



Holy Trinity
Lutheran Church

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WEEKLY

Ministry Announcements for the week of August 6 - 13, 2023

Our Sunday Schedule

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

New Ministry Opportunities

Make Your Voice Heard

There is an incredible opportunity to have your voice heard about the future of the church. The Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, also known as the ELCA, is the denominational body that Holy Trinity Lutheran Church is a part of. The ELCA is currently looking for individuals to complete a survey regarding the nature of the church today and who God is calling us to be in the future. This is part of the ELCA's Future Church initiative to help congregations meet the challenges of modernity. If you are interested, please click the following link: <https://lovemadereal.elca.org/> or Google "Love Made Real, ELCA". The survey is halfway down the web page and is completely anonymous. No data is taken from you. This is your chance to have your voice heard about the governing of our denomination and share what you think the church should focus on in the future. If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to Vicar Jaren Summers.

Announcing New Co-Directors for the Holy Trinity Child Development Program

I am pleased to announce Molly Capuano and Jackie Newlon as Co-Directors of the Holy Trinity Child Development Program (CDP) effective Tuesday, August 1, 2023. Generally speaking, Jackie will be filling that role in the morning, and Molly will fill it in the afternoon with a period of overlap at midday. They have presented an exciting plan for sharing the responsibilities of this important role for the CDP in ways that sustain and promote the top-notch program that Miss Nancy VanFossen has been leading for the last 17 years. So, after years of gifted and devoted service to the CDP already, please join me in congratulating Molly and Jackie on these new leadership roles.

Also, starting August 1, Nancy VanFossen will step down as Director and begin supporting Jackie and Molly with an orderly transition of all the activities associated with the directorship. In the near future, we will announce plans for celebrating Nancy's immensely successful tenure as Director and for greeting her with the same warmth with which she always greets all of us. So stay tuned.

- Peace, Pastor Steve

Blessing of the Backpacks – Sunday, August 20

Holy Trinity will celebrate the new school year and all of our vocational journeys by blessing our backpacks during worship on Sunday, August 20. Everyone is invited to bring their backpacks, bags, briefcases, diaper bags, totes, purses, laptop bags, or whatever it is that helps support your work each day so they may be blessed during worship.

- Noelle Fox

Lutheran World Relief Collection

The WELCA Circles at Holy Trinity will begin meeting in September and as always, we will be collecting Health Kits and School Kits for Lutheran World Relief. Please remember to bring your completed kits(s) to assemble at the first fall meeting in September since they will be sent in early October. The kits include:

Health Kits

2 bath-size bars of soap 1 adult-size toothbrush 1 sturdy comb (packaging removed)
1 metal nail clipper (attached file optional) 1 light-weight towel 27"x52" (dark color preferred)

School Kits

1 – drawstring bag 4 – 70 sheet notebooks 1 box of 16 or 24 crayons 1 pencil sharpener
1 30 cm. ruler 1 blunt scissors 5 - #2 pencils 5 – black or blue ballpoint pens 1 – 2 ½" eraser

Last year, Holy Trinity Women of the ELCA contributed 26 school kits and 36 health kits for a total of 62 kits. Let's see if we can match or increase our contribution this year.

Thanks for all you do and see you in September!

2024 Youth Gathering

The ELCA Youth Gathering is in New Orleans from July 16-20, 2024. It will be an energizing opportunity for high school youth to grow in faith through worship, interactive learning, inspirational speakers, Bible study, service projects, and fellowship. The theme, *Created to Be*, reminds us that we are all created by God to be just who God made us to be and to live in community with others. All high school youth (including those entering 9th grade in 2024 and those graduating in 2024) are invited to attend. Additional information about the gathering can be found on the [ELCA Gathering website](#). Be sure to check out [this slideshow](#) shared at a recent youth gathering meeting. Please reach out to Vicar Jaren or Noelle Fox with questions and/or registration information.

American Red Cross Blood Drive – Thursday, September 7

Save the date for the next American Red Cross blood drive that will be held at Holy Trinity on **Thursday, September 7 from 9am-3pm**. Go to www.redcrossblood.org/give or call 1-800-REDCROSS to make an appointment or find out more. Thank you for considering giving the gift of life!

Study Tour to Israel and the West Bank

Trinity Lutheran Seminary is sponsoring a trip to the Holy Land from April 29-May 12, 2024. The trip is being led by Trinity Bible professor and Hebrew Bible scholar, the Rev. Dr. Rachel Wrenn, and Trinity Professor Emeritus and New Testament scholar, the Rev. Dr. Walter F. Taylor (known as "Wally" to people at Holy Trinity!) Among the many sites to be visited are Caesarea Maritima, Megiddo, Nazareth, Capernaum, the Sea of Galilee, Dan, Caesarea Philippi, Jericho, the Jordan River, Bethlehem, Samaria, Masada, Qumran, the Dead Sea, Jerusalem (Mt. of Olives, Western Wall, City of David, Holocaust Museum, the Church of the Holy Sepulchre, Via Dolorosa, Israel Museum), etc. For more information, please see the course website at <https://www.eliastours.com/tours/trinity-lutheran-seminary-holy-land-study-tour> or contact Rachel Wrenn at rwrenn@capital.edu; you may also contact Wally at wtaylor4@capital.edu. In addition, the printed itinerary will be posted on the bulletin board next to the library at Holy Trinity.

Want to Learn more about Holy Trinity?

An Introduction to Holy Trinity seminar will be conducted at 9:00 am the first three Sundays in August. Beginning **Sunday, August 6 at 9:00 am**, this class is designed to help interested 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 will be received at the conclusion of the seminar. If you would like to learn more or are interested in attending, please signup at the Collection & Signup Corner in the Gathering space. Contact Laura Hudson at laura.hudson@engagedbygrace.org or Pastor Steve at steve.wachtman@engagedbygrace.org if you have questions.

Reflections on Serving at First English Lutheran Church

By Fred Burton

Serving at First English Lutheran Church once a month for the last several years has been a blessing in so many ways! I feel grateful that so many Holy Trinity folks contribute food each month. And I feel blessed to serve with all of the cheerful members of Holy Trinity and First English who arrive (mostly awake) in the early morning, traipse down the steps to the church basement where the kitchen is located, and busily begin preparing a warm, hearty breakfast for around 150 or so men, women, and children who are waiting outside.

But I have a confession to make. While everyone else is working to get things ready, I like to sneak out of the kitchen to go back up the stairs to “hang out” with the folks who are waiting to be fed.

And that’s where I met Debra.

She was sitting on a bench by herself and I thought, now *here’s* an opportunity to learn something. I sat on a picnic bench across from her and came up with the not so creative line: “Hey, what’s up?” And I was delighted that she told me!

I *listened* and learned quite a few things about her. She shared things like:

*She was raised in Westerville and even though her mom didn’t think she would ever graduate from the local high school...she did! And she was proud of that fact.

*Years ago she loved to write poetry while in school and after she graduated...I said that I loved poetry too and asked her if she had any favorites that she wrote. She explained that she wrote *Christian* poetry and while she couldn’t remember the entire poem, she did share one bit of it which played off of McDonalds — “A McDevil may look good to you on the outside...” I responded with “Wow, I love that line!”

*She also shared that after school she started working as a truck driver for four and a half years, although she finally ended up quitting because she was being harassed. While on the job, she told me that she would pass out flyers to prostitutes in New York City that talked about the love Christ has for all people.

*Her dad (like mine) fought in the Korean war.

*We talked about what we were serving this morning for breakfast. She said people ought to be happy with *whatever* gets served here at the church.

*She shared that she loves God and she loves Jesus. And as we talked, I suspected she loved a lot of other folks because she would say hi to them or pull something out of her purse to give them.

As we finished up our conversation, I wanted to make her visible to others. I say “visible” because so many people who are having hard times in their lives are *invisible* to us. How many of them have I passed and looked the other way? Too many.

So I asked her if she’d mind if I shared some of our conversation with my fellow Christian friends at Holy Trinity. She waved her hand at me and said “Oh sure, that’s fine.” Then I grabbed someone and asked her if she minded if we took a picture together. Her shoulders went up, she had a bit of an amused look on her face, smiled, and said: “That’s fine too.”

I left feeling like she had just blessed me. Like *she* was spiritually feeding me. Funny how a simple “Hey, what’s up” can lead to something so much more.

Stewardship Corner

In 1John 4:16 we read, “*God is love*”. God’s love is evident in His giving. “*For God so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life*” (John 3:16). Because of His love, God gave us the gift that we needed the most – our Savior. Out of love and gratitude for who God is and what He has done for us, we strive to live as Christ did. Through our giving, we become like Him. The more we give from hearts filled with love and gratitude, the more we reflect Christ’s likeness. For more info about stewardship, please contact Max Buban at 614-771-8594 or maxmbuban82@gmail.com.

News of Invite Ministries

New Prayer Concerns:

Elizabeth Garlock, undergoing heart treatments

Bill Eubanks, recovering from surgery for a detached retina

John Maxwell, brother of Herb Maxwell, recently diagnosed with cancer

Sammy and Sonya, members of First English, struggling with housing and health concerns

The family of Louise VanFossen, mother-in-law of Nancy VanFossen, who died this week

Prayers for Our Members:

Tina Gray, recovering from a series of small strokes

Lois Spurlock, hospitalized at Riverside

Dr. Ray Magorien, recovering from surgery

Prayers for Our Family and Friends:

Cindy and Steve Duvall, sister and brother-in-law of Cassi Baker, recovering from kidney transplant surgery

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

James Gildea, friend of Shirley Boyd, recovering from a fall that fractured vertebra in his neck

Betty Mak, friend of Shirley Boyd, beginning daily home dialysis

Rene Geiger, friend of Shirley Boyd, suffering from an undiagnosed illness

Pastor Mark Brodbeck, father of Josh Brodbeck, recovering from a heart attack

Carla Neal, niece of Catherine Canada, following thyroid surgery

Cheryl Shilling, friend of Catherine Canada, recovering from surgery

Russ Frees, brother of Debbie Cochran, diagnosed with leukemia

James Daniel Craven, great-grandson of Genie Craven, born with immature lungs

Cheryl Sohner, friend of Cyndy Decker, recovering from surgery for uterine cancer

Nancy Case, friend of Sue Eubanks, being treated for cancer

Tim Curry, brother of Bev Farrell and brother-in-law of JoAnn Curry, struggling with Parkinson's

Melissa, daughter of Sue Ferguson, recently diagnosed with colon cancer

Elizabeth and Austin, friends of Noelle Fox, experiencing difficult times

Paul Hodge, brother of Carolyn Hodge-Cramer, dealing with complications of shoulder replacement

Sydney Eskin, girlfriend of Josh Hudson, deployed with the USS Paul Hamilton

Roy Hart, former member of Holy Trinity, diagnosed with colorectal cancer

Sue Kochheiser, sister-in-law of Phil Kochheiser, diagnosed with pancreatic cancer

Eloise and Tesla Leibold, twin daughters of Chase Leibold, experiencing difficult times

Darvin Williams, coworker of Chase Leibold, undergoing chemotherapy for cancer

Steve Poettker, cousin of Janet Maxwell, diagnosed with cancer

Maggie Carr Miller, friend of Janet Maxwell, diagnosed with cancer

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

Chris LaLonde, cousin of MJ Neiman, diagnosed with stage 4 colon cancer

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

Deanne Niedziela, former college roommate of Amy Schueler, badly injured by a falling tree limb in Costa Rica

Phyllis Podmore, mother of Susan Setterlin, who broke her hip

Sharyn 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.

New Bible Series for Worship

We recently began a new preaching series on Wisdom Literature. Wisdom Literature is a genre found in the Old Testament and was very popular among kingdoms in the Ancient Near East such as Israel and Judah. The purpose of Wisdom Literature was to teach others about divinity and righteousness by passing on sayings from great sages. We will be looking at books such as the Book of Proverbs, the Book of Ecclesiastes, and Song of Solomon. The Book of Proverbs provides sayings that teach about a righteous and holy pattern of life that has been passed down through generations. Ecclesiastes struggles with the belief in a righteous God and questions the purpose of life. The Song of Solomon is a love poem traditionally thought to have been written by King Solomon. Wisdom Literature, such as that found in these three books, discusses the importance of values, presents moral behavior, questions the meaning of life, and disseminates right conduct. Pastor Steve and I look forward to working through these books with you over the next four weeks. If you ever want to chat about what is found in these books, our door is always open. -Jaren Summers

News of Embrace Ministries

Property Project Update

Playground, Skylight, Round Window and Memorial Garden/Columbarium

As you can see by the playground construction, our four-fold property project is well underway!

The playground project was expedited as a renovation with grant money from the state of Ohio that the Child Development Center needed to spend by the end of June. The design for the skylight in the Gathering space and round window in the sanctuary are both complete with the window being fabricated by the Derix glass company in Germany. The skylight project is being funded by the Estate Gift Fund and the round window will be paid for by the Liturgical Art and Memorial Funds.

Planning for the Memorial Garden and Columbarium is more complex: selecting the location and determining the scope of the first phase for the project. With the location likely being along the front side of the building where we have the most space, the planning will include all landscaping along Northwest Blvd.

The Memorial Garden Design Team includes Kirsten Barrett, Richard Boettcher, Noelle Fox, Pat Gladman, Susan Magorien, Dyann Taylor, Vicar Jaren and Pastor Steve. Together they are working on a proposed design for presentation to Church Council and then the whole congregation for input. Once they integrate that input, this project will be presented to the congregation at assembly for approval. Those presentations are on pace to take place in August so watch for details so you can participate.

News of Empower Ministries

LSS Food Pantry

The team for the LSS Food Pantry at Frebis and Champion Ave. is off to a great start! In fact, Holy Trinity folks will now serve every first Thursday of the month from 12:30-3:30 pm or every third Monday (the next opportunity is August 21) from 3:00-6:00 pm. Team members decide which date works best for them and their schedule. If you would like to be added to the group, contact Cyndy Decker at 614-620-7414 or deckerwilliam@att.net.

Habitat for Humanity Update

We are nearing the final stretch, and will soon have our dedication ceremony, where we hand over the keys to the new homeowner. Come on out and join us! Please contact Benson Ross at 614-747-0930 or detailsdetails96@gmail.com for more information or to get involved.

Empowerment Shelf

by Elizabeth Sammons with love from Neighbor to Neighbor (August 2023)

Lion Lights, How to Raise an Antiracist, and Be Free or Die 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 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. ...

Lion Lights by Richard Turere.

An African Maasai herder's duty is to protect his livestock. This is the true story of how one boy did his duty, while solving a problem that had defeated wildlife experts for decades. For grades K-3.

How to Raise an Antiracist by Ibram Kendi.

How do we talk to our children about racism? How can we inspire our children to avoid our mistakes, to be better, to make the world better? Like most parents, Kendi felt the reflex to not talk to his child about racism, but research and experience changed his mind, and he realized that raising his child to be antiracist would actually protect her.

Be Free or Die by Cate Lineberry.

In Charleston, South Carolina, in 1862, a twenty-three-year-old slave named Robert Smalls did the unthinkable and boldly seized a Confederate steamer. With his wife and two young children hidden on board, Smalls delivered the valuable vessel and the massive guns it carried to nearby Union forces. Smalls' act freed him and his family from slavery and immediately made him a Union hero while challenging what African Americans were viewed as willing to do to gain their freedom.

Ministry Calendar at Holy Trinity for August 6 - 13, 2023

Sunday, August 6, 2023

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

Monday

6:30 pm – BSA Troop 555
7:00 pm – Troop 555 Committee meeting

Tuesday

Special Election

Wednesday

10:15 am - Preacher's Bible Study
6:30 pm – K-Club Parent and Student Orientation

Thursday

No Events Scheduled

Friday

No Events Scheduled

Saturday

No Events Scheduled

Sunday, August 13, 2023

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

Holy Trinity Schedule of Worship Servers – August 2023

Date	Time	Welcome Center	Assisting Minister	Acolyte	Lay Reader	Ushers	Communion Assistants	Livestream	Bread Bakers	Communion Team
Aug. 6	10:00 am		Tim Hudson		Ben Kaffenberger	Keith Darding Doug Myser	Chris Pryor Susan Setterlin	Jared Forts		Nancy VanFossen Madeleine Guggenaster
Aug. 13	10:00 am	Benson Ross	Keith Townsend		Karen Larson	Bob Campbell Barb Campbell	Carolyn Cramer Peg Steele	Ben Fox	Nancy VanFossen	Suellen Sharp Nancy Riley
Aug. 20	10:00 am		Sue Eubanks		Alan Gaulke	Ron Benedick John Gray	JoAnn Curry MJ Neiman	Mark Abell		Kathy Higbee Marie Tanner
Aug. 27	10:00 am	Dan and Pam Perry	Ron Benedick		Elli Cucksey	Tom Wuichet Alan Gaulke	Nancy Riley Jeff Sammons	Tim Rice	Chris Grabenstatter	Chris Grabenstatter Janette MacConnell Kris Kochheiser

Sunday Worship Texts

Sunday, August 6 – Luke 13:1-5, Ecclesiastes 1:1-11; 3:1-17 **For Everything There is a Season**

Sunday, August 13 – Mark 8:35-37, Song of Solomon 2:10-13; 8:6-7 **Love and Passion**

For mobile giving options, scan code below with your phone's camera or go to <http://www.engagedbygrace.org/offering>

