



Holy Trinity
Lutheran Church

Engaged by Grace.

WEEKLY

Ministry Announcements for the week of April 26 – May 3, 2026

Our Sunday Schedule

- 8:00 am – First English Breakfast Ministry
- 8:30 am – Morning Prayer with Communion
- 9:20 am – Church Fam Connect
- 9:20 am – HS/MS Youth Hangout
- 10:00 am – Worship in person or online at www.engagedbygrace.org
- 11:30 am – Young Adults Brunch at Knotty Pine

Holy Trinity Tweens Gathering – Sunday, May 3

Attention all 3rd, 4th or 5th grade students – you’re invited for a gathering of social connection and Bible activities on **Sunday, May 3 from 4:00-5:30 pm**. A snack will be provided and some “get to know your Bible” games will take place. All you need to do is bring your Bible! It would be helpful to know if your 3rd, 4th or 5th grader will be able to attend. Please reach out to Noelle Fox at noelle.fox@engagedbygrace.org for more information or to reply. Looking forward to out time together at church!

Confirmation and Youth Group Updates

Since the next regularly scheduled youth group day falls on Mother’s Day (May 10th), our next middle school Confirmation lesson will take place a week earlier on **Sunday, May 3 from 7:00 to 8:00 pm**.

On **Sunday, May 17th**, middle and high school youth from Holy Trinity will join the middle and high school youth from Advent Lutheran for lunch and kickball from **12:30-2:00 pm** at Fancyburg Park.

Don’t forget **YOUTH HANGOUT** continues in the basement Youth room every **Sunday between worship services** (9:20-9:50) for middle and high school youth. Supplies and instructions for making pipe cleaner roses are in the youth room to make and share with Moms on Mother’s Day. Come, enjoy some doughnuts, music, and friends!

Church Council Update

Church Council recently reviewed the Estimate of Giving responses for 2026 as well as the proposed Ministry Spending Plan. Council adjusted the Spending Plan to reflect the anticipated receipts that project an additional 1% in giving and revised the transfer from the staff development fund which is set aside to balance the budget if needed. Estimate of Giving forms are still available at the reception window and the church office continues to receive pledges if you have not yet completed yours and would like to do so. If anyone has any questions, please contact Peter Ward, Financial Secretary, or Debbie Cochran, Treasurer.

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 or contact Pastor Steve 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!

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.

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:

Wednesday, April 29, at 7:00 pm

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

Stewardship Corner

Just as Christ joyfully bore His cross on the path to Golgotha, so He calls us to take up our crosses and follow Him – willingly, joyfully, triumphantly. Acceptance of the cross indicates that we are willing to serve as Christ to a hurting world. We are willing to do Christ's work for His glory, willing to minister to Christ's people through His spirit, even willing to lay down our lives for our brothers and sisters. For more information about stewardship, please contact Max Buban at maxbuban82@gmail.com.

News of Invite Ministries

New Prayer Concerns:

Ron Benedick, undergoing hip replacement surgery on April 23

Marjorie Gottula, Dyann Taylor's mother, in palliative care

Removed from the Prayer List:

Jared Forts, recovered from carpal tunnel surgery

Prayers for Our Members:

Deb Bickford, recovering from a broken leg

JoAnn Curry, recovering from a fall and broken shoulder
Melea Wachtman, recovering from eye surgery
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
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
Beverly Applegate, Josh Brodbeck's grandmother, 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
Kirk Gerber, Pastor Bonnie's brother, hospitalized in Akron with an infection
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.

News of Empower Ministries

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. Our next dates to serve are **Thursday, May 7 and Monday, May 18**. 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.

Upper Arlington Culture & Artisans Fair

Everyone's invited for the Fourth Annual UA Culture & Artisans Fair at St. Mark's Episcopal Church in Upper Arlington (2151 Dorset Road), featuring global crafts, delicious food, live music and dance performances. This event is on **Saturday, May 2 from 10am-3pm** and is brought to you by St. Mark's Episcopal Church, CRIS (Community Refugee & Immigration Services), and the UA Community Relations Committee.

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.

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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 9:20 am – Church Fam Connect
 10:00 am –Worship with Communion in person or online at www.engagedbygrace.org
 11:30 am – Pastor’s Young Adult Brunch at Knotty Pine
 2:00 pm – Private piano recital

Monday 6:30 pm – Scout Troop 555

Tuesday No Events Scheduled

Wednesday 10:15 am – Preacher’s Bible Study
 7:00 pm – Pastoral Succession Listening Session

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 10:00 am – Private Baptism

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 9:20 am – Church Fam Connect
 10:00 am –Worship with Communion in person or online at www.engagedbygrace.org
 11:15 am - Pastoral Succession Listening Session
 4:00 pm – Tweens Social Gathering
 7:00 pm – Middle School Confirmation

Holy Trinity Schedule of Worship Servers – April & May 2026

Date	Time	Welcome Center	Assisting Minister	Lay Reader	Ushers	Communion Assistants	Livestream	Bread Bakers	Communion Team
April 26	10:00 am		Jody Passafume	Ben Kaffenberger	Doug Myser Adam Wagenbach	Susan Setterlin Celeste C. Bates	Jared Forts		Terri Michael Joanne Duncan
May 3	10:00 am	Benson Ross	Keith Townsend	Lynn Anderson	Dan Perry Skip Duncan	Carolyn Cramer Chris Pryor	Noah Fox	Nancy VanFossen	Nancy VanFossen Lynn Anderson
May 10	10:00 am		Lynn Anderson	Karen Larson	Ron Benedick John Gray	Jeff Sammons MJ Neiman	Mark Abell		Suellen Sharp Nancy Riley

Sunday Worship Texts

Sunday, April 26 – Luke 6:18-19, 22-23; Acts 16:16-34 **Paul and Silas**
 Sunday, May 3 – John 1:16-18; Acts 17:16-31 **Paul’s Sermon at Athens**

The Holy Trinity Staff:

Pastor: Steve Wachtman (steve.wachtman@engagedbygrace.org)
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 Minister of Music: Joshua Brodbeck (joshua.brodbeck@engagedbygrace.org)
 Director of Faith Formation: Noelle Fox (noelle.fox@engagedbygrace.org)

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