

HIGHLIGHTS

THE MONTHLY MAGAZINE *of* HOLY TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

November 2020



**Bringing the Good News
of our Lord to the World**

*Bob Foutty trains Ethan Korvne on the new
audio and video board and equipment*

ARTS @ HOLY TRINITY



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Our sincere thanks to the Leek Pipe Organ Company for serving as the season's Outreach Underwriter.



**HOLY TRINITY
LUTHERAN CHURCH**

artsholytrinity.org

**Friday, December 4, 2020
7:30 p.m.**

Procession of Advent Lessons & Carols

Holy Trinity's choirs join musical forces with the Madrigal Singers of Firestone Community Learning Center for this annual event. We hear the powerful story of salvation — from Bible readings, choral anthems and congregational hymns — that moves us from darkness to light, Advent to Christmas. Music leaders include adult and youth vocal choirs, a handbell choir and instrumentalists.

The Madrigal Singers, under the direction of Chad Pittman, are one of six choral ensembles offered at the Akron School of the Arts at Firestone Community Learning Center. This group consists of advanced singers who excel in sight-reading, vocal technique and musicianship, regularly performing professional level sacred and secular music. They are chosen based on rigorous audition and academic/character references, and perform all a' cappella literature without an adult director. The Madrigal Singers have represented Akron at local, state and national level professional conferences as well as countless private functions, including weddings and funerals. All students are also members of the Symphonic Choir, the school's largest and most advanced choir. Many also take advantage of other choral and performance opportunities at school.



**This concert performance will be
live-streamed at artsholytrinity.org.**

Details for this concert will be amended as pandemic conditions dictate.
Please refer to artsholytrinity.org for the most up-to-date information.

Forever Shall Abide ... Part 2

*God's Word forever shall abide, no thanks to those who fear it.
For God himself fights by our side with weapons of the Spirit.
– Martin Luther, A Mighty Fortress Is Our God (ELW 504, vs. 4)*



Pastor David

A couple months back, we talked about financial stewardship in this space...how we might invite our members and friends to maintain and even increase their support for Holy Trinity's mission in 2021. It is a real challenge in our present climate to make that invitation in a way that recognizes the continuing struggles around us...pandemic and otherwise. Some among us have suffered and continue to suffer deeply. It's not easy to think about support for the work of the church when your job has disappeared or your loved one is sick, even dying. Others among us may not have been touched to the same extent by illness or job loss, but we still must deal with the lingering psychological and spiritual effects of the profound upset around us. That has an impact, too. And how do we realistically plan for the year ahead when we've watched our best laid plans for 2020 get shredded? Maybe getting by day-by-day, week-by-week is the best we can hope for.

So how do we move forward from here?

The leader of a webinar I recently attended offered this: "You may find it difficult to plan, but that doesn't mean you don't prepare." Good advice, I think.

And indeed...that's what we have been doing. Our ministry teams have been looking at how their efforts "bring Jesus to people through love and the Word of God." And they have begun preparing to deploy the resources we provide them in ways that reach out both in-person and by virtual means. The plans are not yet clear, but the preparation is underway. Our budget and finance and administrative committees have been at work making sure that our support for the mission we share...in terms of income, endowment management, and staff resources...is both smart and faithful. The plans are not yet fully developed, but the preparation (as evidenced at the recent congregational meeting) is well underway.

But this preparatory work is not just a job done inside the walls on Prospect Street or in the Zoom meetings of our committees. It is work in which we all share. And it is not work limited to making pledges and offerings. Real stewardship is always broader and deeper than that. It involves the daily nurture of the soul that allows us to see God persistently at work in a broken world and to understand that we are alongside that work. It comes through the acts of prayer and devotion that open our hearts to the One who would lead us in this.

And even if we don't grasp the fullness of God's plan for us or for this congregation, it is evident already that the preparations for a future of faithful ministry are well underway.

God's Word forever shall abide. I love Luther's confidence, especially in these days when we're often told that the only thing we can count on is our present turmoil. To be



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Family Promise is not hosting families in rotation due to the pandemic. Holy Trinity was host to two families in our church building last December that went on to stay at the Family Promise Glendora House in west Akron when the pandemic began. Since March, Family Promise has provided shelter to three families at the apartment building at 1100 Copley Road. Three of the building's nine apartments have been completely remodeled and are being used by guest families, with remodeling of the other six in progress.

These families are being supported through the volunteer efforts of the host churches. The Outreach/Social Concerns Team is asking the congregation to help support the three families at Glendora House by purchasing groceries, which will be delivered to them. Our week to provide groceries will **begin Sunday, Nov. 9th**.

We will need enough groceries for each family to prepare themselves meals for one week. A typical grocery list will include basics like cereal, soup, tuna, bread, mac and cheese, applesauce, and canned goods, as well as fresh foods, such as milk, lunch meat, ground beef, fruit, vegetables, potatoes, butter, and eggs. We will also purchase juices, snacks, and some convenience foods for the families, some prepared foods such as rotisserie chicken and ham, and also condiments.

If you would like to help, you may contribute money to this effort, please mark your contribution "Glendora House." If you wish to be a grocery shopper, contact Gregg Loesch for information. †

Help Prepare & Serve To-Go Meals

Holy Trinity has been partnering with the Robinson CLC Family Resource Center (FRC) throughout the school to prepare and provide to-go meals for the students and families. This has been a wonderful opportunity to see and interact with the staff and families!



Robinson CLC

Your help is needed to prepare and serve Thanksgiving to-go meals on **Thursday, November 19**. Volunteers need to arrive by 3:15 p.m. at the school for prep work; meals will be served 4:30-6 p.m. drive-thru style in the school parking lot. Face masks are required. If you can serve, please contact Sandy DeLuca at (330) 703-4870 or at sdeluca@holytrinityakron.org. †



Help Decorate for Advent

Volunteers are needed to help decorate our sanctuary for the season of Advent. We will meet after worship Sunday, November 22. Many hands make light work.

Come join us! †



It was another busy week at DLM Food & Resources!! Volunteers from the IBH Recovery Center Reach Program were on-hand to help sort and prepare 70 non-perishable food boxes as well as 70 boxes filled with fresh produce from Cornerstone Market. The weather cooperated, so most of the packing was done outdoors. In addition to the food boxes, volunteers helped sort and organize clothing in preparation of the Clothing Give-Away that was held October 29, 30 and 31. †

RIGHT & BELOW RIGHT: Volunteers from the IBH Reach Program help sort clothing for the upcoming give-away.

BELOW: Fresh produce from Cornerstone Market.



DLM by the Numbers

Throughout the COVID-19 pandemic, DLM Food & Resources has continued to operate and provide food boxes, personal care items along with cleaning supplies and laundry items to those families involved with Project RISE and others who are in need.

In September through mid-October, DLM has served the following ...



134 Families



607 Individuals



357 Children

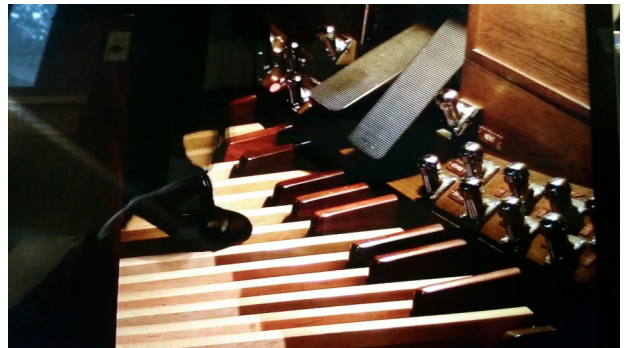
ARTS @ HOLY TRINITY



Arts @ Holy Trinity welcomed organist Christa Rakich on October 4. This was the first concert attended by an in-person audience since February. Ms. Rakich participated in a walk-by meet-n-greet in the Sanctuary following the concert (*photo at left*). Ms. Rakich presented a workshop October 3, co-sponsored by the Leek Pipe Organ Company and the Akron Chapter AGO. And thank you to Leek Pipe Organ Company for serving as the Outreach Underwriter for the season. †



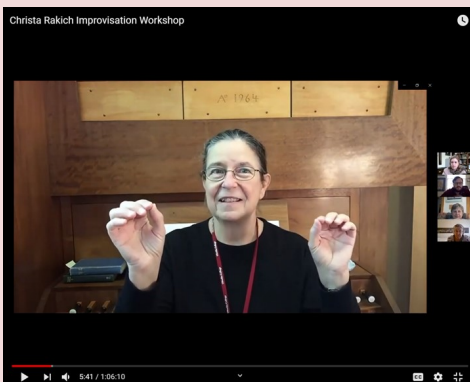
ABOVE & BELOW: Specially placed cameras captured Christa Rakich playing the organ keys and the foot pedals for those live-streaming the concert performance.



Artistic Director, Arts @ Holy Trinity, Deacon Ruth Anderson



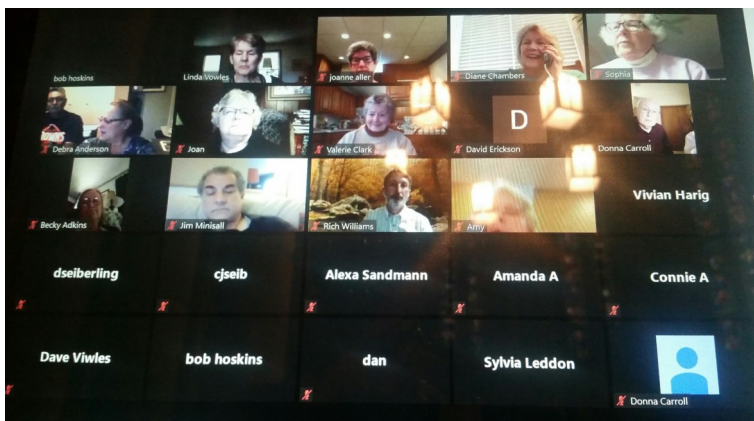
Christa Rakich introduced one her selections to the in-person audience, all seated physically distant.



Hymn Improvisation Workshop Available Online

Arts @ Holy Trinity presented Christa Rakich in concert October 4. As part of her visit to Akron, she also offered a workshop (via Zoom) on how to practice hymn improvisation. More than twenty people from six AGO (American Guild of Organists) chapters attended. Using "Old Hundredth" as the hymn tune to improvise on, she employed patterns and techniques of Johann Pachelbel as shown in his "Partita on 'Was Gott tut, das ist wohlgetan.'"

This workshop is now available for a limited time on the Akron AGO YouTube channel. Visit: <https://akronago.org/>.



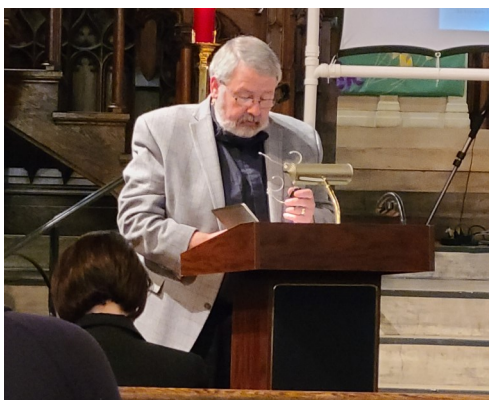
LEFT & BELOW LEFT: Pictured are screen shots of those who attended the meeting virtually online.



TOP RIGHT: Council President Sonya Nagle gives opening remarks at the meeting.



BOTTOM RIGHT: Budget Committee Chair Bob Keener presents the 2021 draft budget.



Pastor David gives a closing prayer.

Congregation Meeting

This year's semi-annual Congregation Meeting was like none other. Held as a 'hybrid' meeting, 30+ members attended in-person, all physically distant, and another 20+ attended via Zoom Meeting, from the comfort of their homes. And the business of the day was successfully completed ... Council and Nominating Committee members were elected; Constitution amendments and by-laws were passed and the 2021 draft budget was presented! Thank you to those who worked tirelessly behind-the-scenes to pull the technology and details together to make this meeting a success. †



Congregation members who attended the meeting in-person, all seated physically distant from one another.



Faith Formation

MONDAY-FRIDAY
8 a.m. - Facebook LIVE

Morning Devotions

Facilitated by Pastor David,
Pastor Lor and Rachel Nunez.



MON. & WED.
7 p.m. - Facebook LIVE

BEDTIME STORIES AND PRAYERS

with Miss Rachel

Led by Rachel Nunez.



TUESDAY
1 p.m. - Facebook LIVE



Facilitated by Pastor David.

Reading through the Bible with Miss Rachel

Wednesday Evenings at 7 p.m. via Facebook Live

We continue our journey through the Bible together reading **Parables of Jesus**. Jesus told many stories about God's loving kingdom. These stories are called parables. Grab your **Spark Story Bible** or **Frolic Preschool Bible**, and join Miss Rachel as we read together. A reminder, if you need a Bible call the church office at 330-376-5154 and we will mail or deliver one to you and your family. †



- November 4th *The Parable of the House on the Rock* (Matthew 7: 24-28)
- November 11th *The Parable of the Sower* (Matthew 13: 1-9, 18-23)
- November 18th *The Parable of the Lost Sheep and Lost Coin* (Luke 15: 1-10)
- November 25th *The Parable of the Good Samaritan* (Luke 10: 25-37)

Time Change for the Seasons of Advent, Christmas, and Epiphany

The Season of Advent begins on Sunday, November 29th. **Bedtime Story & Prayer will change time to SUNDAY EVENING @ 7 p.m.** Join Miss Rachel as we watch, wait, and hope and get ready for the birth of Jesus at Christmas. †



Advent begins

Daily Devotions for Advent through Epiphany are Now Available

*Our hope and expectation, O Jesus, now appear;
Arise, O Sun so longed for, o'er this benighted sphere.
With hearts and hands uplifted, we plead, O Lord, to see
The day of earth's redemption that sets your people free!*
"Rejoice, rejoice, believers," ELW 244, stanza 4

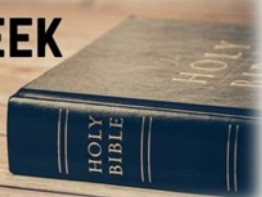
Advent begins Sunday, November 29. If you would like a copy of Daily Devotions, please contact the church office (330) 376-5150.

You may also email Rachel Núñez, Director of Formation at rnunez@holyltrinityakron.org. Please specify if you need a Large Print Edition †



Join Us for a NEW Midweek Study!

MIDWEEK BIBLE STUDY



We will begin a new Midweek Study in November ... plan to join us! We will again meet via Zoom Meeting on Wednesday at 11 a.m. The discussion will be facilitated by Rachel Núñez, Director of Formation. For Zoom instructions, email rnunez@holyltrinityakron.org or call/text (330) 634-6597. †

- November 4th God promises glory and peace forevermore. (Revelation 7: 9-17)
- November 11th Be alert and be glad for the Lord is coming. (Matthew 25: 1-13)
- November 18th God loves a cheerful giver. (Luke 17: 11-19)
- November 25th No Meeting – Thanksgiving Holiday

Our Fall study, *Gathering Around the Word*, continues at 11 a.m. on the following Sundays in November.

- November 1st
Praise God for Mighty Deeds
(Psalm 136: 1-9, 23-26)
- November 15th
Confession and Pardon in Worship (Luke 15: 3-7 & Psalm 51: 1-10)

Contact Rachel Núñez, Director of Formation for Zoom meeting instructions and if you have any questions at rnunez@holyltrinityakron.org or call/text (330) 634-6597. †



The Luther & Lager Hour Continues!

You are invited to join us for the Luther & Lager Hour on Thursday evenings at 8:00pm. We gather via Zoom for informal theological conversation based (mostly) on the writings of Martin Luther. And yes...you are welcome (even encouraged) to bring along the lager or other beverage of your choice. Upcoming topics include:

- November 5 - "Be careful not to measure your holiness by other people's sins." (the Saints)
- November 12 - Lutheran Shorthand – What do these things mean? (a look at the words and abbreviations that we take for granted)
- November 19 - "To thank with all your heart is an art -- an art which the Holy Spirit teaches." (Thanksgiving)

Please email Pr. David (dnevergall@holyltrinityakron.org). He will make sure you get the Zoom login information you need. Then join us for good conversation! †

Friday Morning Devotion & Check-In



Join us for a weekly check-in during COVID-19 on Fridays @ 9 a.m. via Zoom Meeting. We gather for a time of sharing, scripture reading, talking, prayer, and blessing. Contact Rachel Núñez, Director of Formation for Zoom access at rnunez@holyltrinityakron.org or call/text (330) 634-6597. †

WEDNESDAY
11 a.m. - Zoom Meeting

Midweek
ONLINE

Facilitated by Rachel Nunez.



THURSDAY
8 p.m. - Zoom Meeting



Facilitated by Pastor David.



FRIDAY
9-9:30 a.m. - Zoom Mtg



Facilitated by Rachel Nunez.



SATURDAY, NOV. 21
10 a.m. - Zoom Meeting



Forever Shall Abide

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sure...this is a deeply difficult time. But this is also a time to remember Christ's promise...a promise made in the blood of the cross and affirmed in a resurrection life. You want something to count on? Something to hope for? This is it: God's Word forever shall abide. That makes these days a great time to be the Church.



We have Good News to share and the means by which to share it. And while our plans may unfold in different ways than what we're used to (or comfortable with), we can be prepared to enfold the Word, to reach out in love to our community, to give generously for the sake of others, and to praise the God who in Christ Jesus walks with us in the Spirit's power each and every day. Thanks be to God. †



If you've been following these messages about Invite-Welcome-Connect (and I hope you have), you'll have noticed that it is not a "one size fits all" program. Each congregation is meant to create its own path to IWC, events and practices that aim at congregational growth while maintaining the ethos and aesthetic of each individual church.

Creativity is the key. What works for another church may not work for Holy Trinity, for any number of reasons. That doesn't mean that we can't learn from others, but Holy Trinity has a wealth of creativity within it that will allow us to model and create our own future, a future that will pass on the wonderful inheritance we've received from our forefathers on to our children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren.

"Just as Jesus models seeing the other and holy hospitality for us, He also models creativity. His parables and actions are chock-full of wonder, whimsy, wit, and wisdom, all rolled into stories that touch our souls and cause us to ponder the creative possibilities a life of faith can offer. Consider the wonder of the mustard seed, the smallest of seeds, growing into a tree filled with bird nests, or ponder the whimsical nature of Jesus' insistence that the children be allowed to come unto him. Think about the wit of Jesus as he tells Zacchaeus to come down from the tree so that he can invite himself to his house. And who can argue with the deep wisdom in the creative parable of the prodigal son?" (IWC 98)

How would you implement IWC at Holy Trinity? What do you think your role might be? †

Christmas Poinsettias

Order a Christmas poinsettia to help decorate Holy Trinity's altar this Christmas Eve! Fill out this form and place in the offering plate or mail it to the Church. Make your check out to *Holy Trinity Lutheran Church* and mark "poinsettia" on the memo line. **All orders must be placed by noon on Monday, December 21.** Thank you for this offering! You may pickup your poinsettia immediately following the 9:30 a.m. service on Friday, December 25. The remaining poinsettias will be delivered by our Friendly Visitors to Trinity Members who are shut-in, hospitalized or recovering in their homes from a hospital stay. For more information, please contact Debbie Ickes at (678) 353-7444 or Sophia Morton at (330) 794-7059.

I would like to order _____ poinsettias @ \$15 each.

Please check one of the following and print clearly.
I give my poinsettia(s):

_____ in memory of _____
_____ in honor of _____
_____ to the glory of God.

Given by _____

Env. # _____

Telephone _____

Amt. Enclosed _____



Archive Room Now Complete!



A few hymnals, awards, photos and dishware are on display in the newly renovated Archives Room.

Those who served on the Archives Committee include: Chair Peter Lisius, Velma Pomrenke, Fletcher and Donna Carroll, Sylvia Leddon, John Stefanik, Ricki Ethington, and Brian Pinnegar. Consulting were Jack Harig, Linda Ertley, Dan Detwiler, and Lorin Sickafoose.



More cabinets filled with files and shelves stacked with boxes. All archival items have been carefully sorted and organized throughout the space.



More than 150 years worth of historical artifacts, files, books, hymnals, photos, and important papers were crammed into a room on the 3rd floor that had severe water damage on the outer walls and continuous leaking in the space. Over a 6-8-month period, the windows and walls were repaired and the room painted, and we now have a new Archives Room! What about all the archives? A group of members painstakingly and meticulously sorted and organized all the files, books, Bibles, hymnals, reports and important documents so they can be read and enjoyed for decades to come. Thank you to everyone who was involved with this special project! †



Metal cabinets hold various archival items, each categorized and indexed (note the large letters on the doors).



Two closets are organized with Bibles, bound Council minutes, bound newsletters, event programs and other miscellaneous items.



The Importance of Listening

Listening is one of the most fruitful ways to help someone, but is also among the most underused skills. Couple that with our current culture's awareness of offending others and we have effectively talked ourselves out of connecting with people when they may need it most. But do we recognize the kind of opportunity we are letting go?

What is Ministry? To minister to someone is simply to attend to their needs. There is no ministry without love, which is setting another above yourself as described in Philippians 2:3. Here, Paul charges the Philippians "...in

humility, value others above yourselves." Any act of love where we put others before ourselves is not an easy task. It requires intention and self-discipline. It is easy to "jump" in conversations as things we hear spark new ideas and possible resolutions. It feels good to be able to resolve things, but resolution alone is not always what people seek. They are looking for something else, something deeper. Here are 8 ways listening can be a ministry.



1. Listening makes people feel important. Listening makes people feel important. When people get angry in arguments, it is likely because they don't feel heard or important. This translates to "I am not important." This welcomes fear, which welcomes anger, thus how many arguments are born. Arguing often crowds out what is really going on as we start working through trivial disagreements. Once you start listening intently, the fight to be in the number one spot is no longer needed and a way has been made for the real problem to come out. Philippians 2:3 is now in action and soil has been prepared for seed.

2. Listening offers acceptance. Listening intently has a goal of understanding, while hearing to identify problems has a goal of "fixing" things. That goal of understanding translates into acceptance. It tells people "I want to understand you more, because I care." This makes people feel like they can share things with you without being judged. Jesus' act at Calvary gave us the same level of acceptance. His actions told us "I know what you have done, but I still love you."

3. Listening makes everyone look deeper. Just like there are powers that work against us in this world, there are misconceptions about what the root of an issue really is. Listening brings clarity and helps everyone involved look deeper. Once people feel important and accepted, they tend to explore their hearts more in depth. On the listener end, we also look deeper by continuing to support people in opening up.

4. Listening promotes humility. As listeners, our humility is

exercised. Our pride breaks as we take our "fixing" hat off and just open our hearts. We hear the hearts of people rather than the echo of our own accomplishments or abilities. Humility is in the foundation of love.

5. Listening restores hope. We live in a world full of negative news and selfishness being promoted. Someone taking time to put another person in front of themselves shines brighter now than perhaps ever before. Trust is not easily granted today, but someone that quiets themselves for the sake of helping another restores a hopeful image of

humanity for at least one person. In Matthew 7:12, Jesus says, "So in everything, do to others what you would have them do to you, for this sums up the Law and the Prophets." The small act of listening can unlock a big perspective on life. This can restore hope that they "can do this" and people are with them in it.

6. Listening brings healing. Once someone feels truly listened to, they feel accepted and that you can be trusted. As a result, people dig

deeper and reveal more and more to the light. You have a special opportunity here to foster a healing environment through listening. James 5:16 says, "Therefore confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person is powerful and effective." It feels so freeing to get darkness out and there is healing in confession to each other as well as to God. We have all needed this at times in our lives, so we have and understand what it takes to offer that same help in listening.

7. Listening multiplies love. James 1:17 says, "Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights." Then in Luke 6:38, Jesus says, "Give and it will be given to you." So we receive from above, then we pass it on. When we receive love from Jesus, we pass it on to others. When others receive love from us, they then pass it on to others as well.

8. Listening reveals Jesus. Above all, Jesus is shown in the act of listening. Jesus put others before Himself, as He showed on the cross. In John 15:13, Jesus teaches us "There is no greater love than to lay down one's life for one's friends." Thankfully, we do not have to carry the responsibility that He did, but listening to others expresses the same kind of selflessness that Jesus embodied. Listening with the purpose of lifting someone else up is how we lay ourselves down for our friends, and also how we make more of them. †

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ONLINECHURCH

Join us online for devotions, prayers, group study and conversations!

Daily Devotions



Weekdays - 8 a.m.

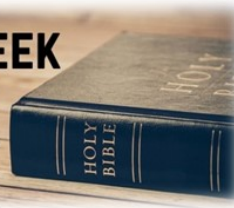
Facebook LIVE

(@trinityakron)

Start each weekday in prayer and God's Word. It's a great way to prepare your heart, mind and body for the day!

NEW Midweek Study

**MIDWEEK
BIBLE
STUDY**



**Wednesday,
11 a.m.**

via Zoom Meeting

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by Rachel Núñez, Director of Formation. For Zoom instructions, email rnunez@hollytrinityakron.org or call/text (330) 634-6597.

Bedtime Story & Prayer



Mon. & Wed., 7 p.m.

via Facebook LIVE

(@trinityakron)

Join Miss Rachel each Monday for a bedtime story and each Wednesday for a special story from the Bible.

The Luther & Lager Hour



Thursday, 8 p.m.

via Zoom Meeting

Pastor David will host "The Luther & Lager Hour." The discussion will be based on the writings of Martin Luther. Email Pastor David for Zoom access at dnevergall@hollytrinityakron.org.

Prayer Meeting



Tuesday - 1 p.m.

Facebook LIVE

(@trinityakron)

Bring your prayer concerns and type them into the comment area. We'll combine all prayer needs, and join in intercessory prayer, the Lord's Prayer, and a blessing.

Devotions & Check-In

FAITH 5



SHARE READ TALK PRAY BLESS

Friday, 9 a.m.,

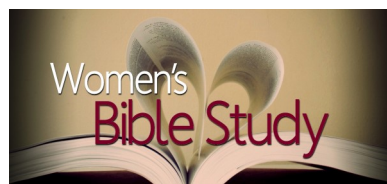
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Women's Bible Study



November 21

10 a.m., Zoom Meeting

Our study continues from the Gather Magazine Bible Study, Session 3: Holy time - Reimagining the future,

Scriptures: Isaiah 55, Revelation 21-22. How do we faithfully look to the future? What does it mean to reimagine the future in light of the promises of God's reign? How do we live now in hope and active expectation? Contact Rachel Núñez, Director of Formation for Zoom access at rnunez@hollytrinityakron.org or call/text (330) 634-6597.

Sunday Worship

Sunday - 9:30 a.m.

Facebook LIVE (@trinityakron)

hollytrinityakron.org & YouTube

Join us online or in-person each Sunday morning with God! Download the bulletin from hollytrinityakron.org. For the safety guidelines for in-person worship, see inside back page of this newsletter.





'Happy Birthday' to the following members who are celebrating birthdays this month!!

November 1 – Joseph Davis
 November 1 – Shirley Jordan
 November 5 – Logan Vowles
 November 6 – Jenna Spencer
 November 6 – Max Spencer
 November 7 – Anastasia Heppner
 November 8 – Debbie Anderson
 November 10 – Michael Hunter
 November 11 – Mary DeBerry
 November 12 – Blake Birch
 November 12 – Camdynn Stevens
 November 12 – Elena Wegryn
 November 13 – Molly Linden
 November 14 – Garry Compan
 November 14 – Adam Heckel
 November 14 – Janet Spanninger
 November 14 – Erica Spice
 November 14 – Pat Woodford
 November 15 – Kristine Johnson
 November 15 – Alexa Sandmann
 November 16 – Peter Lisius
 November 18 – Tracy Johnson
 November 19 – Cody Sanders
 November 20 – Ruth Anderson
 November 20 – Rusty Laybourne
 November 21 – Amy Indorf
 November 22 – Mary Eagle
 November 22 – Erin Stefanik
 November 23 – Becky Adkins
 November 25 – Norm Richenbacher
 November 26 – Pam Marko
 November 26 – Mary Williams
 November 27 – Tina Deighan
 November 28 – David Linder
 November 29 – Mark Chancy
 November 29 – Beverly Godding

*If you want to include your birthday in a future issue of the Highlights, please contact Ammarie Demko at (330) 376-5154.
 NOTE: This list only includes known birthdays.*



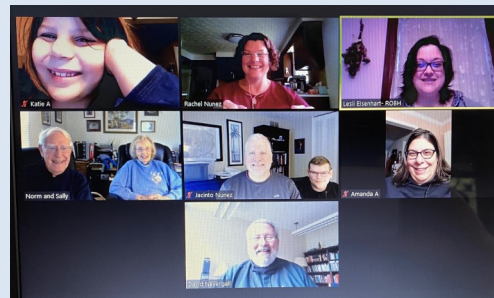
After a Covid hiatus, the Holy Trinity Book Club meets again via Zoom! All meetings are the second Sunday of the month at 1 p.m. Contact Amy Indorf or Diane Chambers if you would like to be added to the group. †

The next three-month schedule is as follows:

November 8, 1 p.m. - *This Tender Land* by William Kent Krueger
 December 13, 1 p.m. - *The Curious Charms of Arthur Pepper* by Phaedra Patrick
 January 10, 1 p.m. - *The Library at the Edge of the World* by Felicity Hayes-McCoy

Who's on Zoom?

When in-person worship, fellowship and small group gatherings was shut-down due to the pandemic, Holy Trinity immediately adapted and turned to Zoom Meeting and Facebook LIVE to continue offering these opportunities to connect with each other, to grow and deepen our faith and to worship and praise God. Pictured are those who recently gathered via Zoom Meeting for a Sunday LIFT activity. Thank you for learning, changing and adapting alongside us! †



Worship Stewards

Date	Readers	Sound System
November 1 9:30 a.m.	Deb Ickes	Bob Eithington
November 8 9:30 a.m.	Tom Baumgardner	Mike Ameling
November 15 9:30 a.m.	Mike Ameling	Dennis Dick
November 22 9:30 a.m.	Tom Baumgardner	Lorin Sickafoose
November 29 9:30 a.m.	Dan Seiberling	Joe Moxon



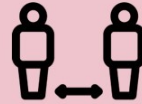
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Your Guide for Sunday Morning In-Person Worship



In-person worship has resumed on Sunday morning with one liturgy at 9:30 a.m. Livestream worship continues for those who are in at-risk populations or who wish to continue to avoid large gatherings. Those attending in person may be seen on the broadcast.



You must observe 6' physical distancing upon entry into and exit from the building and while in the Sanctuary.



Entry to the building will be by the north narthex door only. An usher in the parking lot will direct you to this entrance. Dismissal after worship will be guided row-by-row by the ushers through the door into the office lobby. You are asked to immediately exit through the

office entrance to your vehicle. Both the entry and exit doors will be kept open (weather permitting) to reduce surface contact and increase ventilation.



Hand sanitizer will be located near all doors and throughout the sanctuary. You must sanitize your hands upon entry and after any physical contact.



Upon entry, you will be asked to do the following:

- **Sign-in**—this will assist public health organizations if contact tracing is needed.
- **Have your temperature taken**—anyone with cold, allergy, or flu-like symptoms or anyone

with a temperature of 100° or more should stay home and seek appropriate medical care. Anyone with a temperature of 100° or more will not be admitted.

- **Sanitize your hands**—a hand sanitizing station will be set-up.



Masks must be worn by those not leading the liturgy. Please bring your own mask; only a limited supply will be available at the building. If you cannot or will not wear a mask, please worship at home via the livestream.



Seating in the Sanctuary will be guided by ushers on a first-come, first-served basis beginning from the front of the nave. Family groups from the same household may be seated together.



Additional changes to take note of:

- There will be no congregational singing during the liturgy. There will be other music (vocal and instrumental) offered by the worship leaders.
- There will be no sharing of the peace with physical contact. There will be no celebration of Holy Communion at this time.
- Bibles, hymnals and other printed materials have been removed from the pews.
- There will be no printed order of service provided. An electronic version is available for download on your own mobile device or download it from the website and print it at home to bring with you.
- We will not pass offering plates. Offering plates will be placed near the sanctuary doors (both entrance and exit) to receive our tithes and gifts.
- Restrooms will be available for use; one person at a time will be permitted.
- The nursery will not be open and child care is not available.
- There will be no in-person fellowship or discipleship time.

All public areas and high touch objects/surfaces will be thoroughly cleaned and sanitized before and after all in-person activities.

Beyond Sunday worship: small groups, ministry teams, committees, and studies are encouraged to continue meeting online.

Groups may meet in the building, if necessary, but must abide by physical distancing and sanitization protocols.

Meetings will be scheduled so that only one group is in the building at a time, and so that the meeting space may be cleaned/sanitized before and after.

This guide will be reviewed, modified and updated on an on-going basis, and as such, is subject to change, even to the point of closing again, should a change in the public health situation demand it. Visit our website for the most current information relating to this guide.

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