



Holy Trinity
Lutheran Church

Engaged by Grace.

WEEKLY

Ministry Announcements for the week of April 21 - 28, 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
5:30 pm – Family Confirmation Meeting

New Ministry Opportunities

Share Thanksgiving with Pilgrims of Democracy International Dinner, Thursday, May 9, 5:30 - 7:00

According to our spring ministry theme, “*Go! The Spirit sends people like us to do God’s work,*” we have a unique and special opportunity for living into that theme during a special dinner with international guests from eastern Europe. Our guest, Martin Kovac’, along with six other fellows will be spending a month in the United States to engage with citizens here who, within the freedoms of our country, are organizing around concerns for the common good like hunger, housing, immigration, and civil rights. (For more information about Pastor Kovac’ and the fellows program, please see the article on the next page of the newsletter.)

The fellows will begin their experience with an orientation in Columbus during the second week in May, concluding with the dinner we are hosting at Holy Trinity on May 9 before they disperse to their particular regions of engagement. And that’s where you have opportunity to be involved.

You could contribute a traditional Thanksgiving side dish to accompany the turkey which the church is providing: mashed potatoes, stuffing, green beans (with fried onions on top!), cranberry sauce, pumpkin pie or any other family favorite that you would like to share.

Perhaps you’d like to help set up, serve and/or cleanup for the dinner.

And you can also help by simply stopping by to eat and getting acquainted with our guest.

There’s a sign-up sheet at the Ministry Sign-up table or online here.

Being coordinated by the Neighbor-to-Neighbor Ministry Team, please see Pastor Steve or Dave Kriska with any other questions or suggestions.

Tweens News

On **Friday, May 3rd from 5:30-7:30 pm**, the Tweens (3rd-5th graders) will gather for a pizza dinner and to prepare the books collected from the book drive for schools in Appalachia. Please contact Jill Banicki, Molly Pensyl, or Noelle Fox if you have any questions. Hope to see you then!

Pastor Martin Kovac' and the GLCAP Professional Fellows Program

Holy Trinity is participating in the Great Lakes Community Action Partnership [GLCAP] by hosting Pastor Martin Kovac from Slovakia from May 9 – June 6. The GLCAP Professional Fellows program is a two-way exchange of professionals from five selected European countries and mentors in the United States who will share experiences and promote mutual understanding between professional groups in their respective countries. The overall goals of the program are to

- provide a professional development opportunity for mid-level emerging leaders,
- create a forum for American and foreign participants to collaborate and share ideas and strategies, and
- build a global network of professionals able to work effectively in an interconnected environment.

Martin's goal for his GLCAP experience is to learn as much as he can about community action organizations in the US and how church communities interact with them.

We look forward to welcoming Pastor Kovac'. Please join us for a potluck dinner at 5:30 pm on Thursday, May 9th to greet Martin and his colleagues from GLCAP. (See corresponding article on front page for info.)

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

From now through Sunday, May 5th the Tweens (3rd, 4th, and 5th graders) 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.

Stewardship Corner

If you have an income, you have the ability to give. Be glad and give thanks to God for His provision. Lord, I thank You for the opportunities to give. *"The Macedonian churches urgently pleaded...for the privilege of sharing in this service to the saints"* (2 Corinthians 8:2,4). For more information 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 Kielemeyer, 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
Mark Bloom, Phil Kochheiser's friend, diagnosed with cancer
Rick Lewis, Phil Kochheiser's friend, waiting for a liver transplant
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, in a skilled nursing facility to recover from complications of influenza A
Ben Souders, Susan Poling's friend's son, recently diagnosed with bipolar disorder
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 Embrace Ministries

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.

Library News

The library committee has been working on updating the library materials and we concluded it would be best to hear from the congregation as to their needs and wants. After all it is your library! On **Sunday, April 21**, surveys will be handed out after worship. It is brief and space is provided to add your ideas. A basket for the finished surveys will be placed at the office window. We really appreciate your participation and look forward to your comments. Questions? Please contact Susan Setterlin: 614-570-3936 or rsetterl@columbus.rr.com.

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 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.

VBS – Save the Dates June 3 - 6, 2024

This year's Vacation Bible School, **Operation Restoration**, will be **Monday, June 3 - Thursday, June 6** from 9:00-11:30 am at Holy Trinity. 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!

News of Empower Ministries

Habitat for Humanity Update

Our house is almost finished! We're doing finish carpentry/touch up items and soon the house will be complete. Our dedication ceremony will be sometime in May... stay tuned!. For more information or to get involved, please contact Benson Ross at detailsdetails96@gmail.com.

St. Mark's Episcopal Church Hosts Culture and Artisans Fair

St. Mark's is hosting its second annual Culture and Artisans Fair on **Saturday, May 4 from 10 am to 3 pm**.

The event will feature approximately 20 artisans from all over the world, showcasing and selling their handmade items, as well as delicious food and live music, and an opportunity to interact with the artisans and hear their stories. The Fair is being presented in partnership with CRIS (Community Refugee and Immigration Services) and many of the artisans will be refugees, asylum seekers and others building a new life in the Central Ohio area.

Come and explore a variety of arts and crafts from all over the world, have fun, and help us welcome and support some of our new neighbors. The Culture and Artisans Fair is sponsored by the City of Upper Arlington's Community Relations Innovation Small Grant Program and is part of the Community Relation Committee's (CRC) UA Welcome Series.

St. Mark's is located at 2151 Dorset Road, Upper Arlington. The Fair will take place on the front lawn of church, at the corner of Dorset and Tremont Roads. Rain or shine.

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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10:00 am – Worship in-person and online at www.engagedbygrace.org/
 10:55 am – Wrap-up
 11:15 am – Adult Sunday School
 5:30 pm – Family Confirmation Meeting

Monday

3:00 pm – LSS Food Pantry
 6:30 pm – BSA Troop 555

Tuesday

No Events Scheduled

Wednesday

10:15 am - Preacher’s Bible Study

Thursday

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

Friday

No Events Scheduled

Saturday

No Events Scheduled

Sunday, April 28, 2024

10:00 am – Worship in-person and online at www.engagedbygrace.org/
 10:55 am – Wrap-up

Holy Trinity Schedule of Worship Servers – April & May 2024

Date	Time	Welcome Center	Assisting Minister	Lay Reader	Ushers	Communion Assistants	Livestream	Bread Bakers	Communion Team
Apr. 21	10:00 am	Benson Ross	Ron Benedick	Beth Myser	Matt Sharp Ben Kaffenberger	AC Cochran Nate Saintignon	Tim Rice	Suellen Sharp	Suellen Sharp Nancy Riley
Apr. 28	10:00 am		Keith Townsend	Dyann Taylor	Ron Benedick AC Cochran	Herb Maxwell Janet Maxwell	Matt Sharp		Kathy Higbee Marie Tanner
May 5	10:00 am	Mike & Erika Lamont	Peg Steele	Keith Townsend	Mark Abell Doug Myser Benson Ross	Deb Bickford Peter Ward	Ben Kaffenberger	Dyann Taylor	Chris Grabenstatter Janette MacConnell Kris Kochheiser
May 12	10:00 am	Bob & Barb Campbell	Tim Hudson	Ben Kaffenberger	Keith Darding Doug Myser	Peg Steele Susan Setterlin	Jared Forts		Joanne Duncan Terri Michael

Sunday Worship Texts

Sunday, April 21 – Mark 13:9-11; Acts 17:1-9 **The Holy Spirit inspires us to be examples of God’s love to everyone.**
 Sunday, April 28 – Mark 9:34-35; Acts 18:1-4 **The Holy Spirit unites us together by God’s power in Jesus Christ.**

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