



Holy Trinity
Lutheran Church

Engaged by Grace.

WEEKLY

Ministry Announcements for the week of September 17 - 24, 2023

Our Sabbath Day Schedule

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

New Ministry Opportunities

HERE + NOW

On Your Mark ~ Get Set ~ GO!!!

We've begun our journey through the second year of the Narrative Lectionary. We are so excited about the themes surrounding the weekly Bible stories that will shape our faith in the coming year.

This fall, as we hear about God working through people in the Old Testament, we will engage in the ways *God works through people like us*. We will consider what it means to be **ON YOUR MARK**, celebrating the gifts with which God has already equipped each of us to serve.

In the winter, we will **GET SET** as we hear stories of Jesus' life in Mark's Gospel and notice how *Jesus transforms people like us for God's work*.

Then in the spring, we will encounter stories of the Holy Spirit at work in the early church while we discover ways that *the Spirit sends people like us to do God's work*. The Spirit tells us to **GO!**

God does not call us simply to remember servants of the past or look forward to service one day in the future. Every day, God calls, transforms and sends us - **HERE AND NOW! On Your Mark!... Get Set!... GO!!!**

Property Projects Update

Please visit the Welcome Center monitor on Sunday mornings for the most up-to-date information on the four property projects. In addition to a video presentation of the Memorial Park being considered for the front yard, you will also find there answers to Frequently Asked Questions updated weekly with new questions that arise. There is also a summary of estimated costs for all four projects: playground, Sanctuary round window, Gathering Space skylight and Memorial Garden/Columbarium. Project team members will be present to discuss the projects with you too.

Holy Trinity Concert Series

Concerts at Holy Trinity is pleased to announce the thirteenth season for the support of the Holy Trinity Mission Endowment Fund and musical arts in our local area.

We are proud to host seven concerts this year, the first of which will be **Sunday, September 24 at 4 pm** featuring Artist-in-Residence, Joshua Brodbeck, presenting an organ recital comprised of the entire first Sonata of Alexandre Guilmant. Please join us for an outstanding afternoon of music!

First English Breakfast Ministry

Holy Trinity's next opportunity to serve breakfast to our friends at First English Lutheran Church is **Sunday, September 24**. We'll be serving biscuits and gravy, eggs, fresh fruit, and a breakfast pastry for 150+ people on the FELC patio. To help, please click https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080948aaad28a57-first38#. All items should be delivered to Holy Trinity by Sunday, September 24 by 8am for transport to First English. You can drop them off to the Warnements' home in advance, at Becky's Coldwell Banker office at Kingsdale, or bring donations directly to First English, 1015 E Main St. 43205, by 8:30 am on the 24th when we begin serving. If you have any questions, please call/text Becky 614-638-8170 or Jeff 614-578-6179. Thank you!

Community Involvement in Worship

As this year's Theme Team and staff seek to enhance and enrich everyone's Sunday morning experience at Holy Trinity, your participation is vital to that goal. You may be asking, "How do I do that?" By sharing your gifts, of course!

As we begin our new ministry year with the theme "*HERE + NOW — On Your Mark, Get Set, Go!*" we are challenging everyone to assist with Sunday morning activities in a manner that is best suited to your gifts and interests. In addition to traditional worship assisting on Sunday mornings, there are plenty of behind the scenes ministry opportunities as well as pre- and post-worship activities that may better suit your particular gifts. Some of the possibilities include:

Altar ministry/pew cleanup

Assist with setting up communion, straightening pews and coordinating chancel flowers.

Greeter

Stand near the Reception Window to greet guests and provide direction to any visitors.

Usher

Assist with bulletin distribution before worship, collect offering and coordinate communion pattern.

Acolyte

Process with torches, present offering plates to ushers and assist with communion.

Choir (Children, Adult, Bell)

Provide music leadership in worship under the direction of the Minister of Music.

Instruments: guitar, drum, keyboard, horn

Supplement music leadership under the direction of the Minister of Music.

Communion Assistant

Distribute wine during communion.

Lay Reader

Read scripture lessons for the congregation.

Assisting Minister

Offer prayers on behalf of the congregation and facilitate the communion process.

Hospitality

Assist with refreshments available before and after worship.

Worship Tech Team

Provide leadership for live-streaming services during worship.

Wrap-up moderator

Help convene check-in meetings after worship for all youth groups: children, tweens, middle and high school.

Whether you've served in a particular capacity before or would like to try something new, training will be provided at **9am on Sunday mornings, September 17 and 24**. You can signup at the Collection and Signup Corner in the Gathering space or online at www.engagedbygrace.org. For more information about spiritual gifts and what ministries would be the best fit for you, please contact laura.hudson@engagedbygrace.org.

God's Story, Our Story

Weekly **At-Home Devotions** are available on the worship resource table for continued faith formation at home. [A digital copy is available here as well.](#) While our lives are busy with a multitude of activities, I pray that there are also moments throughout the week where you are reminded of the love of God and gift of faith.

Stewardship Corner

"What do you have that you did not receive?" asks the Apostle Paul (1 Corinthians 4:7). The world admires the "self-made man", one who has started with little or nothing and has turned it into millions. While we should respect those who work hard and use their gifts wisely, we need to remember that it is God Who is the giver of those gifts and that God gives those gifts for a reason: *"You will be made rich in every way so that you can be generous on every occasion, and through us your generosity will result in thanksgiving to God"* (2 Corinthians 9:11). For more information about stewardship, please contact Max Buban at 614-771-8594 or maxmbuban82@gmail.com.

News of Invite Ministries

New Prayer Concerns:

The family of John Maxwell, Herb Maxwell's brother, who died last week
The family of Chris LaLonde, MJ Neiman's cousin, who died recently

Removed from the Prayer List:

Bill Eubanks, who has recovered enough to travel

Prayers for Our Members:

Norma Rauch, returned to her apartment following a recent hospitalization
Elizabeth Garlock, hospitalized at OSU
Tina Gray, recovering from a series of small strokes
Lois Spurlock, hospitalized at Riverside

Prayers for Our Family and Friends:

Tanner Bachman, sophomore at Upper Arlington HS
Cindy and Steve Duvall, Cassi Baker's sister and brother-in-law recovering from kidney transplant surgery
Charles Jentes, Jill Banicki's father, hospitalized with infections in his legs
Aaron Adkins, Ron Benedick's former coworker's husband, undergoing chemotherapy
Joe Berkemer, Matt Berkemer's uncle, undergoing chemotherapy
Phyllis Bliss, friend of Holy Trinity, undergoing kidney dialysis twice/week
James Gildea, Shirley Boyd's friend, recovering from a fall that fractured vertebra in his neck
Betty Mak, Shirley Boyd's friend, beginning daily home dialysis
Rene Geiger, Shirley Boyd's friend, suffering from an undiagnosed illness
Pastor Mark Brodbeck, Josh Brodbeck's father, recovering from a heart attack
Tim Campbell, Barb and Bob Campbell's son, recovering from a fall
Carla Neal, Catherine Canada's niece, following thyroid surgery
Cheryl Shilling, Catherine Canada's friend, recovering from surgery
Russ Frees, Debbie Cochran's brother, diagnosed with leukemia
Jamie Craven, Genie Craven's great-grandson, dealing with oral aversion
Cheryl Sohner, Cyndy Decker's friend, recovering from surgery for uterine cancer
Nancy Case, Sue Eubanks's friend, being treated for cancer
Tim Curry, Bev Farrell's brother and JoAnn Curry's brother-in-law, struggling with Parkinson's
Melissa, Sue Ferguson's daughter, recently diagnosed with colon cancer
Mike Garvin, Noelle Fox's friend, diagnosed with colon cancer
Paul Hodge, Carolyn Hodge-Cramer's brother, dealing with complications of shoulder replacement
Roy Hart, former member of Holy Trinity, diagnosed with colorectal cancer
Marge Gray, Barbara Keller's friend, struggling with a debilitating cough
Michelle Hooley, Kris Kochheiser's friend, starting chemo treatments for cancer
Bev Butt, Kris Kochheiser's mother, hospitalized with unknown health issues
Sue Kochheiser, Phil Kochheiser's sister-in-law, diagnosed with pancreatic cancer

Eloise and Tesla Leibold, Chase Leibold's twin daughters, experiencing difficult times
Darvin Williams, Chase Leibold's coworker, undergoing chemotherapy for cancer
Chris Stewart, Janet Maxwell's friend, recently diagnosed with cancer
Steve Poettker, Janet Maxwell's cousin, diagnosed with cancer
Maggie Carr Miller, Janet Maxwell's friend, diagnosed with cancer
John Hink, John & Judy McKitrick's son-in-law, recovering from back surgery
Squire Aschinger, John & Judy McKitrick's nephew, diagnosed with cancer
John Michael, John & Judy McKitrick's son's godson, in the NICU at Children's Hospital
Terry and Pam Reed, Dave Reed's parents, struggling with complications of Terry's Parkinson's Disease
Raymon Riley, Nancy Riley's brother-in-law, undergoing cancer treatment
Kathy Sammons, Jeff Sammons's mother, experiencing fluid in her lungs
Sammy and Sonya, members of First English, struggling with housing and health concerns
Deanne Niedziela, Amy Schueler's former college roommate, badly injured by a falling tree limb in Costa Rica
Phyllis Podmore, Susan Setterlin's mother, in hospice care
Linda Gleaves, Susan Setterlin's friend, diagnosed with terminal cancer
Sharyn Larson, Barb Stock's cousin, experiencing cancer elsewhere following breast cancer
Scott Blackford, Vicki Townsend's brother, hospitalized with heart issues
Amy Lavoie, Becky Warnement's cousin, battling a recurrence of lung cancer
Karen Byrd, Becky Warnement's aunt, 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

Civic Life and Faith

Adult Faith Formation

9am Sundays, September 10 - October 15

This study curriculum was created by the Task Force on Civic Life and Faith of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) and published by the ELCA's churchwide organization as a critical step toward development of a social teaching statement. It is an invitation to learn what the task force has been discussing in regard to civic life and faith, including some of the most fraught questions of our time.

The curriculum invites participants to delve into the nature of politics, the meaning of the Scriptures, the purpose of government, the responsibility of congregations and church-related organizations, First Amendment issues, the relationship of faith-based living and civic life, connections between worship life and serving neighbor in society, the nature of citizenship, and other relevant topics. These are weighty and difficult discussions for people of faith!

Your participation and response within this study will aid the task force as it considers what might be included in the draft social statement on civic life and faith that will be available for comment in 2024. The deadline for response to this study curriculum is October 15, 2023.

As will be evident throughout the study, the task force recognizes how Christians of good will can and do disagree about social issues. Though we are one in Christ and share many basic values such as neighbor love and neighbor justice, studying together can be difficult because social concerns, like political life, are complex and personal, with institutional and structural implications. However, Scripture teaches that the Spirit of Christ is able to guide our discernment and deepen our insights (Romans 12:1-2). We will rely on this truth to ground our dialog and growth through this interaction together.

Pastoral Comment on Normal Identities

While now known to arise from various factors related to biology, genetics, environment and personal preference, this non-conforming identity has historically been associated with the devil in the Bible, witchcraft among the pious, blasphemy by world religions, deviance, incorrigibility and perversion. And through the years, those forced to conform have performed more poorly in school and work; suffered physical, mental and emotional illness; and endured the distress of social stigma from family, friends and the wider community.

These dynamics were once related to a non-conforming identity known as left-handedness, which gratefully now is largely accepted and affirmed within mainstream American social norms. And the same dynamics are at play for non-conforming sexual and gender identities.

So for the sake of caring for our neighbors and strengthening community, let's do all we can to accept and affirm those too, especially given the tone of much public discourse on the topic these days. Those non-conforming identities are, in essence, no less normal than being left or right-handed.

Next February I will be leading a Sunday School conversation for youth and adults on "Sexuality, Gender and the Church." If you are interested, please watch for details and join the dialog.

God's Peace, Pastor Steve

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; or Wally at wtaylor4@capital.edu. The printed itinerary is posted on the bulletin board.

News of Empower Ministries

Personal Hygiene Kits for First English

Addie Darding, a member of Holy Trinity and senior at Upper Arlington High School, is currently working to coordinate a hygiene kit project for First English Lutheran Church. Everyone in the congregation is invited to contribute items from the list below **through September 17**. Holy Trinity's Tweens group of third, fourth, and fifth graders will then compile the donations into kits for distribution at First English on September 24.

- - Toothbrush
- - Toothpaste
- - Alcohol-Free Mouthwash
- - Body Soap
- - Shampoo
- - Conditioner
- - Hairbrush/Comb
- - Deodorant
- - Body Wipes
- - Lip Balm
- - Lotion
- - Feminine Hygiene Products
- - Band-Aids
- - Q-tips
- - Tissues
- - Hand Sanitizer

We appreciate your help in sharing God's love through these hygiene kits!

You're Invited

On **Saturday, September 23**, First English Lutheran Church will celebrate 175 years of Loving God, Loving their Neighbor, and Serving Together. Everyone's invited to attend! There will be a service of celebration at **5:00 pm** in the sanctuary with a potluck dinner to follow. A main course and drinks will be provided. You're asked to bring an item to share. Please **RSVP by September 15** at <https://tinyurl.com/FELC-175th-Anniv-RSVP-Signups> or by calling the FELC church office at 614-252-3191.

Empowerment Shelf

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

When Sunday Comes and *Under the Skin* are books that I've read myself or seen as books of note. 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. ...

When Sunday Comes by Harold, Claudrena N.

A university professor examines how gospel music evolved in often surprising directions during the post-Civil Rights era. She focuses on musicians like Andraé Crouch, the Clark Sisters, Al Green, and the Winans, and on the network of black record shops, churches, and businesses that nurtured the music. 2020.

Under the Skin by Villarosa, Linda.

"In 2018, Linda Villarosa's New York Times Magazine article on maternal and infant mortality among black mothers and babies in America caused a stir; a Black woman with a college education is as likely to die or nearly die in childbirth as a white woman with an eighth grade education. Her research lays bare the forces in the American healthcare system and society that cause Black people to "live sicker and die quicker" than their white counterparts."

Ministry Calendar at Holy Trinity for September 17 - 24, 2023

Sunday, September 17, 2023

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

Monday 7:00 pm - BSA Troop 555

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
6:00 pm - Children's Choir
6:30 pm - Bell Choir
7:30 pm - Adult Choir

Friday No Events Scheduled

Saturday No Events Scheduled

Sunday, September 24, 2023

8:00 am - First English Breakfast Ministry

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

4:00 pm - Concert at Holy Trinity

Holy Trinity Schedule of Worship Servers - September 2023

Date	Time	Welcome Center	Assisting Minister	Acolyte	Lay Reader	Ushers	Communion Assistants	Livestream	Bread Bakers	Communion Team
Sept. 17	10:00 am		Peg Steele		Beth Myser	Mark Abell Doug Myser	AC Cochran Alan Gaulke	Jared Forts		Suellen Sharp Nancy Riley
Sept. 24	10:00 am	Dan and Pam Perry	Tim Hudson		Dyann Taylor	Bob Campbell Barb Campbell	Deb Bickford Peter Ward	Matt Fox	Debbie Cochran	Kathy Higbee Marie Tanner

Sunday Worship Texts

Sunday, September 17 - Luke 24:1-12; Genesis 18:1-15, 21:1-7 **God gives us joy when God fulfills promises**

Sunday, September 24 - Mark 14:32-36; Genesis 32:[9-13] 22-30 **God changes us**

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