



Holy Trinity
Lutheran Church

Engaged by Grace.

WEEKLY

Ministry Announcements for the week of March 8 - 15, 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
- 11:15 am – Mission Trip Planning Meeting
- 7:00 pm – Confirmation/High School Youth Group

New Ministry Opportunities

High School Mission Trip

All high school students (including incoming 9th graders) are invited to a mission trip information and planning meeting on **Sunday, March 8 at 11:15 am**. We'll discuss the service projects and fun excursions that we are planning for the **June 1-3** mission trip to Cleveland. We're excited to talk about fundraising opportunities, too. If you have any questions, please contact Noelle Fox or Pastor Steve. Hope to see you Sunday!

Concerts Series Announcement

On **April 18 and 19 at 4:00 pm**, **Concerts at Holy Trinity is honored to present Elisabeth von Trapp** (granddaughter of Baron and Maria von Trapp) in concert with the Delaware Community Chorus and orchestra. Tickets will be required for these performances. A reception will follow the April concerts to greet Elisabeth and to hear more about her family's journey. Be watching for ticket information coming soon!

Hand Soap and Bath Scrub Helping Us Serve with Love

Jesus washed the disciples' feet and showed his love in action. The middle school and high school youth are making liquid hand soap and exfoliating bath scrub as a reminder of Jesus' humble act of love. The soap and bath scrub will be available for others to purchase this **Sunday, March 8**. All proceeds will benefit [Star House](#), central Ohio's only drop-in center for youth who are experiencing homelessness. Please join us in supporting our youth and serving our neighbors.

Vacation Bible School

VBS will be here before we know it! People of all ages are invited to the kickoff worship at 10:00 am on Sunday, June 14! **VBS runs Monday-Thursday, June 15-18 from 9:00-11:30 am**. This year's theme is **Snowball Mountain Challenge: Find Your Strength in God**. [All preschool through those entering 5th grade are invited to register using this link](#). Older youth and adults are invited to serve to help make it a memorable week of faith, friendship, and fun! Please contact Noelle Fox at noelle.fox@engagedbygrace.org if you have questions or need more information.

Adult Faith Formation for Lent

Minister of Music Joshua Brodbeck will offer a special educational series the **last three Sundays in March (15, 22 & 29) at 11:15 am** following the 10:00 worship service. The sessions will focus on the music of the Passion, exploring how composers throughout history have interpreted the story of Christ's suffering and death through sacred music, from traditional hymnody to larger choral and liturgical works. Those who attend will gain insight into the theological themes, historical context, and musical expressions that have shaped Passion music across the centuries, enriching their understanding of the Lenten season.

First English Breakfast Ministry

Holy Trinity will provide a hot breakfast for our friends at First English Lutheran Church on **Sunday, March 22**, serving scrambled eggs, ham, potatoes, fresh fruit, grits, and breakfast pastries. We will put together sandwiches onsite. **You can help provide items for turkey sandwich lunches by signing up at the Ministry Signup table in the Gathering Place.** Donations of personal items such as toothpaste, soap and feminine hygiene products as well as canned food with easy-open pop tops, such as hearty soups, chili, stew, pasta meals, cups of noodles, mac and cheese cups and ramen (just add hot water) are appreciated for the free pantry. All donations should be delivered to Holy Trinity by Sunday, March 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. To contribute or help serve, click https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080948AAAD28A57-62774150-first/61734125#.

American Red Cross Blood Drive

The next blood drive at Holy Trinity in partnership with the American Red Cross is **Thursday, March 26 from 9am-2pm**. You can make an appointment at 1-800-REDCROSS or www.redcrossblood.org/give. Thank you for considering giving the gift of life.

2026 Lenten Practice – Belonging to Christ

Using Karoline Lewis's book *Belonging* as a guide for our Lenten practice this year, we are working with the book one chapter at a time. We've enjoyed our first two sessions of Table Church conversation about "Discomfort" and "Wonder." Please consider joining us on Wednesdays at 11:45 around the remaining keys to discipleship from the book *Belonging*. Materials are attached below for you to participate in your own time and place: service video, worship bulletin, PowerPoint slides, and prayer practice guide.

I'm praying that our focus on "Belonging" deepens and emboldens our faith together. Please reach out with any questions or impressions you might have. I'll be glad to correspond with anyone throughout the season.
-Pastor Steve

Service Video: <https://youtu.be/JdHfUEADW8E>

Worship Bulletin: <https://engagedbygrace.org/news/2026-lenten-practice>

PowerPoint Slides: <https://engagedbygrace.org/news/2026-lenten-practice>

Prayer Practice: <https://engagedbygrace.org/news/2026-lenten-practice>

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/>

Stewardship Corner

Jesus told us not to worry about our lives, what we'll eat, or what we'll wear. He promised that, as God cares for the grass which is temporal, God will care far more for us (Luke 12:27-28). Jesus told us that freedom from worry over temporal things lies in giving away our possessions and seeking God's kingdom. *"But seek His kingdom, and these things will be given to you as well. Do not be afraid little flock, for your Father has been pleased to give you the kingdom. Sell your possessions and give to the poor. Provide purses for yourselves that will not wear out, a treasure in heaven that will not be exhausted..."* (Luke 12:31-33) For more information about stewardship, please contact Max Buban at maxbuban82@gmail.com.

News of Invite Ministries

New Prayer Concerns:

Sue Ferguson, at the Health Care Center at Thurber Village, recovering from a fall
Melissa, Sue Ferguson's daughter, dealing with colon cancer
The family of Ben Steiner, brother of Gretchen Riley, who died last week

Removed from the Prayer List:

Genie Craven, recovered from a recent hospitalization
David Stanislav, whose cancer is in remission
Squire Aschinger, John and Judy McKitrick's nephew, whose cancer is now in remission

Prayers for Our Members:

Josh Hudson, deployed to South Korea with the US Navy
Jared Forts, recovering from carpal tunnel surgery
Eli Schumacher, recovering from a broken ankle
Michael Cochran, recovering from a fall and broken leg
Marge Markowich, at First Community 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, receiving encouraging results from 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
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
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
Alan Greiner, Barb Keller's brother, dealing with multiple serious medical issues
Tom Kochheiser, Phil Kochheiser's brother, recovering from heart surgery
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
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
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 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 - March 2026

By Elizabeth Sammons with love from Neighbor-to-Neighbor

Holding Her Own, *American Sirens*, and *Can I Get a Witness?* are the Neighbor-to-Neighbor 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. ...

Holding Her Own by Todd, Traci

Jackie Ormes was the first Black woman cartoonist to be nationally syndicated in the USA. She was also a journalist, fashionista, philanthropist, and activist. But in post-World War II America, Black people were still being denied their civil rights, and Jackie found herself in a dilemma: How could her art stay true to her signature "Jackie joy" while remaining honest about the inequalities Black people had been fighting? For grades 2-4.

American Sirens by Hazzard, Kevin

Until the 1970s, a 9-1-1 call might bring police or even the local funeral home. But that all changed with Freedom House EMS in Pittsburgh, a group of Black men and women who became America's first paramedics and set the gold standard for emergency medicine around the world, only to have their story and their legacy erased—until now.

Can I Get a Witness? by Blount, Brian.

Brian Blount reads the Book of Revelation through the lens of African American culture, drawing correspondences between Revelation's context and the longstanding suffering of African Americans. Applying the African American social, political, and religious experience as an interpretive cipher for the book's complicated imagery, he contends that Revelation is essentially a story of suffering and struggle amidst oppressive assimilation and that witnessing was the ethic by which John wished people to live.

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Monday 6:30 pm – BSA Troop 555

Tuesday 6:30 pm – Windgate Village HOA meeting
 6:30 pm – Exec. Committee Meeting

Wednesday 10:15 am – Preacher’s Bible Study
 11:45 am – Lenten Table Church and Book Study *Belonging*
 1:30 pm – WELCA Esther Circle II
 7:00 pm – WELCA Ruth Circle V

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

Friday Mp Events Scheduled

Saturday No Events Scheduled

Sunday, March 15, 2026

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

Holy Trinity Schedule of Worship Servers – March 2026

Date	Time	Welcome Center	Assisting Minister	Lay Reader	Ushers	Communion Assistants	Livestream	Bread Bakers	Communion Team
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
March 15	10:00 am		Lynn Anderson	Lynn Anderson	Dan Perry AC Cochran	Herb Maxwell Janet Maxwell	Ben Kaffenberger	Chris Burton	Joanne Duncan Terri Michael
March 22	10:00 am	Benson Ross	Keith Townsend	Beth Myser	Mark Abell Doug Myser	AC Cochran Elli Cucksey	Jared Forts		Nancy VanFossen Lynn Anderson
March 29	10:00 am		Jody Passafume	Dyann Taylor	Dan Perry Skip Duncan Doug Myser	Deb Bickford Peter Ward	Matt Fox	Dibbie Cochran	Suellen Sharp Nancy Riley

Sunday Worship Texts

Sunday, March 8 – Psalm 17:1-7; John 18:12-27 **Peter’s Denial**
 Sunday, March 15 – Psalm 145:10-13; John 18:28-40 **Jesus and Pilate**

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