



Holy Trinity
Lutheran Church

Engaged by Grace.

WEEKLY

Ministry Announcements for the week of November 2 - 9, 2025

Our All Saints 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
- 4:00 pm – Holy Trinity Concert Series – Rutter's Requiem with Chancel Choir and Orchestra

New Ministry Opportunities

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!

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.

First English Breakfast Ministry

Holy Trinity will be providing a hot breakfast to our friends at First English Lutheran Church on **Sunday, November 23**, serving scrambled eggs, grits, chicken and waffles, fresh fruit and breakfast pastries. We will put together sandwiches onsite. With the colder weather and potential loss of SNAP benefits beginning to set in, we expect more guests, up to 150 possible, going forward. Any donations of personal items – canned food with easy open pop tops especially hearty soups, chili, stew, pasta meals, cups of noodles, mac and cheese cups and ramen (just add hot water) are the most requested items as we head into the winter. Hats, gloves and socks are also in high demand. All donated items should be delivered to Holy Trinity by Sunday, November 23 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 that Sunday. Breakfast service begins at 8:30. If you'd like to contribute food, pantry items or sign up to help serve on the 23rd, click <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080948AAAD28A57-59961800-first> .

It's Christmas pageant time!

Holy Trinity's Children's Christmas pageant will take place on **Sunday, December 14th during the 10:00 worship service.** If your child is interested in taking part in the program, please contact Josh Brodbeck at Joshua.brodbeck@engagedbygrace.org or Noelle Fox at Noelle.fox@engagedbygrace.org. Rehearsals will primarily be on Thursday evenings from 6:00-6:25 pm beginning November 6. A simple meal will be available on Thursdays from 5:30-6:00 prior to practice. We look forward to another wonderful pageant!

Summer 2026 High School Mission Trip

Believe it or not, it's time to start thinking about the summer 2026 mission trip! Holy Trinity's high school youth (current 8th graders through graduating seniors) will be taking a road trip with the Advent Lutheran youth (another UA Lutheran church located on Kenny Road) to Decorah, Iowa sometime in mid-late June. We plan to be gone for 4 days, 3 nights and there are several great mission projects to choose from.

The focus of this trip will be agriculture and food. Food is, obviously, a necessity for all of God's creation and our trip to Decorah will provide great opportunities for us to learn and serve others. Seed Savers Exchange will be one of our stops and we'll learn about the importance of seed and plant preservation in order to keep food on our tables. Dr. Norman Borlaug is known for feeding and saving lives by teaching modern farming techniques all over the world and we will also visit his childhood home. Of course, our service projects will be complemented by fun and relaxing activities, too. The city of Decorah, Iowa is filled with lots of outdoor activities to enjoy. [This five-minute video will give you a flavor of Decorah](#) (in the video, "Seed Savers Exchange" is mentioned).

We hope you can join us in this memorable time of service and fun! Please reach out to Pastor Steve or Mrs. Fox to indicate your interest and we will finalize travel dates. Let us know, too, if you have any questions.

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.

2026 Altar Flowers

Altar flowers beautify our worship space and are a lovely way to acknowledge special events or remember loved ones. Sign-up sheets are now available for 2026 altar flower dedications. Sign up at the flower stand near the Info Center or by contacting the church office at laura.hudson@engagedbygrace.org or 614-486-9433. Checks, electronic drafts, or credit card payments should note "flowers" in the memo. The cost is \$35.

Save the Date for the Advent Workshop – Sunday, November 23

Everyone's invited to participate in Holy Trinity's Advent Workshop on **Sunday, November 23** immediately following the 10:00 worship service. There will be activities, snacks and opportunities to help decorate the church for Advent. Hope to see you on the 23rd!

Stewardship Corner:

As faithful stewards, we don't see our stewardship lives as a never-ending list of chores that God gives us to do. Rather we willingly and joyfully seek to do God's will as we serve and follow Him. Out of love and gratitude, we are compelled to use our lives and blessings in ways that give God honor and glory. As the Apostle Paul prayed for the Colossians, we pray: *"And we pray this in order that we may live a life worthy of the Lord and may please him in every way: bearing fruit in every good work, growing the knowledge of God"* (Colossians 1:10). For more info about stewardship, contact Max Buban at maxmbuban82@gmail.com.

News of Invite Ministries

New Prayer Concerns:

Mandy Richards, undergoing surgery on her ear on Monday
Chuck Jentes, Jill Banicki's father, recovering from major surgery this week
The family of Katey Bell Lump, Mandy Richards' co-worker, who died this week

Removed from the Prayer List:

Dick Hardgrove, recovering well from various medical issues

Prayers for Our Members:

Donna Marie Jones, at home, recovering from a medical procedure
Joanne Duncan, at home, recovering from various medical issues
Judy McKittrick, recovering from a fall and broken hip
Brian Johnson, recovering from a fall
Helen Griffith, UAHS senior, undergoing heart tests
Miriam Ringquist, at Dublin Retirement Village
Cheryl Kriska, recovering from hip replacement surgery
Floradelle Pfahl, at Ganzhorn Suites

Prayers for Our Family and Friends:

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
Randy Isaacson, Anna Lynch's father, dealing with health challenges
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 Embrace Ministries

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.

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.

News of Empower Ministries

Habitat for Humanity – Building Hope, Leading Change and Making Home Possible

In 2024, nearly 300 families applied for Habitat-MidOhio homeownership – four times more than two years ago. Yet rising costs and limited funding make it harder to meet that need. Thank you to all who have helped provide either directly or indirectly for constructing a new, safe, decent home this year.

The Northwest Partnership will have a dedication ceremony in about a month when we will turn over the keys to the new homeowner which is always very emotional for the family and everyone involved. Stay tuned for the date- we'd love for you to come out and be part of the celebration!

Empowerment Shelf - November 2025

By Elizabeth Sammons with love from Neighbor-to-Neighbor

Ordinary Notes, *Lotus Bloom and the Afro Revolution*, and *The Devil's Half Acre* 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. ...

Ordinary Notes by Sharpe, Christina

Explore this series of 248 notes. Their themes and tones, sometimes about language, beauty, memory; sometimes about history, art, photography, and literature—always attend to the ordinary-extraordinary dimensions of Black life.

Lotus Bloom and the Afro Revolution by Winston, Sherri

This story features a young Black girl who summons the courage to fight against her school's dress code. Lotus Bloom just wants to express herself--with her violin, her retro style, and her peaceful vibe, not to mention her fabulous hair.

The Devil's Half Acre by Green, Kristen

New York Times bestselling author Kristen Green draws on years of research to tell the extraordinary and little-known story of young Mary Lumpkin, an enslaved woman who blazed a path of liberation for thousands. She was forced to have the children of a brutal slave trader and live on the premises of his slave jail, known as the "Devil's Half Acre." When she inherited the jail after the death of her slaveholder, she transformed it into "God's Half Acre," a school where Black men could fulfill their dreams. It still exists today as Virginia Union University, one of America's first Historically Black Colleges.

Ministry Calendar at Holy Trinity for November 2 - 9, 2025

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*

Monday 6:30 pm – BSA Troop 555

Tuesday **Election Day** – No Preschool/K-Club

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

Thursday 12:30 pm – LSS Food Pantry
 5:30 pm – Thursday Supper
 6:00 pm – Children's Choir
 6:30 pm – Handbell Choir
 7:30 pm – Sanctuary Choir

Friday 1:45 pm – Barrington Elementary Event
 3:00 pm – Girl Scout Troop 6861

Saturday No Events Scheduled

Sunday, November 9, 2025

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

Holy Trinity Schedule of Worship Servers – November 2025

Date	Time	Welcome Center	Assisting Minister	Lay Reader	Ushers	Communion Assistants	Livestream	Bread Bakers	Communion Team
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
Nov. 16	10:00 am		Peg Steele	Karen Larson	Matt Sharp Ben Kaffenberger	Herb Maxwell Janet Maxwell	Matt Fox	Chris Burton	Terri Michael Joanne Duncan
Nov. 23	10:00 am	Benson Ross	Lynn Anderson	Beth Myser	Mark Abell Doug Myser	AC Cochran Janet Benedick	Jared Forts		Nancy VanFossen Lynn Anderson
Nov. 30	10:00 am		Keith Townsend	Dyann Taylor	Dan Perry Skip Duncan	Deb Bickford Peter Ward	Mark Abell	Debbie Cochran	Suellen Sharp Nancy Riley

Sunday Worship Texts

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

Sunday, November 9 – John 7:37-38; Amos 1:1-2; 5:14-15, 21-24 **Amos: Justice Rolls Down**

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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