



Holy Trinity
Lutheran Church

Engaged by Grace.

WEEKLY

Ministry Announcements for the week of June 21 - 28, 2026

Our Sunday Schedule

8:30 am – Morning Prayer with Communion

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

Welcome Christians from the Holy Land

On **Sunday, June 21**, during both worship services, we will hear from Johnny Khair from Bethlehem. He 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.

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#/#/](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.**

School Supply Collection

Vacation Bible School began a collection of school supplies this week to share with children at the YWCA Family Center, a shelter that temporarily houses families that find themselves homeless. Now everyone at Holy Trinity is being asked to add their own contributions as well. Throughout the summer and leading up to the **Blessing of the Backpacks on Sunday, August 16**, we will be collecting NEW school supplies to be distributed to children at the Y-Center. The items we'll be collecting are:

- Pencils and pens
- Notebooks
- Folders
- Crayons, Colored Pencils, Markers
- Clear (see-through) backpacks

Contributions can be placed in the collection bin located under the signup table in the Gathering space. These items will be blessed along with our own bags on Sunday, August 16. Thanks in advance for your help!

Stewardship Corner

God loves both the rich and the poor. Jesus warned that wealth can be highly dangerous. He told how difficult it was for the rich to be saved when He said, *"How hard it is for the rich to enter the kingdom of God!"* (Luke 18:24-25). God doesn't condemn wealth. The warning is about the attitude that an abundance of money and possessions can cause. Paul wrote, *"For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil. Some people, eager for money, have wandered from the faith and pierced themselves with many griefs"* (1 Timothy 6:10). For more information about stewardship, please contact Max Buban at maxbuban82@gmail.com.

News of Invite Ministries

New Prayer Concerns:

Ryan Dunn, Janet Maxwell's son, deployed with the Ohio Air National Guard to the South Pacific
The family of Jerry Markowich, brother of Dave Markowich, who died on June 3

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
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

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.

Holy Trinity Ministry in Action VBS – Snowball Mountain Challenge June 15 – 18, 2026



Each day started with a group opening led by Pastor Steve and middle school students in the sanctuary.



The children rotated through various stations – Bible storytelling, Science, Crafts, Games and Snacks.



Holy Trinity Ministry in Action

High School Mission Trip – Cleveland

June 1 – 3, 2026



After leaving Holy Trinity early Monday, the group's first stop was the Honey from the Rock foster closet.



The youth served at the Greater Cleveland Food Bank and Lutheran Metropolitan Mission on Tuesday.



They wrapped up their trip with a fishing excursion on Lake Erie and a sunset picnic on the roof.

Ministry Calendar at Holy Trinity for June 21 - 28, 2026

Sunday, June 21, 2026

8:30 am – Morning Prayer with Communion
 10:00 am – Worship with Communion in Person or Online at www.engagedbygrace.org

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 28, 2026

8:00 am – First English Breakfast Ministry
 8:30 am – Morning Prayer with Communion
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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
June 21	10:00 am		Tim Hudson	Keith Townsend	John Gray	Peg Steele	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 21 – Luke 1:46-55; Ruth 4:1-22 **New Life**
 Sunday, June 28 – Luke 9:23-24; Esther 4:1-17 **For a Moment Like This**

The Holy Trinity Staff:

Pastor: Steve Wachtman (steve.wachtman@engagedbygrace.org)
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