



Holy Trinity
Lutheran Church

Engaged by Grace.

WEEKLY

Ministry Announcements for the week of June 28 – July 5, 2026

Our Sunday Schedule

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

Thanks from Christian Families in the Holy Land

On behalf of the Christian families of Bethlehem in the Holy Land, we want to thank you for having us at your church and for supporting Bethlehem Christians during this very difficult time. We enjoyed being with you and were impressed by the interest and generosity of your church members. Please thank every one of them on our behalf.

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.**

An organ concert is tentatively scheduled to follow the parade. Determination will be made early in the week whether one of the organ keys can be serviced in time. Be watching for an update in next week's newsletter.

School Supply Collection

Vacation Bible School began a collection of school supplies last 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 calls us, as stewards of God's gifts, to give what we have. The Lord doesn't ask us to give what we don't have. *"For if the willingness is there, the gift is acceptable according to what one has, not according to what one does not have"* (2 Corinthians 8:12). Satan will make every effort to tell us that we don't have anything to give or that what we could give would be so small it would be meaningless. With God's strength, we can give faithfully from a small or large amount of money. God is just as pleased with those who give generously from a small sum of money as those who give generously from a large sum. For more info about stewardship, please contact Max Buban at maxmbuban82@gmail.com.

News of Invite Ministries

New Prayer Concerns:

Barb Campbell, anticipating a biopsy on a lymph node
Maxine Baer, Erika & Mike Lamont's infant granddaughter and Francine & Max Buban's great granddaughter, hospitalized at Children's with two respiratory viruses
Richard Boettcher, undergoing kidney surgery on Monday
Elizabeth Sammons, traveling through Europe on scholarship and goodwill missions

Prayers for Our Members:

Cheryl Kriska, recovering from back surgery
Joanne Duncan, at Dublin Post-Acute Care Center, undergoing physical therapy after a fall
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
Ryan Dunn, Janet Maxwell's son, deployed with the Ohio Air National Guard to the South Pacific
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 – July 2026

By Elizabeth Sammons with love from Neighbor-to-Neighbor

The Payback, *She Persisted* and *Bound for Canada* 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. ...

The Payback by Cauley, Kashana

Jada Williams can tell exactly what style people need to transform their life. Too bad she's no longer using this superpower as a wardrobe designer to Hollywood stars, but for minimum wage. When Jada is fired yet again, she is forced to outrun the Debt Police who are out for blood. But Jada, like any great antihero, is not going to wait for the cops to come kick her around. With the help of two other debt-burdened mall coworkers, she hatches a plan for revenge.

She Persisted by Pinkney, Andrea Davis

Ella Fitzgerald struggled as a child, especially during the Great Depression. But after winning over the audience with her singing at an Amateur Night, Ella's career began, and she eventually went on to become a world-renowned singer known as the First Lady of Song. In this chapter book biography, readers learn about her amazing life and how she persisted. For grades 2-4.

Bound for Canada by Bordewich, Fergus

The Underground Railroad remains a pivotal movement in American history. This book presents the humanity of the movement. Historical figures--black and white, slave and free, are shown as complex richly textured characters in this movement.

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Monday 6:30 pm – BSA Troop 555

Tuesday No Events Scheduled

Wednesday 10:15 am – Preacher’s Bible Study

Thursday 12:30 pm – LSS Food Pantry

Friday **Church Office Closed (Independence Day observed)**

Saturday, Independence Day

9:00 am – Upper Arlington Parade and Hospitality

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Holy Trinity Schedule of Worship Servers – June and July 2026

Date	Time	Welcome Center	Assisting Minister	Lay Reader	Ushers	Communion Assistants	Livestream	Bread Bakers	Communion Team
June 28	10:00 am		Jody Passafume	Jody Passafume	Matt Sharp Ben Kaffenberger	Carolyn Cramer Chris Pryor	Mark Abell	Nancy VanFossen	Janette MacConnell Kris Kochheiser Nancy Riley
July 5	10:00 am		Lynn Anderson	Dyann Taylor	Tom Wuichet Skip Duncan	Herb Maxwell Janet Maxwell	Jared Forts	Suellen Sharp	Nancy VanFossen Madeleine Guggenaster Lynn Anderson
July 12	10:00 am	Benson Ross	Ron Benedick	Debbie Cochran	Dan Perry Mike Lamont	MJ Neiman Jeff Sammons	Ben Kaffenberger	Nancy VanFossen	Kathy Higbee Marie Tanner
July 19	10:00 am		Elli Cucksey	Tim Hudson	Mark Abell AC Cochran	Karen Larson Nancy Riley	Tim Rice	Becky Warnement	Terri Michael Joanne Duncan

Sunday Worship Texts

Sunday, June 28 – Luke 9:23-24; Esther 4:1-17 **For a Moment Like This**
 Sunday, July 5 – Luke 1:68-72; Esther 7:1-10, 9:1-2, 20-22, 29-32 **From Sadness to Joy**

The Holy Trinity Staff:

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