



Engaged By Grace

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Ministry Announcements for the week of October 11 - 18, 2026

Our Sunday Schedule

- 8:30 am – Morning Prayer with Communion
- 9:20 am – Church Fam Connect/“Teen Talks” Sunday Hangout
- 10:00 am – Worship in Person or Online at www.engagedbygrace.org
- 11:15 am – Adult Faith Enrichment – Christian Response to Migration and Human Trafficking
- 5:00 pm – Youth Group at Lifeline Christian Mission

New Ministry Opportunities

Welcome New Members

This Sunday, October 11, Holy Trinity will receive the following people as members of Holy Trinity: Nancy Bowers, Dick & Kerry Fankouser, Colby LeManton, Kristin Mathews, and Phoebe Roberts. Please introduce yourself!

Fall Festival Potluck and Square Dance – Sunday, October 18, 4-7pm

Wyman Woods Park Shelter House (1520 Goodale Boulevard)

How long has it been since you’ve square-danced?! Have you ever square-danced?!? Would you love to reminisce about the great times you’ve had square-dancing?!?!

With those questions covering pretty much everyone, **the whole congregation** is invited to this Fall Festival as an additional community event on Marathon Sunday, October 18 when roadways are blocked around the church in the morning.

Here’s the schedule:

- 4:00 - Potluck Setup
- 4:15 - Opening Devotion
- 4:30 - Potluck Supper
- 5:15 - Square Dance for all ages
- 6:45 - Blessing and Dismissal

(Playground will be available throughout.)

Pulled pork, pulled chicken and apple cider provided. Please sign-up at the Collection & Signup Corner or by clicking <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0E44ADA92DA0F9C52-66151722-fall> to bring your favorite fall salad, side dish, or dessert to share.

Yeehaw!!! Grab your favorite plaid shirt and see you there!

Columbus Marathon is Sunday, October 18

The Columbus Marathon, a showcase for the city, can sometimes be an obstacle for people trying to get to Holy Trinity. Because the racecourse encircles the church, it's a good idea to build in a little extra time to get here and anticipate possibly speaking with a police officer stationed along the route directing traffic. For more information and a map of the course, go to www.columbusmarathon.com/marathon or pick up a hard copy of the map at the reception window. If you can't make it to church that morning, please consider watching the worship service online at www.engagedbygrace.org or join us Sunday evening for our Fall Festival Potluck and Square Dance (see corresponding article above for details.)

ThankFULL Bags

Holy Trinity is once again supporting Lutheran Social Services Network of Hope in their upcoming "ThankFULL Bag" project. Grocery bags filled with specific food items are being collected so that families can enjoy a Thanksgiving meal. In recent years, local church partners have provided food for over 2,800 families. Please see the list below or the [flier linked here](#) for a list of specific food items that are being collected in reusable grocery bags. ThankFULL Bag donations can be placed just outside the Holy Trinity sanctuary between now and **Sunday, November 15**. If you prefer to make a cash donation, the Holy Trinity Tweens will be shopping for the grocery items. Reach out to Noelle Fox at noelle.fox@engagedbygrace.org if you have questions.

Bags should contain (only):

- * **1 box of mashed potatoes (13.75 oz)**
- * **2 cans of fruit (peaches, applesauce, pears, etc.)**
- * **3 cans of green beans**
- * **2 cans of corn**
- * **2 cans of pumpkin**
- * **1 can of cranberry sauce**
- * **1 box or bag of stuffing mix**
- * **1 turkey gravy packet**
- * **1 boxed yellow cake mix**

Contents should be assembled in reusable shopping bags.

All Saints Sunday

On **Sunday, November 1**, we will light a candle and remember in prayer all those members of Holy Trinity who have died in the past twelve months. We would like to include any of your deceased loved ones as well. Please sign up at the Collection & Signup corner or contact laura.hudson@engagedbygrace.org with the name(s) of the person(s) to be remembered.

First English Breakfast Ministry

Holy Trinity will be providing a hot breakfast to our friends at First English Lutheran Church on **Sunday, October 25**, serving breakfast burritos, scrambled eggs, rice, black beans, roasted potatoes, fresh fruit and breakfast pastries. The free pantry is also open on the 4th Sunday. They are currently in need of SMALL jars of peanut butter and jelly, small cans of coffee or instant coffee jars, and canned food with easy-open pop-tops. Deodorant, laundry pods and lotion are in short supply. All donated items should be delivered to Holy Trinity by Sunday, October 25 at 8:00 am for transport to FELC. Or you can drop off to the Warnements' home in advance, drop to Becky's office, or bring donations directly to First English, 1015 E. Main St. 43205 by 8:15 am that Sunday. Breakfast service begins at 8:30. If you'd like to contribute items for the pantry or sign up to help serve on the 25th, click https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080948AAAD28A57-66213431-first#.

Endowment Fund Seeks Requests for Grants

Holy Trinity's Mission Endowment Fund Committee is excited to announce that we have funds available to disperse for 2027. What is an Endowment? An endowment fund is a permanent pool of invested assets where the principal remains intact, and only the investment earnings are used to support a non-profit organization's mission for perpetuity. In simple terms, it provides additional support to the church and community beyond the annual budget. It also reassures donors that legacy gifts will be well-managed for the long term.

Holy Trinity's Endowment funds will be awarded across three designated areas:

- Community outreach efforts
- ELCA activities within synods, seminaries, colleges, or local social service agencies
- Holy Trinity program enrichment, ministry support, or capital improvement

Written directions to apply are available at the ministry info table or at www.engagedbygrace.org. Tell your favorite 501(c)3 organization that applications are due to the church office by **Sunday, October 25**. If you have questions, please see Tony Jones, Matt Sharp, Matt Schumacher, Vicki Townsend or Dan Perry.

Stewardship Corner

It's easy to be thankful when we have plenty and are not in need – or is it? Thankfulness is an attitude of the heart and mind and is not necessarily dependent on the state of our financial affairs or even our health or general well-being. Those who rely on their Savior for all their needs have this attitude: *“Though the fig tree does not bud and there are no grapes on the vines, though the olive crops fail and the fields produce no food, though there are no sheep in the pen and no cattle in the stalls, yet I rejoice in the Lord. I will be joyful in God my Savior”* (Habakkuk 3:17-18.). For more information about stewardship, please contact Max Buban at maxmbuban82@gmail.com.

News of Invite Ministries

We Rejoice With:

The family of Ryan Dunn, Janet Maxwell's son, returned safely from deployment with the Air National Guard

New Prayer Concerns:

Jon Scheiderer, dealing with a respiratory illness

Bill Decker, who broke his wrist

Prayers for Our Members:

Wes Jones, at home

Celeste Chappell-Bates, in need of prayer

Joanne Duncan, recovering at home from a recent hospitalization

Zinny Bond, being treated for ovarian cancer

Dave Carothers, anticipating kidney surgery

Brian Johnson, at Harrison on 5th

Prayers for Our Family and Friends:

Chuck Jentes, Jill Banicki's father, recovering from major surgery

Craig Sturtz, Barretts' and Wachtmans' friend, undergoing experimental procedures for pancreatic cancer

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

Alexis Lilly, Celeste Chappell-Bates' friend, in need of prayer

Sammy Cochran, Shannon & Abbey's infant son, Debbie & AC's grandson, on anti-seizure meds

Violet, Carolyn and Clyde Cramer's neighbor's 9-year-old granddaughter, diagnosed with leukemia

Joe Stone, Genie Craven's son-in-law, dealing with the result of neck surgery

Jane Hart, Bill & Cyndy Decker's friend, who received a cochlear implant recently

Ernie Hartong, Bill and Cyndy Decker's friend, suffering from bladder cancer

Dr. Thomas Anderson, Bill Decker's friend, recently diagnosed with cancer

Billy Edwards, bass singer in Holy Trinity's choir, who fell out of a tree and broke his wrist and pelvis

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

Deb Rockenbaugh, Kris Kochheiser's sister-in-law, undergoing treatment for breast and lymph node cancer
Rodney Larson, Don Larson's brother, diagnosed with cancer
Randy Isaacson, Anna Lynch's father, dealing with health challenges
Jan Attanasio, Janet Maxwell's friend, diagnosed with ALS
Scott Houk, Susan Poling-Jones's friend, undergoing treatment for non-Hodgkins lymphoma
Lois Rozenquist, Susan Setterlin's friend, battling non-operable lung cancer
Andres Torres, Juan Torres's father, having heart issues
Chloe Walker, Annika Wachtman's fiancé Kyndall's niece, seriously burned in a science experiment at school
Amy Lavoie, Becky Warnement's cousin, battling a recurrence of lung cancer
Michael Corey, Heidi Welch and Dan Sharpe's friend, recovering from a serious car accident
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

Adult Discipleship Training

The life of faith for a disciple of Jesus includes these six dimensions drawn from the witness of the Bible: Prayer, Worship, Bible reading, Service, Church family and Stewardship. Our slate of Adult Faith Formation events on Sundays from 11:15 am-12 noon after worship will again offer topics across all those dimensions. Grab some coffee or juice, cookie or donut, and join the conversation in the Conference Room according to this schedule:

- **Christian Response to Migration and Human Trafficking** (Service)
- September 20, 27, October 4, 11
- **Against Christian Nationalism** (Bible)
- November 1, 8, 15

News of Empower Ministries

Habitat for Humanity Update

We are back to work on a normal schedule now- Thursdays from 8:00 am to 12:00 noon and Saturdays from 8:00 am to 3:30 pm with lunch provided. The house is located at 1848 Aberdeen Ave, Columbus, 43211.

The next items on our to-do list will be putting in fence posts and later building a fence. Inside, we will be installing flooring and beginning to do finish carpentry including casing around windows and doors as well as installing doors and vanities. All are welcome! For more information, please contact Benson Ross at detailsdetails96@gmail.com.

LSS Food Pantry Update

A loyal group of helpers from Holy Trinity continues to serve at our Lutheran Social Services Food Pantry twice a month. We work on the first Thursday of the month, 12:30-4pm, and third Monday, 3-6pm. The next date to serve is **Monday, October 19**. If you are recently retired or have spare time at either of those times, we would gladly welcome you into the fold. The LSS Food Pantry is located at 1460 S. Champion Avenue. We can pick you up at church or you can drive yourself to their parking lot. We serve between 180-220 patrons every time. Jobs are simple but important and greatly appreciated by the pantry staff and patrons. Can we include you in our team? Please contact Cyndy Decker, deckerwilliam@att.net, for more information.

Empowerment Shelf – October 2026

By Elizabeth Sammons with love from Neighbor-to-Neighbor

Benny on the Case, A Short Account of the Destruction of the Indies, and Inharmonious are Neighbor-to-Neighbor's books of note for October. 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.

Benny on the Case by King, Wesley

Benny lives in a retirement home that his mother runs, he has an eighty-six-year-old best friend named Mr. Tom, and he has Mosaic Down syndrome. When Benny transitions to a mainstream classroom, the other students tease him, except for Salma, who speaks Arabic, plays basketball, and isn't afraid to eat lunch with Benny. When Salma's grandmother and several other residents in the retirement home are robbed, Benny asks Salma to help him catch the thief. For grades 3-6

A Short Account of the Destruction of the Indies by Casas, Bartolomé de las

In 1542, this missionary priest wrote an indictment against European exploitation and mistreatment of the native peoples of the New World. The document was published in 1552. It carries all the urgency of a moment in history when it still seemed possible to reverse the tide.

Inharmonious by Huf, Tammye

When three young Black men enlist in the US Army, their lives are forever changed. Able to pass as white, Benny reports for duty only to realize he's been mistakenly enlisted as a white man in a racially segregated military. Lee has been friends with Benny ever since he was a troubled teenager. Meanwhile, family friend Roscoe offers to marry Cora to ensure that she and her mother -- who both remain home -- will be provided for should Benny not make it back. Benny does return, but his new white identity leaves him struggling to find his place in between. As America promises postwar prosperity to white veterans through the GI Bill, black soldiers are excluded.

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 10:00 am – Worship with Communion in Person or Online at www.engagedbygrace.org
 11:15 am – Adult Faith Enrichment – Christian Response to Migration & Human Trafficking
 2:00 pm – Private Event
 5:30 pm – Youth Group at Lifeline Christian Mission

Monday 6:30 pm – BSA Troop 555

Tuesday No Events Scheduled

Wednesday 10:15 am – Preacher's Bible Study
 1:30 pm – WELCA Esther Circle
 7:00 pm – Evening Bible Study

Thursday 6:30 pm – Bell Choir
 7:30 pm – Sanctuary Choir

Friday No Preschool/No K-Club

Saturday No Events Scheduled

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 4:00 pm – Fall Festival Potluck & Square Dance at Wyman Woods

Holy Trinity Schedule of Worship Servers – October & November 2026

Date	Time	Welcome Center	Assisting Minister	Lay Reader	Ushers	Communion Assistants	Livestream	Bread Bakers	Communion Team
Oct. 11	10:00 am	Benson Ross	Ron Benedick	Leslie Torres	Dan Perry Mike Lamont	MJ Neiman Jeff Sammons	Matt Sharp	Becky Warnement	Suellen Sharp Nancy Riley
Oct. 18	10:00 am						Ben Kaffenberger	Chris Burton	Nancy VanFossen Lynn Anderson
Oct. 25	10:00 am		Abbey Bates	Karen Larson	Adam Wagenbach John Gray	Chris Pryor AC Cochran	Tim Rice	Debbie Cochran	Kathy Higbee Marie Tanner
Nov. 1	10:00 am	Bob & Barb Campbell	Tim Hudson	Mary Jane Neiman	Chris Pryor Peter Ward	Elli Cucksey Keith Townsend	Mark Abell	Chris Grabenstatter	Chris Grabenstatter Janette MacConnell Kris Kochheiser

Sunday Worship Texts

Sunday, October 11 – Isaiah 25:1-9; Philippians 4:1-9; Matthew 22:1-14
 Sunday, October 18 – Isaiah 45:1-7; 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10; Matthew 22:15-22

The Holy Trinity Staff:

Pastor: Steve Wachtman (steve.wachtman@engagedbygrace.org)
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 Director of Faith Formation: Noelle Fox (noelle.fox@engagedbygrace.org)

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



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