



Holy Trinity  
Lutheran Church

*Engaged by Grace.*

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Ministry Announcements for the week of May 31 – June 7, 2026

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## Our Sunday Schedule

8:30 am – Morning Prayer with Communion

10:00 am – Worship in Person or Online at [www.engagedbygrace.org](http://www.engagedbygrace.org)

## Congratulations!

Congratulations to the following graduates of the Class of 2026 from Holy Trinity:

Lucy Baker, graduated Upper Arlington HS, attending Florida State

Carter Evanchan, graduated Upper Arlington HS, attending Ohio State

Lucy Forts, graduated Grove City Christian High School, attending Ohio State

Morgan Gladman, graduated Grandview Heights High School, attending Capital University

Helen Griffith, graduated Upper Arlington HS, attending Stanford

Chloe Malatesta, graduated Upper Arlington HS, attending Ohio State

Claire Wessells, graduated Upper Arlington HS, attending Ohio University while performing with BalletMet

## 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.

## 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.

## VOSH – Volunteer Optometric Services for Humanity

To all who donated glasses for the VOSH International Eye Program a "BIG THANK YOU". This year exceeded any other. We packed 82 prescription glasses in cases, 40 Prescription glasses without cases, 19 nonprescription sunglasses, and 7 parts of glasses; lenses, and frames. You are helping to improve eyesight around the world.

As we go through this year into next March, please continue to put glasses for donation in the faded orange Tide Box with pictures of glasses on it. The box can be found on the sign-up table in the Gathering place.

## **Stewardship Corner**

Jesus said, *"Watch out! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; a man's life does not consist in the abundance of his possessions"* (Luke 12:15). In contrast to Jesus' warning, the world tells us that greed is good. Our society makes every effort to entice us to live a materialistic lifestyle. Costly and manipulative advertising bombards us daily for the purpose of creating a desire for more and more things. We are told that we need one luxury after another. Only with the help of the Holy Spirit, will we not fall prey to the pulls of the world. God calls us to be in the world but not of the world. As John wrote, *"Do not love the world or anything in the world"* (1 John 2:15). Through faith, we know that *"the world and its desires pass away,"* but those who follow the Lord will live forever (1 John 2:17.) For more information about stewardship, please contact Max Buban at [maxmbuban82@gmail.com](mailto:maxmbuban82@gmail.com).

## **News of Invite Ministries**

### **New Prayer Concerns:**

Cheryl Kriska, recovering from back surgery on Thursday  
Sammy Cochran, Shannon and Abbey's son, Debbie and AC's grandson, undergoing tests at Children's  
The family of Bob Duncan, Skip Duncan's brother, who died last week

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

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

### 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)).

### Evening 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, June 10 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.

### 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.

## News of Empower Ministries

### Empowerment Shelf – June 2026

#### By Elizabeth Sammons with love from Neighbor-to-Neighbor

*My Seven Black Fathers*, *Lone Dog Road*, and *This is how we play* 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. ...

*My Seven Black Fathers* by Jawando, Will

Will, who went by his Nigerian name, Yemi, was shunted from school to school, never quite fitting in. He was a Black kid with a divorced white mother, a frayed relationship with his biological father, and teachers who scolded him for being disruptive. Here, Will looks back on the relationships with an extraordinary series of mentors who enabled him to thrive.

*Lone Dog Road* by Nerburn, Kent

This coming-of-age novel portrays two young Lakota brothers who journey across the Dakota plains to replace a broken sacred pipe. A story of resilience, connection, and spiritual discovery.

*This is how we play* by Slice, Jessica, and Cupp, Caroline

This inclusive, illustrated picture book features families at play, each with a family member who has a disability. Preschool-grade 2 reading level.

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**Monday**      **High School Mission Trip**  
6:30 pm – BSA Troop 555

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10:15 am – Preacher’s Bible Study  
7:00 pm – Church Council

**Thursday**     12:30 pm – LSS Food Pantry

**Friday**        No Events Scheduled

**Saturday**      No Events Scheduled

### Sunday, June 7, 2026

8:30 am – Morning Prayer with Communion  
10:00 am –Worship with Communion in Person or Online at [www.engagedbygrace.org](http://www.engagedbygrace.org)  
12:00 pm – Private Event

## 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 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
June 21	10:00 am		Tim Hudson	Keith Townsend	Ron Benedick John Gray	Peg Steele Susan Setterlin	Matt Sharp	Becky Warnement	Kathy Higbee Marie Tanner

### Sunday Worship Texts

Sunday, May 31 – Matthew 5:3-9; Ruth 1:1-22 **Loss and Loyalty**  
Sunday, June 7 – Luke 6:36-38; Ruth 2:1-23 **Gleaning and Hope**

### 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))  
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Director of Faith Formation: Noelle Fox ([noelle.fox@engagedbygrace.org](mailto:noelle.fox@engagedbygrace.org))

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