



Holy Trinity  
Lutheran Church

*Engaged by Grace.*

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Ministry Announcements for the week of September 21 - 28, 2025

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### 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](http://www.engagedbygrace.org)
- 11:15 am – “Who Is My Neighbor” retreat presentation by Middle School youth
- 5:30 pm – Hot Topic Happy Hour “Expect the Unexpected”

### New Ministry Opportunities

#### “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!

#### First English Breakfast Ministry

Holy Trinity will be providing a hot breakfast to our friends at First English Lutheran Church on **Sunday, September 28**, serving scrambled eggs, grits, chicken and waffles, fresh fruit and breakfast pastries. 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 28<sup>th</sup>, click [https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080948AAAD28A57-58519956-copy/61734125#](https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080948AAAD28A57-58519956-copy/61734125#/). Thanks!

## Endowment Fund Seeks Requests for Grants

Holy Trinity's Mission Endowment Fund Committee is excited to announce that we have funds available to disperse for 2026. What is an Endowment? An endowment fund is a permanent pool of invested assets where the principal remains intact, and only the investment earnings are used to support a non-profit organization's mission for perpetuity. In simple terms, it provides additional support to the church and community beyond the annual budget. It also reassures donors that legacy gifts will be well-managed for the long term.

Holy Trinity's Endowment funds will be awarded across three designated areas:

- Community outreach efforts
- ELCA activities within synods, seminaries, colleges, or local social service agencies
- Holy Trinity program enrichment, ministry support, or capital improvement

Written directions to apply are available at the ministry info table or at [www.engagedbygrace.org](http://www.engagedbygrace.org). Tell your favorite 501(c)3 organization that applications are due to the church office by **Sunday, October 26**. If you have questions, please see Julie Hallas, Tony Jones, Matt Sharp, Matt Schumacher, or Dan Perry.

We will also have groups presenting from last year's disbursement in the conference room after 10am worship on September 28, October 5, and October 12. Please join us to celebrate how last year's funds were used!

## 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](http://www.redcrossblood.org/give). Thank you for considering giving the gift of life!

## 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.** Josh's performance entitled *A Walk Through Europe* will be the same program he will be playing on tour this fall in France, Switzerland and Germany. The concert is free and open to the public. A freewill offering will be received. 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!

## Fascinating OHIO on WOSU 89.7 FM

### Featuring Sikhona Co-founder Elli Wachtman

Sikhona Rescue Center Co-founder and Holy Trinity member Elli Wachtman was featured on the WOSU radio show *All Sides with Amy Juravich* on Thursday, September 18. Juravich is the host of the segment titled "Fascinating OHIO" where she interviews Ohio residents who have made noteworthy contributions or have unique stories. Elli drew 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.

If you missed the live presentation of *All Sides* on Thursday, Elli's interview will be available to stream for the next month on WOSU.org or wherever you get your podcasts.

### **Stewardship Corner:**

There is a phrase that states, “The mind grows by what it takes in – the heart grows by what it gives out.” Interestingly, stewardship involves both taking in and giving out. What God gives us, we are to receive graciously and thankfully. Recognizing that the many God-given gifts we receive can be used to further God’s kingdom, we give generously (2 Corinthians 9:11). God gives so we can give. Thus, the cycle goes: God gives, we receive, we give and God replenishes. For more information about stewardship, please contact Max Buban at [maxmbuban82@gmail.com](mailto:maxmbuban82@gmail.com).

## **News of Invite Ministries**

### **New Prayer Concerns:**

Gail Svendsen, in the ICU at Riverside, undergoing tests

Joanne Duncan, at Riverview Rehabilitation, following a recent hospitalization

The Safi family, Cyndy Decker’s friends, and the central Ohio Afghani community, following the deaths of several teen boys in their community

### **Prayers for Our Members:**

Judy McKittrick, at Ohio Health Rehabilitation Center, recovering from a fall and broken hip

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

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

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 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](mailto: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 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**

### **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 next event will be at First English on **Sunday, September 28, from 4:30-6:00 pm** when the speaker will be Sue Villilo, VP of Clinical Services for ADAMH (Alcohol, Drug, and Mental Health) Board of Franklin County. She will be sharing how mental health issues are affecting Central Ohio. Wherever you are, you may know someone who is struggling. Sue will come with resources and action steps to help. For additional information, please contact Becky Warnement at [bwarnement124@gmail.com](mailto:bwarnement124@gmail.com) or [info@urban-connections.org](mailto:info@urban-connections.org).

## **Habitat for Humanity Update**

The Northwest Partners are doing great things at the Habitat house located at 1493 Arlington Ave. in Linden. We are very nearly complete! Some finish carpentry is ongoing as well as painting, final touch ups, and appliance installation. Watch for a date for the dedication ceremony coming soon! You're all invited to attend. Please contact Benson Ross at [detailsdetails96@gmail.com](mailto:detailsdetails96@gmail.com) for more information or to get involved.

## **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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 5:30 pm – Hot Topic Happy Hour “Expect the Unexpected”

**Monday** 6:30 pm – BSA Troop 555

**Tuesday** No Events Scheduled

**Wednesday** 10:15 am – Preacher’s Bible Study

**Thursday** 9:00 am – Red Cross Blood Drive  
 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](http://www.engagedbygrace.org)  
 11:15 am – Endowment Presentations- Shiloh from Families Flourish and Elli from Sikhona Rescue Center  
 4:00 pm – Holy Trinity Concert Series featuring Joshua Brodbeck “A Walk Through Europe”

## Holy Trinity Schedule of Worship Servers – September & October 2025

Date	Time	Welcome Center	Assisting Minister	Lay Reader	Ushers	Communion Assistants	Livestream	Bread Bakers	Communion Team
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 Cuccksey	Matt Sharp		Nancy VanFossen Lynn Anderson
Oct. 5	10:00 am		Ron Benedick	Ron Benedick	Mark Abell Doug Myser Benson Ross	Deb Bickford Peter Ward	Noah Fox	Dyann Taylor	Suellen Sharp Nancy Riley
Oct. 12	10:00 am		Lynn Andersopn	Keith Townsend	Ron Benedick John Gray	Peg Steele Susan Setterlin	Jared Forts		Terri Michael Joanne Duncan

### Sunday Worship Texts

Sunday, September 21 – John 1:50-51; Genesis 27:1-4, 15-23; 28:10-17 **Jacob’s Dream**

Sunday, September 28 – John 8:58; Exodus 2:23-25; 3:1-15; 4:10-17 **God’s Name is Revealed**

### The Holy Trinity Staff:

Pastor: Steve Wachtman ([steve.wachtman@engagedbygrace.org](mailto:steve.wachtman@engagedbygrace.org))  
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 Director of Faith Formation: Noelle Fox ([noelle.fox@engagedbygrace.org](mailto:noelle.fox@engagedbygrace.org))

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