



Holy Trinity
Lutheran Church

Engaged by Grace.

WEEKLY

Ministry Announcements for the week of June 14 - 21, 2026

Our Sunday Schedule

8:30 am – Morning Prayer with Communion

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

11:00 am - VBS Kick-off and Lunch

VBS Kickoff Celebration is Today!

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!

Vacation Bible School

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.

First English Breakfast Ministry

Holy Trinity will provide breakfast for our friends at First English Lutheran Church on **Sunday, June 28**, serving scrambled eggs, ham, potatoes, fresh fruit, grits, and breakfast pastries. We have changed things up a bit and are focusing on the breakfast and food pantry for now. We have suspended lunch making for the time being. Spread the word- we can use lotion, canned meats, instant coffee, small cans of coffee, band-aids, individual powdered electrolyte servings (to add to water bottles), and socks of any size. If you'd like to contribute items to the pantry, please sign up at the Ministry Signup table in the Gathering Place or click the link below so we know what to expect. We will take stock each month and update the list as items run low. All donations should be delivered to Holy Trinity by Sunday, June 28 at 8:00 am for transport to First English, or you can drop off at the Warnements' home in advance, drop to Becky's office or bring donations directly to First English. 1015 E. Main Street 43205 by 8:15 am that Sunday. To contribute or help serve, please click https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080948AAAD28A57-64474402-first/61734125#.

4th of July Parade Hospitality

Holy Trinity shows support of the Upper Arlington community by welcoming friends and neighbors during the annual 4th of July parade, providing cold water and tasty treats to attendees. We are in need of a couple people to help manage set-up and take-down of the tent, tables, food transport and signage this year. Pastor Steve will help with coordination prior to the event. We could also use some homemade or store-bought goodies for the hospitality table. If you're able to help with set-up and tear-down or provide treats to share, please sign up at the Collection & Signup Corner in the Gathering space. Food should be dropped off in the church kitchen no later than **8:30 am on Saturday, July 4.**

Christians from the Holy Land will be our Guests

On **Sunday, June 21**, during both worship services, we will hear from Christians of the Holy Land. They will have a display of handmade olivewood religious articles from Bethlehem available for purchase throughout the morning. These carvings include olivewood Nativity sets, crosses, Christmas ornaments, candle holders, angels, and many other religious crafts that could make nice gifts. The carvings are handmade by Christian families from Bethlehem who rely on income generated from these items for their daily bread.

More than 70% of the Christian Community in the Holy Land depends upon tourism as their only source of income. For decades these Christians have been enduring many hardships as tourism in Bethlehem has plummeted and access to other sources of income has been sharply restricted due to ongoing conflicts, the 12-yard wall built around Bethlehem, the COVID-19 pandemic, and recently the catastrophic war in Gaza. All of which has contributed to tourists being afraid and/or unable to visit the Holy Land making it very difficult for Christian families to find their daily food and forcing them to emigrate and flee their homeland. The Christian population of the Holy Land was 30% in the last century, today it is less than 1%. If it continues like this, in a few years there will be no Christians in the land of Christ, which could have tragic consequences for our faith and holy sites. You can support our Christian brothers and sisters from the town of Bethlehem by listening to their stories and considering purchasing their carvings or crafts.

Stewardship Corner

Scripture tells us that we cannot be free to be God's servants or stewards until death to ourselves takes place in each of us. This death is not a physical death, but a spiritual death. It is the death of the old nature in us so the new nature or new life in Christ can be raised. Paul wrote, *"Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come!"* (2 Corinthians 5:17). All things in Christ are created anew. It is this new life in Christ that people see as we give generously and serve freely. *"For we are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do."* (Ephesians 2:10). For more info about stewardship, please contact Max Buban at maxmbuban82@gmail.com.

News of Invite Ministries

New Prayer Concerns:

The family of Rob Tangeman, Josh Brodbeck's cousin, who died on Sunday

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
Pom, Na Brown's friend, recovering from a seizure
Sammy Cochran, Shannon & Abbey's infant son, Debbie & AC's grandson, home following hospitalization
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

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.

News of Empower Ministries

Empowerment Shelf – June 2026

By Elizabeth Sammons with love from Neighbor-to-Neighbor

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

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.

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.

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Monday 9:00am - Vacation Bible School

3:00 pm – LSS Food Pantry
 6:30 pm – BSA Troop 555

Tuesday 9:00 am – Vacation Bible School

7:30 pm – Habitat for Humanity Steering Committee

Wednesday 9:00 am - Vacation Bible School

10:15 am – Preacher’s Bible Study

Thursday 9:00 am - Vacation Bible School

Friday No Events Scheduled

Saturday 1:30 pm – Eagle Scout Court of Honor

Sunday, June 21, 2026

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Holy Trinity Schedule of Worship Servers – June 2026

| Date | Time | Welcome Center | Assisting Minister | Lay Reader | Ushers | Communion Assistants | Livestream | Bread Bakers | Communion Team |
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| 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 14 – Matthew 7:7-8; Ruth 3:1-18 **Daring to Act**
 Sunday, June 21 – Luke 1:46-55; Ruth 4:1-22 **New Life**

For mobile giving options, scan code below with your phone’s camera or go to <http://www.engagedbygrace.org/offering>

