



Holy Trinity
Lutheran Church

Engaged by Grace.

WEEKLY

Ministry Announcements for the week of July 19 - 26, 2026

Our Sunday Schedule

8:30 am – Morning Prayer with Communion

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

Mission Trip Sharing

High school youth and adults from Holy Trinity traveled to Cleveland this summer for a 3-day mission trip. They will be sharing a “taste” of their experiences with a presentation and walleye fish bites on **Sunday, August 2nd at 9:30 am**. Photos will be displayed and youth will be available to answer questions throughout the morning. See you then!

First English Breakfast Ministry

Holy Trinity will provide breakfast for our friends at First English Lutheran Church on **Sunday, July 26**, serving scrambled eggs, ham, potatoes, fresh fruit, grits, and breakfast pastries. Items needed for the free pantry include instant coffee, small jars of peanut butter and jelly, washcloths and personal/baby wipes. If you'd like to contribute any of these items, 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 food and/or pantry donations should be delivered to Holy Trinity by Sunday, July 26 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/5080948AAAD28A57-64758663-first>

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**. The need for blood donations is currently at an EMERGENCY level. You can make an appointment online at www.redcrossblood.org/give or by calling 1-800-REDCROSS. Walk-ins are also welcome.

Attention High School Youth!

Mark your calendars for an informational meeting regarding the 2027 ELCA National Youth Gathering to be held in Minneapolis, Minnesota next year with the theme “Imagine More.” The Youth Gathering is a wonderful opportunity to worship and learn with other young people from around the country. Families and youth entering 8th grade through 12th grade this fall are invited to attend this meeting at **11:15 am on Sunday, August 16** in the conference room to hear details about the Gathering and the registration taking place in October. Another informational meeting will be conducted in September for those unable to attend in August.

School Supply Collection

Vacation Bible School began a collection of school supplies 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 and Work Bags 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!

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 16th. Rest assured your responses will only be seen by members of the Executive/Personnel Committee. 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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Stewardship Corner

In discussing tithing, giving ten percent of our incomes, the question that is often asked is, "Should my giving be based on my gross or net income?" Proverbs 3:9 will help us answer that question: "*Honor the Lord with your wealth, with the first fruits of all your crops.*" Based on this as well as other verses, we can understand that the tithe should be based on our gross incomes. The reference to "your wealth" implies that we need to honor God with all that we have. For more information about stewardship, please contact Max Buban at maxmbuban82@gmail.com.

News of Invite Ministries

New Prayer Concerns:

Michael and Teddy Corey, Heidi Welch and Dan Sharpe's friends, hospitalized after a serious car accident
Romie Fullenkamp, Mandy Richards' uncle, diagnosed with lung cancer and in need of a new heart valve

Prayers for Our Members:

Zinny Bond, being treated for ovarian cancer
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
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.

Ministry Calendar at Holy Trinity for July 19 - 26, 2026

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

Monday

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

Tuesday

No Events Scheduled

Wednesday

8:00 am – P.E.O. Meeting
 10:15 am – Preacher's Bible Study
 7:00 pm – Evening Bible Study

Thursday

No Events Scheduled

Friday

No Events Scheduled

Saturday

2:00 pm - Private Event

Sunday, July 26, 2026

8:00 am – First English Breakfast Ministry
 8:30 am – Morning Prayer with Communion
 10:00 am – Worship with Communion in Person or Online at 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 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
Aug. 9	10:00 am	Bob & Barb Campbell	Celeste Chappell-Bates	Beth Myser	Skip Duncan Doug Myser	Deb Bickford Peter Ward	Jared Forts	Chris Grabenstatter	Nancy VanFossen Lynn Anderson

Sunday Worship Texts

Sunday, July 19 – Luke 16:27-30; 1 Timothy 6:6-19 **Take Hold of Eternal Life**

Sunday, July 26 – Luke 17:5-6; 2 Timothy 1:1-14 **Rekindle the Gift of God**

The Holy Trinity Staff:

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