



Holy Trinity
Lutheran Church

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WEEKLY

Ministry Announcements for the week of September 14 - 21, 2025

Our Sunday Schedule

- 8:30 am – Morning Prayer with Communion
- 9:20 am – Church Fam Connect
- 10:00 am – Worship in-person and online at www.engagedbygrace.org
- 7:00 pm – Middle School Confirmation
- 7:00 pm – High School Youth Group

New Ministry Opportunities

Trinity Seminary Sunday - September 14, 2025

On Sunday morning, September 14, Holy Trinity will welcome Trinity Seminary Interim Dean Rachel Wrenn and Head Librarian Elli Cucksey for Trinity Seminary Sunday. Dean Wrenn will serve as preacher for the day with Elli bringing greetings. Then at 11:15 am after 10:00 worship, both will be available in the Conference Room for conversation about seminary education today. It will be a great opportunity to connect with one of the ministries that Holy Trinity supports with 1% of all offerings received.

Bio for Dr. Rachel Wrenn

The Rev. Dr. Rachel Wrenn is Interim Dean at Trinity Lutheran Seminary, Capital University, as well as an ordained Lutheran (ELCA) pastor. She received her Ph.D. in Religion from Emory University in 2021, with an emphasis on Hebrew Bible (the Psalms and biblical emotions) and a certificate in Religious Practices. Dr. Wrenn has published multiple articles in her field and received multiple grants. A sought-after presenter, she often speaks at pastoral gatherings and lay church conferences. She is the co-host of the podcast "First Reading," an Old Testament lectionary podcast for preachers and teachers of the Bible (<https://firstreadingpodcast.com/>).

She lives in the Columbus area with her husband, their two children, and two elderly cats.

Bio for Elli Cucksey

Elli Cucksey, Head Librarian of Hamma Library at Trinity Lutheran Seminary, has served the seminary community for nearly a decade. She holds a Master of Library and Information Science (MLIS). She also holds a Master of Theological Studies (MTS) from Trinity. Passionate about supporting students and faculty, Elli is continually exploring new ways to enhance library resources and services.

Elli resides in Worthington with her spouse, three children, and their very goofy beagle. Elli has been an active member of Holy Trinity Lutheran Church in Upper Arlington for more than 25 years.

Youth Groups are Back - Join Us!

Middle school and high school students are invited to gather on **Sunday, September 14 from 7:00-8:00 pm** at Holy Trinity. Students in grades 6-8 will meet with Pastor Steve in the conference room for Confirmation. High schoolers will get together with Mrs. Fox in the youth room downstairs. We can't wait to see you there!

Fascinating OHIO on WOSU 89.7 FM

Featuring Sikhona Co-founder Elli Wachtman - airing at 11:00 am, Thursday, September 18, 2025

Jeff Warnement has shared news that Sikhona Rescue Center Co-founder and Holy Trinity member Elli Wachtman will be featured on the WOSU radio show *All Sides with Amy Juravich*. Juravich is the host of the segment titled "Fascinating OHIO" where she interviews Ohio residents who have made noteworthy contributions or have unique stories. Other featured individuals have previously included artists, scientists, military leaders, authors, or entrepreneurs, showcasing diverse aspects of the state's community. Elli has drawn interest from the program given her leadership from Ohio of the Sikhona Rescue Centre in Kitengala, Kenya, serving women and children who are caught in systems of gender-based violence.

All Sides airs live on WOSU 89.7 FM at 11:00 am, Thursday, September 18. The interview will be available to stream for the following month on WOSU.org or wherever you get your podcasts.

"Who Is My Neighbor?"

An overnight retreat sponsored by Urban Connections and First English Lutheran Church titled "*Who Is My Neighbor?*" was attended by nine youth and two adults from Holy Trinity in August. The group will share photos and stories of their experiences on **Sunday, September 21 at 11:15 am**, immediately following the 10:00 worship service. The presentation is geared for people of all ages. We look forward to seeing you!

Expect the Unexpected - Financial and Career Planning for an Uncertain Time

Sunday, September 21, 2025 - 5:30-7:00 pm

Holy Trinity's **Hot Topic Happy Hour** for September will be focused on current uncertainty surrounding the financial and job markets. Gathering at 5:30 pm around discussion tables in the Gathering Space at church, career counselor Sharon Hamersley will present and lead conversation on the topic *Resources and Strategies for a Layoff*. Business executive Jeff Sammons will present and lead conversation on the topic *Fiscal Planning for Uncertain Times*.

Whether these topics are relevant to you or someone you know and love, please join us. Chicken wings, thighs and popcorn will be provided. Please bring a favorite beverage, a snack to share and a friend!

American Red Cross Blood Drive

In partnership with the American Red Cross, the next blood drive at Holy Trinity will take place on **Thursday, September 25 from 9am – 2pm**. 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!

First English Breakfast Ministry

Holy Trinity will be providing a hot breakfast to our friends at First English Lutheran Church on **Sunday, September 28**. We will be serving scrambled eggs, grits, chicken and waffles, fresh fruit and a choice of breakfast pastries for 100+ people. We will put together sandwiches onsite. All donated items should be delivered to Holy Trinity by Sunday, September 28 at 8:00 am for transport to FELC. Or you can drop off to the Warnements' home in advance, drop to Becky's 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 28th, click https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080948AAAD28A57-58519956-copy/61734125#. Thanks!

The New Season of Concerts at Holy Trinity is here!

Join us for an uplifting afternoon of organ music when our own Artist-in-Residence, Joshua Brodbeck, kicks off the 15th season of *Concerts at Holy Trinity* on **Sunday, September 28 at 4:00 p.m.** This season features a diverse lineup of artists who bring their musical gifts to enrich and inspire. Join us and invite a friend!

WELCA Bible Study

All adults are invited to attend an exciting 3-part Bible study beginning **Tuesday, September 30 at 10:00 am** in the Holy Trinity library. The first session of the series is titled *Money – What do we treasure?* From Genesis through Revelation, gold, silver and jewels serve as icons of God's goodness. And yet, the love of money is a powerful source of argument, lies and literal enslavement. The following months of October and November will focus on Stewardship and Generosity. The author of the study is Rev. Christa von Zychlin. Each session is independent of the others but attending all three months would be great if your schedule allows. Come when you can and invite a friend! We hope to see you there.

Save the Date for Camp Dinner and Fireside Worship on Sunday, October 19

Mark your calendar for this year's dinner and fireside worship at HopeWood Pines (formerly Lutheran Memorial Camp) on **Sunday, October 19 from 3:30-7:00 pm**. Activities will begin promptly at 4:00. Dinner follows at 5 and worship is at 6:00 pm. Please sign up at the Collection & Signup Corner in the Gathering Space if you plan to attend so we can give the camp an accurate head count for dinner. HopeWood Pines is located at 2790 State Rt. 61, Marengo, OH 43334. Please contact Noelle Fox with any questions. Hope to see you there!

Stewardship Corner

In Matthew 11:29-30, Jesus said *"Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy and my burden light."* The yoke that Jesus is referring to is understood to be our Christian life. Once we have assumed Jesus' yoke, God's commandments are no longer a heavy burden that weighs us down. Instead, we see them, by God's grace, as expressions of God's will written into our hearts. To express our gratitude for who God is and what God has done for us, we look for ways to use our lives and resources in God's service. For more information about stewardship, please contact Max Buban at maxmbuban82@gmail.com.

News of Invite Ministries

We Rejoice With:

David, Jennifer, and Henry Kline on the birth of their son and brother, Leo James, on September 1

New Prayer Concerns:

Joanne Duncan, hospitalized at Riverside

Judy McKittrick, at Riverside Hospital, recovering from a fall and broken hip

Prayers for Our Members:

Brian Johnson, at home, recovering from a fall

Helen Griffith, UAHS senior, undergoing heart tests

Dick Hardgrove, recovering from medical issues

Miriam Ringquist, at Dublin Retirement Village, recovering from a fall

Cheryl Kriska, recovering from hip replacement surgery

Gail Svendsen, recovering from a respiratory illness and heart issues

Floradelle Pfahl, at Ganzhorn Suites

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

Nancy Shaw, Cyndy Decker's friend, facing a breast cancer lumpectomy

Tommy and Rosey Brackett, Cyndy Decker's friends, who were seriously injured in an ATV accident

Abby Moeller, Kristin Farley's friend's 14-year-old daughter, recovering from an ATV accident
 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
 Darwin 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 3 children, undergoing radiation for breast cancer
 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
 Lois Rozenquist, Susan Setterlin's friend, battling non-operable lung 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 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 Embrace Ministries

Opportunities to Serve at Holy Trinity

The start of a new ministry year is a great time get involved, rediscover or explore new ministry opportunities. Here are just a few groups resuming this fall that are always looking for new faces:

- ***Bell Choir*** – meets Thursdays from 6:30-7:20 pm. Rings seasonally at 10:00 am worship. Contact Josh Brodbeck for more information or to get connected.
- ***Card Ministry*** – meets the third Thursday of the month from 1:00-3:00 pm in the church library. Sends greetings of support and celebration. Contact Joanne Duncan for more information or to get connected.
- ***Chancel Choir*** – meets every Thursday from 7:30-8:30 pm. Sings weekly on Sundays at 10:00 am worship. Contact Josh Brodbeck for more information or to get connected.
- ***WELCA Bible Study*** – meets the last Tuesday of the month from 10:00-11:00 am in the church library. Led by a rotation of attendees. Contact Genie Craven or Shirley Boyd for more info or to get connected.
- ***Welcome Center Greeters*** – Welcome people as they arrive for 10:00 worship service. Serve as scheduled, approximately once every 6-8 weeks. Training is provided. Contact Josh Brodbeck for info.

Church Fam Connect is Underway!

Our Sunday morning learning time for all ages has resumed and happens each Sunday from 9:20-9:50 am (between worship services). This is a time to deepen faith as our Church Fam Connects with:

- the Bible story for each week and

- our church family.

Whether you attend Church Fam Connect after worshipping at the 8:30 service or prior to the 10:00 service, you'll encounter God through conversation, song, storytelling, group activity, prayer and blessing.

Church community provides a unique opportunity for enrichment through intentional interaction across the diversity of generations. Everyone's participation helps nurture this ministry in unique ways. Please join us!

News of Empower Ministries

Habitat for Humanity Update

The Northwest Partners are doing great things at the Habitat house located at 1493 Arlington Ave. in Linden. We are working on flooring, installing doors and trim carpentry as well as finishing up porch handrails. We will be on to painting and touch up soon. It's getting close! Come on out and lend a hand! No experience required! Please contact Benson Ross at detailsdetails96@gmail.com for more information.

Impacting Community Discussion Series

First English Lutheran Church, in connection with Urban Connections, is sponsoring a discussion series on issues critical to the well-being of the community. The events will take place on the 4th Sunday of the month at First English. The next event will be **Sunday, September 28, from 4:30-6:00 pm** when the focus will be mental health and feature a speaker from ADAMH. For additional information, please contact Becky Warnement at bwarnement124@gmail.com or info@urban-connections.org.

Empowerment Shelf - September 2025

By Elizabeth Sammons with love from Neighbor-to-Neighbor

Social Justice Parenting, *We Are Not Broken*, and *On Savage Shores: How Indigenous Americans Discovered Europe* 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. ...

Social Justice Parenting by Baxley, Traci.

So often, this diversity professor suggests, parents make choices based on what's best for their children, versus what's best for all children in their community. Dr. Baxley helps readers take inventory of their actions and beliefs, develop self-awareness and accountability, and become role models.

We Are Not Broken by Johnson, George

This is the vibrant story of George, Garrett, Rall, and Rasul--four children raised by their fiercely devoted grandmother. The boys hold each other close through early brushes with racism, memorable experiences at the family barbershop, and first loves and losses. And with Nanny at their center, they are never broken.

George M. Johnson captures the unique experience of growing up as a Black boy in America through rich family stories that explore themes of vulnerability, sacrifice, and culture. For senior high and older readers.

On Savage Shores: How Indigenous Americans Discovered Europe by Dodds Pennock, Caroline.

From the Brazilian king who met Henry VIII to the Aztecs who mocked up human sacrifice at the court of Charles V; from the Inuk baby who was put on show in a London pub to the mestizo children of Spaniards who returned "home" with their fathers; from the Inuit who harpooned ducks on the Avon river to the many servants employed by Europeans of every rank: here are a people who were rendered exotic, demeaned, and marginalized, but whose worldviews and cultures had a profound impact on European civilization. Drawing on their surviving literature and poetry and subtly layering European eyewitness accounts against the grain, Pennock gives a sweeping account of the Indigenous American presence in, and impact on, modern Europe.

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 7:00 pm – High School Youth Group

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

Tuesday No Events Scheduled

Wednesday 10:15 am – Preacher's Bible Study
 7:00 pm – Church Council

Thursday 1:00 pm – Card Ministry
 6:30 pm – Handbell Choir
 7:30 pm – Sanctuary Choir

Friday No Events Scheduled

Saturday No Events Scheduled

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 9:20 am – Church Fam Connect
 10:00 am – Worship in-person and online at www.engagedbygrace.org
 11:15 am – Middle School Youth presentation on "Who is My Neighbor?" retreat
 5:30 pm – Hot Topic Happy Hour "Expect the Unexpected"

Holy Trinity Schedule of Worship Servers – September 2025

Date	Time	Welcome Center	Assisting Minister	Lay Reader	Ushers	Communion Assistants	Livestream	Bread Bakers	Communion Team
Sept. 14	10:00 am	Nathan Richards	Tim Hudson	Ben Kaffenberger	Tom Wuichet Tim Stock	Jody Passafume Jeff Sammons	Matt Fox		Kathy Higbee Marie Tanner
Sept. 21	10:00 am	Bob & Barb Campbell	Peg Steele	Beth Myser	Matt Sharp Ben Kaffenberger	AC Cochran Janet Benedick	Tim Rice	Suellen Sharp	Chris Grabenstatter Janette MacConnell Kris Kochheiser
Sept. 28	10:00 am		Jody Passafume	Dyann Taylor	Dan Perry AC Cochran	Nancy Riley Elli Cucccksey	Matt Sharp		Nancy VanFossen Lynn Anderson

Sunday Worship Texts

Sunday, September 14 – John 1:29; Genesis 21:1-3; 22:1-14 **Binding of Isaac**
 Sunday, September 21 – John 1:50-51; Genesis 27:1-4, 15-23; 28:10-17 **Jacob's Dream**

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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