



Holy Trinity
Lutheran Church

Engaged by Grace.

WEEKLY

Ministry Announcements for the week of November 16 - 23, 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
- 11:15am – Hunger Network in Ohio discussion w/Deacon Nick Bates
- 5:15 pm – High School Youth at Jacob's Porch

New Ministry Opportunities

Welcome Deacon Nick Bates - Sunday, November 16

ELCA Deacon **Nick Bates** is the director of Hunger Network in Ohio (HNO) and will be our guest preacher **Sunday, November 16th**. He will also be available between services and following 10:00 worship for anyone that would like to learn more about advocacy around the Statehouse and recent SNAP challenges.

Since 2004, Deacon Nick Bates has worked in the non-profit advocacy and organizing sector on issues related to state budget, anti-poverty, and other public policy issues. Nick graduated from Capital University Law School and Trinity Lutheran Seminary in 2012.

Nick serves as a Deacon in the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) called to ministries of advocacy and social justice. He serves on various committees and boards within the faith and secular community. In 2023, he was elected to the Greater Hilltop Area Commission in Columbus – a regional advisory board to Columbus City Council where he chairs the zoning committee. Deacon Bates has lived in the hilltop neighborhood since 2007 with his wife Katie and two children ages 15 and 10.

WELCA Bible Study

The WELCA Bible Study has a change of date this month but the same time. We are meeting a week early on **Tuesday, November 18 at 10:00 am** in the church library. All adults are invited to attend as we complete our study of "Money, Stewardship and Generosity." God has indeed richly blessed us, and now we will reflect upon our response to that divine generosity. If you missed either of the previous sessions, that's no problem, you'll enjoy this one and find it helpful as we look ahead in our lives. We hope to see you there! **Another reminder:** The WELCA Bible Study does not meet in December. We'll be back on the last Tuesday of the month in the new year, January 27, 2026.

American Red Cross Blood Drive

The next blood drive at Holy Trinity will take place **Thursday, November 20 from 9am – 2pm**. You can make an appointment by calling 1-800-REDCROSS or online at www.redcrossblood.org/give.

Advent Workshop

Advent is a beautiful season of preparation as we await the coming of Christ. You are invited to be a part of this joyous journey! After our 10:00 am worship service on **Sunday, November 30**, Holy Trinity will host an Advent workshop filled with fellowship and fun. Come help us decorate the church as we create a warm and welcoming atmosphere for the Christmas season. Enjoy some delicious hospitality snacks as we connect with one another. We'll also reach out to some of our Holy Trinity friends by signing cards, engaging in a creative craft, and bringing home meaningful devotions. These devotions are designed to guide you and your family through the Advent season, helping to prepare your hearts and minds for the joy of Christmas.

Cookies for Boulevard Presbyterian Christmas Boxes

Holy Trinity is once again partnering with Boulevard Presbyterian Church in the Community Christmas Box project by donating 40 dozen cookies. Homemade cookies of any kind are welcomed. Please package your cookies in boxes or containers so they can easily be transported and divided at Boulevard. The cookies will help create festive plates to be distributed to support survivors of human trafficking through Freedom ala Cart. Be sure to have your cookies on the table in **Holy Trinity's church sacristy** (the room near the parking lot doors just outside of the sanctuary) by **11:00 am Thursday, December 11th**. You can sign up in the Gathering space or at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0E44ADA92DA0F9C52-46285693-cookies#/> Thank you for your ministry to make the Christmas season special for those in need.

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**.

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 setting in, we expect more guests going forward. 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. 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 from November 6 – December 11. A simple meal will be available on Thursdays from 5:30-6:00 prior to practice. We look forward to another wonderful pageant!

Stewardship Corner

Do you realize that our wonderful and loving God has called you, through faith, to be His steward? *"You did not choose Me, but I chose you and appointed you to go and bear fruit – fruit that will last"* (John 15:16). God won't change His mind about calling you to be His steward. *"For God's gifts and His call are irrevocable"* (Romans 11:29). Through faith, you are not only called to be God's steward, you are empowered to be a God-pleasing steward. For more information about stewardship, please contact Max Buban at maxmbuban82@gmail.com.

News of Invite Ministries

Prayers for Our Members:

Marge Markowich, recovering from shoulder replacement surgery
Melea Wachtman, recovering from eye surgery
Mandy Richards, recovering from surgery on her ear
Donna Marie Jones, recovering from a medical procedure
Joanne Duncan, 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:

Chuck Jentes, Jill Banicki's father, recovering from major surgery this week
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.

Rutter Requiem

If you couldn't attend the November 2nd presentation of John Rutter's *Requiem* featuring Holy Trinity's choir and orchestra or if you did attend and would like to hear the beautiful music again, you can now do so at this link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JF8C8jPOual>. Feel free to share with family and friends!

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.

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.

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.

News of Empower Ministries

Neighbor-to-Neighbor

There has been much turmoil in our country regarding hunger and health concerns. These are difficult times for people in central Ohio who are marginalized. As Christians, we identify with the Good Samaritan story and recognize that all God's people are our neighbors, and we all suffer when anybody suffers. A challenging question is, how can we as individuals and as a church be good neighbors?

One answer to this question is to be involved in serving the poor. Holy Trinity is an active participant in several ministries including working at the Lutheran Social Services Food Pantry and serving meals at First English and the YWCA Family Center.

Another answer is to be an advocate for the marginalized. The Hunger Network in Ohio (HNO) is a faith-based nonprofit network that works to end hunger in Ohio by addressing the root causes of poverty through

public policy advocacy. ELCA Deacon **Nick Bates** is the director of HNO and will be our guest preacher at Holy Trinity on **Sunday, November 16th**. He will also be available between services and following 10:00 worship for anyone that would like to learn more about advocacy around the Statehouse and recent SNAP challenges. Holy Trinity, the Southern Ohio Synod of the ELCA, and others support HNO and Nick in this ministry. (see Deacon Nick Bates' bio at the top of this week's news)

Finally, a third answer to the question is to become informed. Becoming informed can provide opportunities to be involved or help a friend or neighbor in need. Please check out the following web pages:

- The outreach page on the Holy Trinity website (<https://engagedbygrace.org/collections/outreach>) shows opportunities to serve with other members of Holy Trinity.
- Mid-Ohio Food Collective website (<https://freshtrak.com/>) provides information on where people in need can find food
- Deacon Bates' website (<https://www.hungernetohio.com/>) provides information about HNO's advocacy ministry

Please remember those who struggle in your prayers.

Empowerment Shelf - November 2025

By Elizabeth Sammons with love from Neighbor-to-Neighbor

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

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.

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.

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 11:15 am – Hunger Network in Ohio Q & A with Deacon Nick Bates
 5:15 pm – High School Youth at Jacob's Porch

Monday

3:00 pm – LSS Food Pantry
 6:30 pm – BSA Troop 555

Tuesday

10:00am – WELCA Bible Study (Note date change)

Wednesday

10:15 am – Preacher's Bible Study
 7:00 pm – Church Council

Thursday

9:00 am – Red Cross Blood Drive
 5:30 pm – Thursday Supper
 6:00 pm – Children's Choir
 6:30 pm – Handbell Choir
 7:30 pm – Sanctuary Choir

Friday

3:00 pm – Girl Scout Troop 6861
 6:00 pm – Scandinavian Club Movie Night

Saturday

No Events Scheduled

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8:00 – 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

Holy Trinity Schedule of Worship Servers – November & December 2025

Date	Time	Welcome Center	Assisting Minister	Lay Reader	Ushers	Communion Assistants	Livestream	Bread Bakers	Communion Team
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
Dec. 7	10:00 am		Tim Hudson	Keith Townsend	Ron Benedick AC Cochran	Herb Maxwell Janet Maxwell	Ben Kaffenberger	Becky Warnement	Kathy Higbee Marie Tanner

Sunday Worship Texts

Sunday, November 16 – John 8:12-20; Isaiah 9:1-7 **Isaiah: A Child is Born**
 Sunday, November 23 – John 14:27; Jeremiah 29:1, 4-14 **Jeremiah's Letter to the Exiles**

The Holy Trinity Staff:

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 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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