



Holy Trinity
Lutheran Church

Engaged by Grace.

WEEKLY

Ministry Announcements for the week of November 14 - 21, 2021

Our Sunday Schedule

9:00 am – Youth Learning

9:00 am - Intro to Holy Trinity

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

4:00 pm – Holy Trinity Concert Series

New Ministry Opportunities

LOOK! BEHOLD! SHINE!

The Promise Comes

Seasonal Festival for Advent, Christmas and Epiphany

10:00-11:15am, Sunday, November 28

Advent is a time of waiting and preparing for the birth of our Savior, Jesus. At 10:00am on the first Sunday of Advent, November 28, worship will be crafted to introduce themes for the winter seasons of the church. We will sing some familiar and new songs, light the Advent wreath, hear poetry, and ponder together the meaning of the Advent, Christmas, and Epiphany season. We'll even have moments during the service where we interact with one another so that, together, we are embracing the wonder of the season starting that day and continuing with a schedule of events through February. Young to old, please join us!

Concerts at Holy Trinity

The next concert at Holy Trinity will be this **Sunday, November 14 at 4:00 pm**. Organist Joshua Brodbeck will play a concert of light-hearted music for the organ. See you then!

Christmas Pageant Returns!

We are so excited to be preparing for a Christmas pageant this year. The title is *The Story of Silent Night* and we plan to do it outside (weather permitting) on the sidewalk at the main church entrance in the parking lot area. The pageant will be at **4:00pm on Sunday, December 19th** and rehearsals will be done during the Sunday School time (9:00-9:30am) beginning Sundays, November 21 - December 19. During indoor rehearsals the children will be masked and spaced out while singing and speaking. The music tracks for the songs will be available so the children can listen to the music and practice at home. Any child is welcome to participate! In order to assign speaking parts, please contact Director of Faith Formation Noelle Fox (noelle.fox@engagedbygrace.org) or Minister of Music Josh Brodbeck (joshua.brodbeck@engagedbygrace.org) by **Sunday, November 14** to let them know the names, ages, and grades of the child(ren) interested. We're looking forward to celebrating the season with them!

Want to Learn more about Holy Trinity?

An Introduction to Holy Trinity seminar will be conducted during the youth learning time the first three Sundays in November. Beginning **Sunday, November 7 at 9:00 am**, 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. People interested in membership will be received at the conclusion of the class. If you would like to learn more or to indicate your plan to attend, please contact Laura Hudson at laura.hudson@engagedbygrace.org or Pastor Steve at steve.wachtman@engagedbygrace.org.

November = Time to Give Thanks

With the arrival of November come two Women of the ELCA (WELCA) events. Both highlight women and their work for the church. One is service to our own community and the other is outreach to women across the world.

First, please look for the wheelbarrow in the Gathering Place through **Sunday, November 21** to collect non-perishable foods that will be donated to the Lutheran Social Services' food pantry in central Ohio.

Urgently needed items are:

- Canned fruit
- Creamy peanut butter
- Canned beans
- Canned pasta
- Money for LSS to purchase food from the Mid-Ohio Food Bank
- Canned vegetables
- Canned tuna
- Macaroni & cheese
- Oatmeal

Second, we invite you to share in our annual Thankoffering Sunday which will be **Sunday, November 21**. Our guest preacher will be **Sammy Shivener, pastoral associate at Jacob's Porch**. For Women of the ELCA, the Thankoffering tradition is one of our foundations. For more than 100 years, Lutheran women have given thanks to God and dollars to mission through Thankoffering. These Thankofferings support WELCA church-wide ministries providing crucial support for *Gather* magazine and Bible study; leadership development; support for new units; spiritual gifts programing; ministry resources about women's health, human trafficking, and faith practices; racial justice training; advocacy for women and children; outreach through social media; and partnerships with other Christian women's organizations. The impact of these ministries is multiplied over and over, expanding the reach of your Thankoffering and our shared response to God's love. We hope to continue that tradition this year. All loose offering collected on Thankoffering Sunday, November 21, as well as any special offering you choose to make, will be included in our gift this year. Thank you for your continued support of women's ministries at Holy Trinity and around the world.

Habitat for Humanity Update

I would like to thank very much all the wonderful volunteers who came through shining and spectacular to help with lunch last Saturday. It was a beautiful spread, and all the volunteers enjoyed it very much... lots of delicious food enjoyed by all! We had a great time, beautiful weather, a lot of work was done and we raised all the first floor walls. We're actually going to have to take one down for the wall raising ceremony on November 20th! The house is moving along nicely, we will be starting on the second floor by next week. Thanks to all who have contributed! Come on out and have some fun! It was really nice to have Noelle Fox visit us in her new ministry. We all will be looking forward to hearing more from her, I am sure. We work Tuesday and Thursday mornings and Saturdays from 8:30 till 3:30 (or less). Come on out, get involved, and find out how good it feels to be part of a giving team! Please contact Benson Ross at 614-747-0930 or detailsdetails96@gmail.com for more information.

2022 Altar Flowers

Sign-up sheets are now available for 2022 altar flower memorials and dedications. Providing altar flowers is a beautiful way to celebrate an important occasion, to remember loved ones and to give glory to God. You can sign up at the flower table or by contacting the church office at 614-486-9433 or laura.hudson@engagedbygrace.org. 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.

Stewardship Corner

Thanksgiving is a culmination of all the labor of the preceding year – the tilling of the soil, the planting of the seed, the rain and sunshine nourishing the crop, and then the harvest! The same principle of hard work followed by a reward holds true in the spiritual realm. *Let us not become weary in doing good for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up* (Galatians 6:9). *For the Lord your God will bless you in all your harvest and in all the work of your hands, and your joy will be complete* (Deuteronomy 16:15b). For more info about stewardship, please contact Max Buban at 614-771-8594 or maxmbuban@sbcglobal.net

News of Invite Ministries

New Prayer Concerns:

Diane Whalen, hospitalized at OSU, anticipating a skin graft
The family of Juanita Aukeman, mother of Chris Pryor, who died this week
The family of Bill Wolford, friend of Ron Benedick, who died unexpectedly last week

Prayers for Our Members:

David Caldwell, recovering from shoulder surgery
Sue Roberts, struggling with back pain
Judy McKitrick, recovering from a heart procedure
Bill Lingo, in hospice care at home
Gail Svendsen, at home, recovering from a heart ablation
Carole Myers, ailing and confined at home

Prayers for Our Family and Friends:

Aaron Adkins, husband of Ron Benedick's former coworker, undergoing chemo for aggressive cancer
Joe Berkemer, uncle of Matt Berkemer, undergoing chemotherapy
Phyllis Bliss, undergoing kidney treatments
Eleanor Boyd, sister-in-law of Shirley Boyd in hospice care
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, diagnosed with leukemia
Tim Curry, brother of Bev Farrell and brother-in-law of JoAnn Curry, struggling with Parkinson's
Lee Ann Brinker, daughter of Pauline Lingo, hospitalized with COVID
Squire Aschinger, nephew of John & Judy McKitrick, diagnosed with cancer
Kathy Sammons, mother of Jeff Sammons, experiencing fluid in her lungs
Jeanette Polley, aunt of Jeff Sammons, diagnosed with bone cancer
Phyllis Podmore, mother of Susan Setterlin, who broke her hip
Sharon Larson, cousin of Barb Stock, experiencing cancer elsewhere following breast cancer
Lucille Buller, 93-year-old aunt of Vicki Townsend, recovering from pancreatitis
Amy Lavoie, cousin of Becky Warnement, battling a recurrence of lung cancer
Karen Byrd, aunt of Becky Warnement, experiencing end-stage Alzheimer's Disease
Those affected by the global pandemic, natural disasters, the Armed forces, victims of terror, and all those on the margins of society most vulnerable to unrest, oppression and exploitation.

News of Embrace Ministries

Council Seeking Nominations

Nominations are now being accepted for a slate of candidates to serve 3-year terms on Church Council. All confirmed members of Holy Trinity are eligible to serve. Church members are invited to suggest candidates (including themselves) to Council President Jill Banicki jentes.1@osu.edu; Pastor Steve steve.wachtman@engagedbygrace.org; or by calling the church office at 614-486-9433.

Adult Learning Opportunity

The adult Sunday school event for ecological appreciation and stewardship using the video presentation *Our Planet* has been rescheduled for January. Hope you can join us!

News of Empower Ministries

A Vicar's Summary of the Past Year and Survey Results for the Racial Justice Ministry

Over the past year and a half, I've had the true honor and immense pleasure of working with the Racial Justice Ministry Team. This group came in a bit like wild horses, full of passion, unbridled and energetic. I liked them immediately. Mostly because they were honest and vulnerable. Our first meeting was with each person sharing why racial justice was important to them. They were open about their past history, their recent experiences, and their fears. They wanted to impact multiple people, including themselves. Themselves. An odd comment, maybe to say, but this was said in our first meeting. As some members acknowledged they were new to this realm and didn't really know much about it at all, or they recognized their own biases, or thought surely, they probably had their own prejudices. They hoped they'd get better with all of this and mostly, they were overwhelmed by the racial pain they were witnessing or were aware of, happening in the world, as well as locally, in front of them.

Our discussions are frank. Yet everyone knows they are valued and they gradually learned to share fully. Sometimes hesitantly, sometime boldly. The hesitant sharing is the moment I love. The sharing done when they trust each other to love them, no matter what, and they share what is genuinely on their heart. Then I get to watch as their comments, and they themselves, are received with grace and peace.

They're not so much like wild horses anymore. The passion is still there, sure, but it is tempered with a mentality to trot as a team, to be together and supportive of one another, in where God leads us. They are open to listening to God and have grown very much in this area. God has led beautifully, blossoming them, blowing in ideas and visions that take shape and begin to expand beyond ourselves. It has been an absolute joy for me. I see such growth, such beauty in how they talk to each other and value different points of view than their own. They are beyond civil with each other in that, they continually have arms outstretched toward one another as they are truly loving one another, truly listening for understanding, and it is beautiful to behold. I cherish my time with them and I invite this congregation to trust God's leading and consider joining this ministry.

We recently conducted a Racial Justice Ministry survey, and we wanted to share the results with the larger congregation. The results are as follows:

Seventeen surveys were submitted, mostly by congregants who were 55-74 years old, some were 35-44 years old. Not everyone was excited about racial justice, yet they still expressed themselves fully and well. We greatly appreciate and value this feedback. It particularly helps us determine how to continue to move forward in ways which invite, engage and embrace our congregation.

On the surveys, an emphasis on our youth stood out as the most important goal. Both social events and intermingling with others were highlighted as important. These ideas were very closely followed by an educational emphasis for the racial justice ministry.

Our strongest support was for some new ideas which we have not implemented over this past year, due to the pandemic. Specifically: encouraging youth dialogues, having diverse potlucks and visiting racially significant areas in Ohio as well as having ongoing (regularly meeting) small group discussions, newsletter articles, and engaging with both speakers and pastors from diverse backgrounds. Surprisingly, maybe, for congregants who appear less interested/engaged in racial justice as an overall topic, they are open to diverse pastors and speakers. If they are already attending an event, they are willing to be exposed to some diversity and racial justice learning, at that event - rather than adding a separate racial justice event to their calendars.

As we look forward to new growth in our racial justice ministry, we are excited to be responsive to our congregation. We are eager to engage with our youth. In regard to our social gatherings or ability to go on field trips, we recognize there may be some limitations due to the pandemic. Yet we think these will be fun events when they can occur, and we anticipate these with joy. Currently, we think we can have substantial and meaningful impact in the educational components referenced. So, we look forward to this next year with the congregation, as we all continue to learn and grow, in God's grace and love with one another.

First English Ministry Opportunities

Holy Trinity's next opportunity to serve breakfast at First English Lutheran Church is **Sunday, November 28**. We served 109 people last month, so the quantities of food have been adjusted. This is 3 weeks now, with over 100 served. We can also use pull-top, canned, hearty meals like pastas, chili, hearty ready-to-eat soups, and canned meats such as tuna, chicken, or Spam. If you'd like to contribute food or help serve, please click <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080948AAAD28A57-first17>.

22nd Street Cookie Dough is available for holiday baking. If you don't want to mix up homemade cookies, buy 22nd Street Dough and Bake a Difference. The cost is \$12 per pound with 5 flavors to choose from: Chocolate Chip, Oatmeal Cranberry White Chocolate Chip, Chocolate Peanut Butter, Sweet Corn and S'mores cookie dough. Becky Warnement is happy to deliver. For more information or to place an order, please contact Becky at 614-638-8170 or bwarnement124@gmail.com.

Sikhona Rescue Centre Update – “I Exist”

Elli “Nafula” Wachtman recently made a presentation on developments around the Sikhona Rescue Centre for children in Kitengala, Kenya that received a grant from the Holy Trinity Mission Endowment Fund last year. Elli shared photos and information about the house and yard they secured and renovated which will serve as a classroom for the community and a home for a housemother and up to two families who have survived gender-based violence. Elli explained the farm project that is getting underway that will teach women how to raise food to sustain their own families as well as give them the opportunity to make a living wage. In addition to seeing pictures of the Centre's work in action, people in attendance were privileged to meet members of the Sikhona Rescue Centre's Board of Directors via videoconference from Kenya. If you were unable to attend the presentation, it's posted at <https://youtu.be/Nhp5pyYhFTw>. You can learn more about the project at <https://www.sikhonarescuecentre.com>.

There are several ways to get involved. You can visit the Sikhona display at the Welcome Center where you will find a poster full of “Engagement Post-It Notes” for consideration. After the presentation, several households offered financial support for the Sikhona Farm Capital Campaign as well, including one family who would like to match up to \$5000 in additional donations. If you are interested, you can make a contribution at <https://donorbox.org/sikhona-farm-capital-campaign> or by sending a check to Holy Trinity made out to Sikhona Rescue Centre, memo Sikhona Farm Capital Campaign. We are blessed to be church family together with those in our community and around the world.

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Sunday, November 14, 2021

9:00 am – Youth Learning
9:00 am – Intro to Holy Trinity
10:00 am – Worship in person in the sanctuary and online at www.engagedbygrace.org
4:00 pm – Concert at Holy Trinity
7:00 pm – Eagle Scout Board of Review

Monday 6:30 pm – BSA 555
7:00 pm – Racial Justice Ministry Team

Tuesday 7:00 pm – Habitat for Humanity Task Force

Wednesday 10:15 am – Preacher’s Bible Study
12:30 pm - WELCA Mary Martha Circle I
7:00 pm – Church Council

Thursday 6:30 pm – Handbell Choir
7:30 pm – Chancel Choir

Friday No Events Scheduled

Saturday No Events Scheduled

Sunday, November 21, 2021 – Thankoffering Sunday

9:00 am – Youth Learning
9:00 am – Intro to Holy Trinity
10:00 am – Worship in person in the sanctuary and online at www.engagedbygrace.org

Sunday Worship Texts

Sunday, November 14: Daniel 12:1-3; Psalm 16; Hebrews 10:11-14 [15-18], 19-25
Sunday, November 21: Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14; Psalm 93; Revelation 1:4b-8; John 18:33-37

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