



Holy Trinity
Lutheran Church

Engaged by Grace.

WEEKLY

Ministry Announcements for the week of October 26 – November 2, 2025

Our Reformation Sunday Schedule

- 8:30 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

New Ministry Opportunities

Thankfull Holiday Meal Bags

The Lutheran Social Services Network of Hope provides hope and healing for people in crisis. The LSS Food Pantries serve people in need by offering a source of nourishment to families who are food insecure. Active in hunger relief since 1927, the LSS Food Pantries operate an eight-county food pantry system, one of Ohio's largest. Our pantries provide emergency food to 3,800 families each month.

Our holiday traditions are deeply intertwined with food. But tough choices – between food or medicine, food or utilities, food or transportation, and even food or housing – mean that many of our neighbors struggle to enjoy the festive meal that graces the Thanksgiving table. You can help by donating *Thankfull* Holiday meal bags to help families in need celebrate Thanksgiving! Bags are distributed to families with a turkey, bread and produce for their Thanksgiving meal.

Bags should contain (only):

- 2 pouches or one box of mashed potatoes
- 2 cans or jar of fruit (peaches, applesauce, pears, etc.)
- 3 cans of green beans
- 2 cans of corn
- 2 cans of pumpkin
- 1 can of cranberry sauce
- 1 box or bag of stuffing mix
- 1 turkey gravy packet
- 1 boxed cake/dessert mix

Contents should be assembled in reusable shopping bags and brought to church **by Sunday, November 16**. Completed bags will be picked up on Monday, November 17 for distribution prior to Thanksgiving.

Daily Devotions

A Daily Devotion for the Narrative Lectionary is now available on the homepage of Holy Trinity's website under [Daily Devotions](#).) Each day has a key Bible verse, Bible passage, and a devotion to read. Since our electronic devices (cell phones, tablets, and laptops) are such an integral part of our daily lives, bookmarking the above link may be a convenient way for your faith to be nurtured. The devotions go along with our Narrative Lectionary readings and support Biblical literacy while connecting God's story to our daily lives. Please let Noelle Fox know if you have any questions.

Neighbor-to-Neighbor Involvement Opportunity - Impacting Community Discussion Series

This **Sunday, October 26 at 4:30 pm**, First English Lutheran Church in connection with Urban Connections, will host a discussion under the theme "Upcoming Election Information." The presenter will be Sophia Lombardo, Operations Manager for the League of Women Voters. The gathering will take place in the basement meeting area at First English, one of Holy Trinity's 1% ministry partners.

All Saints Sunday

On **Sunday, November 2**, we will light a candle and remember in prayer all those members of Holy Trinity who have died in the past twelve months. We would like to include any of your deceased loved ones as well. Please sign up at the Collection & Signup corner or contact laura.hudson@engagedbygrace.org with the name(s) of the person(s) to be remembered.

Concerts at Holy Trinity

Please plan to attend the next installment of Concerts at Holy Trinity on **Sunday, November 2 at 4:00 pm** when the Holy Trinity Choir and Orchestra will present the *Rutter Requiem*, filling the sanctuary with soaring voices and breathtaking harmonies. Join us and invite a friend!

Council Meeting Recap – October 2025

Following is a brief recap of the October 2025 Church Council meeting:

- Council moved to a *consent agenda* at its June 2025 meeting, focusing on a Leadership Discussion, Ministry Team updates, and New Business. As a result, staff reports from the Pastor, Minister of Music, Director for Equipping Ministry and Director of Faith Formation are submitted and reviewed by Council in advance of the meeting; with items for Council consideration flagged for discussion.
- October's Leadership Discussion: Hopewood Outdoors Capital Campaign. Pastor Drew Tucker shared details of the capital campaign, which is now underway and aims to raise \$2.5 million by December 2029 to support its 10+% growth in campers and create new capacity to connect as many as 7,500 people annually with faith and nature. Council is considering contributing to the campaign using funds from the recently received Employee Retention Tax Credit (ERTC).
- Cathy Steffen shared an update on Holy Trinity Women's Ministries, highlighting the many speakers the group has hosted recently, as well as involvement in service programs including First English Breakfast and Thanksgiving Food Bags for Lutheran Social Services.
- Council approved a new eight-meeting schedule, to be implemented on a one-year trial basis in 2026.
- Council also discussed:
 - The new Breeze database and online directory (part of the new website introduction), which will be rolled out to the congregation with introduction and support soon.
 - Council Nominations for the 2026 term (openings to be announced soon).
 - The topic of safeguarding the church members and building, with initial steps being taken related to door locking/procedures and parking lot usage. Additional considerations, including possibly offering safety training to the congregation, will be evaluated based on recommendations arising from an upcoming discussion with the Upper Arlington Police Dept.

Council Seeking Nominations

Nominations are now being accepted for a slate of candidates to serve 3-year terms on Church Council. All confirmed members of Holy Trinity are eligible to serve. Church members are invited to suggest candidates (including themselves) to Council President Chase Leibold leibold.9@gmail.com, Pastor Steve Wachtman steve.wachtman@engagedbygrace.org or the church office email@engagedbygrace.org or 614-486-9433.

Stewardship Corner:

"What do you have that you did not receive?" asks the Apostle Paul (1 Corinthians 4:7). The world admires the "self-made man", one who has started with little or nothing and has turned it into millions. While we should respect those who work hard and use their gifts wisely, we need to remember that it is God Who is the giver of those gifts and that God gives those gifts for a reason. *"You will be made rich in every way so that you can be generous on every occasion, and through us your generosity will result in thanksgiving to God"* (2 Corinthians 9:11). For more info about stewardship, contact Max Buban at maxmbuban82@gmail.com.

News of Invite Ministries

New Prayer Concerns:

Donna Marie Jones, at home, recovering from a medical procedure
Randy Isaacson, Anna Lynch's father, dealing with health challenges

Prayers for Our Members:

Joanne Duncan, at Riverview Rehabilitation
Judy McKittrick, recovering from a fall and broken hip
Brian Johnson, recovering from a fall
Helen Griffith, UAHS senior, undergoing heart tests
Dick Hardgrove, recovering from various medical issues
Miriam Ringquist, at Dublin Retirement Village
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
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
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.

News of Empower Ministries

Honoring 20 Years of the YWCA Family Center

Holy Trinity partners with the YWCA Family Center and we are delighted to join in celebrating the Center's 20th anniversary. In 2005, YWCA Columbus launched a bold vision: to create a safe, supportive, family-first emergency shelter grounded in dignity, community, and care. Together with the generous support of our community, the YWCA opened the doors to the YWCA Family Center – and since then more than 7,500 families have found stability, safety, and hope there.

To honor two decades of hope and transformation, you are invited to join the YWCA Family Center Anniversary Week of Service – October 27 through 31. Check out all of the volunteer opportunities, including [Trunk or Treat](#) on October 30, by [clicking here](#), and registering today!

Upon registering for a shift during the Anniversary Week of Service, you are also invited to arrive 30 minutes early for a special tour of the facility. Learn more about the YWCA Family Center [here](#).

We are all pleased to celebrate the success of the YWCA Family Center. As an alternative to volunteering directly through the YWCA, you can serve with a Holy Trinity team. Holy Trinity partners with the Family Center by serving a meal on the first Saturday of the month, and we could use a few more hands. For more information or if you are interested in working with the Holy Trinity team, please contact Sharon Hamersley (slh1078@yahoo.com, 614-395-9440 (cell) or 614-451-3719 (home) or Chris Pryor (614-488-5435).

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.

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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Sunday, October 26, 2025 – Reformation Sunday

8:00 am – First English Breakfast Ministry

8:30 am – Morning Prayer

9:20 am – Church Fam Connect

10:00 am - Worship in-person and online at www.engagedbygrace.org

Monday 6:30 pm – BSA Troop 555

Tuesday 10:00 am – WELCA Bible Study
7:30 pm – Endowment Committee

Wednesday 10:15 am – Preacher's Bible Study

Thursday 6:30 pm – Handbell Choir
7:30 pm – Sanctuary Choir

Friday No Events Scheduled

Saturday No Events Scheduled

Sunday, November 2, 2025 – All Saints Sunday

8:30 am – Morning Prayer

9:20 am – Church Fam Connect

10:00 am - Worship in-person and online at www.engagedbygrace.org

4:00 pm – Holy Trinity Concert Series featuring John Rutter's *Requiem*

Holy Trinity Schedule of Worship Servers – October & November 2025

Date	Time	Welcome Center	Assisting Minister	Lay Reader	Ushers	Communion Assistants	Livestream	Bread Bakers	Communion Team
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
Nov. 2	10:00 am		Lynn Anderson	Mary Jane Neiman	Tom Wuichet Tim Stock	Nancy Riley Elli Cucksey	Tim Rice	Chris Grabenstatter	Kathy Higbee Marie Tanner
Nov. 9	10:00 am	Bob & Barb Campbell	Ron Benedick	Debbie Cochran	Dan Perry AC Cochran	Jody Passafume Jeff Sammons	Matt Sharp		Chris Grabenstatter Janette MacConnell Kris Kochheiser

Sunday Worship Texts

Sunday, October 26 – John 2:19-21; 1 Kings 5:1-5, 8:1-13 **Solomon's Temple**

Sunday, November 2 – John 12:27-28; 1 Kings 19:1-18 **God Speaks to Elijah**

Holy Trinity Ministry in Action

A camp dinner and (indoor) fireside worship was enjoyed by all at HopeWood Pines on Oct. 19



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