



Holy Trinity  
Lutheran Church

*Engaged by Grace.*

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Ministry Announcements for the week of January 28 – February 4, 2024

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## Our Sunday Schedule

8:00 am – First English Breakfast Ministry  
10:00 am – Worship in-person and online at [www.engagedbygrace.org/](http://www.engagedbygrace.org/)  
10:50 am – Wrap-up  
5:30 pm – Youth Group

## New Ministry Opportunities

### Holy Trinity Annual Meeting

Mark your calendars for Holy Trinity's annual congregational meeting on **Sunday, February 4** immediately following worship. Copies of the 2023 annual report are available for your review prior to the meeting.

### Birthday Bash for Jesus – Celebrating the Wonders of Spiritual Gifts

Everyone's invited to the upcoming all-congregation event at Holy Trinity. On **Sunday, February 4th from 4:00-6:30 pm**, we are celebrating Jesus' birth and the spiritual gifts that God has given each of us to share with the world. Our time together will start at 4:00 with a short worship and "sanctuary shake up" activities. A potluck dinner in Grace Hall will begin around 4:45 followed by activities and a service project in the Gathering Space. As a fun end to our evening, magician Ron Spangler will present us with a magic show. We hope you can join us!

Folks will be seated with others from their birthday season (winter, spring, summer, fall). Ham, hot dogs, drinks, and dessert will be provided. You're asked to bring a side dish or salad to share. During the Birthday Bash, birthday cake kits will be assembled to be shared with the Heart to Heart food pantry. **Boxes of cake mix and tubs of icing can be donated in the bins near the sign up table anytime between now and February 4th. We are also in need of table leaders for the event.** Please reach out to Noelle Fox at [Noelle.fox@engagedbygrace.org](mailto:Noelle.fox@engagedbygrace.org) if you can help. Hope to see you on the 4<sup>th</sup>!

### Adult Faith Formation - Fish Bowl of Current Events

The format for Adult Sunday School in February will be Fish Bowl Current Events. With the Annual Meeting taking place after worship on Sunday, February 4, Adult Sunday School after worship for the remaining **Sundays in February (11, 18, and 25)** will be opportunities to discuss current events from the point of view of our faith in Jesus and what Jesus is doing in the world among us. **At 11:15am each Sunday**, participants will write topics of interest on slips of paper and drop them in a "fish bowl". Then a participant will draw out a slip of paper that Pastor Steve and Vicar Jaren will use to identify the topic of discussion for the day. So bring your faith, bring your questions and bring your ears on the last three Sundays of February as we explore together Jesus' interest and involvement in events of the day.

(Special note -- The Adult Sunday School discussion of "Sexuality, Gender and the Church" has been rescheduled for the four Sundays in May.)

## **Stephen Ministry**

Stephen Ministers are members of the congregation who are trained to serve as confidential, one-on-one companions in Christ to people both inside and outside the Holy Trinity community who are experiencing a significant loss or transition in their lives. Stephen Ministry does not replace pastoral care in any way, but rather extends and augments the care that is available within the church. After more than 50 hours of training, three members of Holy Trinity were commissioned as Stephen Ministers earlier this month. If you think you or someone you know could benefit from the care of a Stephen Minister, please contact one of our Stephen Leaders: Pastor Steve Wachtman at [steve.wachtman@engagedbygrace.org](mailto:steve.wachtman@engagedbygrace.org) or Director of Equipping Ministers Laura Hudson at [laura.hudson@engagedbygrace.org](mailto:laura.hudson@engagedbygrace.org). All inquiries will remain confidential.

## **Youth Group**

Middle school and high school students will meet at church **Sunday, January 28th from 5:30-7pm**. Plan to come hang out with Vicar Jaren and Noelle. We'll talk about what we'd like to do in the coming months.

## **Stewardship Corner**

As stewards, we continually fall short of God's expectations for us. In spite of our good intentions and best efforts, we sin daily. We fail to use our time, talents, and treasures as wisely and faithfully as we should. Through faith, we recognize our sins and are sorry for them. As believers, we place our trust in Jesus for forgiveness for our sins, and we are determined, with the help of God, to be more faithful in how we live our lives as stewards. For more information about stewardship, please contact Max Buban at 614-771-8594 or [maxmbuban82@gmail.com](mailto:maxmbuban82@gmail.com).

## **News of Invite Ministries**

### **New Prayer Concerns:**

Pam Perry, at Dublin Methodist Hospital for observation  
Alice Larrimer, at OSU hospital for observation after a fall  
Josephine Summers, Vicar Jaren's grandmother, recovering from a stroke  
Aiken Summers, Vicar Jaren's nephew, hospitalized with a staph infection

### **Prayers for Our Members:**

Curt Passafume, in ICU at Riverside following complications from surgery  
Ken Doolittle, at Mt. Carmel Rehab following surgery  
Lindsay Shaner, recovering from shoulder replacement surgery  
Brian Bates, recovering from a motorcycle accident  
Elizabeth Garlock, at her daughter-in-law's home following a recent hospitalization  
Lois Spurlock, at Cranberry Park  
Norma Rauch, at home  
Tina Gray, recovering from a series of small strokes  
Josh Hudson, deployed with the USS Sterett

### **Prayers for Our Family and Friends:**

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  
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  
Suzie Porcina, Cyndy Decker's friend, facing end-stage 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, 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  
Michelle Hooley, Kris Kochheiser's friend, starting chemo treatments for cancer  
Bev Butt, Kris Kochheiser's mother, hospitalized with unknown health issues  
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  
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  
Teresa Wilson, MJ Neiman's friend, battling cancer  
Terry and Pam Reed, Dave Reed's parents, struggling with complications of Terry's Parkinson's Disease  
Daryl Richards, Drew Richards' father, hospitalized with COVID  
Kathy Sammons, Jeff Sammons's mother, experiencing fluid in her lungs  
Deanne Niedziela, Amy Schueler's former college roommate, badly injured by a falling tree limb in Costa Rica  
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**

### **Course on Revelation**

Taking a page from The Ohio State University's Byrd Polar and Climate Research Center and its study of ice core samples, during the month of January our Sunday morning adult class will explore core samples from the intriguing and often mystifying Book of Revelation. On January 28<sup>th</sup>, we'll discuss chapters 21-22. Our guide will be Holy Trinity member Walter F Taylor, Jr., emeritus professor of New Testament at Trinity Lutheran Seminary at Capital University. **See you Sunday at 11:15 am in the conference room!**

## **News of Empower Ministries**

### **Habitat for Humanity Update**

We now have all the exterior doors and windows installed, the roof is on and there are heaters inside, so it's a much more pleasant place to work! We are now working Thursday mornings and Saturdays. Come on out and have some fun! For more information or to get involved, please contact Benson Ross at [detailsdetails96@gmail.com](mailto:detailsdetails96@gmail.com).

### **Empowerment Shelf by Elizabeth Sammons with love from Neighbor to Neighbor (January 2024)**

*Watercress, Born in Blackness, and White Lies* 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 Neighbor-to-Neighbor hope you'll discover how these writings from various generations embrace what it means to be human and to walk in spirit. ...

*Watercress* By Wang, Andrea.

Embarrassed about gathering watercress from a roadside ditch, a girl learns to appreciate her Chinese heritage after learning why the plant is so important to her parents. Caldecott Medal. For grades K-3. 2021.

*Born in Blackness: Africa, Africans and the Making of the Modern World* by French, Howard.

In a narrative history spanning six centuries, the author reframes the story of medieval and emerging Africa's role in global history. The author centers Africa in the rise of the modern world and reveals trivialization of past depictions of African history. 2021.

*White Lies: The Double Life of Walter F. White* By Baime, A. J.

This biography explores the life and work of a little-known Black civil rights leader who passed as white in order to enable him to investigate racist murders, help put the NAACP on the map, and plant the seeds of the civil rights movement. 2022.

## Ministry Calendar at Holy Trinity for January 28 – February 4, 2024

### Sunday, January 28, 2024

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**Monday** 6:30 pm – BSA Troop 555

**Tuesday** 10:00 am – WELCA Bible Study

**Wednesday** 10:15 am - Preacher’s Bible Study

**Thursday** 12:30 pm – LSS Food Pantry  
 6:00 pm – Children’s Choir  
 6:30 pm – Hand Bell Choir  
 7:30 pm – Adult Choir

**Friday** No Events Scheduled

**Saturday** 9:00 am – Birthday Bash Set-up  
 5:00 pm - YWCA Family Center Dinner

### Sunday, February 4, 2024

10:00 am – Worship in-person and online at [www.engagedbygrace.org/](http://www.engagedbygrace.org/)  
 10:55 am – Wrap-up  
 11:15 am – Annual Congregational Meeting  
 4:00 pm – Birthday Bash for Jesus

## Holy Trinity Schedule of Worship Servers – January & February 2024

Date	Time	Welcome Center	Assisting Minister	Lay Reader	Ushers	Communion Assistants	Livestream	Bread Bakers	Communion Team
Jan. 28	10 am		Lynn Anderson	Beth Myser	Tim Stock AC Cochran	Nathan Saintignon Alan Gaulke	Matt Sharp		Chris Grabenstatter Janette MacConnell Kris Kochheiser
Feb. 4	10 am	Dan and Pam Perry	Peg Steele	Keith Townsend	Mark Abell Doug Myser Benson Ross	Deb Bickford Peter Ward	Ben Kaffenberger	Dyann Taylor	Joanne Duncan Terri Michael
Feb. 11	10 am		Keith Townsend	Ben Kaffenberger	Keith darding Doug Myser	Chris Pryor Susan Setterlin	Jared Forts		Nancy VanFossen Madeleine Guggenaster Lynn Anderson

### Sunday Worship Texts

Sunday, January 28 – Psalm 131; Mark 5:21-43 **Jesus heals Jairus’ daughter**

Sunday, February- Psalm 122; Mark 6:1-29 **Jesus prepares us to spread the good news of the kingdom**

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