



Holy Trinity
Lutheran Church

Engaged by Grace.

WEEKLY

Ministry Announcements for the week of June 7 - 14, 2026

Our Sunday Schedule

8:30 am – Morning Prayer with Communion

10:00 am – Worship in Person or Online at www.engagedbygrace.org

Vacation Bible School Is Almost 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 if you have questions or need more information.

VBS Kickoff Celebration - Sunday, June 14

Help us kickoff the coolest week of the summer with Holy Trinity's Snowball Mountain Challenge on **Sunday, June 14 following 10:00 worship**. We'll have an all-congregation service project making 10 no-sew blankets in partnership with My Very Own Blanket, an organization that provides blankets to children in foster care. Everyone is asked to knot a few (or several) ties creating fringe on the edges of the blankets. It shouldn't take long and it's a great chance for people of all ages to contribute to the project. A hot dog lunch will be served and a bounce house with "snowballs" will be set up for the kids. See you on the 14th!

Congratulations!

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

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, dancing with BalletMet while attending Ohio University

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.

Stewardship Corner

King David said, *"I will not sacrifice to the Lord my God burnt offerings that cost me nothing"* (2 Samuel 24:24). David knew the importance of giving to God something meaningful or of value. David felt that his giving should cost him something. When we give sacrificially, as David did, we understand that it has less to do with how much we give than how much we give up. To give sacrificially means that we give something we love to something we love even more. For example, we value our money, but we value God's love for us even more. For more information about stewardship, please contact Max Buban at maxmbuban82@gmail.com.

News of Invite Ministries

New Prayer Concerns:

Sammy Cochran, Shannon & Abbey's infant son, Debbie & AC's grandson, home following hospitalization
The family of Larry Carpenter, Deb Amling's father, who died last week
The family of Ted Wolford, former Upper Arlington lacrosse coach, who died last week

Prayers for Our Members:

Cheryl Kriska, recovering from back surgery
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 5th, 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

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

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.

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.

Ministry Calendar at Holy Trinity for June 7 - 14, 2026

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
 12:00 pm – Private Event

Monday 6:30 pm – BSA Troop 555

Tuesday No Events Scheduled

Wednesday 10:15 am – Preacher’s Bible Study
 7:00 pm – Evening Bible Study

Thursday No Events Scheduled

Friday No Events Scheduled

Saturday No Events Scheduled

Sunday, June 14, 2026

8:30 am – Morning Prayer with Communion
 10:00 am – Worship with Communion in Person or Online at www.engagedbygrace.org
 11:00 am – VBS Kickoff Celebration and Lunch

Holy Trinity Schedule of Worship Servers – June 2026

Date	Time	Welcome Center	Assisting Minister	Lay Reader	Ushers	Communion Assistants	Livestream	Bread Bakers	Communion Team
June 7	10:00 am		Peg Steele	Dyann Taylor	Mark Abell	AC Cochran Elli Cucksey	Jared Forts		Nancy VanFossen Lynn Anderson
June 14	10:00 am		Ron Benedick	Beth Myser	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
June 28	10:00 am		Ron Benedick	Debbie Cochran	Matt Sharp Ben Kaffenberger	Carolyn Cramer Chris Pryor	Mark Abell	Nancy VanFossen	Janette MacConnell Kris Kochheiser Nancy Riley

Sunday Worship Texts

Sunday, June 7 – Luke 6:36-38; Ruth 2:1-23 **Gleaning and Hope**
 Sunday, June 14 – Matthew 7:7-8; Ruth 3:1-18 **Daring to Act**

The Holy Trinity Staff:

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 Preschool: Molly Capuano and Jackie Newlon (directorhtcdp@gmail.com)
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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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