



Holy Trinity
Lutheran Church

Engaged by Grace.

WEEKLY

Ministry Announcements for the week of April 6 - 13, 2025

Our Sunday Schedule

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

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 4th 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 and Choir

Good Friday, April 18

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

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 to anyone interested. Available anytime by appointment with Pastor Steve on Monday, Tuesday or Wednesday of Holy Week, Pastor Steve will meet you at the door of the sanctuary at the scheduled time and proceed with you to the apse area 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.

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!

Lenten Offerings Benefit LSS

Lenten offerings and contributions made at our Lenten lunches this year will support Lutheran Social Services of Central Ohio. Providing shelter, food, safety and healing, Lutheran Social Services (LSS) is a faith-based, health and human services organization that provides housing, health care and emergency assistance to thousands of people every day with programs that serve the whole person and respond to some of our community's most serious challenges. Thank you for your prayerful consideration and support of this ministry!

Easter Flowers

Holy Trinity will be beautifying the sanctuary with lilies and other spring flowers on Easter Sunday again this year. If you would like to purchase a potted flower to be part of the display on April 20, please sign up by April 13 at the Collection & Signup Corner in the Gathering Space or contact the church office at laura.hudson@engagedbygrace.org. The cost is \$8.

2025 Ministry Spending Plan Reconciled to 2025 Estimates of Giving

The 2025 Ministry Spending Plan proposed at the Annual Meeting was built on a 5% increase for offerings in 2025. At its March meeting, Council revised the 2025 Ministry Spending Plan to reconcile with results from the Estimate of Giving ministry in February which projects a 2.7% increase in contributions after adjusting for reductions due to deaths, moves and other changes within personal circumstances.

Copies of the revised Ministry Spending Plan are available at the Welcome Center for you to review. The colored cells in the chart indicate those amounts that have been changed in order to reconcile ministry expenses to anticipated receipts. Beyond incremental adjustments to align 2025 budgets with actual 2024 expenses, Council made these larger adjustments:

- **Envelope Receipts** were adjusted from \$598,000 to \$579,500, according to analysis of input to the Estimate of Giving ministry.
- **Interest Income** was adjusted from \$20,000 to \$4,000, in order to redirect Building Fund interest back to the Building Fund rather than the Operating Fund while we await final approval to begin construction on the Memorial Park.
- **Staff Development Transfer** was adjusted from \$29,564 to \$39,854. In 2021, the congregation allocated \$120,000 to the Staff Development fund as a supplement for growing into a Program Staffing Model. To date, \$73,724 remains in the fund for that purpose.
- **Pastoral Intern/Part-time Clergy** has been adjusted from \$20,000 to \$7,500 since we have been utilizing incidental pastoral coverage through other ministry partners until identifying suitable longer-term arrangements in the second half of the year at the earliest.

Thank you again for your faithful contributions to God's work among us here at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church. Council Treasurer Nicole Carothers (nicole.carothers5@gmail.com) and Financial Secretary Peter Ward (ward.1@osu.edu) are available via email as well as before and after worship to address any questions and receive any input you might have with regard to the reconciliation.

Got Glasses?

April is here and we are nearing the time to turn in this year's gathering of used glasses for **VOSH**. Those letters stand for Volunteer Optometric Services to Humanity. It is an organization dedicated to providing vision care and eye health services to underserved communities worldwide. Thanks to all who have contributed glasses, cases, lenses and sunglasses to the box with pictures of glasses on it at the Collection & Signup Corner in the Gathering Space. And a special thank you to the folks who in recent months have added bags full of glasses to swell this year's donation. Please contact Genie Craven if you have questions.

Favorite Film Friday, April 11 - *Places in the Heart*

An especially poignant depiction of the power of reconciliation revealed by the resurrection of Christ Jesus at Easter, *Places in the Heart* (rated PG) is set in 1935 rural Texas, as recently widowed Edna Spaulding (Sally Field) struggles to survive with two small children, a farm to run and very little money in the bank -- not to mention a deadly tornado and the unwelcome presence of the Ku Klux Klan. Edna is aided by her beautician sister, Margaret (Lindsay Crouse); a blind boarder, Mr. Will (John Malkovich); and a would-be thief, Moze (Danny Glover), who decides to stick around to teach Edna how to plant and harvest cotton.

Doors to Grace Hall at church open at 5:30pm with the movie starting at 6:00. Popcorn, wings and candy provided. Please bring a favorite beverage and appetizer/snack to share.

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.bobgooff.com/books/everybody-always/>

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

<https://www.bobgooff.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.

Happy Hour Hot Topic - Sunday, April 27, 5:30-7:00pm

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.

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:

Ken Doolittle, at home dealing with heart issues

Wayne Engel, Shirley Boyd’s cousin, struggling with cancer

Lucas, Susan and Tony Jones’ nephew, recovering from seizures and a brain bleed

Heidi McCarthy, Susan Poling-Jones’ friend and mother of a newborn child, undergoing chemotherapy

Stephanie Gotemoeller, Susan Poling-Jones’ friend, beginning radiation following breast cancer surgery

Removed from the Prayer List:

Carolyn Wachtman, Pastor Steve’s mother, recovered from pneumonia

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

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

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
Ben Souders, Susan Poling-Jones' 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
Lois Rozenquist, Susan Setterlin's friend, battling non-operable lung cancer
Sheila Gretar, 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

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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 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
 Time TBD – MS/HS Youth Group

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 Esther Circle II

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

Friday 3:00 pm – GS Troop 6861
 6:00 pm – Favorite Film Friday - *Places in the Heart* (doors open at 5:30)

Saturday No Events Scheduled

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 5:30 pm – MS/HS Youth Family Supper with MS Confirmation & HS Bible Study

Holy Trinity Schedule of Worship Servers – April 2025

Date	Time	Acolyte	Assisting Minister	Lay Reader	Ushers	Communion Assistants	Livestream	Bread Bakers	Communion Team
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		Suellen Sharp Nancy Riley
Apr. 20	8:30 am							Chris Grabenstatter	Terri Michael Joanne Duncan
Easter	10:00 am	Will Farley	Elli Cucksey	Lynn Anderson	Dan Perry Doug Myser Skip Duncan	Nancy Riley	Matt Fox	Chris Grabenstatter	Chris Grabenstatter Kris Kochheiser

Sunday Worship Texts

Sunday, April 6 – Luke 18:31-19:10; Psalm 84:1-4, 10-12 **Jesus brings salvation to outsiders**

Sunday, April 13 – Luke 19:29-40; 22:1-6; 14-23; 32-47; Psalm 118:19-23 **Jesus arrives, not as the king we want, but as the king we need**

The Holy Trinity Staff:

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