



Holy Trinity
Lutheran Church

Engaged by Grace.

WEEKLY

Ministry Announcements for the week of April 12 - 19, 2026

Our Sunday Schedule

- 8:30 am – Morning Prayer with Communion
- 9:20 am – Church Fam Connect
- 9:20 am – MS/HS Hangout in Youth Room
- 10:00 am – Worship in person or online at www.engagedbygrace.org
- 11:30 am – High School Youth Group Lunch Outing
- 7:00 pm – Confirmation Class

New Door Procedure

In our ongoing effort to foster the most hospitable and safe space for ministry, Holy Trinity has installed a new door system at the main entry. While the doors will be open, including the new ADA automatic button, for all Sunday morning activities and community-wide events like concerts and Vacation Bible School, the doors will be locked at all other times, allowing us to better know who is in the building at any given time. During office hours of 8:30-12:30 Monday through Friday, office staff will be available visually and audibly to greet guests who ring the Doorbell at the Access Panel above the ADA Button as indicated by the posted instructions.

Thank you for your patience and understanding during this transition as together we strengthen our stewardship of community and property.

Pastor's Brunch with Young Adults

Pastor Steve is hosting a brunch for Young Adults at **11:30am on Sunday, April 26 at Knotty Pine Brewing** (1765 W. 3rd Ave, Grandview). In addition to getting better acquainted with you, he looks forward to helping the group get better acquainted with each other and brainstorm ministry activities that the group might explore together. Please sign up at the Ministry Sign-up Corner at church so he can reserve a table big enough ... hopefully on the patio!

As for who's included, you're as young as you feel! Join us!

Concerts Series Announcement

On **Saturday, April 18 and Sunday, April 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 performing a mass by Haydn as well as other musical selections. 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. [Click here to purchase tickets.](#)

Pastoral Succession Planning

Holy Trinity's Church Council is engaging the Congregation to begin thoughtful planning for a future transition in pastoral leadership. With the understanding that Pastor Steve is anticipating a future retirement in the next several years ([click here for more details](#)), Council will engage the Congregation to determine a succession process so that we are prepared to act when that time comes.

Specifically, the Congregation will be asked to choose the approach that will be followed as we select our next lead pastor. As outlined in the Case Statement for Succession Planning ([click here for more details](#)), there are several options for this transition. In addition to the traditional Interim Pastor approach, there is an alternative Co-Pastor approach, as well as an option to introduce another approach. Since the authority for discerning the approach to call its next Lead Pastor lies with the Congregation as moderated by Council, Council members will facilitate five congregational listening sessions in the coming weeks to discuss these approaches for Holy Trinity and any other approaches that may arise. These sessions will be an opportunity for the Congregation to provide input to discern a faithful path forward.

Please plan to join one of the scheduled Listening Sessions:

Sunday, April 19, after 8:30 am and 10 am worship services

Wednesday, April 29, at 7:00 pm

Sunday, May 3, after 8:30 am and 10 am worship services

Update on LSS Food Pantry

Our Holy Trinity team that serves at the LSS Food Pantry at Champion and Frebis Ave. continues to go twice a month on the first Thursday and the third Monday of the month. We are always glad to welcome new members to our crew. Peg Steele has brought her grandsons, and Dyann Taylor has included her granddaughters at times. What a great way to show our future generations how to help our fellow neighbors! If you are interested in joining us, call Cyndy Decker at 614-771-9114 or email deckerwilliam@att.net.

First English Breakfast Ministry

Holy Trinity will provide breakfast for our friends at First English Lutheran Church on **Sunday, April 26**, serving scrambled eggs, ham, potatoes, fresh fruit, grits, and breakfast pastries. We are suspending serving lunches for now. The free pantry is also open on the 4th Sunday. Any donations of personal items such as toothpaste, toothbrushes, soap, and feminine hygiene products as well as canned food with easy-open pop tops, cereal, and paper goods like paper towels, toilet paper, diapers, wipes, etc. are needed. All donations should be delivered to Holy Trinity by Sunday, April 26 at 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 am that Sunday. To contribute or help serve, please [click here](#).

Stewardship Corner

Jesus was always very clear on what His purpose on Earth was. At the young age of twelve, Jesus told his parents, "*Didn't you know I had to be in my Father's house?*" (Luke 2:49). Later Jesus declared, "*I have come that {my sheep} may have life and have it to the full*" (John 10:10). In order to give that abundant life to us, Jesus' sheep, it is written, "*The Good Shepherd {laid} down His life for the sheep*" (John 10:11). Our purpose as stewards of the Good Shepherd is to glorify God and spread the Good News of Jesus' death and resurrection which brings us forgiveness of sin and life everlasting with God. For more information about stewardship, please contact Max Buban at maxmbuban82@gmail.com.

News of Invite Ministries

New Prayer Concerns:

Deb Bickford, recovering from a broken leg

JoAnn Curry, recovering from a fall and broken shoulder

Melea Wachtman, recovering from eye surgery

Prayers for Our Members:

Marge Markowich, at home, recovering from a stroke
Curt McCool, at home, recovering from back surgery
Sue Ferguson, at home, recovering from a fall
Judy McKitrick, at home, recovering from a fall
Jared Forts, recovering from carpal tunnel surgery
Brian Johnson, at Harrison on 5th, recovering from several falls
Wes Jones, at home, continuing treatments 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
Dr. Thomas Anderson, Bill Decker's friend, recently diagnosed with cancer
Tim Curry, Bev Farrell's brother and JoAnn Curry's brother-in-law, struggling with Parkinson's
Melissa, Sue Ferguson's daughter, battling colon cancer
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's 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

Imagine More – 2027 ELCA Youth Gathering

Every three years, thousands of high school youth and adult leaders gather at the ELCA Youth Gathering. The five-day event is an impressionable time of worship, fun, learning, and faith formation. The 2027 Gathering is in Minneapolis, Minnesota from **Monday, June 28 to Friday, July 2** (plus travel days). Youth entering 9th grade in fall 2027 (students currently in 7th grade) through those graduating 12th grade in 2027 (students currently in 11th grade) are invited to attend. Mark your summer 2027 calendars now! More details will be shared soon and registration will begin in October.

Vacation Bible School

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**. People of all ages are invited to the kickoff worship at 10:00 am on Sunday, June 14! [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! Contact Noelle Fox at noelle.fox@engagedbygrace.org if you have questions or need more information.

Church Library Update

Be sure to visit Holy Trinity's updated church library to check out interesting and timely books for children, youth and adults. The library committee has spent the last several months cataloging and updating all of our resources. It's amazing to see the variety of titles and genres that we have as a church library. Stop by to see and borrow our resources that include:

- Adult Christian fiction
- Contemporary religious and social issues
- Martin Luther reference materials.
- Bible commentaries
- Guides for personal devotions and faith enrichment
- Religious history
- Children's Bible stories and religious fiction
- DVD's for all ages

The library is located in the hallway next to the drinking fountains and across from the church office. You are welcome anytime. The sign-out directions for materials are easy to follow. We hope that you and your family will visit the updated library center soon.

News of Empower Ministries

VOSH International – Volunteer Optometric Services to Humanity

In April, we will be sending in our collection of glasses to VOSH. VOSH/International believes in the freedom to see. Licensed optometrists, opticians, health care providers and lay people volunteer their time to provide vision care worldwide for people who can neither afford nor obtain such care. Please bring your used eyeglasses, lenses, frames or sunglasses to the signup table in the gathering place and put them in the box with pictures of glasses on the outside. Thank you for supporting this ministry.

Impressions of the Auschwitz – Not Long Ago – Not Far Away Exhibition

On Saturday, March 21st two members of the Neighbor-to-Neighbor ministry team travelled to Cincinnati to view this exhibition. It was a challenging and even emotional experience, and here are a few thoughts about what we encountered.

Elizabeth Sammons: The Holocaust exhibit was housed on the bottom floor of Cincinnati's historic railroad station, an art deco building now converted to various museums and exhibit halls. While children ran and shouted in the outer space, I noticed immediately the stillness of nearly everyone actually visiting this exhibit of several rooms, which housed artifacts, videos, posters and photos of the systematic killing of people considered subhuman or abnormal by the Nazi regime.

Though the scope of cruelty is impossible to portray or imagine, several points of light captured my heart. For example, after the killings or sterilizations of tens of thousands of people with disabilities, the regime stopped this process in 1941 owing to pressure from the Christian community. Additionally, many people recalling their time in camps stressed the role of faith and kindness in supporting one another. One witness recalled an elderly woman lighting a Sabbath candle and praying in a crowded railroad car on the way to the camp. I hope and believe the light of such a candle could shine all around our troubled world!

Sharon Hamersley: There were many objects, photographs, posters, and vignettes that invited inspection and reflection. What struck me repeatedly were the placards next to some of the displays. Here are three that I found eerily reflective of our current era.

- “The art of all truly great national leaders at all times consists in not dividing the attention of the people, but in concentrating it upon a single foe.” Adolf Hitler, 1925
- “More unnerving was the disappearance of a number of quite harmless people who had in one way or another been part of daily life. One did not know whether they were dead, incarcerated, or had gone abroad. They were just missing.” Raimund Pretzel (aka Sebastian Haffner), German author writing from exile in Britain, 1938
- “My family had it good in Auschwitz, every wish that my wife or my children had was fulfilled. The children could live free and easy. My wife had her flower paradise...there was always something new and interesting in the garden.” Rudolf Höss, Auschwitz Commandant, testifying at Nürnberg, 1947.

Like Elizabeth, I found some light in the darkness through the testimonies of those who experienced the faith and kindness of their fellow prisoners. “Never again” needs to be more than a motto. It needs to guide our actions today whenever we encounter hate and cruelty directed towards any of our neighbors.

Empowerment Shelf - April 2026

By Elizabeth Sammons with love from Neighbor-to-Neighbor

Calling In, *54 Miles* and *Don't Go* 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. ...

Calling In by Ross, Loretta

This author has deprogrammed white supremacists, a survivor who's taught convicted rapists the principles of feminism. With stories from her five remarkable decades in activism, she vividly illustrates why calling people in—inviting them into conversation instead of conflict and focusing on your shared values over a desire for punishment—is the more strategic choice if you want to make real change. And she shows you how to do so.

54 Miles by Pitts, Leonard

March, 1965. Adam, raised in Harlem by his white father, George, and black mother, Thelma, returns to his parents' home state of Alabama to join in the voting rights campaign, only to be brutalized in the Bloody Sunday melee. Meanwhile, his uncle Luther has made a shocking discovery. He's found the lynching murderer of his parents in a rest home, literally at Luther's mercy. And Luther, who has never overcome this life-defining trauma, grapples with the question of what justice demands.

Don't Go by Johnson, Tonika Lewis, and Krysan, Maria

In cities across the US and beyond, we hear "don't go" -- avoid at all costs those Black and Brown disinvested neighborhoods that have become bywords for social disorder and urban decay. This book is a collection of intimate stories that uncover the hidden influence of both subtle and overt "don't go" messages and the segregation they perpetuate in Chicago. One by one, the storytellers upend pessimism with candid, deeply personal, humorous, and heartbreaking tales, and with novel ideas for simple actions that can serve as antidotes to both racism and "place-ism."

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 7:00 pm – Middle School Confirmation Class

Monday 6:30 pm – Scout Troop 555

Tuesday No Events Scheduled

Wednesday 10:15 am – Preacher’s Bible Study
 12:00 pm – WELCA Esther and Ruth Circles Field Trip to Trinity United Methodist Church
 7:00 pm – Church Council

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
 6:15 pm – Scandinavian Club Movie Night

Saturday 4:00 pm – Concert featuring Elisabeth vonTrapp with the Delaware Area Community Chorus

Sunday, April 19, 2026

8:30 am – Morning Prayer with Communion
 9:20 am – Church Fam Connect
 9:20 am - Middle School/High School Hangout in Youth Room
 10:00 am –Worship with Communion in person or online at www.engagedbygrace.org
 11:15 am – Listening Session for Pastoral Succession
 4:00 pm - Concert featuring Elisabeth vonTrapp with the Delaware Area Community Chorus

Holy Trinity Schedule of Worship Servers – April 2026

Date	Time	Welcome Center	Assisting Minister	Lay Reader	Ushers	Communion Assistants	Livestream	Bread Bakers	Communion Team
April 12	10:00 am		Ron Benedick	Keith Townsend	Dan Perry AC Cochran	Nancy Riley Elli Cucksey	Matt Sharp		Kathy Higbee Marie Tanner
April 19	10:00 am		Celeste Chappell-Bates	Dyann Taylor	Mark Abell Doug Myser Benson Ross	Deb Bickford Peter Ward	Ben Kaffenberger	Dyann Taylor	Chris Grabenstatter Janette MacConnell Kris Kochheiser
April 26	10:00 am		Jody Passafume	Ben Kaffenberger	Doug Myser Adam Wagenbach	Susan Setterlin Celeste C. Bates	Jared Forts		Terri Michael Joanne Duncan

Sunday Worship Texts

Sunday, April 12 – Psalm 145:13-21; John 20:19-31 **Thomas**
 Sunday, April 19 – Matthew 6:24; Acts 9:1-19a **Paul’s Conversion**

The Holy Trinity Staff:

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 Director of Faith Formation: Noelle Fox (noelle.fox@engagedbygrace.org)

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