



Holy Trinity  
Lutheran Church

*Engaged by Grace.*

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Ministry Announcements for the week of May 24 - 31, 2026

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### **Our Pentecost 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](http://www.engagedbygrace.org)

### **Patron Concert Rescheduled**

*An Evening of Musical Excellence*, a special concert reserved exclusively for patrons and supporters of Holy Trinity's Concert Series will be presented by Minister of Music Joshua Brodbeck on **Friday, May 29 at 7:00 pm**. The concert will be followed by a special champagne reception.

### **Vacation Bible School Will Soon Be Here!**

VBS runs **Monday, June 15 – Thursday, June 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](mailto:noelle.fox@engagedbygrace.org) if you have questions or need more information.

### **Red Cross Blood Drive – Thursday, May 28**

The next blood drive at Holy Trinity in partnership with the American Red Cross will be **Thursday, May 28 from 9am-2pm**. You can make an appointment at 1-800-REDCROSS or [www.redcrossblood.org/give](http://www.redcrossblood.org/give). Walk-ins are also welcome. Thank you for considering giving the gift of life.

### **Got Snacks?**

Everyone appreciates the Hospitality time after worship on Sundays to socialize while often enjoying a small treat or beverage. Drinks are provided by the Hospitality committee and other folks are invited to bring snacks to share. Sweet, savory, salty or fruity – all are welcome! Sharing food together is a time-honored expression of friendship and fellowship. It's also a great way to recognize a special occasion. Please sign-up near the Hospitality coffee station to help provide “goodies” to share on an upcoming Sunday this summer.

### **Thank You from Daisy Scouts**

Thank you so much for letting Troop 6184 use your space at Holy Trinity this year. Many great memories were shared there. Thanks again! Ashley, April and the girls of Troop 6184

## **New Bible Study - *Unlocking the Gifts of the Gospel of John***

A new Bible study is underway! The group gathers on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday evenings of each month with the next session happening **Wednesday, May 27 at 7:00pm**. Beginning with a study facilitated by Noelle Fox, we'll look at "*Unlocking the Gifts of the Gospel of John*." Together we'll explore Bible verses in the book of John and reflect through discussion questions. You need not attend every session to participate. All are invited to come discover ways to apply the Gospel to our everyday lives.

## **Council Update on Pastoral Succession Discernment**

Over the past few weeks, Holy Trinity's Church Council met with approximately 70 members of our congregation across five listening sessions to hear thoughts, answer questions, and prayerfully discuss the options before us as we prepare for a future pastoral succession plan at the time of Pastor Steve's retirement. We also received valued input through personal conversations and emails from those who could not attend. To all who shared your guidance and wisdom: thank you.

We are so grateful to be part of such a faithful, engaged congregation. You came forward with important insights, thoughtful questions, and the kind of respectful, Spirit-led dialogue that reflects the love of Christ in our midst. We heard appreciation for both succession models, and a shared sense that either path would bring blessings and benefits to our community. It will be important for our congregation and call committee to prayerfully consider the gifts and pastoral vision we most value as we look toward this next chapter together. The Council is committed to walking alongside the call committee and synod throughout this process, trusting it to be guided by the Holy Spirit. To read Council's full response including next steps, [please click here](#). Please contact any member of Church Council if you have questions. Members of the Executive Committee can be reached at President Lynn Anderson ([lynnanderson1873@gmail.com](mailto:lynnanderson1873@gmail.com)), Vice-President Nicole Carothers ([nicole.carothers5@gmail.com](mailto:nicole.carothers5@gmail.com)), Financial Secretary Peter Ward ([ward.1@osu.edu](mailto:ward.1@osu.edu)), Treasurer Debbie Cochran ([cochrande62@gmail.com](mailto:cochrande62@gmail.com)), or Secretary Allison Abell ([allison.m.abell@gmail.com](mailto:allison.m.abell@gmail.com)).

## **Stewardship Corner**

Christian giving comes more from the heart than it does from the wallet. Through faith, we understand that God is the source of all good things. "*The earth is the Lord's and everything in it, the world, and all who live in it*" (Psalm 24:1). God has blessed us with our physical lives and life forever with Him. Through our giving, we express, "thank you, thank you, dear God." Our faithful giving honors and worships the Lord. For more information about stewardship, please contact Max Buban at [maxmbuban82@gmail.com](mailto:maxmbuban82@gmail.com).

## **News of Invite Ministries**

### **New Prayer Concerns:**

Joanne Duncan, at Dublin Post-Acute Care Center, undergoing physical therapy to regain strength  
Rob Setterlin, recovering from knee surgery and a fall that fractured his ribs

### **Removed from the Prayer List: *all are recovering well***

Ron Benedick  
Melea Wachtman  
Deb Bickford  
Sue Ferguson  
Curt McCool  
Judy McKitrick  
Peter Ward  
Miriam Ringquist  
Beverly Applegate, Josh Brodbeck's grandmother

### **Prayers for Our Members:**

Susan Setterlin, recovering from cataract surgery  
JoAnn Curry, recovering from a fall and broken shoulder  
Marge Markowich, recovering from a stroke  
Brian Johnson, at Harrison on 5<sup>th</sup>, recovering from several falls  
Wes Jones, undergoing treatments for lymphoma

## **Prayers for Our Family and Friends:**

Chuck Jentes, Jill Banicki's father, recovering from major surgery  
Craig Sturtz, Barretts' and Wachtmans' friend, being treated for pancreatic cancer at the Mayo Clinic  
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  
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  
Chloe Walker, Annika Wachtman's fiancé Kyndall's niece, seriously burned in a science experiment at school  
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**

### **Library Update**

Holy Trinity's library is proud to offer the book *Breath as Prayer* for you to borrow. Author Jennifer Tucker's insights will help you discover ways in which simple breath prayers can help you discover a personal connection with God. The illustrations are beautiful.

Can prayer be controversial? Some critics consider this publication to be non-Biblical, somewhat "new age", and based on Eastern meditation.

Find out for yourself. Holy Trinity's library, located off the hallway by the church offices, contains many resources about prayer. You can easily sign out any of our timely titles.

### **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 next Gathering is in Minneapolis, Minnesota from **Monday, June 28 to Friday, July 2, 2027** (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.

## **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.

## **News of Empower Ministries**

### **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 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.

## Ministry Calendar at Holy Trinity for May 24 - 31, 2026

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### Monday Memorial Day – Offices Closed

6:30 pm – BSA Troop 555

### Tuesday No Events Scheduled

**Wednesday** 10:15 am – Preacher’s Bible Study  
 7:00 pm – Evening Bible Study – The Gospel of John

**Thursday** 9:00 am – Red Cross Blood Drive

**Friday** 7:00 pm – Patron Concert

### Saturday No Events Scheduled

### Sunday, May 31, 2026

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](http://www.engagedbygrace.org)

## Holy Trinity Schedule of Worship Servers – May & June 2026

Date	Time	Welcome Center	Assisting Minister	Lay Reader	Ushers	Communion Assistants	Livestream	Bread Bakers	Communion Team
May 24	10:00 am	Bob & Barb Campbell	Elli Cucksey	Debbie Cochran	Chris Pryor Peter Ward	Kris Kochheiser	Matt Sharp		Chris Grabenstatter Janette MacConnell Kris Kochheiser
May 31	10:00 am		Jody Passafume	Lynn Anderson	Dan Perry AC Cochran	Herb Maxwell Janet Maxwell	Matt Fox	Chris Burton	Terri Michael Joanne Duncan
June 7	10:00 am	Benson Ross	Peg Steele	Beth Myser	Mark Abell Doug Myser	AC Cochran Elli Cucksey	Jared Forts		Nancy VanFossen Lynn Anderson
June 14	10:00 am		Ron Benedick	Dyann Taylor	Dan Perry Skip Duncan Doug Myser	Deb Bickford Peter Ward	Noah Fox	Debbie Cochran	Suellen Sharp Nancy Riley

### Sunday Worship Texts

Sunday, May 24 – John 14:16-17; Acts 2:1-21; Philippians 4:4-7 **Pentecost: Rejoice in the Lord**

Sunday, May 31 – Matthew 5:3-9; Ruth 1:1-22 **Loss and Loyalty**

### The Holy Trinity Staff:

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

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## Holy Trinity Ministry in Action



On Sunday, May 17, Holy Trinity fulfilled the baptismal promises made to the following second grade students by placing God's Word in their hands and gifting them with Bibles: (pictured L to R) Zoey Sanghavi, Austin Abell, and Isabel Hallas.

The second graders and their families participated in an exercise to help the students learn the books of the bible. They used clothes pins to clip the names in order on a clothesline. As you can see, it was no small task!

