



Holy Trinity  
Lutheran Church

*Engaged by Grace.*

WEEKLY

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Ministry Announcements for the week of April 28 – May 5, 2024

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## Our Sunday Schedule

10:00 am – Worship in person and online at [www.engagedbygrace.org/](http://www.engagedbygrace.org/)

10:55 am – Wrap-up for all ages

## 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 [Holy Trinity Lutheran Church » Share Thanksgiving with Pilgrims of Democracy](#).

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

### **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.)

### **WELCA Bible Study**

People ate a lot of unusual things in the Bible. Come join the women of the church to learn about this topic next **Tuesday, April 30 at 10 am**. We meet in Holy Trinity's Library and the session lasts one hour. Hope to see you there!

### **LSS Food Pantry Update**

Holy Trinity has been serving at the Lutheran Social Services Food Pantry on Champion and Frebis Avenue since June of 2023. We have a dedicated group of 18 volunteers who serve the Columbus community twice a month - the first Thursday and the third Monday. If this type of ministry interests you, please contact Cyndy Decker, [deckerwilliam@att.net](mailto:deckerwilliam@att.net), and we will welcome you. The pantry prefers that servers be 16 years old or above but those 12-15 years of age may help if they have an adult with them. Some of the tasks require lifting but if you are unable to do that, there are others that are less taxing. It can be a physical job but the rewards are heart-warming. The clients are very grateful and give as much as they get in smiles and thanks. Holy Trinity's next dates to serve are **Thursday, May 2 from 12:30-4pm** (meet at the church at 11:40 am) and **Monday, May 20 from 3-6 pm** (meet at the pantry.)

### **WELCA Central Ohio Conference**

On **Sunday, May 5, from 1:30-3:30**, Lutheran women will hold their annual Spring Gathering at Peace Lutheran Church, 455 Clark State Road, Gahanna. There will be fellowship, singing and refreshments. The guest speaker is Mary Miller who will bring music, humor and inspiration. There will be updates from the Central Ohio Conference and a free-will offering for Lutheran Social Services. More information is available at the Holy Trinity reception office window.

### **Tweens UPDATE**

On **Friday, May 10th** (please note the new date) from 5:30-7:30 pm, the tweens (3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> grade students) will gather for a pizza dinner and to prepare the book drive books collected for schools in Appalachia. Please reach out to Jill Banicki, Molly Pensyl, or Noelle Fox if you have any questions. Hope to see you there!

### **Stewardship Corner**

We don't always put our money where our mouths are, but we certainly put our money where our hearts are. Jesus said, "*Where your treasure is, there your heart will be also*" (Matthew 6:21). If Jesus is our treasure and we love Him with all our hearts, we will use our money responsibly and wisely in response to that love. Therefore, our giving can be a good indication of our spiritual health. Those of us, who are generous with our money are likely to be spiritually healthy. However, if we are selfish with our money and use it only for ourselves, we are sick spiritually. For more information about stewardship, please contact Max Buban.

## **News of Invite Ministries**

### **Removed from the Prayer List:**

Mark Redfearn, Don and Karen Larson's son-in-law, who has completed radiation treatments

### **New Prayer Concerns:**

Joe Stone, Genie Craven's son-in-law, facing neck surgery

Connie Blackford, Vicki Townsend's sister-in-law, recently diagnosed with breast cancer

The family of Mike Garvin, Noelle Fox's friend, who died this week

### **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  
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  
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

This **Sunday, April 28 from 4:30 - 6:30 pm**, high school and middle school youth will meet at Holy Trinity to paint flower pots and plant wildflower seeds. There will be a pizza dinner, too. Hope you can join us!

### Sexuality, Gender and the Church

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 (35 E. Stanton Ave., Columbus, 43214) and their Pastor TJ Lynch this **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>

If you are interested in carpooling, please contact Pastor Steve at [steve.wachtman@engagedbygrace.org](mailto:steve.wachtman@engagedbygrace.org).

### VBS – Operation Restoration

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. Registration is now open at [VBS 2024 Online Registration Form](#).

## News of Empower Ministries

### Book Collection Project

From now through Sunday, May 5th the Tweens (3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, and 5<sup>th</sup> 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.

### 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](mailto: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.

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.

### 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.

## Ministry Calendar at Holy Trinity for April 28 – May 5, 2024

### Sunday, April 28, 2024

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

**Monday** 6:30 pm – BSA Troop 555

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

**Wednesday** 10:15 am - Preacher's Bible Study  
7:00 pm – WELCA Ruth Circle

**Thursday** 12:30 pm – LSS Food Pantry  
7:30 pm – Adult Choir

**Friday** 3:00 pm – Girl Scouts #6861

**Saturday** 12:00 pm – Eagle Scout Ceremony

### Sunday, May 5, 2024

10:00 am – Worship in-person and online at [www.engagedbygrace.org/](http://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. 28	10:00 am		Keith Townsend	Dyann Taylor	Tim Stock 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 28 – Mark 9:34-35; Acts 18:1-4 **The Holy Spirit unites us together by God's power in Jesus Christ.**  
Sunday, May 5 – Mark 12:28-31; 1 Corinthians 13:1-13 **The Holy Spirit calls us to love each other.**

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

