



Holy Trinity  
Lutheran Church

*Engaged by Grace.*

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Ministry Announcements for the week of April 17 - 24 2022

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## Our Easter Sunday Schedule

8:30 am - Worship in person in the sanctuary and online at [www.engagedbygrace.org](http://www.engagedbygrace.org)

9:45 am – Easter Egg Hunt

10:30 am – Worship in person in the sanctuary and online at [www.engagedbygrace.org](http://www.engagedbygrace.org)

## New Ministry Opportunities

### Interested in Learning More about Holy Trinity?

An Introduction to Holy Trinity seminar will be conducted during the Sunday School hour at **9:00 am on Sundays, May 15, May 22, and May 29**. This class is designed to help 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 at Holy Trinity will be received at the conclusion of the seminar. Please sign up at the table in the Gathering Space or contact Director of Equipping Ministers Laura Hudson at [laura.hudson@engagedbygrace.org](mailto:laura.hudson@engagedbygrace.org) or Pastor Steve Wachtman at [steve.wachtman@engagedbygrace.org](mailto:steve.wachtman@engagedbygrace.org) if you have questions or are interested in participating.

### First English Breakfast Ministry

Holy Trinity's next opportunity to provide breakfast at First English Lutheran Church is **Sunday, April 24**. We serve biscuits and gravy, eggs, fresh fruit, and a breakfast sweet to more than 100 people. We can also use pull-top, canned, hearty meals like pastas, chili, ready-to-eat soups, and canned meats such as tuna, chicken, or Spam for the Blessings Box as well as peanut butter crackers and granola bars. If you'd like to help, please click <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080948aaad28a57-first21>. Items should be delivered to Holy Trinity by 8am on Sunday, April 24 for transport to FELC or you can drop them off in advance to the Warnements' home, or (NEW OPTION) Becky's office at Coldwell Banker, 3164 Kingsdale Center or bring your donations directly to First English, 1015 E. Main Street, 43205 by 8:30 am on the 24<sup>th</sup>. Please contact Becky at 614-638-8170 or Jeff 614-578-6179 with questions. Thanks!

### Concerts at Holy Trinity

The next installment of Holy Trinity's concert series will be **Sunday, April 24 at 4:00 pm**. Pianist Jeff Daubenmire and Organist Joshua Brodbeck will play favorite organ and piano duets based on familiar hymn tunes. Please join us for a delightful afternoon of music followed by a reception.

### Easter Egg Hunt

Sisters in the Spirit is sponsoring an Easter Egg Hunt on **Sunday, April 17 at 9:45 am** between the two worship services. Please meet in the conference room following the 8:30 service and follow the signs to find your age group. See you then!

## **Introduction: Another Vacation Story by Fred Burton**

Over a year ago, I wrote in a piece in the church newsletter about a brief three day trip to Nashville inspired by the book, *The US Civil Rights Trail: A Traveler's Guide to the People, Places, and Events That Made the Movement* by Deborah D. Douglas. On that trip, Chris (my wife) and I visited often overlooked sights like the Civil Rights Room at the Nashville Public Library as well as other places like the Woolworths on Fifth St. where the non-violent lunch counter sit-ins took place and were met with violence and arrests in 1960.

But what moved me the most about that trip were the face-to-face conversations we had with a few of the people we met.

And so, Chris and I decided to do *another* one of these trips — what we now call our “Civil Right Vacations”. Only this time we decided to go for a longer period: *ten* days in the Deep South. We started in Memphis and went on to Selma, Montgomery, and Birmingham, Alabama.

During this recent trip, we visited museums, churches, historical sights and markers. But mostly we went out of our way to talk and meet with *people*...African American folks in particular. People who were personally involved and impacted by the Civil Rights movement in the 1960s as well as people who benefit today because of the courage of those coming before them.

While on this ten-day journey, there were some tears, a lot of laughter, but mostly listening and learning about people and their perspectives and experiences. Many unexpected things happened on our journey— I began to think of them as “God Interventions” but they certainly could be called small moments of grace.

Unexpected moments like:

\*Meeting a 72-year-old man who as a 17-year-old had marched on Bloody Sunday and 3 days after we met, was marching across the Edmund Pettus bridge arm in arm with Vice-President Kamala Harris during Selma’s Jubilee, an annual celebration of the March to Montgomery.

\*A kind man in Memphis who knew Martin Luther King Jr.’s personal photographer and went to the trunk of his car to share photos of himself as a young high school student marching on “Black Mondays” in support of the famous Sanitation Worker strike in 1968.

\*Attending a Black Baptist Sunday worship service in Birmingham with a young couple we met while in Selma.

\*And, by chance, being interviewed and filmed for a documentary on racial justice while in front of MLK Jr.’s first church in Montgomery.

But I’ll say more about these “grace moments” in the coming weeks or months of our church newsletter. And I’ll share some photos as well.

For now, I just want to end by sharing a quote that I held very close while on the trip. It’s from the book, *The Spiritual Work of Racial Justice*, by Patrick Saint-Jean. The author writes:

*“Engaging in antiracist work is not about perfection but rather a constant quest for grace to see each other as Christ sees us.”*

There are a lot of reasons that I particularly like this quote, especially as it confesses our imperfection while allowing for God’s grace for each of us to *grow* and see each other “as Christ sees us.” But I wonder, what do you make of it? How does it (or not) speak to you? I also wonder, can our “vacations” (near or far) be spiritual experiences helping us all to grow in love as we grow in Christ?

If you have any thoughts you want to share, feel free to email me at [fredburton@gmail.com](mailto:fredburton@gmail.com).

## **Lunches for First English Lutheran Church - Saturday, April 23**

Holy Trinity will be making bagged lunches to share with friends at First English. We are in need of items for 100 lunches. Your help in providing any of the following items is much appreciated: prepackaged crackers, individual bags of chips, "cutie" oranges (preferred to be collected closer to April 23rd), bottles of water, peanut butter, jam/jelly, bread. These items can be placed in the box labeled "First English" under the sign up table in the Gathering Space. Thanks in advance for your help!

### **Attention Middle School Youth**

On **Saturday, April 23rd at 3:00 pm**, the Middle School youth will gather at Holy Trinity to make lunches to share with our friends at First English Lutheran Church. Peanut butter and jelly sandwiches will be made and bags will be filled. Assembly will be in Holy Trinity's kitchen and should take about an hour. Please contact Noelle Fox ([noelle.fox@engagedbygrace.org](mailto:noelle.fox@engagedbygrace.org)) if you can come or have questions.

### **Roads Under Construction**

As part of the ongoing Northwest Boulevard Improvements Project, work has begun on the west half of Northwest Blvd. from Barrington Road to North Star Road. The contractor has set up maintenance of traffic including detours and intersection closures as follows:

- Northwest Blvd. will be one lane, southbound only from Barrington Road to North Star Rd.
- Side streets intersecting the west side of Northwest Blvd. will be closed at Northwest Blvd.
- Northbound traffic coming from the south will be directed north on North Star, east on Kinnear to Kenny Road to Lane Ave.
- Traffic traveling from the west will be directed to Tremont Road.

The contractor will be performing storm sewer improvements, curb, gutter and driveway replacements and pavement replacement. If you have any questions, please contact the Project Representative, Paul Selegue ([pselegue@uaoh.net](mailto:pselegue@uaoh.net)) or the Engineering Division Management Assistant at 614-583-5360.

### **WELCA Bible Study**

For the session on **Tuesday, April 26, 10:00 am** in the church library, the author, The Rev. Dr. Mark Alan Powell, has an interesting lesson for us. We'll consider "Eternal Life in the Gospel of John," how Jesus used the expression "eternal life" to talk about the 'kingdom of God,' and how our lives can be marked by love and purpose. Everyone's invited - you don't want to miss it! See you there!

### **Church Women United**

CWU will be celebrating May Friendship Day on **Friday, May 13** at Bethany Presbyterian Church, 206 N. Garfield Avenue, Columbus. Mark your calendar. More details will follow and also be posted on the bulletin board in the hallway outside the library.

### **Stewardship Corner**

By His death and resurrection, Jesus has restored us to our Father. Through our Baptism, God has made us part of His family. God has given us purpose in this life. God has made us His stewards. Jesus said, *You did not choose Me, but I chose you and appointed you to go and bear fruit* (John 15:16). God is almighty; He could have chosen any way He wanted to do His work. God chose us to carry out His plan. God also gives us grace to use all the blessings we've received from God to bear that fruit He's appointed us to bear. For info about stewardship, contact Max Buban at [maxmbuban@sbcglobal.net](mailto:maxmbuban@sbcglobal.net) or 771-8594.

### **News of Invite Ministries**

#### **New Prayer Concerns:**

Jack Rauch, hospitalized

Marge Gray, friend of Barbara Keller, dealing with heart problems

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

Doris Edwards, friend of Barbara Keller

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

Sue Roberts, recovering from knee replacement surgery

Jared Forts, recovering from a knee injury and blood clots in his leg

Alice Larrimer, at First Community Healthcare Center

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

Charles Jentes, father of Jill Banicki, hospitalized with infections in his legs  
Aaron Adkins, husband of Ron Benedick's former coworker, undergoing chemotherapy  
Joe Berkemer, uncle of Matt Berkemer, undergoing chemotherapy  
Phyllis Bliss, undergoing kidney dialysis twice/week  
Rene Geiger, friend of Shirley Boyd, suffering from an undiagnosed illness  
Cheryl Harshman, cousin of Francine Buban, undergoing heart surgery  
Thomas Andrew and James Daniel Craven, great-grandsons of Genie Craven born with immature lungs  
Jeanne Loy, mother of Cyndy Decker, suffering from end-stage 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  
Rev. Andrew Mazak, father of Leah Forts, hospitalized for tests  
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  
Sue Kochheiser, sister-in-law of Phil Kochheiser, recently diagnosed with pancreatic cancer  
Eloise and Tesla Leibold, twin daughters of Chase Leibold, experiencing difficult times  
Sara, daughter of Janet Maxwell, recovering from knee surgery  
Squire Aschinger, nephew of John & Judy McKitrick, diagnosed with cancer  
Staci Sigrist, cousin of MJ Neiman's family, experiencing a recurrence of cancer  
Terry and Pam Reed, parents of Dave Reed, struggling with complications of Terry's Parkinson's Disease  
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  
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**

### **VBS 2022**

Vacation Bible School will be back this summer! If you are interested in serving on the planning team, please contact Noelle Fox ([noelle.fox@engagedbygrace.org](mailto:noelle.fox@engagedbygrace.org)). Thanks for considering being a part of this fun, faith-forming event for the children.

### **Dialogues on the Refugee Crisis – Sunday mornings at 9:00 am**

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 unpack the issue and drive conversations.

The group meets in the church conference room during the Sunday School hour. Hope to see you there!

## News of Empower Ministries

### Considerations for Responding to the War in Ukraine

The news and images coming out of Ukraine are devastating to say the least, along with the plight of refugees fleeing a conflict over which they have no control. While we, too, lack control over the impact of this conflict, we can take both spiritual and practical steps to remain informed and engaged.

- Hard as it is, we can keep ourselves apprised of events, conditions and developments. Besides standard news resources like BBC, NPR and others you follow, here is a link to updates provided by the US Department of State: <https://www.state.gov/countries-areas/ukraine/>
- Let's continue praying for peace, both as we continue in congregational worship, and as you carry this conflict into your private prayer life.
- We can financially support those agencies who are mobilized and in position to provide direct care to war torn areas of Ukraine and refugee needs arising within neighboring countries. This resource provided by the Peace Corps gives links to various service agencies receiving donations along with a link to vet the financial efficacy of each individual agency: <https://www.cidi.org/disaster-responses/war-in-ukraine/>
- On the local level, Columbus has two refugee resettlement organizations, CRIS (Community Refugee & Immigration Services) <https://www.crisohio.org/> and Us Together <https://www.ustogether.us/>. These organizations assist new Americans from any country allowed federal refugee status to access anything from language learning, to housing, to job placement. They are also active in planning for Ukrainians and others in our community.

### Empowerment Shelf

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

*The Promise*, *Call Us What We Carry*, and *Finding A Way Home* are books for adults and for youth that I've read myself or seen as books of note. This literature intends to expand our awareness, theology and/or acceptance of diverse viewpoints. We hope on the Racial Justice Taskforce you'll discover how these writings from various generations embrace what it means to be human and to walk in spirit. ...

*The Promise* by Damon Galgut (2021 winner of the Booker Prize)

Pretoria, South Africa. When the matriarch of the Swart family died, her last wish was that their servant, Salome, be given the house she lived in. But Black property ownership is illegal under Apartheid, and the wish is ignored. This unfulfilled promise affects the family for decades.

*Call Us What We Carry* by Amanda Gorman

A collection of more than seventy poems written by National Youth Poet Laureate and *New York Times* bestselling author Amanda Gorman. Reflects on the past, present and future, exploring history, language, identity, grief, and hope. Includes "The Hill We Climb", which was read during the inauguration of President Joe Biden.

*Finding a Way Home: Mildred and Richard Loving and the Fight for Marriage Equality* by Larry Dane Brimmer

Author recounts one of the country's most prominent legal battles, *Loving v. Virginia*. The Lovings were arrested, jailed and exiled, but secured their future when the court struck down all state laws prohibiting interracial marriage. For junior and senior high readers. 2020.

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 9:45 am - Easter Egg Hunt  
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**Monday** Church Office Closed  
 6:30 pm - BSA Troop 555

**Tuesday** 7:00 pm - Habitat for Humanity Steering Committee

**Wednesday** 10:15 am - Preachers Bible Study  
 12:30 pm - WELCA Mary Martha Circle I

**Thursday** 1:00 pm - Card Ministry

**Friday** No Events Scheduled

**Saturday** 3:00 pm - Lunch Preparation for First English

### Sunday, April 24, 2022

8:00 am - First English Breakfast Ministry  
 9:00 am - Learning & Fellowship Hour  
 10:00 am - Worship in-person and online at [www.engagedbygrace.org/](http://www.engagedbygrace.org/)  
 4:00 pm - HTL Concert Series

## Holy Trinity Schedule of Worship Servers – April & May 2022

Date	Time	Welcome Center	Assisting Ministers	Acolytes	Lay Reader	Ushers	Livestream	Bread Bakers	Communion Team
April 17	10:30 am	Dan and Pam Perry	Elli Cucksey		Keith Townsend	Mark Abell Doug Myser Benson Ross	Matt Fox	Nancy VanFossen	Joanne Duncan Terri Michael
April 24	10am		Curt Passafume		Ben Kaffenberger	Keith Darding	Jared Forts		Nancy VanFossen Madeleine Guggenaster
May 1	10am	Benson Ross	Keith Townsend		Jody Passafume	Bob Campbell Barb Campbell	Matt Sharp	Chris Burton	Suellen Sharp Nancy Riley
May 8	10am		Tim Hudson		Alan Gaulke	Jeff Warnement John Gray	Mark Abell		Kathy Higbee Marie Tanner
May 15	10am	Bob and Barb Campbell	Peg Steele		Beth Myser	Dan Perry Skip Duncan	Tim Rice		Chris Grabenstatter Janette MacConnell

### Sunday Worship Texts

Sunday, April 17: Acts 10:34-43; 1 Corinthians 15:29-26; Luke 24:1-12  
 Sunday, April 24: Acts 5:27-32; Revelation 1:4-8; John 20:19-31

### The Holy Trinity Staff:

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