



Ministry Announcements for the week of February 22 – March 1, 2026

Our Sunday Schedule

8:00 am – First English Breakfast Ministry
8:30 am – Morning Prayer with Communion
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10:00 am –Worship in-person and online at www.engagedbygrace.org
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5:30 pm – Holy Trinity Hot Topic Happy Hour – Public Health

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.

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.

Souper Bowl Results

Many thanks to everyone that contributed to this year's Souper Bowl collection for Lutheran Social Services Champion Ave. food pantry. A total of \$817 was raised. Those not caring about the outcome of the game led the pack with \$361, the New England Patriots' supporters gave \$160, the Seattle Seahawks' fans donated \$158, and those hoping for a future Cleveland Browns' win contributed \$138. Thank you one and all!

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 discipleship that is authentic to each of us.

Beginning at **11:45 am on Wednesdays, February 25 – March 25**, we will explore a different key to discipleship and a different exercise in prayer while sharing a soup and bread lunch. Each Wednesday service will 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.

Stewardship Corner

First Corinthians 16:2 urges us to give regularly, proportionately, and of our first fruits. When love for God becomes the motivating force behind our giving, we will find ourselves following that exhortation joyfully, freely, cheerfully. Week after week, we will give our tithe or beyond, writing out that check before we pay our bills. A love-motivated commitment puts God in charge. God promises to take care of us. God will meet our needs, and we give out of love for God and God's people. For more information about stewardship, please contact Max Buban at maxmbuban82@gmail.com.

News of Invite Ministries

New Prayer Concerns:

Don and Beverly Applegate, Josh Brodbeck's grandparents, recovering from a serious car accident

Rob Tangeman, Josh Brodbeck's cousin, who has colon cancer and recently entered hospice

The family of Floradelle Pfahl, who died on Sunday

The family and friends of Ben Karcher, UAHS sophomore, who died on Monday

Prayers for Our Members:

David Stanislav, undergoing a post-treatment PET scan for lymphoma

Eli Schumacher, recovering from a broken ankle

Michael Cochran, recovering from 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

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
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
Tom Kochheiser, Phil Kochheiser's brother, recovering from heart surgery this week
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 McKitrick'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
Andres Torres, Juan Torres' father, having heart issues
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

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.

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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Monday 6:30 pm – BSA Troop 555

Tuesday 10:00 am – WELCA Bible Study

Wednesday 11:45 am – Lenten Worship and Book Study *Belonging*

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

Friday No Events Scheduled

Saturday 2:00 pm – Scandinavian Club of Columbus

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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 |
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| 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 | Dyann Taylor | 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 22 – Psalm 104:27-30; John 11:1-44 **Jesus Raises Lazarus**

Sunday, March 1 – Psalm 51:7-12; John 13:1-17 **Jesus Washes Feet**

The Holy Trinity Staff:

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