



Holy Trinity
Lutheran Church

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WEEKLY

Ministry Announcements for the week of September 25 - October 2, 2022

Our Confirmation Sunday Schedule

9:00 am – Adult Faith Enrichment

9:45 am – Children’s Warm-up in the Conference Room

10:00 am – Worship in person in the Sanctuary and Online at www.engagedbygrace.org

10:50 am – Children’s Wrap-up in Grace Hall/Adult Hospitality in Gathering Space

4:00 pm – Organ Concert featuring Joshua Brodbeck

New Ministry Opportunities

Ministry Staff Reflections

Learning about our Roots

This fall, I am taking two classes at Trinity Lutheran Seminary. One of those classes is called *Being Lutheran in America*. This class focuses on the history of the Lutheran Church on the North American Continent from the early colonial period to the present, learning about how various churches were formed and ultimately how the ELCA connects to churches from the past. This has already been a fascinating class for the six weeks I have been in it.

Lutherans today are not commonly known as being a very diverse lot. Indeed, the ELCA is one of the least diverse churches in the United States, coming in at 96% white. Interestingly though, I have learned that it was not always like this. Since the beginning of the Lutheran Church, once it had left Germany in the late 1500s/early 1600s, people of African descent have been a vital part of congregations with many serving as lay leaders and as pastors. Indeed, Lutherans of African descent can be traced back over 355 years! That makes me sit back and say wow! I never knew any of this. In fact, African-descent congregations and pastors were most prevalent in South Carolina and on the Island of Saint Thomas, in what is today the Virgin Islands. The Danish captains who colonized St. Thomas wanted to educate the African-descent population in Christianity in general and Lutheranism in particular. They educated all people, free or enslaved, although most were free at the time. And eventually, Lutherans of African descent outnumbered Lutherans who had come from Europe on the island! Lutherans of African descent were also fairly common in New York and Pennsylvania as well.

It is information like this that has been so helpful as I have taken this class. It is apparent that ecumenism, racial and ethnic diversity, and theological diversity has been a part of the Lutheran Church since the very beginning. This gives me great hope in thinking about the future of the Lutheran Church in the United States as we imagine new ways of being church while also imagining ways we can return to our roots. This class has been fascinating for me and I am enjoying it immensely. There is quite a bit of reading and writing involved but it is about a topic I am quite passionate about. I have learned fun facts like how the

first Lutherans on the North American continent were not German and that many of the issues we face today in the Church were the same issues faced by our Lutheran ancestors centuries ago.

It is comforting to know that we have this lineage in the United States that can be traced back centuries. This shows that we are not alone. Indeed, we are surrounded by a communion of saints, those who have run the race before us, revealing that God has always been present and has always watched over Christ's Church. As I stated previously, this gives me hope for the future and a deeper appreciation of the past.

If you would like to take a class at Trinity Lutheran Seminary, either for credit or as an audit (attending class without the homework) I would highly encourage you to do so. Trinity Lutheran Seminary is currently tuition free, meaning you can take classes for free! This is an incredible opportunity and I have found the seminary community to be immensely helpful as I continue my walk of faith. If you ever have any questions about seminary or what I am doing at seminary, feel free to ask! I would love to share my insight into the life of seminary.

Peace,
Vicar Jaren Summers

YWCA Family Center

Holy Trinity folks will be serving dinner at the Y-Family Center on **Saturday, October 1st**. We are limited on the number of adults that can be used in the kitchen. We serve dinners at 6, 7, and 8 o'clock. We need two extra adults to help with serving and clean up from around 6:30 - 8:30 PM. Please call or text Chris Pryor at 614-531-5327 if you are available to assist us.

Save the Date!

The Racial Justice team is pleased to announce our first annual Bronzeville Tour on **Sunday, October 23** from 2-4 PM. Where is Bronzeville, you ask? It's the historically Black district of Columbus, mainly centered in the King-Lincoln district. Our tour guide will be Rita Fuller-Yates, a Speaker, Author, Historian, and Community Activist who has published a book about the history of the Black Community in Columbus. After the tour, we'll take some time for fellowship and debriefing at a restaurant in the area.

Thanks to the Endowment grant, this tour will be free. More information about sign-up will be coming soon. We hope you will join us! For more information, contact Sharon Hamersley at slh1078@yahoo.com

Thursday Suppers at Church are back!

Everyone's invited to join their Holy Trinity family for a casual meal in Grace Hall on **Thursdays at 5:30 pm** Whether you're staying for choir practice or just popping in for a bite, we'd love to see you!

WELCA Bible Study

Everyone is invited to attend the WELCA Bible Study on **Tuesday, September 27 at 10:00 am** at Holy Trinity. The topic will be "Jesus and Nature: Teachers of Faith." Hope to see you on the 27th!

Concerts at Holy Trinity

We are pleased to announce the twelfth season of concerts for the support of the Holy Trinity Mission Endowment Fund and musical arts in our community. The season kicks off **Sunday, Sept. 25 at 4:00pm** with a concert performed by Organist Joshua Brodbeck that includes old favorites as well as new works never before heard at Holy Trinity. Invite your friends and family to join us on September 25th for an enjoyable, entertaining, and inspiring time.

Stewardship Corner

The Apostle Paul prayed, "*I pray that out of His glorious riches He may strengthen you with power through His Spirit in your inner being*" (Ephesians 3:16). God's glorious riches includes God's gifts of Word and Sacrament through which God's Spirit works to nurture us in faith so that we might be strengthened with God's power to do the tasks that God has called us to do: to serve others and share with them our resources, both of ourselves and our finances. For more information about stewardship, please contact Max Buban at 614-771-8594 or maxbuban@sbcglobal.net.

News of Invite Ministries

New Prayer Concerns:

The family of Ben Berning, cousin of Mandy Richards, who died last week
The family of Ron Riley, brother-in-law of Nancy Riley, who died this week

Prayers for Our Members:

Judy McKitrick, at home following a recent hospitalization
Jack Rauch, at First Community Healthcare Center
Jenny Peters, recovering from surgery on her hand
Tina Gray, recovering from ACL surgery
Alan Gaulke, at home following a recent hospitalization
Norma Rauch, amid various health concerns

Prayers for Our Family and Friends:

Charles Jentes, father of Jill Banicki, hospitalized with infections in his legs
Marian Jordan, cousin of Janet Benedick, hospitalized with Guillain-Barre Syndrome
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
Betty Mak, friend of Shirley Boyd, beginning daily home dialysis
Rene Geiger, friend of Shirley Boyd, suffering from an undiagnosed illness
Carla Neal, niece of Catherine Canada, following thyroid surgery
Cheryl Shilling, friend of Catherine Canada, recovering from surgery
Lenora Cochran, daughter of Michael and Kylie Cochran, born 9 weeks early and in the NICU
James Daniel Craven, great-grandson 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
Michael Forts, brother of Jared Forts, recovering from a hospitalization for a serious illness
Rev. Andrew Mazak, father of Leah Forts, hospitalized for tests
Amy Sherman, niece of Alan and Therese Gaulke, diagnosed with throat cancer
Diane McGuire, friend of the Hudson family, undergoing chemotherapy
Marge Gray, friend of Barbara Keller, dealing with heart problems
Sue Kochheiser, sister-in-law of Phil Kochheiser, diagnosed with pancreatic cancer
Eloise and Tesla Leibold, twin daughters of Chase Leibold, experiencing difficult times
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.

Make a Joyful Noise!

Ringers and singers are invited to join the choir! Rehearsals are on **Thursday evenings at 6:00 pm for children, 6:30 pm for bells and at 7:30 pm for voices**. No previous experience necessary! For more information, please contact Minister of Music Josh Brodbeck at josh.brodbeck@engagedbygrace.org.

News of Embrace Ministries

Adding to Daily Devotions

As we move into a new ministry year, Holy Trinity continues to provide *The Word In Season* and *Portals of Prayer* daily devotional resources. The lessons in the first follow the traditional set of passages from the Revised Common Lectionary and the lessons from the second align with the seasons of the year.

Adding to the resources listed above is *Acts of the Almighty - Meditations on the Story of God for Every Day of the Year*, by Pastor Walter Wangerin, Jr. Though this resource was written to be read January 1-December 31, we began the story of God on Rally Day, September 11. You can use *Acts of the Almighty* to follow the pattern of our weekly Bible passages in the Narrative Lectionary when reading the January 1 devotion as August 3, January 2 as August 4 and so on that the February 20 entry would be read today, September 22. (You can access a Devotional Date Conversion Table here: <http://www.engagedbygrace.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/09/Devotion-Almighty-Acts-of.-God-Dates.pdf>)

You can learn more and purchase the devotion book for yourselves here:

https://www.amazon.com/Acts-Almighty-Meditations-Story-Every/dp/0310356881/ref=tmm_pap_swatch_0?encoding=UTF8&qid=1663257083&sr=8-16

You can also pick up a hard copy at the Welcome Center that includes a copy of the Devotional Date Conversion Table too.

Confirmation and Adult Faith Enrichment

Sundays at 9am, Confirmation class takes place in the Youth Room downstairs and Adult Faith Enrichment happens in the Library. Vicar Jaren is teaching the first series for adults on *Opening the Bible*, to help augment the new approach we are taking with the Narrative Lectionary of weekly Bible passages that proceeds from the beginning of the Bible to the end through the program year.

News of Empower Ministries

Lutheran World Relief News

WELCA (Women of the ELCA) groups at Holy Trinity collected health care items and school supplies to be shared with people in need. The women packed seven boxes containing a total of 34 health kits and 26 school kits that will be transported to Lutheran World Relief on October 6. Thanks to all who donated!

Empowerment Shelf

from Elizabeth Sammons **With Love from our Racial Justice Taskforce (September 2022)**

Color of Compromise follow-up: *How to Fight Racism*, *Follow the Blackbirds*, and *Send a Runner* are books 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 you'll discover how these writings from various generations embrace what it means to be human and to walk in spirit.

How to Fight Racism: Courageous Christianity and the Journey Towards Racial Justice by Jemar Tisby
How do we move beyond talking about racism and start equipping ourselves to fight against it? In this follow-up to the New York Times bestseller, *The Color of Compromise*, Jemar Tisby provides readers a framework useful to consistently interrogate their own actions and maintain a consistent posture of anti-racist behavior.

Follow the Blackbirds by Gwen Westerman

This Native-American poet builds a world in words that reflects the past, present and future of the Dakota people. Westerman draws on both English and the Dakota language to celebrate the long journey along sunflower-lined highways of the tallgrass prairies that returns her to a place filled with more than history.

Send a Runner: A Navajo Honors the Long Walk by Edison Eskeets

This book features a member of the Navajo tribe, who in 2018 organized a ceremonial run honoring the Long Walk, his people's forced journey more than a century prior. Edison ran the 330-mile journey in 15 days, and recounts his experience with parallels to the historic treatment of his tribe. Available in audio.

Ministry Calendar at Holy Trinity for September 25 – October 2, 2022

Sunday, September 25, 2022 - Confirmation

8:00 am – First English Breakfast Ministry
 9:00 am – Adult Faith Enrichment (Library)
 9:45 am – Children’s Warm-up (Conference Room)
 10:00 am - Worship in-person and online at www.engagedbygrace.org/
 10:50 am – Children’s Wrap-up and Hospitality (Grace Hall)/Adult Hospitality (Gathering Space)
 4:00 pm – Concert at Holy Trinity featuring Josh Brodbeck

Monday 6:30 pm – BSA Troop 555 Meeting

Tuesday 10:00 am – WELCA Bible Study

Wednesday 10:15 am – Preacher’s Bible Study

Thursday 5:30 pm – Thursday Supper
 6:00 pm – Children’s Choir
 6:30 pm – Bell Choir
 7:30 pm – Adult Chancel Choir

Friday No Events Scheduled

Saturday No Events Scheduled

Sunday, October 2, 2022

9:00 am – Confirmation Class (Youth Room)/Adult Faith Enrichment (Library)
 9:45 am – Children’s Warm-up (Conference Room)
 10:00 am - Worship in-person and online at www.engagedbygrace.org/
 10:50 am – Children’s Wrap-up and Hospitality (Grace Hall)/Adult Hospitality (Gathering Space)
 11:00 am – Vicar Support Team meeting

Holy Trinity Schedule of Worship Servers – September & October 2022

Date	Time	Welcome Center	Assisting Minister	Lay Reader	Ushers	Livestream	Bread Bakers	Communion Team
Sept. 25	10:00 am	Bob and Barb Campbell	Keith Townsend	Beth Myser	Adam Wagenbach JoAnn Curry Brian Barrett	Ben Kaffenberger	Suellen Sharp	Kathy Higbee Marie Tanner
Oct. 2	10:00 am		Max Buban	Debbie Cochran	Ron Benedick AC Cochran	Matt Fox	Becky Warnement	Chris Grabenstatter Janette MacConnell
Oct. 9	10:00 am	Dan and Pam Perry	Sue Eubanks	Keith Townsend	Mark Abell Doug Myser Benson Ross	Ben Fox	Becky Warnement	Joanne Duncan Terri Michael
Oct. 16	10:00 am		Elli Cucksey	Ben Kaffenberger	Keith Darding Doug Myser	Jared Forts	Becky Warnement	Nancy VanFossen Madeleine Guggenaster

Sunday Worship Texts

Sunday, September 25 – Matthew 5:11-12; Genesis 39:1-23 **God joins us in times of trouble.**
 Sunday, October 2 – Matthew 2:13-15; Exodus 14:5-7, 10-14, 21-29 **God saves us in hopeless times.**

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