



Holy Trinity
Lutheran Church

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WEEKLY

Ministry Announcements for the week of March 26 – April 2, 2023

Our Sunday Schedule

- 8:00 am – First English Breakfast Ministry
- 9:00 am – Middle School, High School and Adult Faith Formation
- 9:45 am – Preschool and Elementary Children’s Warm-up (Faith Formation)
- 10:00 am - Worship in-person and online at www.engagedbygrace.org/
- 10:50 am – Children’s Wrap-up/Adult Hospitality
- 4:00 pm – Concert at Holy Trinity

New Ministry Opportunities

Neighbor-to-Neighbor Ministry Update

Raising awareness & building community to promote justice and peace

The group formerly known as the Racial Justice Ministry Team is now working under the name of Neighbor-to-Neighbor Ministry Team. Inspired by the Parable of the Good Samaritan, we are neighbors seeking to show and receive mercy with other neighbors, by raising awareness and building community to promote justice and peace. Here are several Neighbor-to-Neighbor ministries opportunities going on right now:

Invitation to Cultural Dinner with the Turkish American Society of Ohio

Lord of Life Lutheran Church is hosting an Iftar dinner with the Turkish American Society of Ohio. Iftar is the meal breaking the fast at sundown during Ramadan. They would love our participation and have issued an invitation to all members of Holy Trinity to join them. Here are the details:

Sunday March 26th, 7:15 - 9:15pm
Lord of Life Lutheran Church
2480 W Dublin Granville Rd, Columbus, OH 43235

There will be a presentation on Ramadan after dinner. A free-will offering will be collected for earthquake relief in Turkey. Please register by Thursday March 23rd at this link: [Iftar Dinner with TASO](#) and direct any questions to Sharon Hamersley (slh1078@yahoo.com).

Breakfast Ministry at First English Lutheran Church

Youth and adults alike are invited to help prepare and serve breakfast from 7:45 to 11:15am at First English Lutheran Church (1015 E. Main Street) on the 4th Sunday of each month. There is plenty of opportunity for interaction with the community as well. (See the separate First English article on the following page to donate or participate.) Contact Becky Warnement (bwarnement124@gmail.com) for more information.

Dinner Ministry at YWCA Family Center

Adults and youth age 16 and up are invited to prepare and serve dinner from 6-8:30pm at the YWCA Family Center (900 Harvey Ct.) every other first Saturday of the month (the next opportunity will be April 1.) This agency serves as a temporary home for families who find themselves transitioning between households. Contact Sharon Hamersley slh1078@yahoo.com or Chris Pryor pryorc82@gmail.com.

Habitat for Humanity

Construction continues to progress on this year's Habitat home. We are getting ready to put up the roof trusses next week so come on out and help raise the roof! The house we are building is a two-story, four-bedroom, two-bath style with a full basement and a front porch. The home is located at 1272 Genesee Avenue in the Linden area, between Hudson and Weber. Our partner family is Kateresa Lee, her two daughters and a brand new son! Kateresa works in legal support staff and will soon graduate with a Master's degree in Public Administration. Looking forward to another successful build and happy homeowner family! Please contact Benson Ross at detailsdetails96@gmail.com for more information.

April 25th - Save the Date - B.R.E.A.D. Nehemiah Action

B.R.E.A.D. (Building Responsibility, Equality And Dignity) is an organization of 44 congregations in central Ohio that work together to advocate for solutions to serious problems in the Columbus area. B.R.E.A.D. identifies specific problems and workable solutions to create issues. Current B.R.E.A.D. issues relate to affordable housing, group violence, environmental justice, juvenile justice, and municipal identification. Over 2000 people representing B.R.E.A.D. will meet with public officials on Tuesday, April 25 to call for action. B.R.E.A.D. is an advocacy ministry that has been active in Columbus since 1997. If you are interested in this ministry, please contact David Kriska at davidkrisk@sbcglobal.net or (614) 961-7828. (See the separate B.R.E.A.D. article on the following pages for more information.)

Empowerment Shelf by Elizabeth Sammons

We Wait for the Sun, *Invisible Child*, and *The Enemy Gods* 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 on the Neighbor-to-Neighbor Ministry Team hope you'll discover how these writings from various generations embrace what it means to be human and to walk in spirit.

We Wait for the Sun by Dovey Roundtree Johnson

The late civil rights attorney and activist shares a poignant moment from her childhood beside her wise grandmother, as the two pick blackberries in the dark and wait for the sun to rise. For grades K-3, 2021

Invisible Child: Poverty, Survival and Hope in American Cities by Andrea Elliott

Pulitzer Prize winner follows eight dramatic years in the life of Dasani, a girl living in a Brooklyn shelter. Elliott weaves the story of Dasani's childhood with the history of her ancestors, tracing their passage from slavery to the Great Migration north. Available in audio. 2021

The Enemy Gods by Oliver LaFarge

Centering around Myron Begay – Divine Arrow is his Indian name – a young Navajo who is apparently won away from his tribe until he believes that he can solve the problem of life by making an imitation white man.

Youth Group News

On **Maundy Thursday, April 6**, there will be a lock-in at Holy Trinity for all middle school and high school youth! We'll have Maundy Thursday **worship at 7pm** as usual and then **lock-in activities begin around 8 or 8:30** following worship. We have an incredible night planned for all youth to participate. With games, snacks, community building, prayer, etc. going on throughout the evening, there will also be opportunities for downtime and sleep. There will even be a quiet space for those who wish to sleep at any point during the night. We hope you'll join us for this incredible opportunity. Pick up will be between 7:00 and 7:30am on Friday morning following a simple breakfast.

Please contact Vicar Jaren or Mrs. Fox if you would like to take part in this event! We promise it will be a night to remember. We could also use some parental volunteers throughout the night. If you would like to help with a shift, please reach out to Vicar Jaren Summers (jaren.summers@engagedbygrace.org) or Director of Faith Formation Noelle Fox (Noelle.fox@engagedbygrace.org).

Concerts at Holy Trinity

Rising Stars is the theme for the next concert at Holy Trinity on **Sunday, March 26 at 4:00 pm**. The concert will showcase high school musical artists from the Holy Trinity community and throughout central Ohio. Please join us for a delightful and entertaining afternoon performance!

Mark Your Calendars for Holy Week Worship

Maundy Thursday, April 6

11:45 am – Worship with Communion

7:00 pm - Worship with First Communion

Good Friday, April 7

7:00 pm - Worship

Easter Sunday, April 9

8:30 am - Easter Festival Worship with Choir and Communion

9:45 am – Breakfast and Easter Egg Hunt

10:30 am - Easter Festival Worship with Choir and Communion

Sisters In The Spirit

It's hard to believe that Easter is only a few weeks away! The Easter Egg hunt is always a fun tradition that our youngest friends look forward to. There are hundreds of eggs that need to be stuffed with candy. It's a task that is fun to do while visiting with one another. Please join us at church in the conference room on **Thursday, March 30th at 6:30pm** (after Thursday dinner and children's choir). We'll also need donations of lots of WRAPPED candy. Candy donations can be placed in the collection bin in the Gathering space or in Noelle's office. Please contact Noelle at Noelle.fox@engagedbygrace.org if you have questions.

Easter Flowers

Holy Trinity will again be beautifying our worship space with Easter lilies and spring flowers on Easter Sunday, April 9. If you would like to purchase a potted plant to be used in the display, please sign up at the Collection & Signup Corner in the Gathering space or contact the church office. The cost is \$8.

Red Cross Blood Drive – Thursday, March 30

The next blood drive at Holy Trinity will be **Thursday, March 30**. Go to www.redcrossblood.org/give or call 1-800-REDCROSS to make an appointment. Thank you for considering giving the gift of life!

Stewardship Corner

In His Sermon on the Mount, Jesus teaches that our heavenly Father expects moral behavior from His people. Moreover, He expects that behavior to be motivated by proper motives and attitudes. *“Live such good lives among the pagans that, though they accuse you of doing wrong, they may see your good deeds and glorify God on the day He visits us”* (1 Peter 2:12). God is looking for us to do the proper things not because we want to please others, but so that God may be glorified. Paul wrote, *We are not trying to please men but God who tests our hearts*” (1 Thessalonians 2:4b). For more information about stewardship, please contact Max Buban at maxmbuban@sbcglobal.net or 614-771-8594.

News of Invite Ministries

New Prayer Concerns:

The family of Randy Loy, brother of Cyndy Decker, who died last week

Prayers for Our Members:

Bill Eubanks, recovering from eye surgery

Brian Barrett, recovering from knee replacement surgery

Gail Svendsen, recovering from heart surgery

Brian Bates, recovering from a stroke

Curt McCool, undergoing cancer treatment

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
Zanda, niece of Zinny Bond, diagnosed with breast cancer
Mike Pullins, former coworker of Shirley Boyd, awaiting a lung operation
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
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
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
Darvin Williams, coworker of Chase Leibold, undergoing chemotherapy for cancer
John Long, Sr., father of John Long Jr., in hospice care
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
Raymon Riley, brother-in-law of Nancy Riley, undergoing cancer treatment
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
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

IN! Our Lenten Journey This Year

IN: Incarnation and Inclusion, a book by Bradley Jersak, Ph.D, serves as the focus of our Wednesday midday and evening Lenten services. Partnering with Advent Lutheran Church, Upper Arlington, for worship throughout the Lenten season, Pastor Aaron Layne, Pastor Steve and Vicar Jaren are rotating preaching and working towards building relationships between our two congregations. Midday worship services are held at **11:45 am Wednesdays at Holy Trinity** with a soup and bread lunch provided afterward and evening services are at **7:15pm on Wednesdays at Advent** with soup and bread dinner provided at 6:30.

Author Bradley Jersak, Ph.D, is currently the Dean of Ministry Studies at St. Stephen's University where he teaches New Testament, Patristics, Philosophy, and Theology. He also serves as a core faculty member at the Institute for Religion, Peace, and Justice. According to the Lutheran tradition of *scripture interpreting scripture*, his devotional work in this book will help us focus on God's radical inclusion of all through the specific incarnation of Christ Jesus. Paperback copies of *IN!* are available at the Info Center in the Gathering Space or you can find the e-book and kindle versions online. Here is the correlation of our weekly ministry theme with chapters in the book:

Wednesday March 29 - Chapter 6: Radical Encounters

Called to Wholeness – Adult Learning in March

The Wholeness Wheel is a helpful learning and discernment tool across the multiple dimensions of wellness — those being vocational, intellectual, emotional, physical, social, and financial dimensions of well-being. Spiritual well-being is intertwined with and influences our well-being in all other dimensions. Join us at **9:00am Sundays through April 2** in the library for discussion and exercises around these dimensions.

Social/Interpersonal Well-Being

We are created by God to be social beings, living in community and instructed to help and love each other. We maintain social well-being through interaction, play and forgiveness. Take time to nurture your relationships with family, friends, congregation, and co-workers.

Emotional Well-Being

Being emotionally well means feeling the full range of human emotions and expressing them appropriately. Self-awareness is the first step. Recognizing and honoring your own feelings and those of others — stress, contentment, anger, love, sadness, joy, resentment — will help you live life abundantly.

Physical Well-Being

While we are not all born perfectly healthy or able to live life without injury or illness, we can live well by tending and nurturing our body as a gift from God. Feed it healthy foods, keep it hydrated, build physical endurance through regular exercise, and respect your body's need for rest.

Financial Well-Being

Being financially well involves making decisions based on our values, as reflected in the way we save, spend, and share. Tending to one's financial well-being in this way requires us to be resilient, generous, and focused on sustainability.

Vocational Well-Being

We all have a calling — a vocation — to follow Christ's example by living a life of meaning, purpose and service to our neighbor. Our vocations make up our life's work and passions — they are the everyday roles through which God calls us to help make this world a better place. Those who are well vocationally are faithful stewards of their talents and abilities, and find opportunities to build and use them.

Intellectual Well-Being

Using our minds keeps us alert and active. Stay curious, ask questions, and seek answers. Explore new responsibilities, experience new things and keep an open mind. And remember, knowing when and how to let your mind rest is as important as keeping active.

Spiritual Well-Being

Living a centered life focused on God affects each aspect of our well-being. Turn to God for strength as you seek to live well in Christ. Nurture your relationship with God through prayer, devotions, worship, nature, art, and music. Explore who you are and know whose you are.

News of Empower Ministries

B.R.E.A.D. Nehemiah Action on April 25th

The B.R.E.A.D. (Building Responsibility, Equality, And Dignity) Organization identifies evidence-based solutions for serious community problems. It then works with local political leaders to gain their support in implementing these solutions. The annual high point of the year is when individual members of over 40 central Ohio congregations come together to show their influence and gain the support of the political leaders.

B.R.E.A.D.'s proposals are called issues and often have catchy names. The "Stop Violence! Build Trust" issue includes several parts including a plan to reduce gun violence. In 2021, the City of Columbus found that 17 groups or small gangs comprised of about 480 individuals were involved in at least 36% of homicides as either a victim or suspected perpetrator between January and September 2020. The B.R.E.A.D. plan is to identify the leaders of these groups and change the group dynamics. The City will offer support if the groups are willing to turn around and avoid violence. Alternatively, the group faces stern consequences if the violence continues. A variety of people including police, judges, reformed convicts, mothers of murdered children, and faith leaders in the community deliver this message to group leaders. The severe consequences include federal, as opposed to state charges, for continued violence.

Mayor Andrew Ginther, Public Safety Director Robert Clarke, and Columbus City Council have been receptive to B.R.E.A.D.'s efforts and are implementing this violence reduction program under the name the "Columbus Violence Reduction (CVR) Initiative." Other current issues that are not as far along as CVR address police-community relations, affordable housing, environmental justice, and personal identification. To read more about B.R.E.A.D. issues, visit <https://breadcolumbus.com/campaigns/>.

B.R.E.A.D. gets results because of the power of people standing together. If you are interested in this ministry, please contact David Kriska at [davidkrisk@sbcglobal.net](mailto: davidkrisk@sbcglobal.net) or (614) 961-7828. Several members of the recently renamed Neighbor-to-Neighbor Ministry Team plan to attend the Nehemiah Action on April 25th and then go out to dinner. If you would like to join us, please contact Dave.

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Monday 6:30 pm – BSA Troop 555

Tuesday 10:00 am – WELCA Bible Study
 5:30 pm – Windgate Village Condo Association

Wednesday 11:45 am – Lenten Worship & Soup Lunch at Holy Trinity
 7:15 pm – Lenten Worship at Advent Lutheran Church (soup supper at Advent at 6:30 pm)

Thursday 9:00 am – American Red Cross Blood Drive
 5:30 pm – Thursday Supper
 6:00 pm – Children's Choir Rehearsal
 6:30 pm – Sisters in the Spirit
 6:30 pm – Bell Choir Rehearsal
 7:30 pm – Adult Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Friday No Events Scheduled

Saturday YWCA Family Center Dinner

Sunday, April 2, 2023 – Palm Sunday

9:00 am – Middle School, High School and Adult Faith Formation
 9:45 am – Preschool and Elementary Children's Warm-up
 10:00 am - Worship in-person and online at www.engagedbygrace.org/
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Holy Trinity Schedule of Worship Servers – March 2023

Date	Time	Welcome Center	Assisting Minister	Acolyte	Lay Reader	Ushers	Livestream	Bread Bakers	Communion Team
Mar. 26	10:00 am		Tim Hudson	Kipton Darding	Alan Gaulke	Ron Benedick John Gray	Mark Abell	Suellen Sharp	Suellen Sharp Nancy Riley

Sunday Worship Texts

Sunday, March 26 – Psalm 98:7-9; Matthew 25:31-46 **Jesus meets us in the needs of others**

Sunday, April 2 – Psalm 118:25-29; Matthew 21:1-17 **God brings Jesus to Jerusalem to reveal God's radical eternal love!**

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