HOLY TRINITY
LUTHERAN CHURCH

Engaged By Grace

WEEKLY

Ministry Announcements for the week of November 8 - 15, 2026

Our Sunday Schedule

8:30 am – Morning Prayer with Communion
9:20 am – Church Fam Connect (all ages)/"Teen Talks" Sunday Hangout (HS/MS youth)
10:00 am – Worship in Person or Online at www.engagedbygrace.org
11:15 am – Adult Faith Enrichment - Christian Nationalism
5:30 pm – "Root, Root, Rooted" MS/HS Parent Dinner

New Ministry Opportunities

Seminar on Welcoming People with Disabilities in Communities of Faith

The Bible is full of references to people living with disability who had no miraculous cure: from Leah, whose eyes were weak, to Moses with a stammer that required an interpreter (Aaron), to Jacob and his struggle with an angel that left him with a limp for the rest of his life. When meeting someone with visible or invisible disabilities, many of us recognize a need, but often we don't know how to respond.

Holy Trinity will host a panel of believers with various visible or invisible disabilities on **Sunday, November 15 at 11:15 am** to discuss best practices in welcoming and including our spiritual siblings with disabilities, appropriate for any faith community. We invite you to come dialogue with those of us who have lived experience in various congregations, asking the question, *how can we take a kind and active role in helping everyone feel welcome and engaged?* Participating in this meeting of minds will enrich not only our faith experience, but also any daily contact we may have with the disability community.

Moderated by Elizabeth Sammons, the panel includes: Rebecca Gonzalez, a Columbus-based self-taught artist, advocate, and community worker whose practice centers on healing through art. Drawing from lived experience with addiction recovery, mental illness, and disability, her work explores grief, trauma, and the power of interpersonal connection through community. Gonzalez facilitates local workshops on self-expression and storytelling. She has been featured in media campaigns, podcasts, short-form video, and public speaking across the Midwest and East Coast. See more of her practice at https://rgonzoarts.com.

Nate Fernandes is an active Roman Catholic living in Upper Arlington. He is married. In addition to being born blind, he and his wife Mary have an adopted child with multiple disabilities. Nate works in technology compliance in the healthcare industry.

Raised near Youngstown, Mark Seifarth acknowledges the Methodist Church's prayers and help through many childhood surgeries. Since then, he has also joined the Lutheran community, with over 40 years advocating and impacting laws and policy in Ohio and Washington, DC such as the Americans with Disabilities Act and the Developmental Disabilities Act. Today he supports several organizations on disability and policy issues. Mark also Chairs the Spiritual Life Committee where he resides, at Wesley Glen.
Due to the complexity of travel arrangements for the panelists, we want to be sure to have a critical mass of people in attendance for this insightful discussion. **Please click here to RSVP.**

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 specific food items that are being collected in reusable grocery bags. ThankFULL Bag donations can be placed just outside the Holy Trinity sanctuary until **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.

Contents should be assembled in reusable shopping bags and 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**

Attention Holy Trinity Children and Families

It's time to start preparing for the Christmas pageant! Any child 5th grade or younger is invited to sing and share the story of Jesus' birth. Everyone who wants to participate will get to sing and be part of the pageant (and it's even fine if they don't sing!) Please let us know if your child(ren) wishes to participate as well as if they would like a speaking part or not.

Rehearsals will be on **Thursdays, November 12, and 19, and December 3, and 10 from 6:00-6:30pm**. The pageant will be shared with the congregation during the **10:00 worship service** on **Sunday, December 13**.

Supper will be served each Thursday at 5:30 prior to rehearsal. While it's not necessary for you to RSVP for dinner, letting us know you are planning to eat is helpful in meal planning. If you are interested in providing dinner (homemade or catered), please sign up here. Please contact Josh Brodbeck or Noelle Fox for more info.

2027 Altar Flowers

Altar flowers beautify our worship space and are a lovely way to acknowledge special events or remember loved ones. Sign-up sheets are now available for 2027 flower dedications. Sign up at the flower stand near the Info Center or by contacting the church office at laura.hudson@engagedbygrace.org or 614-486-9433. Checks, electronic drafts or credit card payments should note "flowers" in the memo. The cost is $35.

Council Seeking Nominations

Nominations are now being accepted for a slate of candidates to serve 3-year terms on Church Council. All confirmed members of Holy Trinity are eligible to serve. Church members are invited to suggest candidates (including themselves) to Council President Lynn Anderson lynnanderson1873@gmail.com, Pastor Steve Wachtman steve.wachtman@engagedbygrace.org or the office email@engagedbygrace.org or 614-486-9433.

First English Breakfast Ministry

Holy Trinity will be providing a hot breakfast for our friends at First English Lutheran church on **Sunday, November 22,** 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 particularly in need of deodorant, medium and large underwear, blankets, lotion, hats, scarves, gloves and hand/foot warmers**. All donated items should be delivered to Holy Trinity by Sunday, November 22 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 Street 43205 by 8:15 am on that Sunday. Breakfast service begins at 8:30. If you'd like to contribute items for breakfast, the pantry or to help serve on the 22nd, please click the following link to sign up https:/www.signupgenius.com/go/5080948AAAD28A57-66213431-first#/.

Stewardship Corner
As winter nears, many sigh with regret. We long for the budding of the trees, not the falling of leaves. We yearn for warm breezes, not stinging winds. Yet we rely on God's grace for we know God will bring us again the warmth and life of spring. We can also rely on God to provide all our needs, even as we go through the lean, cold periods of our lives. God promises to make us *"rich in every way so that [we] can be generous on every occasion…"* (2 Corinthians 9:11). For more info, contact Max Buban maxmbuban82@gmail.com.

News of Invite Ministries

Removed from the Prayer List:
Andres Torres, father of Juan Torres, recovered from heart-related issues

Prayers for Our Members:
Genie Craven, at home recovering from a fall
Pat Rice, recovering from hip surgery
Steve Rice, recovering from emergency gallbladder surgery
Sue Ferguson, recovering from shoulder surgery
Zinny Bond, being treated for ovarian cancer
Wes Jones, being treated for lymphoma
Jon Scheiderer, dealing with a respiratory illness
Bill Decker, who broke his wrist
Abbey Bates, in need of prayer
Joanne Duncan, at home
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, Abbey 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
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
Chloe Walker, Annika Wachtman's wife 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, a cookie or donut, and join the conversation in the Conference Room.

- **Christian Nationalism** (Bible) – November 8
- **Disability Welcoming** (Church family) – November 15 (see corresponding article on front page)

News of Empower Ministries

Another Way to Show Love for Sikhona

Elli Wachtman has a small but tremendously impactful favor to ask.

She's Birdie - the organization that makes the personal safety alarm keychain that Elli has carried with her since 2021 - donates a portion of their profits to women's shelters.

Having strategized for years for ways to get Sikhona on that donation list, she has now received this notice:

HELP US CHOOSE

Which organization would you lie to see us donate to?

This holiday season, we're spreading a little extra love by giving back to a cause that matters most to YOU.

We want to hear which organization holds a special place in your heart and why. Your stories will help us choose where to make a meaningful donation this holiday season.

Click below to fill out a quick survey. Thank you for supporting She's Birdie – together we can make a difference this holiday season.

She's Birdie is taking nominations of organizations to receive their donation. It's a quick, 30-second (2-question) survey where they ask for the name of the organization (**Sikhona Rescue Centre** ;) and why it's meaningful to you (a response as short/long as you want). Click here to take the survey.

For more information or to refresh your understanding of the Sikhona Rescue Centre project: please click here.

As always, thank you for your continued support and prayers.

Empowerment Shelf – November 2026

By Elizabeth Sammons with love from Neighbor-to-Neighbor

Sugar Bush Babies: Stories of my Ojibwe Grandmother, The Border Between Us, and The Intellectual Origins of American Slavery are Neighbor-to-Neighbor's books of note for November. 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.

Sugar Bush Babies: Stories of my Ojibwe Grandmother by Fairbanks, Janis.
Through this lyrical memoir, we can revisit life during Indian Relocation, taking us through stories of childhood and lessons learned at the writer's grandmother's knee on the Fond du Lac Reservation.

The Border Between Us by Ruiz, Rudy.
Ramón López was born along the US-Mexico border but is determined to embrace the American dream -- making it to New York and succeeding as an artist. His admiration for his entrepreneurial father sours as he watches his dad's dreams of success wither. Ramón's mother is preoccupied with his younger brother, who struggles with intellectual disabilities. Will "making it" demand too big a sacrifice?

The Intellectual Origins of American Slavery by Harpham, John Samuel.
English merchants found justification for the Atlantic slave trade in Roman law. That tradition influenced key authors such as John Locke and Hugo Grotius, who in turn shaped the attitudes of traders initially hesitant to profit from human bondage.

Habitat for Humanity Update – 1848 Aberdeen Ave.

Our house is coming along nicely, and nearing completion! This week we will be finishing up installation of all the woodwork - door casing and flooring. Next week we will be working on finishing touches - painting and caulking to make the house beautiful inside! We work Thursdays and Saturdays. Come on out and join the fun! Contact Benson Ross for more information at 614-747-0930 or detailsdetails96@gmail.com.

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11:15 am – Adult Faith Enrichment – Christian Nationalism
5:30 pm – "Root, Root, Rooted" HS/MS Parent Dinner

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 II

Thursday 5:30 pm – Thursday Supper at Church
6:00 pm – Christmas Pageant Rehearsal
6:30 pm – Bell Choir
7:30 pm – Sanctuary Choir

Friday No Events Scheduled

Saturday No Events Scheduled

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11:15 am – Adult Faith Enrichment – Panel on Disability Welcoming
7:00 pm - Confirmation

Holy Trinity Schedule of Worship Servers – November 2026

Date	Time	Welcome Center	Assisting Minister	Lay Reader	Ushers	Communion Assistants	Livestream	Bread Bakers	Communion Team
Nov. 8	10:00 am		Jody Passafume	Keith Townsend	Doug Myser Matt Sharp	Peter Ward Deb Bickford	Matt Fox	Dyann Taylor	Suellen Sharp Nancy Riley
Nov. 15	10:00 am		Keith Townsend	Beth Myser	Dan Perry Ron Benedick	Janet Maxwell Herb Maxwell	Jared Forts	Suellen Sharp	Terri Michael Joanne Duncan
Nov. 22	10:00 am	Benson Ross	Lynn Anderson	Ben Kaffenberger	Tom Wuichet Skip Duncan	Jeff Sammons MJ Neiman	Matt Sharp	Nancy VanFossen	Nancy VanFossen Lynn Anderson

Sunday Worship Texts
Sunday, November 8 – Amos:5-18-24; 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18; Matthew 25:1-13
Sunday, November 15 – Zephaniah 1:7, 12-18; 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11; Matthew 25:14-30

The Holy Trinity Staff:
Pastor: Steve Wachtman (steve.wachtman@engagedbygrace.org)
Child Development Center: Molly Capuano and Jackie Newlon (directorhtcdp@gmail.com)
Administrator: Laura Hudson (laura.hudson@engagedbygrace.org)
Minister of Music: Joshua Brodbeck (joshua.brodbeck@engagedbygrace.org)
Director of Faith Formation: Noelle Fox (noelle.fox@engagedbygrace.org)

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