undergoing treatment for bladder cancer
Joe Berkemer, uncle of Matt Berkemer, undergoing chemotherapy
Phyllis Bliss, undergoing kidney treatments
Igor Oreshin, brother-in-law of Josh Brodbeck and brother of Katya, hospitalized with medical issues
Nancy Case, friend of Sue Eubanks, being treated for cancer
Joe Glieco, nephew of Sue and Bill Eubanks, recently diagnosed with leukemia
Tim Curry, brother of Bev Farrell and brother-in-law of JoAnn Curry, struggling with Parkinson's
Brigitte Zellner, friend of Barbara Keller, hospitalized with complications from COVID
Doris Edwards, friend of Barbara Keller, recovering from wrist surgery and open-heart surgery
John Helms, father of Liz Roth, hospitalized for heart issues
Phyllis Podmore, mother of Susan Setterlin, who broke her hip
Lucille Buller, 93-year-old aunt of Vicki Townsend, recovering from a hospitalization for pancreatitis

News of Embrace Ministries

Racial Justice Ministry Community Events Calendar

As part of our Embrace ministry, the RJMT will be publishing a monthly events calendar to alert members and friends to upcoming community activities around the theme of racial justice. Here's a list for the end of August and beginning of September:

Grandview Heights Public Library:

Thursday August 26th, 7 pm Webinar – “The Tulsa Race Massacre.” With Phil Armstrong, Suzan Bradford, Caroline Bennett, and Jerica Wortham. Rebuilding a community. What can we learn from the rebuilding of Tulsa, Oklahoma's, Greenwood District and the “Black Wall Street” massacre that destroyed it 100 years ago? What can we learn from the struggles of the King-Lincoln Bronzeville District, a historically black neighborhood in Columbus? How can these experiences inform our own community to become more diverse, equitable, and inclusive?

This program is free, but registration is required at <https://ghpl.libnet.info/event/5137734#>

First English Lutheran Church Summer Concert Series:

Saturday August 28th, 6 pm Unity - First English pianist James Blackmon is joined by Melanie Dancy & Andronicus Hobson to form the vocal group Unity.

Saturday September 4th, 6 pm Flautango - Flautango consists of the talented Rodolfo Vazquez on flute and Sean Ferguson on guitar, sharing their Latin sound. Concerts are free and all are welcome.

News of Empower Ministries

American Red Cross Blood Drive

The next blood drive at Holy Trinity will be **Thursday, September 9** from 9am – 2pm. Many drives have been canceled in light of the COVID pandemic so all blood donations are very much welcome and appreciated. Go to www.redcrossblood.org/give or call 1-800-RED CROSS to make an appointment.

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8:00 am – First English Breakfast Ministry

9:00 am – **Sunday School for Youth**

10:00 am – In-person Worship in the sanctuary and online at www.engagedbygrace.org/livestream

Monday 6:30 pm – BSA Troop 555

Tuesday No Events Scheduled

Wednesday 10:15 am – Preacher's Bible Study

Thursday No Events Scheduled

Friday No Events Scheduled

Saturday Private Wedding

Sunday, August 29, 2021

9:00 am – Sunday School (Sikhona Rescue Center presentation for Youth on the playground)

10:00 am – In-person Worship in the sanctuary and online at www.engagedbygrace.org/livestream

11:15 am – Sikhona Rescue Center presentation for Adults in the sanctuary

Sunday Worship Texts

Sunday, August 22: Joshua 24:1-2a, 14-18; Ephesians 6:10-20; John 6:56-69

Sunday, August 29: Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-9; James 1:17-27; Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

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



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