



Holy Trinity
Lutheran Church

Engaged by Grace.

WEEKLY

Ministry Announcements for the week of May 3 - 10, 2026

Our Sunday Schedule

- 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
- 4:00 pm – Holy Trinity Tweens
- 7:00 pm – Middle School Confirmation Class

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 News

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.

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:

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

Stewardship Corner

Love is the fundamental motive for Christian stewardship. Our giving may be systematic, proportionate, and generous, but if not motivated by love it is not Christian giving. Paul wrote, *"If I give all I possess to the poor and surrender my body to the flames, but have not love, I gain nothing"* (1 Corinthians 13:3). The Pharisees gave large gifts, yet their gifts were not acceptable to the Lord. Jesus sums up all the Law, which includes stewardship, as love to God and one's neighbor. The perfect relationship that should exist between us as stewards and God is expressed in the word "love." It also expresses the relationship that should exist between Christian stewards and their neighbors. For more information about stewardship, please contact Max Buban at maxbuban82@gmail.com.

News of Invite Ministries

New Prayer Concerns:

Ron Benedick, recovering from hip replacement 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
Marjorie Gottula, Dyann Taylor's mother, in palliative care
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.

Empowerment Shelf - May 2026

By Elizabeth Sammons with love from Neighbor-to-Neighbor

Juneteenth, *There There*, and *Black Capitalists* 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. ...

Juneteenth by Sabelko, Rebecca

From learning about history to enjoying a barbecue, there is a lot to do on Juneteenth! Young readers can learn about this important holiday, from when it started to today's traditions in this engaging title.

There There by Orange, Tommy

This novel follows twelve characters from Native communities: all traveling to the Big Oakland Powwow, all somehow connected to one another. Together, this chorus of voices tells of the plight of the urban Native American--grappling with a complex and painful history, with an inheritance of beauty and spirituality, with communion and sacrifice and heroism.

Black Capitalists by Laryea, Rachel

This study narrates a groundbreaking look at how Black visionaries from Wall Street to Lagos are reimagining capitalism to benefit the needs of Black people and, ultimately, everyone.

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Monday

2:30 pm – Euphonium Rehearsal
 6:30 pm – Scout Troop 555

Tuesday

Primary Election Day – Polling Location

Wednesday

10:15 am – Preacher’s Bible Study
 7:00 pm – WELCA Ruth Circle V

Thursday

12:30 pm – LSS Food Pantry
 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

No Events Scheduled

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8:30 am – Morning Prayer with Communion
 9:20 am – Church Fam Connect/MS-HS Youth Hangout
 10:00 am –Worship with Communion in person or online at www.engagedbygrace.org

Holy Trinity Schedule of Worship Servers – May 2026

Date	Time	Welcome Center	Assisting Minister	Lay Reader	Ushers	Communion Assistants	Livestream	Bread Bakers	Communion Team
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
May 17	10:00 am		Tim Hudson	Mary Jane Neiman	Tom Wuichet Skip Duncan	Nancy Riley Elli Cucksey	Tim Rice	Chris Grabenstatter	Kathy Higbee Marie Tanner
May 24	10:00 am	Bob & Barb Campbell	Elli Cucksey	Debbie Cochran	Chris Pryor Peter Ward	Kris Kochheiser Karen Larson	Matt Sharp		Chris Grabenstatter Janette MacConnell Kris Kochheiser

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)
 Preschool: Molly Capuano and Jackie Newlon (directorhtcdp@gmail.com)
 Administrator: Laura Hudson (laura.hudson@engagedbygrace.org)
 Minister of Music: Joshua Brodbeck (joshua.brodbeck@engagedbygrace.org)
 Director of Faith Formation: Noelle Fox (noelle.fox@engagedbygrace.org)

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