



Holy Trinity
Lutheran Church

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WEEKLY

Ministry Announcements for the week of August 10 - 17, 2025

Our Sunday Schedule

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

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. For more information, contact 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!

Mission Trip Presentation

Please join Holy Trinity's high school youth on **Sunday, August 17 at 11:15 am** for a presentation about this summer's mission trip to Toledo. Hear about ways God is at work through building and delivering beds to families in need, serving a community meal, and urban farming. We look forward to sharing pictures and stories about these learning, serving and growing experiences!

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.

First English Breakfast Ministry – Sunday, August 24

Holy Trinity will be providing a hot breakfast to our friends at First English Lutheran on **Sunday, August 24**. We will be serving scrambled eggs, biscuits and sausage with gravy 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, August 24 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 24th, click <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080948AAAD28A57-first39/61734125#/>. Thanks in advance for your help!

Youth Group Activities

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.

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 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.

Stewardship Corner

Scripture is full of instances where God has used ordinary people like us to accomplish extraordinary things. God chose a stammering Moses to lead His people out of bondage, self-serving fishermen, James and John, to

lead His church and spread the Gospel, impulsive Peter's confession upon which to build His Church, and Paul, who spoke of a thorn in his flesh, to be the first great missionary of the Christian Church. God uses imperfect people, those whom the world considers weak and flawed, to extend His kingdom. When we allow ourselves to be used by God in whatever way He chooses, God takes our meager talents and blesses them. For more information about stewardship, please contact Max Buban at maxmbuban82@gmail.com.

News of Invite Ministries

New Prayer Concerns:

Miriam Ringquist, at Riverside, recovering from a fall and a fractured skull
Abby Moeller, Kristin Farley's friend's 14-year-old daughter, at home recovering from an ATV accident
The family of Monte Curry, JoAnn Curry's son, who died on Sunday

Prayers for Our Members:

Cheryl Kriska, at home recovering from hip replacement surgery
Tom Wuichet, recovering from a surgical procedure
Christine Buehner, at home 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
Pastor Aaron Layne, All Saints Lutheran Church, Worthington, recovering from colon surgery
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 Greter, 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 making great progress. The drywall has been completed and it's time to move towards finishing the interior of the house! This week we will be insulating the attics on Thursday and sanding floors and painting walls on Saturday. If you'd like to be involved, come on out, We'd love to have your help! No experience required! Contact Benson Ross 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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 11:15 am – Intro to Holy Trinity Luncheon
 1:00 pm – “Who is My Neighbor?” Middle School Retreat (pickup at Holy Trinity)

Monday 6:30 pm – BSA Troop 555

Tuesday 1:00 pm – Library Committee meeting

Wednesday 10:15 am – Preacher’s Bible Study

Thursday No Events Scheduled

Friday No Events Scheduled

Saturday No Events Scheduled

Sunday, August 17, 2025 – Blessing of the Backpacks

8:30 am – Morning Prayer with Communion
 10:00 am – Worship in-person and online at www.engagedbygrace.org
 11:15 am – Toledo Mission Trip presentation by High School youth

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. 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		Lynn Anderson	Jody Passafume	Tom Wuichet Tim Stock	Peg Steele Jody Passafume	Tim Rice	Dyann Taylor	Nancy VanFossen Madeleine Guggenaster Lynn Anderson
Aug. 31	10:00 am		Keith Townsend	Karen Larson	Ron Benedick John Gray	Miriam Ringquist MJ Neiman	Mark Abell		Suellen Sharp Nancy Riley

Sunday Worship Texts

Sunday, August 10 – John 1:29-31; Revelation 5:1-13 **The Seven Seals**
 Sunday, August 17 – John 14:1-4; Revelation 7:9-17 **The Multitude from Every Nation**

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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