



Holy Trinity
Lutheran Church

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WEEKLY

Ministry Announcements for the week of August 3 - 10, 2025

Our Sunday Schedule

8:30 am – Morning Prayer with Communion
10:00 am – Worship in-person and online at www.engagedbygrace.org
3:00 pm – Youth Group Outing

New Ministry Opportunities

Blessing of the Backpacks – Sunday, August 17

Holy Trinity will celebrate a new school and ministry year by blessing our backpacks and bags during worship on Sunday, August 17. People of all ages are invited to bring their backpacks, bags, briefcases, diaper bags, totes, purses, laptop bags, tool belts or whatever vessels help support your vocation each day so that they may be blessed during worship.

Intro to Holy Trinity Luncheon

Are you interested in learning more about our church? An Introduction to Holy Trinity luncheon will be held **Sunday, August 10 at 11:15 am** following 10:00 worship. This gathering is designed to help interested people learn more about the ministry of our congregation and the encounters with God's grace that we share. The lunch should last no more than an hour. Those interested in membership will be received as such at a future date that works for all. For food planning purposes, it would be helpful to know if you plan to attend. You can indicate your interest by signing up at the Collection & Signup table in the Gathering space or by dropping an email to Pastor Steve Wachtman at steve.wachtman@engagedbygrace.org or Director of Equipping Ministers Laura Hudson at laura.hudson@engagedbygrace.org. Hope to see you on the 10th!

Youth Group News

This **Sunday, August 3rd at 3:00 pm**, high school and middle school youth are invited to enjoy some cool time together playing indoor putt-putt and eating ice cream. Everyone should gather at Miner 49er (1158 West Third Avenue, Suite B, Columbus, Ohio 43212) at 3:00. After a friendly game of miniature golf, the group will walk together to Jeni's ice cream. Parents can plan to pick up their youth at Jeni's. The kids or Mrs. Fox will text the parents with a pick-up time once everyone's had a chance to enjoy some tasty ice cream. The church will pay for the golf at Miner 49er, but youth should plan to bring money for ice cream.

Looking ahead to **Sunday, August 31st from 5:00-7:00 pm**, the youth group will kick off the 2025-2026 school year and celebrate the start of a great year ahead. Mark your calendars now and come ready to swim at Ron and Janet Benedick's pool! Contact Noelle Fox with questions at noelle.fox@engagedbygrace.org.

Save the Date for Sikhona Mission Trip Presentation – Sunday, August 24

As you may know, 18 members of Holy Trinity set out earlier this summer to witness firsthand Sikhona's impact in Kitengela, Kenya. They are very excited to share photos and stories from their travels. Everyone's invited to attend a presentation on Sunday, August 24 to get a taste (literally!) of their life-changing experience. Since they will be making some local Kenyan delicacies for everyone, it would be helpful to know if you plan to attend. Please sign-up at the Collection & Signup table in the Gathering space if you think you can make it.

Supplemental Clergy Contract for Pastor Bonnie Gerber

Scope

At a meeting of Holy Trinity's church council on Wednesday, July 30, a unanimous decision was made to offer a 12-month, non-called Supplemental Clergy Role to Pastor Bonnie Gerber. As such, Pastor Bonnie and Holy Trinity will have the opportunity to settle into an arrangement of knowing she will be the one to provide pulpit supply and pastoral coverage whenever Pastor Steve is away, while also adding several other pastoral responsibilities that have often been covered by seminary interns in the past. Compensation has been calculated using an hourly rate commensurate with the experience of a large church senior pastor but less than the annual funding for an intern. Both Pastor Bonnie and Holy Trinity will have opportunity annually to consider renewal of this arrangement.

Term

- September 1, 2025 - August 31, 2026
- Renewable window opens June 1, 2026

Responsibilities

- Preaching and Presiding up to 15 Sundays during the year:
 - 6-8 Sundays when Pastor Steve is away
 - 7-9 other Sundays as negotiated between Pastor Bonnie and Pastor Steve 3 months or more in advance
 - Any special exceptions for preaching coverage with less than three months-notice would be negotiated first with Pastor Bonnie and then, as necessary, with other available preachers in the area
- Up to 12 teaching and presentation events scheduled according to Pastor Bonnie's availability
- Splitting Hospital and Homebound Calling
- Pastoral Care Coverage for the congregation whenever Pastor Steve is away
- No administrative or meeting responsibilities are required

Compensation

- Less than the ~\$20,000 annual funding for an intern

Introductory Bio

Pastor Bonnie Gerber was ordained August 3, 1997. She served two congregations: Israel's Lutheran Church in Paris, Ohio for four years and All Saints Lutheran Church in Worthington, Ohio for 22 years, the last 9 years as their Lead Pastor. Prior to her ordination, she was a high school math teacher in Versailles, Ohio.

In retirement, she enjoys traveling and doing ministry where needed. Her family still lives in Tuscarawas County where she was raised in Sugarcreek, Ohio. Pastor Bonnie is looking forward to doing ministry with the community at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church.

Middle School Retreat – Who Is My Neighbor?

All middle school youth are invited to participate in the "Who Is My Neighbor" retreat at First English Lutheran Church and Urban Connections in downtown Columbus **Saturday, August 9-Sunday, August 10**. You may be aware of First English since Holy Trinity serves breakfast there each month. Urban Connections is a ministry whose goal is to connect people with Christ and with one another. The retreat is led by Pastor Lorin Darst from First English and Cathy Alexander from Urban Connections. There is no cost to attend and meals will be provided. Please contact Noelle Fox if you'd like to register and haven't already done so.

Stewardship Corner

In every church, there are people who continually rise to the occasion to get the work done. Although God calls each of us to follow and serve Him, many of us are much more concerned about our own lives and goals than assisting in the Lord's work. If we focus on "I, me, mine, and myself", we take care of "number one" to the exclusion of helping and serving. In our prayers, we should be asking God to grant us hearts that want to serve, and we should also be asking God, "What do You want to achieve through me today?" For more information about stewardship, please contact Max Buban at maxmbuban82@gmail.com.

News of Invite Ministries

New Prayer Concerns:

Cheryl Kriska, recovering from hip replacement surgery

Tom Wuichet, recovering from a surgical procedure

Pastor Aaron Layne, recovering from colon surgery

Prayers for Our Members:

Christine Buehner, recovering from knee replacement surgery

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 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, dealing with the result of neck surgery

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

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. .

Empowerment Shelf – August 2025

by Elizabeth Sammons with love from Neighbor-to-Neighbor

Who Were the Tuskegee Airmen, *Nothing About Us Without Us*, and *There Goes the Neighborhood* 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. ...

Who Were the Tuskegee Airmen? by Smith, Sherri

During World War II, black Americans were fighting for their country and for freedom in Europe, yet they had to endure a totally segregated military in the United States. This is the story of the heroic group of African-American pilots known as the Tuskegee Airmen. For grades 3-6.

Nothing About Us Without Us by Charlton, James

This book provides an overview of disability oppression that shows its similarities to, and differences from, racism, sexism, and colonialism. The author conducted interviews over a ten-year period with disability rights activists throughout the Third World, Europe, and the United States.

There Goes the Neighborhood by Adia, Jade

Rhea and her friends Zeke and Malachi are South L.A. born and raised. More white people are flocking to this little urban paradise for its cheap rent, transforming the place they call home. When an eviction notice from a greedy landlord threatens to split up the crew, Rhea and her friends use social media to form a fake gang in hopes of scaring off developers. They even use firecrackers to create the illusion of gang violence. Their scheme appears to work--until a murder is pegged on the nonexistent gang. For senior high and older readers.

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 10:00 am – Worship in-person and online at www.engagedbygrace.org
 11:15 am – Theme Team Meeting
 3:00 pm – Youth Group Outing to Miner 49er & Jeni's Ice Cream

Monday 6:30 pm – BSA Troop 555

Tuesday No Events Scheduled

Wednesday 10:15 am – Preacher's Bible Study

Thursday 12:30 pm – LSS Food Pantry

Friday No Events Scheduled

Saturday 8:30 am – "Who is My Neighbor?" Middle School Retreat (meet at Holy Trinity to carpool)

Sunday, August 10, 2025

8:30 am – Morning Prayer with Communion
 10:00 am – Worship in-person and online at www.engagedbygrace.org
 11:15 am – Intro to Holy Trinity Luncheon
 1:00 pm – "Who is My Neighbor?" Middle School Retreat (pickup at Holy Trinity)

Holy Trinity Schedule of Worship Servers – August 2025

Date	Time	Welcome Center	Assisting Minister	Lay Reader	Ushers	Communion Assistants	Livestream	Bread Bakers	Communion Team
Aug. 3	10:00 am		Peg Steele	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
Aug. 17	10:00 am		Elli Cucksey	Beth Myser	Dan Perry Doug Myser Skip Duncan	Nancy Riley	Matt Fox	Suellen Sharp	Joanne Duncan Terri Michael
Aug. 24	10:00 am		Keith Townsend	Karen Larson	Tom Wuichet Tim Stock	Peg Steele Susan Setterlin	Tim Rice	Dyann Taylor	Nancy VanFossen Madeleine Guggenaster Lynn Anderson

Sunday Worship Texts

Sunday, August 3 – John 17:1-5; Revelation 4:1-11 **The Elders and the Four Living Creatures**
 Sunday, August 10 – John 1:29-31; Revelation 5:1-13 **The Seven Seals**

The Holy Trinity Staff:

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

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