



Holy Trinity
Lutheran Church

Engaged by Grace.

WEEKLY

Ministry Announcements for the week of October 5 - 12, 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
- 11:15 am – Endowment Fund Presentations

New Ministry Opportunities

Register by Sunday, October 5 for Camp Dinner and Fireside Worship

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 or email noelle.fox@engagedbygrace.org no later than this Sunday, October 5** 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!

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 Sundays, October 5 and October 12. Please join us to celebrate how last year's funds were used!

Thursday Suppers and Children's Choir are Back in Action

All children are invited to participate in Holy Trinity's children's choir which practices on Thursday evenings from 6:00-6:25. The choir sings in worship approximately once/quarter and helps present the Children's Christmas Pageant in mid-December. Children do not need to read to participate. Rehearsals are light, fun and preceded by a casual meal at 5:30 pm. Please contact Josh Brodbeck for more information or to get involved.

Sisters in the Spirit Gathering

All women are invited to attend a gathering of Sisters in the Spirit on **Thursday, October 23 at 6:30 pm** at the home of Becky Warnement, 262 S. 17th Street, Columbus, 43205. This is a come when you can and leave when you need to open-house style event! We will be catching up with one another, making Laundry Detergent (more details are listed below) and we may also dabble in Holiday Ornament making.

What to bring:

Feel free to bring an appetizer and/or beverage to share

If you want to make detergent:

A 5-gallon bucket to hold detergent

2 bars of soap (i.e. Fels-Naptha or Dr. Bronner's Pure Castile Bar Soap)

Your favorite essential oil (if you have one)

Becky will provide the Borax and Washing Soda

Not into making laundry detergent? You will not be the only one. Please still join us for an evening of fun and socializing. Hope to see you on the 23rd!

Stewardship Corner

Remembering that God owns everything prompts a remarkable shift in our view of stewardship. Usually when we think of stewardship, we define it as our giving to God or to the church something that belongs to us. However, stewardship is just the reverse, because it is our freely using, enjoying, and giving what already belongs to God (Psalm 50:9-12). The air we breathe the water we drink, the land on which we live are all gifts from God. All that we have are gifts we enjoy out of God's love for us. For more information about stewardship, please contact Max Buban at maxmbuban82@gmail.com.

News of Invite Ministries

New Prayer Concerns:

The family of Kathy Sammons, Jeff Sammons' mother, who died on Sunday

Prayers for Our Members:

Gail Svendsen, at Riverside, undergoing tests

Joanne Duncan, at Riverview Rehabilitation, following a recent hospitalization

Judy McKittrick, at home, 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
 Darwin Williams, Chase Leibold's coworker, undergoing chemotherapy for cancer
 Jerry Markowich, Pastor Dave Markowich's brother, hospitalized with an infection
 Mary Ortwine, Pastor Dave Markowich's sister, undergoing health tests
 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

Church Fam is Going Strong!

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!

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.

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 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 - October 2025

By Elizabeth Sammons with love from Neighbor-to-Neighbor

Indians in Unexpected Places, *Islands of Decolonial Love*, and *Choosing Brave* are books of note for this month. 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. ...

Indians in Unexpected Places by Deloria, Philip

Rewriting the story of the national encounter with modernity, Deloria provides revealing accounts of Indians doing unexpected things - singing opera, driving cars, acting in Hollywood - in ways that suggest new directions for American Indian history.

Islands of Decolonial Love by Simpson, Leanne

This activist vividly explores the lives of contemporary Indigenous Peoples and communities, especially those of her own Nishnaabeg nation. Found on reserves, in cities and small towns, in bars and curling rinks, canoes and community centers, these characters confront the often-heartbreaking challenge of pairing the desire to live loving and observant lives with a constant struggle to simply survive racism and colonialism.

Choosing Brave by Joy, Angela

This story presents the mother of Emmett Till, and how she channeled grief over her son's death into a call to action for the civil rights movement. John Steptoe Award. For grades 2-4.

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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

Monday 6:30 pm – BSA Troop 555

Tuesday No Events Scheduled

Wednesday 10:15 am – Preacher's Bible Study
 1:30 pm – WELCA Esther Circle

Thursday 5:30 pm – Thursday Supper at Church
 6:00 pm – Children's Choir
 6:30 pm – Handbell Choir
 7:30 pm – Sanctuary Choir

Friday No Events Scheduled

Saturday No Events Scheduled

Sunday, October 12, 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 Fund Presentations
 7:00 pm – Confirmation
 7:00 pm – High School Youth Group

Holy Trinity Schedule of Worship Servers – October 2025

| Date | Time | Welcome Center | Assisting Minister | Lay Reader | Ushers | Communion Assistants | Livestream | Bread Bakers | Communion Team |
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| 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 | | Tim Hudson | Keith Townsend | Ron Benedick John Gray | Peg Steele Susan Setterlin | Jared Forts | | Terri Michael Joanne Duncan |
| Oct. 19 | 10:00 am | Benson Ross | Keith Townsend | Lynn Anderson | Dan Perry Skip Duncan | Carolyn Cramer Chris Pryor | Ben Kaffenberger | Nancy VanFossen | Nancy VanFossen Lynn Anderson Madeleine Guggenaster |
| Oct. 26 | 10:00 am | | Elli Cucksey | Jody Passafume | Chris Pryor Adam Wagenbach Peter Ward | MJ Neiman Karen Larson | Mark Abell | | Suellen Sharp Nancy Riley |

Sunday Worship Texts

Sunday, October 5 – John 6:51; Exodus 16:1-18 **God Provides Manna**
 Sunday, October 12 – John 20:21-23; 1 Samuel 3:1-21 **God Calls Samuel**

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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