



Holy Trinity
Lutheran Church

Engaged by Grace.

WEEKLY

Ministry Announcements for the week of September 28 – October 5, 2025

Our Sunday Schedule

- 8:15 am – First English Breakfast Ministry
- 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
- 11:15 am – Endowment Presentations - Families Flourish and Sikhona Rescue Center
- 4:00 pm – Holy Trinity Concert Series featuring Joshua Brodbeck “A Walk Through Europe”

New Ministry Opportunities

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 . 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 (Shiloh from Families Flourish and Elli from Sikhona Rescue Center), October 5, and October 12. Please join us to celebrate how last year's funds were used!

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!

Stewardship Corner:

The Apostle Paul prayed, *"I pray that out of God's glorious riches He may strengthen you with power through His Spirit in your inner being"* (Ephesians 3:16). God's glorious riches include God's gifts of Word and Sacrament through which God's Spirit works to nurture us in faith so that we might be strengthened with God's power to do the tasks that God has called us to do: to serve others and share with them our resources, both of ourselves and our finances. For more information about stewardship, please contact Max Buban at maxmbuban82@gmail.com.

News of Invite Ministries

Prayers for Our Members:

Gail Svendsen, at Riverside, undergoing tests
Joanne Duncan, at Riverview Rehabilitation, following a recent hospitalization
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
The Safi family, Cyndy Decker's friends, and the central Ohio Afghani community, following the deaths of several teen boys in their community
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. 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 or 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 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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Monday 6:30 pm – BSA Troop 555

Tuesday 10:00 am – WELCA Bible Study

Wednesday 10:15 am – Preacher's Bible Study
 7:00 pm – WELCA Ruth Circle V

Thursday 12:30 pm – LSS Food Pantry
 6:30 pm – Handbell Choir
 7:30 pm – Sanctuary Choir

Friday 3:00 pm – Girl Scout Troop 6861

Saturday No Events Scheduled

Sunday, October 5, 2025

8:30 am – Morning Prayer
 9:20 am – Church Fam Connect
 10:00 am - Worship in-person and online at www.engagedbygrace.org
 11:15 am – Endowment Presentations

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. 28	10:00 am		Jody Passafume	Dyann Taylor	Dan Perry AC Cochran	Nancy Riley Elli Cucksey	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 28 – John 8:58; Exodus 2:23-25; 3:1-15; 4:10-17 **God's Name is Revealed**

Sunday, October 5 – John 6:51; Exodus 16:1-18 **God Provides Manna**

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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