



Holy Trinity
Lutheran Church

Engaged by Grace.

WEEKLY

Ministry Announcements for the week of April 7 - 14, 2024

Our Sunday Schedule

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

10:55 am – Wrap-up for all ages

11:15 am – Adult Sunday School

New Ministry Opportunities

Faith Formation Activities Resume April 7

On **Sundays at 10:55 am**, children age preschool through elementary are invited to follow Director of Faith Formation Noelle Fox into Grace Hall for a snack and Bible Story **Wrap-up** activities with church friends. Confirmation class for students in grades 6-8 takes place in the Youth Room downstairs and high school students meet in the clergy office while adults interact around hospitality in the Gathering Space. Adult faith enrichment classes (high school age and up) begin at 11:15 am in the conference room (see article below for information on April's topic.)

Sexuality, Gender and the Church

Sundays, April 7, 14 and 21 at 11:15am

For the sake of fuller understanding and greater love for all because of Christ Jesus' understanding and love for us, Pastor Steve will be presenting information and moderating dialog on *Sexuality, Gender and the Church* after worship at 11:15am on the first three Sundays in April. These are the topics for each day:

Sunday, April 7

The Theology of Sex and Gender — The Bible and More

<http://www.engagedbygrace.org/sexuality-gender-and-the-church/journey-together-faithfully-background-essay/>

Sunday, April 14

The Science and Terminology of Sex and Gender

<http://www.engagedbygrace.org/sexuality-gender-and-the-church/beyond-xx-and-xy-the-extraordinary-complexity-of-sex-determination-scientific-american/>

Sunday, April 21

Being Church across Sex and Gender

Letter-to-the-Editor: Left-handed people weren't always accepted or affirmed

<http://www.engagedbygrace.org/sexuality-gender-and-the-church/letters-to-the-editor-lefthandedness/>

Then, whether you have participated in any of the Sunday discussions or simply are interested and available, we will coordinate participation from Holy Trinity at the following event being hosted by Gethsemane Lutheran Church and their Pastor TJ Lynch on Tuesday, April 30.

Tuesday, April 30, 7:00-8:30 (optional time afterward to debrief)

Understanding Transgender and Non-binary Gender Identities

<http://tiny.cc/glcflyer>

Each Sunday gathering will begin with brief presentations on the topics above, followed by an opportunity for everyone to respond from their own particular perspective according to these norms for dialog:

- Being prepared to listen and learn.
- Respecting the perspectives and experience of others.
- Speaking only for oneself and the perspective of one's own experience.
- Making sure everyone has a chance to speak once before anyone speaks twice, and so on.

While the dialog will conclude no later than 12:30pm each Sunday, Pastor Steve will be available for additional questions and conversation throughout the week and beyond.

Holy Trinity Concert Series

The next installment of *Concerts at Holy Trinity* will be **Sunday, April 14 at 4 pm**. The program will feature organist Matthew Wachtman who will put the organ through its paces. (Matthew is a distant relative of Pastor Steve.) As always, the concert is open to the public with a reception following. A freewill offering to offset the costs of the concert series is appreciated. Please join us for an outstanding afternoon of music!

Middle School and High School Youth

Save the date for our next meeting on **Sunday, April 28 at 4:30 pm**. More information will be coming soon.

First English Breakfast Ministry

Holy Trinity's next opportunity to prepare breakfast for our neighbors at First English Lutheran Church will be **Sunday, April 28**. We will be serving pancakes, eggs, ham, fresh fruit and a choice of breakfast pastries. We will put together turkey sandwich lunches onsite. March brought standing room only for breakfast so we will plan to welcome/serve 150+ people. If you'd like to help by donating and/or serving food on the 28th, please sign up at https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080948AAAD28A57-48882385-first/61734125#. Please contact Becky or Jeff Warnement for more information at bwarnement124@gmail.com.

Book Collection Project

Beginning this Sunday, April 7th and continuing through Sunday, May 5th the Tweens will be collecting books for elementary students at schools in Appalachia. While reading supports academic success, it also fosters empathy and emotional intelligence. Learning about the fruits of the Spirit- *love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control*- happens through stories we read. Jesus calls us to love our neighbors as ourselves and literature provides opportunities to learn about others.

Some examples of the books needed are picture books; early reader books by Dr. Seuss and Mo Willems, 1-2-3 step books, Bob books; early chapter books like *Mercy Watson, Princess in Black, Fly Guy*; series books like Magic Tree House; classic books like *Charlotte's Web, Matilda, and Charlie and the Chocolate Factory*. Please reach out to Jill Banicki, Molly Pensyl, or Noelle Fox if you have questions.

Neighbor-to-Neighbor News

The Neighbor-to-Neighbor ministry team will be attending **The Annual Faith Leaders Luncheon:**

Home in Ohio

April 16: 11am -1pm

Statehouse Atrium

If you wish to join us, please contact Pastor Steve (steve.wachtman@engagedbygrace.org) or David Kriska (614-961-7828 or davidkriska@sbcglobal.net) by **Monday, April 8th**.

The costs of housing and food continue to rise in Ohio, and many families in our communities are struggling to keep up with the rent and keep food on the table. Join us for lunch and a conversation with policy experts, service providers, impact stories, and legislators about serving those who are in need of safe, decent, affordable housing. Hunger Network in Ohio (HNO) is a co-sponsor of this event along with the Ohio Council of Churches and the Dominican Sisters of Peace.

VBS – Monday, June 3 – Thursday, June 6, 2024

This year's Vacation Bible School, **Operation Restoration**, will be **Monday, June 3 - Thursday, June 6** from 9:00-11:30 am. Children age 3 years through fifth grade will be invited to be menders in God's world. As they make connections between Bible stories and mending actions, they'll discover simple ways to live out faith in daily life. Watch for registration information coming soon!

Stewardship Corner

Christ's death on the cross assures us of our salvation. Likewise, his resurrection assures us that we, too, will rise again. In 1 Corinthians 15:17 and 19, Paul writes, "*And if Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile ... If only for this life we have hope in Christ, we are to be pitied more than all men.*" Certainly for the Christian, eternal life has begun already, and the passing from this life to the next is just a blip on the screen. In the confidence of such a sure hope, let us spend our time here in carrying on the work of Christ that the lost may be found and restored to their Savior. For more info about stewardship, please contact Max Buban.

News of Invite Ministries

Prayers for Our Members:

Ken Doolittle, at home following surgery
Elizabeth Garlock, at home dealing with various medical issues
Norma Rauch, at home

Prayers for Our Family and Friends:

Joe Berkemer, Matt Berkemer's uncle, undergoing chemotherapy
Phyllis Bliss, friend of Holy Trinity, undergoing kidney dialysis twice/week
Marj Kielmeyer, Shirley Boyd's friend, diagnosed with lung cancer
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
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, whose cancer has spread from his colon to his liver
Wilkie Cirker, Sharon Hamersley's husband, recovering from shoulder surgery
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, undergoing chemo treatments for cancer
Bev Butt, Kris Kochheiser's mother, hospitalized with unknown health issues
Rodney Larson, Don Larson's brother, recently diagnosed with cancer
Mark Redfearn, Don and Karen Larson's son-in-law, undergoing radiation treatments
Beeyun Leibold, Chase Leibold's mother, recovering from back surgery
Darvin Williams, Chase Leibold's coworker, undergoing chemotherapy for cancer
Nate Poole, Janet Maxwell's friend, following a severe neck injury resulting in paralysis
Darlene Madden, Janet Maxwell's friend, diagnosed with cancer
Chris Stewart, Janet Maxwell's friend, diagnosed with cancer
Maggie Carr Miller, Janet Maxwell's friend, diagnosed with cancer
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
Thelma Roberts, Carl Peterson's friend, who is dealing with serious medical issues
Jeff Shapiro, Susan Poling's friend, hospitalized with complications from influenza A
Terry and Pam Reed, Dave Reed's parents, struggling with complications of Terry's Parkinson's Disease
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
Glenn Steffen, Cathy Steffen's brother, in long-term rehab following a hit and run robbery in Chicago
Sharyn Larson, Barb Stock's cousin, experiencing cancer elsewhere following breast cancer
Josephine Summers, Vicar Jaren's grandmother, recovering from a stroke
Aiken Summers, Vicar Jaren's nephew, hospitalized with a staph infection
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 Empower Ministries

Habitat for Humanity Update

Holy Trinity partners with other churches from northwest Columbus to build a Habitat for Humanity house each year. Things are moving along nicely with our habitat home located at 1496 Arlington in Linden. We have almost all of the finished carpentry done inside, and now we are working on the porch and railings outside. We will also be building and installing a shed for garden tools etc. Next week we will back be back to our regular schedule and we'd love to have your help. For more information or to get involved, please contact Benson Ross at detailsdetails96@gmail.com.

VOSH – Volunteer Optometric Services for Humanity

VOSH/International believes in the freedom to see; providing the gift of vision and eye health to people worldwide. They facilitate the provision and the sustainability of vision care for people who can neither afford nor obtain such care where they live. The goal of VOSH is to increase the global impact whenever possible by supporting sustainable eye clinics, optometry schools and optometric educators in areas lacking sufficient eye care. As of November 2023, there are 106 VOSH chapters in 28 countries across the world working to accomplish their goals. In April, Holy Trinity will be sending in the donated glasses, cases and lenses we have collected in the last year. Now is the time to add to what we already have. Please use the pale orange box with glasses on the side on the "sign up table" in the Gathering Space.

Empowerment Shelf by Elizabeth Sammons with love from Neighbor to Neighbor (April 2024)

The Weight of Blood, *The Loneliest Americans* and *Buzzing with Questions* 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. ...

The Weight of Blood by Jackson, Tiffany

Madison Washington has always been a target for bullies. She's dealt with it, till the morning her most closely kept secret comes out: Maddy is biracial, but passing for white her entire life. Student leaders come up with a plan to change their image: host the school's first integrated prom as a show of unity. But some of Madison's classmates aren't done with her just yet.

The Loneliest Americans by Kang, Jay Caspian.

In 1965, a new immigration law lifted a century of restrictions against Asian immigrants to the United States. Over the next four decades, millions arrived, with almost no understanding of their new home. This story features Kang and his family as they move from a housing project, to an idyllic college town and eventually to the West Coast. Their story unfolds against the backdrop of millions more immigrants, many of them working-class or undocumented.

Buzzing with Questions by Harrington, Janice.

An award-winning poet and children's author recounts the life of Charles Henry Turner. Turner was a pioneer in animal behavior, an entomologist, a high school science teacher, and a leading African American scientist of his time. For grades 2-4. 2019.

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10:30 am – Worship in person and online at www.engagedbygrace.org/
 10:55 am – Wrap-up
 11:15 am – Adult Sunday School

Monday 6:30 pm – BSA Troop 555

Tuesday No Events Scheduled

Wednesday 10:15 am - Preacher’s Bible Study
 10:30 am – WELCA Esther Circle II (note time change)

Thursday 6:30 pm – Handbell Choir
 7:30 pm – Adult Choir

Friday No Events Scheduled

Saturday No Events Scheduled

Sunday, April 14, 2024

10:00 am – Worship in-person and online at www.engagedbygrace.org/
 10:55 am – Wrap-up
 11:15 am – Adult Sunday School
 4:00 pm – Holy Trinity Concert Series
 6:00 pm – Neighbor Informational Meeting

Holy Trinity Schedule of Worship Servers – April 2024

Date	Time	Welcome Center	Assisting Minister	Lay Reader	Ushers	Communion Assistants	Livestream	Bread Bakers	Communion Team
Apr. 7	10:00 am		Ron Benedick	Ron Benedick	Chris Pryor Adam Wagenbach Peter Ward	Herb Maxwell Janet Maxwell	Ben Fox	Becky Warnement	Joanne Duncan Terri Michael

Sunday Worship Texts

Sunday, April 7 – Mark 6:7-13; Acts 1:1-14 **Jesus sends us to spread the good news everywhere.**
 Sunday, April 14 – Mark 6:53-56; Acts 3:1-10 **The Holy Spirit empowers us to touch others with God’s love.**

The Holy Trinity Staff:

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