



Holy Trinity
Lutheran Church

Engaged by Grace.

WEEKLY

Ministry Announcements for the week of February 15 - 22, 2026

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

New Ministry Opportunities

Holy Trinity Hot Topic Happy Hour – Public Health

Sunday, February 22, 5:30-7:00 pm with childcare

Heidi Welch will share insights on current efforts by Health Impact Ohio, where she serves as Chief of Strategic Engagement and Operations, to collaborate on improving access to quality and equitable health and social services for Central Ohio's most marginalized communities.

Jasmine Garnes, CEO of 3rd Shift Warming and Cooling Center at First English Lutheran Church, will share experiences in running a 24-hour shelter on the near East Side of Columbus.

Dan Sharpe, Vice President of Community Research and Grants Management at The Columbus Foundation, will discuss the current state of nonprofit needs in the city and how we can share resources to support them.

Bring your favorite beverage and a snack to share. Please let Pastor Steve know if you'll need childcare.

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper – February 17

Save the date for Holy Trinity's annual pancake supper on **Shrove Tuesday, February 17 from 5-7 pm**. The church council will be making and serving pancakes and sausage to use up the fat before Lent begins the following day. There is no charge for the event but a freewill offering will be received to benefit a local charity. We hope to see you on the 17th and invite a friend!

Ash Wednesday Worship

The season of Lent begins on **Wednesday, February 18**. On that day, we will worship at Holy Trinity with the traditional imposition of ashes and Holy Communion at **11:45 am and 7:00 pm**. Please join us.

Sunday Adult Faith Enrichment - Unnamed Women of the Bible

Sundays, February 22 and March 1 at 11:15 am

Pastor Bonnie will be teaching a two-week series on a couple of the unnamed women of the Bible who have played a role in God's story of redemption for the world:

- Noah's wife
- The Canaanite woman

You're invited to join the discussion in the conference room soon after the conclusion of 10:00 worship.

Midweek Lenten Theme – Belonging to Christ

How are YOU called to follow Christ?

What does it look like for you to belong to Jesus Christ? Not your pastor, or your professor, or your neighbor, or the leaders of your denomination, but you? How might your one-and-only life be patterned to align you with Christ? What pretense might you give up? What potential might open up for you as a disciple?

The book *Belonging* by Luther Seminary professor Dr Karoline Lewis will serve as a guide for our midweek Lenten reflections this year. Drawing on five keys to unlock the unique call of each disciple, we will all have opportunity to discover and apply a sense of Christian disciples that is authentic to each of us.

After the Shrove Tuesday Pancake supper hosted by Council on Shrove Tuesday, February 17, **Lent begins on Wednesday, February 18 with the imposition of ashes and communion at 11:45 am and 7:00 pm**. Then at 11:45 am on the next 5 Wednesdays, we will explore a different key to discipleship and different exercise in prayer while sharing a soup and bread lunch for Table Church. Each Wednesday service will also be recorded and posted to Holy Trinity's YouTube channel for those wishing to participate at a later time.

Please indicate at the ministry signup table in the Gathering Space if we can order you a copy of *Belonging*. You can also order a copy here <https://www.amazon.com/Belonging-Unlocking-Potential-Disciple-Leader/dp/1791025838> or you can download it here <https://www.abingdonpress.com/product/9781791025830/>

Please sign up at the ministry signup table to contribute soup or bread for lunch during Lenten Table Church.

First English Breakfast Ministry

Holy Trinity will provide a hot breakfast for our friends at First English Lutheran Church on **Sunday, February 22**, serving scrambled eggs, ham, potatoes, fresh fruit, grits, and breakfast pastries. We will put together sandwiches onsite. Donations of personal items such as toothpaste, soap and feminine hygiene products as well as 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. All donations should be delivered to Holy Trinity by Sunday, February 22 by 8:00 am for transport to First English, or you can drop off at 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 am. To contribute or help serve, click https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080948AAAD28A57-62230931-first#

Neighbor-to-Neighbor Opportunity

Please join members of the Neighbor-to-Neighbor ministry team on our field trip to experience the “Auschwitz – Not long ago – Not far away” Holocaust exhibition at the Cincinnati Museum Center on **Saturday, March 21st**. The Holocaust represents a sad part of human history, but one reason to study history is to learn from the mistakes. This exhibit is a good opportunity to learn about the horrors of the German Nazis’ treatment of the Jewish people and other groups such as the Roma and individuals with disabilities they deemed “undesirable”. We will carpool, leaving the church at 8:30 am and returning around 5:30 pm. For more information and to sign up for the trip, please contact Sharon Hamersley at 614-395-9440 or slh1078@yahoo.com.

Stewardship Corner

We don't always put our money where our mouths are, but we certainly put our money where our hearts are. Jesus said, “*Where your treasure is, there your heart will be also*” (Matthew 6:21). If Jesus is our treasure and we love Him with all our hearts, we will use our money responsibly and wisely in response to that love. Therefore, our giving can be a good indicator of our spiritual health. Those of us who are generous with our money are likely to be spiritually healthy. However, if we are selfish with our money and use it only for ourselves, we are sick spiritually. For more information about stewardship, please contact Max Buban at maxmbuban82@gmail.com.

News of Invite Ministries

New Prayer Concerns:

Eli Schumacher, who broke his ankle last week playing basketball
Andres Torres, Juan Torres' father, having heart issues
Tom Kochheiser, Phil Kochheiser's brother, recovering from heart surgery this week
David Stanislav, undergoing a post-treatment PET scan for lymphoma

Prayers for Our Members:

Michael Cochran, recovering from surgery for a fall and broken leg
Genie Craven, at home following a recent hospitalization
Marge Markowich, at First Community Skilled Care Center, recovering from a stroke
Dale Svendsen, recovering at home, following surgery
Brian Johnson, at Harrison on 5th, recovering from several falls
Wes Jones, at home, undergoing treatment for lymphoma
Peter Ward, dealing with back issues
Joanne Duncan, recovering from various medical issues
Miriam Ringquist, at Dublin Retirement Village
Floradelle Pfahl, at Ganzhorn Suites

Prayers for Our Family and Friends:

Chuck Jentes, Jill Banicki's father, recovering from major surgery
Joe Berkemer, Matt Berkemer's uncle, undergoing chemotherapy
Phyllis Bliss, friend of Holy Trinity, undergoing kidney dialysis twice/week
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, recovering from a seizure
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
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
Jan Attanasio, Janet Maxwell's friend, diagnosed with ALS
Squire Aschinger, John & Judy McKittrick's nephew, diagnosed with cancer
Kathy Poling, Susan Poling-Jones's friend, diagnosed with cancer
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
Ben Souders, Susan Poling-Jones' friend's son, diagnosed with bipolar disorder
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

Save the Date for Vacation Bible School – Sunday, June 14 – Thursday, June 18

If the winter weather has you dreaming of summer, make sure VBS is in your plans. Kickoff will be Sunday, June 14 and continuing daily Monday-Thursday from 9:00-11:30 am. Children ages 3 years-fifth grade are invited to attend. Students going into sixth grade and older are invited to volunteer. More info coming soon!

News of Empower Ministries

Empowerment Shelf – February 2026

By Elizabeth Sammons with love from Neighbor-to-Neighbor

Dorothy Height, The Origin of Others, and Someone Like Me are Neighbor-to-Neighbor's books of note for this month. This literature intends to expand our awareness, theology and/or acceptance of diverse viewpoints. We hope you'll discover how these writings from various generations embrace what it means to be human and to walk in spirit. ...

Dorothy Height by Lyons, Kelly Starling

Growing up as a Black girl in the 1920s and 1930s, Dorothy Height was denied access to a local swimming pool, as well as admission to Barnard College. But she persisted in pushing for change and became a seminal figure in both the civil rights and women's rights movements. She went on to win the Presidential Medal of Freedom. For third-grade readers and up.

The Origin of Others by Morrison, Toni

What is race and why does it matter? What motivates the human tendency to construct Others? Why does the presence of Others make us so afraid? America's foremost novelist reflects on these themes and more in this collection of essays, drawing on her own memories, as well as history, politics, and especially literature and its representations of race.

Someone Like Me by Arce, Julissa

This best-selling young writer shares her story about her journey to belong in America while growing up undocumented in Texas. For grades 6-9 and older readers.

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8:30 am – Morning Prayer
 9:20 am – ChurchFam Connect
 10:00 am - Worship in-person and online at www.engagedbygrace.org

Monday Church Office Closed – Presidents' Day

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

Tuesday 5:00 pm – Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper

Ash Wednesday 11:45 am & 7:00 pm – Worship

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

Friday 3:00 pm – Girl Scout Troop 6184

Saturday 2:00 pm - Cub Scout Pack 17 Pinewood Derby

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Holy Trinity Schedule of Worship Servers – February & March 2026

Date	Time	Welcome Center	Assisting Minister	Lay Reader	Ushers	Communion Assistants	Livestream	Bread Bakers	Communion Team
Feb. 15	10:00 am	Benson Ross	Keith Townsend	Tim Hudson	Dan Perry AC Cochran	Carolyn Cramer Chris Pryor	Noah Fox	Nancy VanFossen	Nancy VanFossen Lynn Anderson
Feb. 22	10:00 am		Peg Steele	Karen Larson	John Gray Matt Sharp	Karen Larson MJ Neiman	Mark Abell		Suellen Sharp Nancy Riley
March 1	10:00 am		Tim Hudson	Mary Jane Neiman	Tom Wuichet Skip Duncan	Nancy Riley Elli Cucksey	Tim Rice	Chris Grabenstatter	Kathy Higbee Marie Tanner
March 8	10:00 am	Bob and Barb Campbell	Elli Cucksey	Debbie Cochran	Chris Pryor Adam Wagenbach Peter Ward	Jeff Sammons Kris Kochheiser	Matt Sharp		Chris Grabenstatter Janette MacConnell Kris Kochheiser

Sunday Worship Texts

Sunday, February 15 – Psalm 27:1-4; John 9:1-41 **The Man Born Blind**

Ash Wednesday, February 18 – Psalm 23; John 10:1-18 **The Good Shepherd**

Sunday, February 22 – Psalm 104:27-30; John 11:1-44 **Jesus Raises Lazarus**

The Holy Trinity Staff:

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