



Holy Trinity
Lutheran Church

Engaged by Grace.

WEEKLY

Ministry Announcements for the week of March 30 – April 6, 2025

Our Sunday Schedule

- 8:30 am – Morning Prayer with Communion
- 9:20 am – Church Fam Connect/Faith Life Milestones for 3rd graders
- 10:00 am – Worship in person and online at www.engagedbygrace.org/
- 11:15 am – Adult Faith Formation “Everybody Always”
- 11:15 am – High School Youth Mission Trip Info Meeting
- 5:15 pm – High School Youth to Jacob’s Porch for Dinner and Worship

New Ministry Opportunities

Mark Your Calendars for Holy Week Worship

Palm Sunday, April 13

- 8:30 am – Morning Prayer with Palms and Communion
- 9:20 am – Church Fam Connect/Faith Life Milestones for 3rd graders
- 10:00 am - Worship with Palms, Choir and Communion

Maundy Thursday, April 17

- 11:45 am – Worship with Communion
- 7:00 pm - Worship with Communion

Good Friday, April 18

- 7:00 am – Sanctuary open for individual prayer
- 7:00 pm - Worship

Easter Sunday, April 20

- 8:30 am - Easter Festival Worship with Choir and Communion
- 9:00-10:30 am – Breakfast in Grace Hall
- 9:30 am – Easter Egg Hunt on the playground and front lawn
- 10:00 am - Easter Festival Worship with Choir and Communion

Individual, Private Confession and Forgiveness

Again this year, Pastor Steve will offer individual, private confession and forgiveness during Holy Week. Available by appointment Monday-Wednesday before work, during the day or in the evening, Pastor Steve will meet you at the door of the sanctuary at the scheduled time and proceed with you to the apse that has been lit for contemplation. After a word of greeting, the service begins with an invocation followed by a scripture reading, an invitation to confess any sins aloud, words of consolation and pastoral perspective, absolution from God in Jesus’ name and a final blessing. To schedule a time for confession and forgiveness, please email Pastor Steve at steve.wachtman@engagedbygrace.org or via text at 614-579-8128.

Mission Trip Info Meeting – Sunday, March 30

High school youth and families are invited to an informational meeting regarding this summer's mission trip to Toledo, Ohio scheduled for Tuesday, June 17 through Thursday, June 19. While in Toledo, the Service Learning Camps organization will match us with morning and afternoon projects. Evenings will be spent relaxing and having some summer fun in the area. Please join us **Sunday, March 30 at 11:15 am** while we learn more about this trip. A light lunch snack will be provided at the meeting.

Concerts at Holy Trinity

Please join us on **Sunday, April 6 at 4:00 pm** for an unforgettable afternoon of original music by singer-songwriter Grace Blackford. The concert is free and open to the public. Don't miss this inspiring performance!

Easter Flowers

Spring is in the air (to stay, we hope)! Again this year, Holy Trinity will be beautifying the sanctuary with lilies and other spring flowers on Easter Sunday. If you would like to purchase a potted flower to be part of the display on April 20, please sign up at the Collection & Signup Corner or contact the church office at laura.hudson@engagedbygrace.org. The cost is \$8.

Happy Hour Hot Topic - Sunday, April 27, 5:30-7:30pm

Artificial Intelligence

What is it and what might it mean for our community life together?

The Hot Topic for March turned out to be an invigorating conversation between a business person, an educator, a scientist and a pastor on a topic that was pulled out of the Fish Bowl: Leadership! A review of collective perspectives on the topic, as well as church resources like the Bible and catechism, broadened thinking across the group and began to inform new commitments with regard to leadership opportunities in daily life.

The Hot Topic for April will be *Artificial Intelligence — What is it and what might it mean for our community life together*. Drawing on resources from a recent ELCA Southern Ohio Synod seminar on the topic, we will explore factors leading to the rise of artificial intelligence, the ethical framework for deciding how to use the resource most faithfully and potential impacts we might expect from the phenomenon.

Bring a favorite beverage and snack to share. Please let Pastor Steve know if childcare would be helpful.

EVERYBODY ALWAYS

2025 Lenten Theme

Our theme for Lent this year will focus on a resource entitled *Everybody Always*, which Nichole Wilhelm-Sanghavi introduced to the theme team last summer. Engaging Lent as a season for contemplating the depth of God's love for us revealed in Jesus who calls us to love each other the same, *Everybody Always* is a book and video series produced by Bob Goff for the sake of "becoming love in a world full of setbacks and difficult people."

After practicing law for 25 years, Bob gave up his law firm to pursue writing and speaking full time on matters of following Jesus' ways of love in daily life. Bob is the author of New York Times best-sellers, *Undistracted*, *Love Does*, *Everybody Always*, and *Dream Big*. He is the Honorary Consul to the Republic of Uganda, an attorney, and the founder of Love Does—a nonprofit human rights organization operating in India, Uganda, Nepal, Somalia, Afghanistan, USA, Congo and Dominican Republic. Faithful, humorous, insightful and inspiring, Bob is a lover of balloons, cake pops, and helping people pursue their big dreams.

You can preview a trailer of the series here:

https://youtu.be/L_5LAZiwctw?si=Y2u034Jc8Vpa67by

We are providing three opportunities to gather together for viewing a 15-minute video followed by 15-30 minutes of devotional conversation each of the 5 weeks in Lent through Wednesday, April 9:

Sundays at 11:15am

- Adult Faith Formation after worship in the conference room.
- Mini-subbs provided for lunch.

Wednesdays at 11:45am

- Table Church over lunch in the Gathering Space.
- Sign-up at the Ministry Sign-up Table to help provide lunch.

Wednesdays at 6:30pm

- Online devotion over Zoom from wherever you might be.
- <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/5931525374?omn=88959689832>

DIY (Do It Yourself)

- We also have materials for those who might like to do the devotion at home independently.
- Sign-up at the Ministry Sign-up Table and we will mail the resources to you each week.

While we have purchased the rights to share the video resources with the congregation, here is information on associated print resources if you are interested in learning more.

A link to information on the book *Everybody Always*:

<https://www.bobgoff.com/books/everybody-always/>

A link to information on a book for children on the same topic:

<https://www.bobgoff.com/books/everybody-always-for-kids/>

Please join us for this new adventure in reflection together during Lent. You will learn and laugh and think and act on the love that Jesus has become for the world through his ministry, suffering, death, resurrection and ascension.

Please see Pastor Steve with any questions or suggestions.

Soup and Bread Lunches Offered During Lent

Each **Wednesday at 11:45 am through April 9**, everyone is invited to join us for an al fresco style lunch and worship experience at Holy Trinity under the theme “Everybody Always.” Please sign up at the Collection & Signup Corner of the Gathering Place if you would like to provide soup or bread as part of this ministry.

Stewardship Corner

“Faith by itself, if it is not accompanied by action, is dead,” writes the Apostle James (James 2:17). As God’s stewards, we live out our faith by acting in obedience to God’s command to feed the hungry, give drink to the thirsty, entertain the stranger, clothe the naked, care for the sick, and visit the prisoner (Matthew 25:35-36).

For more information about stewardship, please contact Max Buban at 614-771-8594.

News of Invite Ministries

New Prayer Concerns:

Carolyn Wachtman, Pastor Steve’s mother, being treated for pneumonia

Heidi McCarthy, Susan Poling-Jones’ friend and mother of a newborn child, diagnosed with cancer

Josh Hudson, whose deployment with the USS Sterett has been extended to the Middle East

Prayers for Our Members:

Brian Barrett, recovering from knee surgery

Ben Farley, recovering from surgery for a broken finger

Keith Hallas, recovering from a broken leg suffered in a car accident

Pauline Lingo, recovering at home following a hospitalization for RSV

Sharon Hamersley, recovering from hip replacement surgery

Floradelle Pfahl, at Ganzhorn Suites

Barbara Keller, dealing with various medical issues

Norma Rauch, at home

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
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
Diane Saunders, Josh Brodbeck's aunt, who has entered hospice care
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
Jim Lamont, Mike Lamont's father, being treated for cancer
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
Ben Souders, Susan Poling's friend's son, diagnosed with bipolar disorder
Pope Francis for health and well-being
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
Lois Rozenquist, Susan Setterlin's friend, battling non-operable lung cancer
Sheila Greter, Susan Setterlin's sister, recently diagnosed with cancer
Caitlyn Carey, Matt & Suellen Sharp's sister-in-law, diagnosed with cancer
Jeremy Walston, Janet Walston's nephew, experiencing complications from 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

Stephen Ministry for You or a Friend

Stephen Ministry equips lay-people to provide one-to-one Christian care to people in our congregation and community who are experiencing difficulties in their lives. Stephen Ministry is confidential. The identity of those receiving care and everything they discuss with a Stephen Minister always remains private. Would you or someone you know benefit from having a Christ-like companion help them through a difficult transition in their lives? If you or a friend would like to find out more about being matched with a Stephen Minister, please contact Pastor Steve or Laura Hudson. All inquiries will remain strictly confidential.

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. Summer camp season begins Sunday, June 8 and runs through July 2 at LMC and August 2 at Camp Luther. 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 information about youth and family camps at HopeWood Pines (LMC) in Marengo, go to pines@hopewoodoutdoors.org.

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 – April 2025

by Elizabeth Sammons with love from Neighbor to Neighbor

Work with What You Got, *Imposter Syndrome*, and *Can I Get a Witness?* 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. ...

Work with What You Got by Zion, Clark

Growing up as a Black disabled child in Ohio, this writer's childhood was marked by instability as he moved from home to home, experiencing abuse and neglect. Yet his determination and grit pushed him to become an elite wrestler and wheelchair racer, speaking out about the failings of the foster care system.

Imposter Syndrome and Other Confessions of Alejandra Kim by Park, Patricia

At Alejandra Kim's wealthy Manhattan high school, her super Spanish name and super Korean face do not compute to her mostly white "woke" classmates and teachers. She wants nothing more than to escape the city for the wide-open spaces of the prestigious Wyder University. But when a micro-aggression at school thrusts Ale into the spotlight--and into a discussion she didn't ask for--Ale must discover what it means to carve out a space to belong. For senior high and older readers.

Can I Get a Witness? by Blount, Brian

In this study, Brian Blount reads the Book of Revelation through the lens of African American culture, drawing correspondences between Revelation's context and the longstanding suffering of African Americans. He contends that Revelation is essentially a story of suffering and struggle amidst oppressive assimilation and that witnessing was the ethic by which John wished people to live.

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 11:15 am – Adult Faith Formation w/lunch “Everybody Always”
 11:15 am – HS Youth Mission Trip Info & Easter Breakfast Planning Meeting
 5:00 pm – Private Music Recital
 5:15 pm – HS Youth to Jacob’s Porch

Monday 6:30 pm – BSA Troop 555

Tuesday No Events Scheduled

Wednesday 10:15 am – Preacher’s Bible Study
 11:45 am – Lenten Table Worship with Lunch “Everybody Always”
 6:30 pm – Lenten Worship via Zoom <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/5931525374?omn=88959689832>
 7:00 pm – WELCA Ruth Circle V

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

Friday No Events Scheduled

Saturday No Events Scheduled

Sunday, April 6, 2025

8:30 am – Morning Prayer with Communion
 9:20 am – Church Fam Connect/Faith Life Milestones (4th grade)
 10:00 am – Worship in-person and online at www.engagedbygrace.org/
 11:15 am – Adult Faith Formation w/lunch “Everybody Always”
 4:00 pm – Concert at Holy Trinity featuring Singer-Songwriter Grace Blackford

Holy Trinity Schedule of Worship Servers – March & April 2025

Date	Time	Acolyte	Assisting Minister	Lay Reader	Ushers	Communion Assistants	Livestream	Bread Bakers	Communion Team
Mar. 30	10:00 am	Will Farley	Tim Hudson	Dyann Taylor	Dan Perry Skip Duncan Doug Myser	Deb Bickford Peter Ward	Ben Fox	Debbie Cochran	Suellen Sharp Nancy Riley
Apr. 6	10:00 am		Lynn Anderson	Keith Townsend	Ron Benedick AC Cochran	Janet Maxwell Herb Maxwell	Ben Kaffenberger	Becky Warnement	Kathy Higbee Marie Tanner
Apr. 13	10:00 am		Ron Benedick	Ben Kaffenberger	Chris Pryor Adam Wagenbach Peter Ward	Karen Larson Don Larson	Matt Fox		Chris Grabenstatter Janette MacConnell Kris Kochheiser

Sunday Worship Texts

Sunday, March 30 – Luke 16:19-31; Psalm 41:1-3 **Jesus teaches God’s upside down kingdom of grace and mercy**
 Sunday, April 6 – Luke 18:31-19:10; Psalm 84:1-4, 10-12 **Jesus brings salvation to outsiders who receive him with faith and joy**

The Holy Trinity Staff:

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