



Holy Trinity
Lutheran Church

Engaged by Grace.

WEEKLY

Ministry Announcements for the week of February 16 - 23, 2025

Our Sunday Schedule

8:30 am – Morning Prayer with Communion

9:20 am – Church Fam Connect/Faith Life Milestones for 5th Grade

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

New Ministry Opportunities

2025 Estimate of Giving Ministry

We are ever grateful for your generosity towards the mission of Christ that we share at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church. And we frame our Estimate of Giving Ministry this year in the context of our ministry theme driven by the gospel of Luke: *Love Everyone Always*.

The Bible passage to help center the prayerful deliberation of our Estimate of Giving is Luke 12:34 – “*Where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.*” Arising from Jesus’ theological insight on stewardship here, the value we hold for our *treasure* can be used to help move our hearts toward God and others we are called to love through our regular offering to the ministry we share as a congregation.

Using resources mailed to member households this week and also available at the Welcome Center, we invite you to join us in prayerfully considering how God calls you to use your treasure to bend your heart to *Love Everyone Always* through our ministry together. On Sunday, February 23, we will consecrate our Estimate of Giving cards that are returned by that time. Then in March, Council will present a Revised 2025 Ministry Spending Plan that matches expenses to offerings anticipated by your Estimates of Giving. As always, we thank God for your partnership in our ministry together.

Estimate of Giving Ministry Team

Cara Evanchan, MJ Neiman, Doug Roberts, Tim Stock, Stewardship Chair Max Buban, Financial Secretary Peter Ward, Director of Equipping Ministers Laura Hudson and Pastor Steve Wachtman

Concerts at Holy Trinity

A special concert featuring Vincent Dubois, renowned organist from Notre Dame Paris, will be presented on **Sunday, March 16 at 4:00 pm** at Holy Trinity. A reception will follow the performance, offering a chance to mingle and discuss the extraordinary music. Due to the popularity of this event, tickets will be required and very limited in quantity. This unforgettable performance is sure to sell out so please contact Minister of Music Josh Brodbeck as soon as possible to reserve your ticket(s). The cost is \$30.

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper

Save the date for **Tuesday, March 4** for Holy Trinity’s annual pancake supper. More details coming soon!

Summer Camps at HopeWood Outdoors

If you are looking for some memorable time away this summer, consider family camp at HopeWood Shores (Camp Luther) or youth camp at HopeWood Pines (LMC). These weeklong camp experiences are a fabulous time of faith formation through family-style meals, devotions, singing time, and special evening activities. The camp counselors lead people of all ages in morning Bible study, games, and activities. Afternoons are filled with lots of great camp fun including games, crafts, sports, and swimming. Evening chapel overlooking the shores of Lake Erie (Camp Luther) or chapel in the pines (LMC) is a beautiful and peaceful time of worship. Summer camp season begins Sunday, June 8 and runs through July 2 at LMC and August 2 at Camp Luther. Noelle Fox and family will be camping during "Week 1" (June 8-14) at HopeWood Shores this summer and would LOVE it if you came, too. Many former youth of Holy Trinity have attended Lutheran Memorial Camp and would be happy to share their stories as well. Please reach out to Noelle Fox if you have any questions.

For more details and registration information about camp at HopeWood Shores (Camp Luther) in Conneaut, visit their website at <https://hopewoodoutdoors.org/program/camp-luther/>. For more information about youth and family camps at HopeWood Pines (LMC) in Marengo, go to pines@hopewoodsoutdoors.org.

Cross-Cultural Lunch

Our first Cross-Cultural Lunch and Learn outing will be **Sunday, February 16th**, after the late service, We will travel to Silav Cafe, 330 S High St, just south of E Main Street arriving @ 11:30. There are surface parking lots available as well as the Columbus Commons parking garage. Silav Cafe is a Kurdish restaurant, where we will savor the traditional flavors of the Middle East. [Silav Cafe](#)

Z, one of the owners, is very excited to have us come, enjoy either the traditional Royal Breakfast or order off the menu, learn about their traditions and culture. They have regular table seating or a traditional sofra- low table with seating on pillows. Please contact Becky Warnement (614-638-8170), David Kriska (614-961-7828), or another member of the Neighbor to Neighbor ministry team if you have questions or plan to attend.

First English Breakfast Ministry

Holy Trinity will be providing a hot breakfast to our friends at First English on **Sunday, February 23**. We will be serving scrambled eggs with ham, potatoes, fresh fruit and a choice of breakfast pastries for 150 people. We will put together turkey sandwich lunches onsite. All items should be delivered to Holy Trinity by Sunday, February 23 at 8am for transport to FELC. Or you can drop off to the Warnements' home in advance, drop to Becky at her office, or bring donations directly to First English, 1015 E Main St, 43205, by 8:15am that Sunday. We begin to serve at 8:30. If you'd like to contribute food or sign up to help serve on the 23rd, please click [FELC Feb 23rd breakfast sign up](#). Thanks for your support!

Save the Date for the next Hot Topic Happy Hour

5:30-7:00pm Sunday, February 23

Hot Topic Happy Hour is a new adventure in adult faith enrichment, held on the fourth Sunday of each month from 5:30 to 7:00 pm. Patterned after gatherings that Martin and Katie Luther hosted in their home to discuss theology and everyday issues with friends and students, Grace Hall at church will be transformed into a *Table Talk Tavern* of sorts. Participants are invited to bring an appetizer or snack and beverage to share as we engage in meaningful dialogue about current topics, all rooted in our faith and trust in God's eternal love for all creation through Christ Jesus our Lord.

On Sunday, February 23, Director of Faith Formation Noelle Fox and Pastor Steve will moderate the ongoing conversation around Jonathan Haidt's research in the book *The Anxious Generation*. Whether or not you attended January's discussion, we will continue to explore the rise in anxiety and depression among the younger generations since the advent of the smartphone in 2010. Haidt identifies key contributors such as the rise of social media, overprotective parenting, and the decline of face-to-face community. In response to such challenges for the healthy socialization of children and youth, Haidt makes a case for the importance of resilience-building practices, face-to-face relationships, and teaching critical thinking to counter these trends. Together we will reflect on and discuss the practical insights he suggests for nurturing emotional and spiritual health across our community and among young people in particular. Advance reading/familiarization with the book is highly recommended. All friends and neighbors are encouraged to join us!

Library Update

The Holy Trinity librarians have been hard at work taking a close look at each and every book in the library's collection. To make room for new volumes, we have selected those books that either are damaged, quite old, similar subject matter to others in the collection, etc. You may have seen the library cart in the gathering space... it is filled with a great selection of books for all ages that are free for you to select and own-no limit! We are making room (in a limited space) for you to explore soon! Enjoy!

Stewardship Corner

Most people believe that money brings happiness, so they always want more of it. But money does not bring happiness. Money and the things that money can buy do not produce the good life. The good life is found in a relationship with Jesus and in using what God has given us to build God's kingdom. Through the working of the Holy Spirit, we will hold the things of this world loosely and focus on things that are eternal. For more information about stewardship, please contact Max Buban at 614-771-8594.

News of Invite Ministries

New Prayer Concerns:

Keith Hallas, at Grant Hospital with a broken leg suffered in a car accident
Pauline Lingo, at St. Ann's Hospital with RSV

Removed from the Prayer List:

Susan Setterlin, who is feeling better

Prayers for Our Members:

Sharon Hamersley, recovering from hip replacement surgery
Floradelle Pfahl, at Ganzhorn Suites
Bob Campbell, recovering from a heart valve replacement
Barbara Keller, dealing with various medical issues
Joanne Duncan, recovering from a heart procedure
Ken Doolittle, at home
Judy McKitrick, at home
Elizabeth Garlock, at home
Norma Rauch, at home
Josh Hudson, deployed to the western Pacific with the USS Sterett

Prayers for Our Family and Friends:

Chuck Jentes, Jill Banicki's father, hospitalized with a serious infection
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
Tate Thomas, Max & Francine Buban's 3-month-old great-grandson, dealing with silent reflux
Violet, Carolyn and Clyde Cramer's neighbor's 8-year-old granddaughter, diagnosed with leukemia
Joe Stone, Genie Craven's son-in-law, recovering from neck surgery
Jamie Craven, Genie Craven's great-grandson, dealing with oral aversion
Dottie and Dale Anderson, Joanne and Skip Duncan's friends, dealing with Alzheimer's
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
Alan Greiner, Barb Keller's brother, dealing with multiple serious medical issues
Rodney Larson, Don Larson's brother, diagnosed with cancer
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 McKittrick's nephew, diagnosed with cancer
Stephanie Gotemoeller, Susan Poling-Jones' friend, recovering from breast cancer surgery
Ken Swanson, Susan Poling's friend, hospitalized with a number of ailments
Ben Souders, Susan Poling's friend's son, diagnosed with bipolar disorder
Terry and Pam Reed, Dave Reed's parents, struggling with complications of Terry's Parkinson's Disease
Kristin, Miriam Ringquist's niece, dealing with mental health issues
Deanne Niedziela, Amy Schueler's former college roommate, badly injured by a falling tree limb in Costa Rica
Sheila Greter, Susan Setterlin's sister, recently diagnosed with cancer
Caitlyn Carey, Matt & Suellen Sharp's sister-in-law, diagnosed with cancer
Amy Lavoie, Becky Warnement's cousin, battling a recurrence of lung cancer
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

Save the Date for VBS!

Holy Trinity's Vacation Bible School is scheduled for **Monday, June 30 – Thursday, July 3, 2025**. Children age 3 years – fifth grade are eligible to attend. Students in sixth grade and up are invited to volunteer. Watch for more details in the coming weeks!

News of Empower Ministries

Empowerment Shelf – February 2025

by **Elizabeth Sammons with love from Neighbor to Neighbor**

Amazing Grace: The Story of America's Most Beloved Song, Acts of Forgiveness, and Finding Junie Kim 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 in 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. ...

Amazing Grace: The Story of America's Most Beloved Song by Turner, Steve.

Learn two stories about the famous song. The first is of its lyric writer, John Newton, who as a mentor of William Wilberforce, played a pivotal role in the abolition of the slave trade in Britain. The second recounts how the lyrics crossed the Atlantic, connected to a tune thought to have Scottish origins and became one of the most recorded songs.

Acts of Forgiveness by Cheeks, Maura.

In this debut about ambition, race, and class, a family grapples with how much of their lineage they're willing to unearth in order to participate in the nation's first federal reparations program. This novel ponders how history shapes who we are, to consider the weight of success when it is achieved despite incredible odds, and what leaving behind a legacy truly means.

Finding Junie Kim by Oh, Ellen.

Junie Kim just wants to fit in. So she keeps her head down and tries not to draw attention to herself. But when racist graffiti appears at her middle school, Junie must decide between staying silent or speaking out. As racism becomes more pervasive at school, Junie taps into the strength of her ancestors and finds the courage to do what is right. For grades 5-8.

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Monday Church Office Closed – President’s Day

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

Tuesday No Events Scheduled

Wednesday 10:15 am – Preacher’s Bible Study 7:00 pm – Church Council

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

Friday 3:00 pm – Girl Scouts #6861

Saturday 2:00 pm – Cub Scout Pinewood Derby

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Holy Trinity Schedule of Worship Servers – February & March 2025

Date	Time	Acolyte	Assisting Minister	Lay Reader	Ushers	Communion Assistants	Livestream	Bread Bakers	Communion Team
Feb. 16	10:00 am		Peg Steele	Lynn Anderson	Dan Perry Skip Duncan	Carolyn Cramer Chris Pryor	Ben Fox	Nancy Van Fossen	Nancy VanFossen Madeleine Guggenaster Lynn Anderson
Feb. 23	10:00 am	Jack Abell	Tim Hudson	Karen Larson	Ron Benedict John Gray	Miriam Ringquist MJ Neiman	Mark Abell		Suellen Sharp Nancy Riley
Mar. 2	10:00 am		Tim Hudson	Mary Jane Neiman	Tom Wuichet Tim Stock	Nancy Riley Elli Cucksey	Tim Rice	Chris Burton	Kathy Higbee Marie Tanner

Sunday Worship Texts

Sunday, February 16, 2025 – Luke 7:18-35; Psalm 146:5-10 **More than a Prophet**
 Sunday, February 23, 2025 – Luke 7:36-50; Psalm 103:3-6 **Forgiven at Jesus’ Feet**

The Holy Trinity Staff:

Pastor: Steve Wachtman (steve.wachtman@engagedbygrace.org)
 Preschool: Molly Capuano and Jackie Newlon (directorhtcdp@gmail.com)
 Administrator: Laura Hudson (laura.hudson@engagedbygrace.org)
 Minister of Music: Joshua Brodbeck (joshua.brodbeck@engagedbygrace.org)
 Director of Faith Formation: Noelle Fox (noelle.fox@engagedbygrace.org)

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