



Holy Trinity  
Lutheran Church

*Engaged by Grace.*

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Ministry Announcements for the week of July 12 - 19, 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)

## Pastoral Succession Discernment Process

Dear Friends in Christ,

As we continue the discernment for a future pastoral succession plan at the time of Pastor Steve's retirement, Holy Trinity's church council is reaching out to explore the financial feasibility of the co-pastor model and to conduct means testing based on the insights and guidance provided by the congregation.

The objective of this phase is to see what interest already exists in the congregation to help fund a co-pastor model, if that's the direction the congregation decides.

To be clear: this is not a decision to move forward with that model — it is an act of faithful stewardship, gathering the information needed to answer the questions many of you raised and to further guide our collective discernment.

We also want to create opportunities for our congregation to continue providing their thoughts and considerations about the models, and Council will continue to share information about the discernment process.

To share your thoughts, please complete and return the mailed response form by Sunday, August 16<sup>th</sup>. Extra forms and a collection box are available at the reception window.

Thank you, again, for your active participation in sharing your insight as part of this ongoing process and reach out to any council member with questions — we are here to walk this road together, in faith and in fellowship.

In Christ's service,  
Holy Trinity Church Council

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## American Red Cross Blood Drive

Save the date for the next Red Cross blood drive at Holy Trinity on **Thursday, July 30 from 9am-2pm**. You can make an appointment online at [www.redcrossblood.org/give](http://www.redcrossblood.org/give) or by calling 1-800-REDCROSS.

## **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**

When we give faithfully and generously, we demonstrate God's redeeming grace that is alive and well within us. Because of God's grace, we are empowered to give. Our giving is a spiritual response to God out of gratitude for all that God has done for us. Giving in response to God's love should be our primary motive for giving. Giving to meet our church's budget is important, but it should not be our primary reason for giving. Through the giving of our first and best to the Lord, we worship and honor Him. For more information about stewardship, please contact Max Buban at [maxmbuban82@gmail.com](mailto:maxmbuban82@gmail.com).

## **News of Invite Ministries**

### **New Prayer Concerns:**

Zinny Bond, being treated for ovarian cancer

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

Alice Larrimer, recovering from shoulder replacement surgery

Sara Neikirk, recovering from surgery

Barb Campbell, anticipating a biopsy on a lymph node

Richard Boettcher, recovering from kidney surgery

Elizabeth Sammons, traveling through Europe on scholarship and goodwill missions

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 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

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.

## Ministry Calendar at Holy Trinity for July 12 - 19, 2026

### Sunday, July 12, 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)

**Monday** 6:30 pm – BSA Troop 555

**Tuesday** No Events Scheduled

**Wednesday** 10:15 am – Preacher’s Bible Study

**Thursday** No Events Scheduled

**Friday** No Events Scheduled

**Saturday** 10:00 am – Private Event

### Sunday, July 19, 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)

## Holy Trinity Schedule of Worship Servers – July & August 2026

Date	Time	Welcome Center	Assisting Minister	Lay Reader	Ushers	Communion Assistants	Livestream	Bread Bakers	Communion Team
July 12	10:00 am	Benson Ross	Ron Benedick	Debbie Cochran	Dan Perry Mike Lamont	MJ Neiman Jeff Sammons	Ben Kaffenberger	Nancy VanFossen	Terri Michael Joanne Duncan
July 19	10:00 am		Elli Cucksey	Tim Hudson	Mark Abell AC Cochran	Karen Larson Nancy Riley	Tim Rice	Becky Warnement	Kathy Higbee Marie Tanner
July 26	10:00 am		Tim Hudson	Mary Jane Neiman	John Gray Ron Benedick	Carolyn Cramer Chris Pryor	Matt Sharp	Chris Burton	Suellen Sharp Nancy Riley
Aug. 2	10:00 am		Jody Passafume	Keith Townsend	Chris Pryor Peter Ward	AC Cochran Elli Cucksey	Mark Abell	Debbie Cochran	Chris Grabenstatter Janette MacConnell Kris Kochheiser

### Sunday Worship Texts

Sunday, July 12 – Luke 15:1-7, 1 Timothy 1:12-17 **Have Confidence in the Gospel**  
 Sunday, July 19 – Luke 16:27-30; 1 Timothy 6:6-19 **Take Hold of Eternal Life**

### The Holy Trinity Staff:

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