



Holy Trinity
Lutheran Church

Engaged by Grace.

WEEKLY

Ministry Announcements for the week of May 19 - 26, 2024

Our Pentecost Schedule

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

10:55 am – Wrap-up for all ages

12:30 pm – Youth Group kickball at Fancyburg Park

New Ministry Opportunities

The Life of a Bi-vocational Pastor in Slovakia

At 11:15 after worship this Sunday, May 19, Pastor Martin Kováč, our Great Lakes Community Action Fellow will be sharing a presentation on his life and work in Slovakia. Highlights of his bio include:

- Married, father of a six-year-old son
- Bi-vocational pastor in the Old Catholic Church (Union of Utrecht, associated with Anglicans)
- Day job with VW Foundation working as a project manager in community relations
- PhD on the impact of inter-testamental Jewish Literature on Pauline theology with a focus on the relationship between Justification by Grace and Justification by Works (Evangelical Lutheran Theological Faculty, Comenius University in Bratislava)
- Only pastor in the country performing weddings for couples from the LGBTQI+ community
- National podcast phenom

In addition to sharing about himself, Martin is especially interested to learn from us too, how we are involved in community organizing activities for the common good and well-being of persons living on the margins in our context to help him grow in the same within his context. Join us!

Update on Discernment around a Pastoral Residency for Vicar Jaren

Council deeply appreciates the faithful and constructive attention so many people have paid to the congregation's discernment around a two-year Pastoral Residency for Vicar Jaren.

Council also reports, after its May meeting on Wednesday, a decision was made to approach the synod staff for guidance on the funding and advisability of a two-year Pastoral Residency for Vicar Jaren and to send another letter to the congregation early next week, highlighting adaptations to the program in light of input over the last two weeks.

As always, please reach out to any Executive/Personnel Team member with other questions and suggestions.

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First English Breakfast Ministry

Holy Trinity's next opportunity to prepare breakfast for our neighbors at First English Lutheran Church will be **Sunday, May 26**. We will be serving pancakes, eggs, ham, fresh fruit and a choice of breakfast pastries. We will put together turkey sandwich lunches onsite. We plan to welcome/serve 150+ people. With many high school graduation ceremonies that day, we will likely be running low on servers. New helpers are always welcome! If you'd like to help by donating and/or serving food on the 26th, please sign up at https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080948AAAD28A57-49698700-first#/. Please contact Becky or Jeff Warnement for more information at bwarnement124@gmail.com.

Thank You for Book Donations

Thanks to your generosity, Holy Trinity's Tweens (3rd-5th graders) collected and organized 1234 books for distribution in the Appalachia region of Ohio, near Athens. The books were delivered to Trimble Elementary and Amesville Elementary on Wednesday. The principals and teachers at both schools are thrilled to be able to send 2-3 books home with each of their students for summer reading!

Intro to Holy Trinity

Are you interested in learning more about our church? An Introduction to Holy Trinity seminar will be conducted the last three Sundays in June (9, 16 & 23) at 11:15am. This class is designed to help interested people learn more about the ministry of our congregation and the encounters with God's grace that we share. Even if you can't attend all the sessions, we'd love for you to participate. People interested in membership will be received as new members at the conclusion of the class. If you'd like to find out more, please sign up in the Gathering Space or contact Pastor Steve Wachtman at steve.wachtman@engagedbygrace.org or Director of Equipping Ministers Laura Hudson at laura.hudson@engagedbygrace.org.

Grace Bag Items Needed

As a part of our Vacation Bible School theme of "mending God's world," we'll be making Grace Bags on **Sunday, June 2nd**. Feeding the hungry is one way the children will be learning about mending God's world and Grace Bags are a tool that we can all carry with us to help a friend in need. The following items are needed: meal/protein bars, toothbrushes and toothpaste, band aids, small bottles of water, cracker packs, socks, McDonald's gift cards, hand sanitizers, lip balm, and COTA bus passes. These items can be placed in the collection bin under the sign up table in the Gathering Space. Thanks for helping to mend God's world!

June 2nd Summer Celebration

Sunday, June 2nd will be a special day of worship as we learn about mending God's world. God's Word feeds our hearts, souls, and minds so 2nd grade students will be presented with their very own Bibles that day. Following worship, everyone is invited to enjoy a pizza lunch together to feed our bodies and celebrate the start of Vacation Bible School and kick off summer activities. We'll be assembling Grace Bags at that time as well. Please sign up at the Collection & Signup Corner in the Gathering Space or online at <https://forms.gle/xb1sg7zPUgrVduF79> if you plan to attend so we know how much pizza to order.

Stewardship Corner

Jesus was always very clear on what His purpose on Earth was. At the young age of twelve, He told His parents, "*Didn't you know I had to be in My Father's house?*" (Luke 2:49). Later He declared, "*I have come that {My sheep} may have life, and have it to the full*" (John 10:10). In order to give that abundant life to us, His sheep, "*The Good Shepherd {laid} down His life for the sheep*" (John 10:11). Our purpose as stewards of the Good Shepherd is to glorify God and spread the Good News of His death and resurrection which brings us forgiveness of sin and life everlasting with God. For more information about stewardship, contact Max Buban.

News of Invite Ministries

New Prayer Concerns:

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

The family of Emmajane Finney, Cathy Steffen's sister-in-law, who died last week

Prayers for Our Members:

Chris Pryor, at home recovering from a fall and broken rib
Judy McKitrick, at Mill Run Rehabilitation Center recovering from hip surgery
Ken Doolittle, at home
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, undergoing daily home dialysis
Rene Geiger, Shirley Boyd's friend, suffering from an undiagnosed illness
Pom, Na Brown's friend, who recently suffered a stroke
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
Caitlyn Carey, Matt & Suellen Sharp's sister-in-law, recently diagnosed with cancer
Glenn Steffen, Cathy Steffen's brother, in long-term rehab following a hit and run robbery
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
Connie Blackford, Vicki Townsend's sister-in-law, diagnosed with 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

WELCA Bible Study

The date for the next WELCA Bible Study has been changed to **Tuesday, May 21 at 10:00 am** due to the Memorial Day holiday. Everyone is invited to attend!

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](#).

Youth Group Kickball with Advent Lutheran Church

Get ready for some kickball action! Middle School and High School students are invited to attend Advent and Holy Trinity's End of School Year Kickball Game '24 on **Sunday, May 19, 12:30-2:30 pm** at Fancyburg Park in Upper Arlington (3375 Kioka Ave., 43221). Middle and high schoolers + friends are all invited! RSVP at https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScF3sAR5YbfCd_TXYFYH4YcAz4NfQe0qaUHWd5VsmsUqHmvLg/viewform. RSVP'ing is helpful (so we're sure to order enough pizza for lunch), but not necessary. We hope to see you and your squad on Sunday, May 19th. Let's kick it!

Library Survey Online

The library committee has been discussing 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! A brief digital survey is available with space provided to add your ideas. Click https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfxw-93gkUg7nnmfKbEbT9KzMrhE5rgCh81L7WL2pFozQ7Rg/viewform?usp=sf_link to complete the questionnaire. We really appreciate your participation and look forward to your comments. Questions? Contact Susan Setterlin: 614-570-3936 or rsetterl@columbus.rr.com.

News of Empower Ministries

LSS Food Pantry Update

Holy Trinity has been serving at the Lutheran Social Services Food Pantry on Champion and Frebis Avenue the first Thursday and the third Monday of each month since June 2023. If this type of ministry interests you, please contact Cyndy Decker at 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. The clients are very grateful and give as much as they get in smiles and thanks. Holy Trinity's next date to serve is **Monday, May 20 from 3-6 pm** (meet at the pantry).

B.R.E.A.D. (Building Responsibility, Equality, and Dignity) Nehemiah Action

Tuesday, May 21 6:40-8:30 pm

The B.R.E.A.D. Nehemiah Action is an annual event at which the B.R.E.A.D. Organization asks the City of Columbus and Franklin County leaders to address important community problems. This year, B.R.E.A.D. will be asking Council President, Shannon Hardin, to take on a rental housing issue. The problems include substandard property care and a lack of affordable units. Interestingly, an increasing number of rental properties are owned by out-of-state corporations that are quick to raise rents and slow to make proper repairs. One possible solution B.R.E.A.D. is considering is the formation of a Rental Registry that would hold property owners and tenants responsible for the condition of the property and also include a requirement for rental property owners to have a local emergency contact.

B.R.E.A.D. will also be celebrating recent achievements in public safety. The Stop Violence! Build Trust! Committee has been working for about eight years to reduce the murder rate in Columbus. The evidence-

based programs B.R.E.A.D. has proposed are finally being adopted. The Columbus Violence Reduction effort is already having an effect in reducing the murder rate. The ABLE (Active Bystandership for Law Enforcement) program will soon be implemented with an aim of having officers stop other police officers from making serious mistakes.

The Nehemiah is an unusual meeting. Its purpose is for people of faith to show their strength in confronting serious community problems. B.R.E.A.D. volunteers have negotiated with political leaders about these problems and pushed them to consider B.R.E.A.D.'s evidence-based solutions. Change is difficult, however, and often there is some tension at the Nehemiah. Nevertheless, if interested in attending, contact David Kriska at 614-961-7828 or davidkriska@sbcglobal.net or Sharon Hamersley at 614-395-9440 or slh1078@yahoo.com.

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

My Body is Not a Prayer Request, *I Am Not Alone*, and *We Are Still Here* 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. ...

My Body is Not a Prayer Request: Disability Justice in the Church By Kenny, Amy

It's easy to forget we worship a disabled God whose wounds survived resurrection. How can the Church start treating disabled people as full members of the body of Christ who have much more to offer than a miraculous cure narrative? Kenny shows that until we cultivate church spaces where people with disabilities can fully belong, flourish, and lead, we are not valuing the diverse members of the body of Christ.

I Am Not Alone By Stork, Francisco

Alberto's an undocumented immigrant from Mexico who lives with his sister's abusive boyfriend--but he'd always accepted his place. Until he starts hearing the voice of a man called Captain America, a voice that wants him to achieve more, no matter the cost. When Alberto and Grace meet, they have an immediate connection. But when Alberto is present at the scene of a terrible crime, he becomes a suspect. Can the privileged honors student Grace find a way to prove Alberto's innocence to himself and the world?

We Are Still Here By Sorell, Traci

A group of Native American kids from different tribes presents historical and contemporary time periods, struggles, and victories to their classmates, each ending with a powerful refrain: we are still here. For grades 4-7. 2021.

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10:00 am – Worship in-person and online at www.engagedbygrace.org/
 10:55 am – Wrap-up
 11:15 am – Discussion with Pastor Martin Kováč
 12:30 pm – Youth Group Kickball at Fancyburg Park
 4:00 pm – BSA Eagle Scout Court of Honor

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

Tuesday 10:00 am – WELCA Bible Study (note date change)
 7:00 pm – Habitat for Humanity task force

Wednesday 10:15 am - Preacher’s Bible Study

Thursday Last day of K-Club

Friday No Events Scheduled

Saturday No Events Scheduled

Sunday, May 26, 2024

8:00 am – First English Breakfast Ministry
 10:00 am – Worship in-person and online at www.engagedbygrace.org/
 10:55 am – Wrap-up

Holy Trinity Schedule of Worship Servers – May & June 2024

Date	Time	Welcome Center	Assisting Minister	Lay Reader	Ushers	Communion Assistants	Livestream	Bread Bakers	Communion Team
May 19	10:00 am	Benson Ross	Sue Eubanks	Ben Kaffenberger	Nathan Saintignon Skip Duncan	Carolyn Cramer	Matt Fox	Nancy VanFossen	Nancy VanFossen Madeleine Guggenaster Lynn Anderson
May 26	10:00 am		Ron Benedick	Carolyn Cramer	Ron Benedick John Gray	Miriam Ringquist MJ Neiman	Mark Abell		Suellen Sharp Nancy Riley
June 2	10:00 am	Mike & Erika Lamont	Lynn Anderson	Mary Jane Neiman	Tom Wuichet Tim Stock	Nancy Riley Jeff Sammons	Tim Rice	Chris Grabenstatter	Kathy Higbee Marie Tanner

Sunday Worship Texts

Sunday, May 19 – Mark 1:4-8; Acts 2:1-4; 1 Corinthians 12:1-13 **The Holy Spirit equips each of us with gifts for building up the church as the body of Christ here and now!**

Sunday, May 26 – 1 John 1:1-2:22

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