



Holy Trinity
Lutheran Church

Engaged by Grace.

WEEKLY

Ministry Announcements for the week of January 15 -22, 2023

Our Sunday Schedule

9:00 am – Confirmation and Adult Faith Formation

9:45 am – Children’s Warm-up

10:00 am - Worship in-person and online at www.engagedbygrace.org/

10:50 am – Children’s Wrap-up/Adult Hospitality/Stephen Ministry Overview

7:00 pm – Youth Group

New Ministry Opportunities

Annual Congregational Meeting is January 22

Holy Trinity’s annual meeting will be Sunday, January 22 at 11:00 am, immediately following the 10:00 worship services. Copies of the 2022 annual report are available for your review prior to the meeting.

Extending Our Caring Ministries with Stephen Ministers

At Holy Trinity’s annual meeting on Sunday, January 22, Council is seeking affirmation from the congregation to include Stephen Ministers among the caring ministries of the congregation. As a supplement to, rather than replacement of, pastoral care, Stephen Ministers are trained to provide confidential, extended one-on-one Christ-like care for persons who are working through a significant loss or transition in their lives, such as the death of a loved one, the loss of a job, a divorce and so on. Local Stephen Leaders receive 20 hours of training for initiating, implementing, staffing and maintaining the ministry in their congregation. Those Stephen Leaders then lead 50 hours of training for Care Givers to prepare for their service to Care Receivers from both the congregation and community-at-large. The training is followed by monthly meetings to provide on-going support for Care Givers in their service.

In order to advance Holy Trinity’s engagement in what it perceives to be a worthwhile addition to our caring ministries, last year Church Council approved training for our first two Stephen Ministry Leaders: Director for Equipping Ministers Laura Hudson and Pastor Steve Wachtman. Council has also identified four people with the gifts and interest to serve as Stephen Minister Care Givers: Ron Benedick, Sharon Kokot, Steve Rice and Cathy Steffen.

A motion at this year’s Annual Meeting seeks to affirm the congregation’s involvement with Stephen Ministry in general and commit its engagement with the ministry going forward. You can learn more about the program after worship this **Sunday, January 15** in the conference room when Pastor Steve and Laura Hudson will offer a brief overview of Stephen Ministry and address any questions you might have.

2023 Altar Flowers

Providing altar flowers is a beautiful way to celebrate an important occasion, to remember a loved one and to give glory to God. There are still plenty of openings in the coming months. If you'd like to provide flowers, you can sign up at the flower table in the Gathering Space or by contacting the church office at 614-486-9433 or email@engagedbygrace.org. Altar flowers can be taken home following worship or given to a shut-in to brighten their day. 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.

Hospitality

As the new year begins, Holy Trinity will be reorganizing the Hospitality Committee. The Hospitality Committee provides Sunday Hospitality after church and hosts special events during the year. We will meet after church on January 29th for a brief meeting to sign up for activities that members want to participate in. If you are unable to attend, please let Chris Pryor know.

32nd Annual Martin Luther King, Jr. Day of Learning

Everyone is invited to participate in the annual Martin Luther King, Jr. Day of Learning at Capital University on **Monday, January 16**. The theme of this year's event is "A New Day for All of Us." Join students, faculty, staff, alumni, and community members to celebrate the legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Zellie Imani, an educator and community organizer, will be the day's keynote speaker. There will also be workshops, service activities, a jazz luncheon, and art exhibits. This event honors Dr. King's legacy and Capital University's commitment to the community. For more information or to register, please visit <https://www.capital.edu/news-and-events/annual-events/mlk-day/>.

Don't Miss the Holy Trinity Birthday Bash - Sunday, January 29th

Mark your calendar and plan to join us for an evening of fun and fellowship on **Sunday, January 29 from 4-7 pm** as we celebrate the birth of Christ and your birthday too! Like every good birthday party, this all-congregational event is packed with great food, music, activities, and even a little entertainment.

We'll begin our birthday celebration with informal worship in the sanctuary at 4:00. Dinner will be served shortly thereafter followed by trivia fun. Together, we'll assemble birthday cake kits to share with Heart to Heart Food Pantry. The event will wrap up by 7:00.

Get to know other members who share your birth month; enjoy a little light-hearted party game competition; sing a few songs; enjoy fabulous food; and provide some community service too. And if you're lucky, maybe you'll have the opportunity to throw a pie in the face of Pastor Steve or Vicar Jaren (all for a good cause,)

Holy Trinity will provide the entrée as well as beverages and special birthday treats. Participants are asked to bring a side dish or salad to share. Sign up at the Birthday Bash display in the Gathering Space or online at <http://www.engagedbygrace.org/dont-miss-the-holy-trinity-birthday-bash/> so we can plan accordingly!

Sisters of the Spirit

Sisters of the Spirit will gather in Grace Hall on **Saturday, January 21st at 6:00 pm**. We'll visit, plan some social events for the upcoming year, and make laundry detergent! Please contact Noelle Fox for more details. Anyone is welcome to join us!

American Red Cross Blood Drive

Thank you to everyone that donated at blood at Holy Trinity's blood drive for the American Red Cross this week. Save the date for the next one on **Thursday, March 30, 2023**. In 2022, Holy Trinity Blood Drives collected 112 units, potentially helping 336 patients. THANK YOU so much for the difference you have made. To make an appointment or find out more, go to www.redcrossblood.org/give or 1-800-RED CROSS.

VBS Planning

Bible stories, fun, fellowship, games, crafts, singing! These are just a few things children will remember and take away from a great time at Vacation Bible School. If you are interested in planning this summer's VBS, please join us for a planning meeting on **Thursday, January 19th at 7:00 pm** at Hofbrauhaus. Please reach out to Noelle Fox at Noelle.fox@engagedbygrace.org with any questions.

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, February 5, 12, and 19**. The 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 or Pastor Steve Wachtman at steve.wachtman@engagedbygrace.org if you have questions or would like to participate.

First English Breakfast Ministry

Holy Trinity's next opportunity to serve breakfast at First English Lutheran Church is **Sunday, January 22**. Lately the numbers have been way up! We will be serving pancakes, eggs, fresh fruit and sausage to 150+ people on the FELC patio. We offer coffee and pastry starting at 8am to those who come early and are looking for something hot. Everyone is invited to donate and/or help serve our neighbors in need. Pancake flippers are encouraged to sign up at https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080948aaad28a57-first30#. All food items should be delivered to Holy Trinity by 8am on Sunday, January 22 for transport to FELC or you can drop them off to the Warnements' home, Becky's office, or bring your donation directly to First English, 1015 E. Main Street by 8:30 am on the 22nd. Contact Becky or Jeff Warnement with questions.

Birthday Cake Kit Items Needed

At the Holy Trinity Birthday Bash on Sunday, January 29th, we will be assembling birthday cake kits to share with friends at the Heart to Heart Food Pantry. We are currently in need of an additional 75 boxes of cake mix, 75 cans of Sprite, and 75 tubs of frosting. Any of these donated items can be left under the sign up table or near the birthday party display. These kits will help make someone's birthday very special!

Stewardship Corner

The old year is past, gone forever. No one can go back in time. No one can do what he/she should have done or undo what he/she shouldn't have done. All of us have regrets, and the Apostle Paul was no exception. He offers us a new perspective, though. He writes, *"Forgetting what is behind and straining forward to what is ahead, I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus."* Then he adds his counsel: *"All of us who are mature should take such a view of things (Philippians 3:13b-15).* For more information about stewardship, contact Max Buban at maxmbuban@sbcglobal.net or 614-771-8594.

News of Invite Ministries

New Prayer Concerns:

The family of Tyler Cannon, friend of Chris Schueler, killed in a car accident last week

Removed from the Prayer List:

JoAnn Curry, recovering from a respiratory illness

Marian Jordan, cousin of Janet Benedick, recovering from Guillain-Barre Syndrome

Prayers for Our Members:

Peg Steele, recovering at home following knee replacement surgery

Quint Gage, at home following a recent hospitalization

Madeleine Guggenaster, at home following a recent hospitalization

Gavin Larrimer, at home following a recent hospitalization

Brian Barrett, recovering from eye surgery

Jenny Peters, recovering from surgery on her hand

Norma Rauch, amid various health concerns

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

Betty Mak, friend of Shirley Boyd, beginning daily home dialysis
Rene Geiger, friend of Shirley Boyd, suffering from an undiagnosed illness
Katya Brodbeck, wife of Josh Brodbeck, recovering from a difficult dental surgery
Carla Neal, niece of Catherine Canada, following thyroid surgery
Cheryl Shilling, friend of Catherine Canada, recovering from surgery
Marilyn Hodge, mother of Carolyn Cramer, recovering from a fall and fractured pelvis
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
Doris Fowler, aunt of Matt Fox, hospitalized with an infection
Amy Sherman, niece of Alan and Therese Gaulke, diagnosed with throat cancer
Sydney Eskin, girlfriend of Josh Hudson, deployed with the USS Paul Hamilton
Marge Gray, friend of Barbara Keller, dealing with heart problems
Sue Kochheiser, sister-in-law of Phil Kochheiser, diagnosed with pancreatic cancer
Jeff Evans, friend of Phil Kochheiser, recovering from a stroke
Eloise and Tesla Leibold, twin daughters of Chase Leibold, experiencing difficult times
John Hink, son-in-law of John & Judy McKitrick, recovering from back surgery
Squire Aschinger, nephew of John & Judy McKitrick, diagnosed with cancer
John Michael, godson of John & Judy McKitrick's son, in the NICU at Children's Hospital
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
Phyllis Podmore, mother of Susan Setterlin, who broke her hip
Sharon Larson, cousin of Barb Stock, experiencing cancer elsewhere following breast cancer
Jack Townsend, uncle of Keith Townsend, hospitalized following a stroke
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

Thank You

From the staff at Holy Trinity, thank you for the generous gifts you gave to us at Christmas. It's our privilege to serve in ministry with you and we look forward to our continued work together in 2023!

Make a LutherLand Pilgrimage at a Hostel VALUE: June 14 - 24, 2023

Next summer, seven youth and six adults will embark on Holy Trinity's next Lutherland Pilgrimage, and there's room for 20 more! Staying in shared hostel accommodations as well as host family homes with our partner congregation in Schwerin, we'll travel by motor coach sponsored by a generous donor. **The current land-package cost of this faith-changing pilgrimage is \$1439, which falls to \$1239 for all travelers with one more registration.** Current non-stop airfare estimates departing and returning from Detroit are \$1500.

As with every previous pilgrimage, this experience will include engagement with sites of the Protestant Reformation, our German Partner congregation, and German cultural flavors, sights and sounds. Like previous pilgrimages with youth and adult participants, ample opportunity will be afforded the group to share the experience together and within their peer group.

The itinerary for this particular pilgrimage (including our first ever two-night stay in a Bavarian palace turned hostel) is available by clicking <http://www.engagedbygrace.org/make-a-lutherland-pilgrimage-at-a-hostel-value/> or hard copies can be picked up at the Info Center table. Please see Pastor Steve with any questions and to register your interest.

2023 Giving Envelopes

The 2023 offering envelopes have arrived. Please pick up yours from the table in the hallway near the church offices.

Empires Rise; Empires Fall

Check out the Histomap that is displayed with the Narrative Lectionary Story Prompts in the entryway. Published in 1931, the chart depicts the relative prominence of world empires from 2000 BCE through 1900 CE to help give a sense as to what has been going on in the world through the chronological course of events in God's Story we are reviewing today. While it would be reasonable to debate some of the historical priority focused on Europe and the Middle East, the chart gives a comprehensive perspective on the rise and fall of empires through the ages.

News of Empower Ministries

Empowerment Shelf

From Elizabeth Sammons With Love from our Racial Justice Taskforce (January 2023)

"We Shall Overcome," "Black, White and The Grey" and *"The Last Suspicious Holdout: Stories"* 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. ...

We Shall Overcome

By Bryan Collier

A celebration of the gospel anthem and Civil Rights protest song "We Shall Overcome." Also available in audio. For grades K-3. 2021.

Black, White and The Grey: The Story of an Unexpected Friendship and a Beloved Restaurant

By John Morisano

Two friends recount their experiences beginning as tentative business partners to renovate a formerly segregated Greyhound bus station into a restaurant called The Grey. Bailey and Morisano discuss challenges they faced in developing their relationship in order to address their differences and recognize their biases. Also available in audio. 2021.

The Last Suspicious Holdout: Stories

By Ladee Hubbard.

The critically acclaimed author presents this collection of interlocking short stories that explore relationships between friends, family and strangers in a Black neighborhood over fifteen years. In "False Cognates," a formerly incarcerated attorney struggles with raising the tuition to keep his troubled son in an elite private school. In "There He Go," a young girl whose mother moves constantly clings to a picture of the grandfather she doesn't know.

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 7:00 pm – Youth Group

Monday **Martin Luther King Day – Church Offices Closed**

Tuesday 7:00 pm – Habitat for Humanity Task Force

Wednesday 10:15 am – Preacher’s Bible Study
 7:00 pm – Church Council

Thursday 1:00 pm – Card Ministry
 5:30 pm – Thursday Supper
 6:00 pm – Children’s Choir Rehearsal
 6:30 pm – Bell Choir Rehearsal
 7:30 pm – Adult Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Friday No Events Scheduled

Saturday 6:00 pm – Sisters of the Spirit

Sunday, January 22, 2023

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11:00 am – Annual Meeting
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Holy Trinity Schedule of Worship Servers – January 2023

Date	Time	Welcome Center	Assisting Minister	Acolyte	Lay Reader	Ushers	Livestream	Bread Bakers	Communion Team
Jan. 15	10:00 am	Benson Ross	Keith Townsend		Karen Larson	Bob Campbell Barb Campbell	Matt Sharp	Becky Warnement	Suellen Sharp Nancy Riley
Jan. 22	10:00 am		Tim Hudson	John Houser	Alan Gaulke	Alan Gaulke John Gray	Mark Abell	Becky Warnement	Kathy Higbee Marie Tanner
Jan. 29	10:00 am		Keith Townsend	Kipton Darding	Beth Myser	Dan Perry Skip Duncan	Tim Rice	Becky Warnement	Chris Grabenstatter Janette MacConnell Kris Kochheiser

Sunday Worship Texts

Sunday, January 15 - Psalm 91:9-12; Matthew 4:1-17 **Jesus’ steadfast faith inspires our faith amid evil and temptation.**
 Sunday, January 22 - Psalm 1:1-3; Matthew 5:1-20 **Jesus preaches God’s blessing for the poor and persecuted.**

The Holy Trinity Staff:

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 Director of Faith Formation: Noelle Fox (noelle.fox@engagedbygrace.org)

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