



Holy Trinity
Lutheran Church

Engaged by Grace.

WEEKLY

Ministry Announcements for the week of July 20 - 27, 2025

Our Sunday Schedule

8:30 am – Morning Prayer with Communion

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

New Ministry Opportunities

Welcome, Pastor Grant Eckhart

Pastor Grant Eckhart will be preaching and presiding over worship on Sunday, July 20 while Pastor Steve continues with the Sikhona mission trip in Kenya. Pastor Grant Eckhart serves as the Senior leader of Jacob's Porch which is your Lutheran Campus Ministry at the Ohio State University - and soon the University of Cincinnati too! He is married to Tammy who also serves in full-time college ministry. They have two sons, Grayson (12 years) and Tobias (10 years).

You can go to www.jacobsporch.com to find more information, refer a college student in central Ohio or to make a financial gift to the ministry. Thank you for your support!

Nurturing Faith Event

Parents are warmly invited to a special event hosted by the Age-to-Age Initiative and sponsored by Capital University and Peace Lutheran Church.

An Evening with Meredith Miller

Author of *Woven: Nurturing a Faith Your Kid Doesn't Have to Heal From*

Wednesday, July 30, 6:00–7:30 pm at the Rusty Bucket, Gahanna

Freewill offering to benefit The Hardy Center

Meredith Miller is a nationally respected voice in children's ministry and faith formation. With over 20 years of experience as a pastor, writer, and parent, she brings practical and hopeful insight for those who care about the spiritual lives of young people. Parents, educators, youth ministry leaders are invited to this opportunity to reflect on how we cultivate resilient, life-giving faith in children and students today.

Highlights include:

- Childcare available at Peace Lutheran Church (Gahanna)
- Additional food and beverages available for purchase
- An engaging, faith-centered conversation relevant to your work and witness
- Appetizers provided by HopeWood Outdoors

Space is limited – [please register early!](#)

July – Disability Pride Month

July is Disability Pride month and Holy Trinity along with Red Oak Family Foundation sponsored a Diversability zone for the Upper Arlington Fourth of July Parade. Participants in the parade were encouraged to reduce the volume of their entry in the parade by 50%. The reduced volume is important to people with autism and other neurological conditions.

People living with disabilities are very diverse as illustrated by the Disability Pride Flag shown below.

- The faded black background honors people with disabilities who have lost their lives due to systemic neglect, violence, or lack of access to proper care.
- The diagonal stripe represents how people living with disabilities cut across all communities, identities, and experiences.
- The design is a powerful example of how accessibility and representation can go hand in hand.



The flag is a good reminder that there is always more to learn under the surface and that we should always stay curious and delve deeper! Remember that all are welcome at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church.

LSS Produce Drive

Due to state budget cuts, our partners at Lutheran Social Services will not have as much produce available to distribute during the month of July. Help is needed to ensure the people served still have access to healthy food. The most-needed items are: **bags of potatoes, salad kits, bags of grapes, and carrots**. Items can be dropped off at the food pantry located at 1460 S. Champion Ave for distribution on Tuesdays in July or brought to Holy Trinity on **Sunday, July 20** (a cooler will be available for cold items) and volunteers from Holy Trinity will transport them to the pantry the following day. For more information, please contact Ben Powers at bpowers@lssnetworkofhope.org or Cyndy Decker at deckerwilliam@att.net.

First English Breakfast Ministry – Sunday, July 27

Holy Trinity will be providing a hot breakfast to our friends at First English Lutheran on **Sunday, July 27**. We will be serving scrambled eggs with ham, potatoes, fresh fruit and a choice of breakfast pastries for 100+ people. We will put together turkey or bologna sandwiches onsite. All donated items should be delivered to Holy Trinity by Sunday, July 27 at 8:00 am 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 8:15 am that Sunday. Breakfast service begins at 8:30. If you'd like to contribute food or sign up to help serve on the 27th, click <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080948AAAD28A57-57230887-first>. Thanks in advance for your help!

American Red Cross Blood Drive

In partnership with the American Red Cross, Holy Trinity's next blood drive will be **Thursday, July 31 from 9:00am – 2:00pm**. You can make an appointment by calling 1-800-REDCROSS or online at www.redcrossblood.org/give. Thank you for considering giving the gift of life.

Seeking Overnight Hosts for Gotha Handbell Choir

The Gotha (Germany) Handbell Choir is planning their 6th tour of Ohio this summer, and once again, Holy Trinity has been invited to host. Dates for hosting are **Saturday, July 26 and Sunday, July 27.**

As a reminder, the Gotha Handbell Choir was at the heart of the ministry partnership between the Lutheran Church of the North in Germany and the Southern Ohio Synod here in the USA. While East Germany was still walled off from western countries, arrangements were made for a bell choir from Dayton, Ohio to play a bell choir concert for a congregation in Gotha. Having “neglected” to bring their bells home with them, the Dayton choir was instrumental in establishing Gotha’s renowned bell choir of its own. The group will be traveling with 18 persons for which we are seeking two overnight accommodations, two breakfasts, and either lunch or dinner on Sunday (to be determined once we decide on the concert time for that day). To serve as a host, please sign up online here or at the ministry signup table. For questions or more information, please see Minister of Music Josh Brodbeck or Pastor Steve.

Stewardship Corner

When we give faithfully and generously, we demonstrate God’s redeeming grace that is alive and well within us. Because of God’s grace, we are empowered to give. Our giving is a spiritual response to God out of gratitude for all that He has done for us. Giving in response to God’s love should be our primary motive for giving. Giving to meet our church’s budget is important, but it should not be our primary reason for giving. Through the giving of our first and best to the Lord, we worship and honor Him. For more information about stewardship, please contact Max Buban at maxmbuban82@gmail.com.

News of Invite Ministries

New Prayer Concerns:

The family of Carolyn Wachtman, Pastor Steve’s mother, who died on Monday
Christine Buehner, recovering from knee replacement surgery
Holy Trinity members on a mission trip in Kitengela, Kenya

Prayers for Our Members:

Nicole Clark, recovering from back surgery
Gail Svendsen, at home, recovering from a respiratory illness
Shirley Boyd, at home, recovering from a fall
Sue Ferguson, at home, recovering from a fall
Nicole Carothers, recovering from a back procedure
Floradelle Pfahl, at Ganzhorn Suites
Josh Hudson, deployed to the Middle East 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
Wayne Engel, Shirley Boyd’s cousin, struggling with 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
Pom, Na Brown’s friend, who recently suffered a stroke
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
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
Julianna Nemeth, Mary Nemeth's daughter, recovering from brain surgery
Lucas, Susan Poling-Jones 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, undergoing radiation following breast cancer surgery
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
Darrel Richards, Drew Richards' father, in hospice care
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
Leia Kaufman, Suellen Sharp's cousin, in the ICU at Riverside
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.

Altar Flowers

Altar flowers beautify our worship space and are a lovely way to acknowledge special events or remember loved ones. There are currently many openings for altar flower memorials and dedications in the coming months. You can sign up at the flower table next to the Info Center in the Gathering space or by contacting the church office at 614-486-9433 or laura.hudson@engagedbygrace.org. Checks, electronic drafts, or credit card payments can be made payable to Holy Trinity with "flowers" noted in the memo line. The cost is \$35.

News of Empower Ministries

Habitat for Humanity News

The Northwest Partners Habitat house at 1493 Arlington Ave. is slightly ahead of schedule so the next couple volunteer workdays have been canceled until the drywall is finished and the parking pad is poured. A revised schedule will be shared when work resumes in early August. Everyone's welcome to come out and join the fun at that time! No experience required! Contact Benson Ross with any questions at detailsdetails96@gmail.com.

St. James Lutheran Annual Brats and Crafts Festival

St. James Lutheran Church, located at 5660 Trabue Road, will hold its 41st annual Brats and Crafts Festival **Friday, August 1 - Sunday, August 3**. The festival features authentic German food with home-made desserts, a beer wagon, as well as an arts and crafts fair, music, games and a German worship service on Sunday. All proceeds from the festival are distributed to local charitable organizations in the Central Ohio area. Everyone is invited to attend! For more information, please contact Tracy Hennes, Secretary, at 614-878-5158 or at stjames@ohiostjames.com.

Empowerment Shelf – July 2025

by Elizabeth Sammons with love from Neighbor-to-Neighbor

Into the Uncut Grass, *The Last Children of Mill Creek*, and *Asian American Histories of the United States* are 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. ...

***Into the Uncut Grass* by Noah, Trevor**

A story for all ages from the biracial South African comedian, this story explores the dimensions of living and adventure.

The Last Children of Mill Creek by Gibson, Vivian

Mill Creek Valley was a segregated working-class neighborhood of St. Louis that was razed in 1959 to build a highway, an act of racism disguised under urban renewal as "progress." This book chronicles the everyday lived experiences of Gibson's large family—her seven siblings, her crafty, college-educated mother, and her hard-working father—and the friends, shop owners, church ladies, teachers, and others who made Mill Creek into a warm, tight-knit African-American community.

Asian American Histories of the United States by Choy, Catherine Ceniza

This book presents nearly 200 years of Asian migration, labor, and community formation in the US. Read about the lived experiences and diverse voices of immigrants, refugees, US-born Asian Americans, multiracial Americans, and workers from industries spanning agriculture to healthcare.

Ministry Calendar at Holy Trinity for July 20 - 27, 2025

Sunday, July 20, 2025

8:30 am – Morning Prayer with Communion
10:00 am – Worship in-person and online at www.engagedbygrace.org
3:00 pm – Organ Recital (private student)

Monday

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

Tuesday

No Events Scheduled

Wednesday

9:00 am - P.E.O.Meeting
10:15 am – Preacher's Bible Study

Thursday

No Events Scheduled

Friday

No Events Scheduled

Saturday

No Events Scheduled

Sunday, July 27, 2025

8:30 am – Morning Prayer with Communion
10:00 am – Worship in-person and online at www.engagedbygrace.org
4:00 pm – St. Augustine Lutheran Church (Gotha, Germany) Handbell Choir Concert

Holy Trinity Schedule of Worship Servers – July & August 2025

Date	Time	Welcome Center	Assisting Minister	Lay Reader	Ushers	Communion Assistants	Livestream	Bread Bakers	Communion Team
July 20	10:00 am	Nathan Richards	Peg Steele	Lynn Anderson	Mark Abell Doug Myser Benson Ross	AC Cochran Susan Setterlin	Tim Rice		Nancy VanFossen Madeleine Guggenaster Lynn Anderson
July 27	10:00 am		Tim Hudson	Dyann Taylor	Dan Perry Skip Duncan Doug Myser	Deb Bickford Peter Ward	Noah Fox	Debbie Cochran	Suellen Sharp Nancy Riley
Aug. 3	10:00 am		Lynn Anderson	Keith Townsend	Ron Benedick AC Cochran	Herb Maxwell Janet Maxwell	Ben Kaffenberger	Becky Warnement	Kathy Higbee Marie Tanner
Aug. 10	10:00 am	Benson Ross	Ron Benedick	Ben Kaffenberger	Dan Perry Skip Duncan	Don Larson Karen Larson	Ben Fox		Chris Grabenstatter Janette MacConnell Kris Kochheiser

Sunday Worship Texts

Sunday, July 20 – John 17:1-8; Jeremiah 33:14-18, 31:31-34 **The Glorification of the Son**

Sunday, July 27 – John 8:13-20; Revelation 1:4-8 **Greetings and 1st Vision**

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)

Holy Trinity Ministry in Action



Holy Trinity members, Sikhona staff and friends created a signboard as a resource and information center for the community.



Sikhona Partnership Exchange!
Join my circle by scanning the QR Code above

Scan the QR code above for more photos.



Members of Holy Trinity and the Sikhona partnership posed for a photo following a shared worship service in Kitengala, Kenya on July 13.

Scan the QR code above for more photos of their service mission trip and safari experience.

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



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