



Holy Trinity  
Lutheran Church

*Engaged by Grace.*

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Ministry Announcements for the week of January 9 - 16, 2022

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### **Our Sunday Schedule**

9:30 am – Sunday Youth Learning

9:30 am – Adult Learning

10:00 am – Worship in person in the sanctuary and online at [www.engagedbygrace.org](http://www.engagedbygrace.org)

### **New Ministry Opportunities**

#### **Annual Congregational Meeting is January 23**

Holy Trinity's annual meeting will be **Sunday, January 23 at 11:00 am**, immediately following the 10:00 worship service. Copies of the 2021 annual report will be available for your review prior to the meeting.

#### **Adult Learning Opportunity**

An adult Sunday School event for ecological appreciation and stewardship using the video presentation *Our Planet* will begin on **Sunday, January 9 at 9:00 am, in the conference room**. The six-session class will focus on our planet's natural beauty and examine how climate change impacts all living creatures. Hope you can join us!

#### **Dialogues on the Refugee Crisis – 7:00 to 8:00 pm Wednesdays in Epiphany**

Refugees in America. It's a tough topic, both at a local community level and from a national policy perspective. To bring perspective and meaningful conversations around this topic, *The Dialogues On: The Refugee Crisis* educational event will offer seven unique perspectives from experienced authors from renowned organizations such as World Relief and Church World Service that provide insight into refugee stories and experiences. Topics will include:

- The story we live in by Brianne Casey
- A people without a place by Dr. Beth Oppenheim-Chan
- A global perspective by Jenny Yang
- A network of care by Sarah Krause, MS
- Facing our history by Halima Z. Adams
- Looking for home by Aubrey Leigh Grant
- Where do we go from here by Matthew Soerens

*The Dialogues On: The Refugee Crisis* will engage us in differing dialogues on today's situation for refugees in America, helping us unpack the issue and drive conversations.

Starting on **January 12**, the group will meet from 7:00 – 8:00 pm on Wednesdays during Epiphany. While complete learner resources are on order, you can prepare for the first event with this advance summary: [Sparkhouse Dialogue 1](#). Printed copies are available at the Information Center at church.

## **Thank You**

From the staff at Holy Trinity, thank you for the generous gifts you gave to us at Christmas. It's our privilege serving with you in ministry and we look forward to our continued work together in 2022!

## **Christmas Un-decorating**

Members of the Altar Ministry teams and anyone else who wants to help is invited to take down Christmas decorations following worship on **Sunday, January 9**. You are also invited to take home any poinsettias that were purchased.

## **High School Sunday School Leaders**

Holy Trinity is looking for additional high school Sunday School leaders. Our high school youth benefit greatly from time with adult mentors while engaging in conversation around weekly Gospel lessons and life today as a Christian youth. If you would like to engage in further conversation about this opportunity, please contact Noelle Fox at [Noelle.fox@engagedbygrace.org](mailto:Noelle.fox@engagedbygrace.org).

## **American Red Cross Blood Drive**

Save the date for the next American Red Cross Blood Drive to be held at Holy Trinity on **Friday, January 14, 2022**. The Red Cross is grateful to the community for helping to maintain a stable blood supply. To make an appointment, go to [www.redcrossblood.org/give](http://www.redcrossblood.org/give) or call 1-800-RED CROSS.

## **Stewardship Corner**

Jesus placed great emphasis on the proper handling of our money. In Luke 16:11 we read, *So if you have not been trustworthy in handling worldly wealth, who will trust you with true riches?* If we are faithful with the money that God has entrusted to us, He will trust us with things of greater value, ultimately those of the spirit, the eternal. The improper use of our money can be an obstacle to our relationship with Jesus. With God's help, we can handle our money faithfully and enjoy the spiritual blessings that come from an intimate relationship with our Lord. For more information, please contact Max Buban at 614-771-8594 or [maxmbuban@sbcglobal.net](mailto:maxmbuban@sbcglobal.net).

## **News of Invite Ministries**

### **New Prayer Concerns:**

Diane Whalen, hospitalized at OSU

Cheryl Harshman, cousin of Francine Buban, undergoing heart surgery

Sydney Eskin, girlfriend of Josh Hudson, on 8-month deployment aboard the USS Fitzgerald

Ben and Nicole Smith, grieving the loss of several family members recently

The family of Kris Eicher, who died on Wednesday (Funeral arrangements pending)

The family of Becky Baker, wife of Pastor Steve's colleague, Pastor Larry Baker, who died last week

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

Dr. Wally Taylor, recovering well from a heart procedure

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

Melea Wachtman, recovering from foot surgery

Alice Larrimer, at First Community Healthcare Center

David Caldwell, recovering from shoulder surgery

Sue Roberts, struggling with back pain

Judy McKitrick, recovering from a heart procedure

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

Jeanne Loy, mother of Cyndy Decker, suffering from full-end dementia  
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  
Tabitha MacGowan, friend of the Fox family, recently diagnosed with bone cancer  
Amy Sherman, niece of Alan and Therese Gaulke, diagnosed with throat cancer  
Mike Kaculis, friend of many Holy Trinity choir members, in hospice care with brain cancer  
Squire Aschinger, nephew of John & Judy McKittrick, 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  
Linda and Ron Wunsch, mother and father-in-law of Sara Wunsch, dealing with COVID  
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.

## **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](mailto: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.

## **News of Embrace Ministries**

### **ELCA Youth Gathering – July 24-28, 2022**

Every three years, 30,000 high school youth and adult leaders gather at the ELCA Youth Gathering. The five-day event is an impressionable time of worship, fun, learning, and faith formation. This year's theme is "Boundless." As described on the Gathering website – *We are bound. Bound by our sin, by the expectations of others, by poverty, by –isms that try to divide us, and by so much more. In a life that often feels as if it has young people in a suffocating grip, we want them to imagine the boundlessness of God: boundless love, boundless creation, boundless forgiveness, boundless invitation, and boundless promise. All offered from a gracious and loving God who knows and adores them. All so abundant and endless it cannot be measured.* Holy Trinity plans to fly to Minneapolis with a group of high school youth for this gathering. Registration costs for the Gathering are \$390. **The deadline for registration forms and \$150 nonrefundable deposit is Sunday, January 16<sup>th</sup>.** Any questions can be directed to Pastor Steve ([steve.wachtman@engagedbygrace.org](mailto:steve.wachtman@engagedbygrace.org)) and/or Noelle Fox ([noelle.fox@engagedbygrace.org](mailto:noelle.fox@engagedbygrace.org)).

### **2022 Giving Envelopes**

Delivery of the 2022 offering envelopes has been delayed. We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause. We will let you know as soon as the envelopes are available for pickup. In the meantime, you are welcome to use the general giving envelopes located on the offering stand outside the sanctuary or online at <http://www.engagedbygrace.org/offering>.

## **News of Empower Ministries**

### **Habitat for Humanity Update**

After taking a hiatus for the holidays, we are back at work on our Habitat house! Tradespeople have been at the house getting roughed in for heating, plumbing and electrical work, and we are helping them continue with progress on those elements. Our windows have arrived and we will be installing those and working on outside trim as the weather allows. If the weather doesn't cooperate, we have a heater in the

house which makes it much more comfortable while we're working inside. C'mon out and lend a hand! Please contact Benson Ross at 614-747-0930 or [detailsdetails96@gmail.com](mailto:detailsdetails96@gmail.com) for more information.

## **Empowerment Shelf**

### **from Elizabeth Sammons With Love from our Racial Justice Taskforce**

*A Place Inside of Me, Life Among the Piutes, and Sisters in Arms* are additional books for adults and youth that I've read myself or seen as books of note. Whether fiction or nonfiction, this literature intends to expand our awareness, theology and/or acceptance of diverse viewpoints. We hope on the Racial Justice Taskforce that you'll discover how these writings from various generations embrace what it means to be human and to walk in spirit.

*A Place Inside of Me: A Poem to Heal the Heart* by Zetta Elliott

A young Black boy skateboards and ponders his deep emotions, from joy to sorrow and anger to compassion, but above all, love. For grades K-3. 2020

*Life Among the Piutes: Their Wrongs and Claims* by Sarah Winnemucca Hopkins

Considered the first autobiography written by a Native American woman and originally published in 1883, this title offers both a memoir of one of the most well-known Native American women and a history of the Piute people during their first forty years of contact with European Americans. Contains some violence.

*Sisters in Arms* by Kaia Alderson

Grace Steele and Eliza Jones come from completely different backgrounds, but during World War II they both join the Women's Army Auxiliary Corps (WAAC). Not only will they be among the first class of female officers, they are also the first Black women allowed to serve. Available as an audiobook. 2021

## **Ministry Calendar at Holy Trinity for January 9 - 16, 2022**

### **Sunday, January 9, 2022**

9:00 am - Children's Sunday School/Adult Learning

10:00 am - Worship in person in the sanctuary and online at [www.engagedbygrace.org](http://www.engagedbygrace.org)

### **Monday**

6:30 pm - BSA Troop 555

### **Tuesday**

No Events Scheduled

### **Wednesday**

10:15 Preachers Bible Study

1:30 pm - WELCA Esther Circle II

7:00 pm - Dialogue on the Refugee Crisis

### **Thursday**

6:30 pm - Bell Choir

7:30 pm - Chancel Choir

### **Friday**

9:00 am - American Red Cross Blood Drive

6:00 pm - Troop 555 Camp-in

### **Saturday**

No Events Scheduled

### **Sunday, January 16, 2022**

9:00 am - Youth Sunday School/Adult Learning

10:00 am - Worship in person in the sanctuary and online at [www.engagedbygrace.org](http://www.engagedbygrace.org)

### **Sunday Worship Texts**

Sunday, January 9: Isaiah 43:1-7; Acts 8:14-17; Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

Sunday, January 16: Isaiah 62:1-5; Psalm 36:5-10; 1 Corinthians 12:1-11; John 2:1-11

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