



July 2019

# HIGHLIGHTS

HOLY TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH *Praising. Loving. Serving in Jesus' name.*

Single Worship  
Service All Summer!

## GO OUT & SERVE



### Packing Day For Students & Staff at Robinson CLC

Holy Trinity is once again 'adopting' Robinson CLC for the 2019-2020 school year! Our support will look a bit different, because United Way of Summit County has chosen to Robinson CLC for their 'Stuff the Bus' campaign, which provides students with new backpacks filled with needed school supplies.

So instead, Holy Trinity will be assembling personal care kits for the students on Sunday, August 4. We will also pack teachers baskets on this date. In addition, United Way is also creating a Family Resource Center within the school, which will help provide assistance to families in the Robinson neighborhood. This will provide Holy Trinity with other opportunities to support the students and families!! †

#### Help Unpack and Sort Personal Care Items

Saturday, August 3, 10 a.m.-12 p.m.  
Fellowship Hall

#### Help Pack Teacher Supplies & Personal Care Kits

Sunday, August 4, following worship  
Fellowship Hall

# Worship

## Worship+Plus is back!

There will be one Sunday liturgy at 9:30 a.m. each Sunday throughout the summer. This will continue through Sunday, September 1 (Labor Day weekend). Along with a single worship service, **Worship+Plus** will offer a variety of opportunities to learn, serve, eat, and just generally have fun together. Check out some of the *Worship+Plus* activities already held ... see page 18. †

DATE	THEME
June 30 <sup>th</sup>	Praying in Color: Prayer + Doodling A Cross + Generation Experience
July 7 <sup>th</sup>	Animate Practices – a video based study to introduce questions and spark conversation
July 14 <sup>th</sup>	Fellowship Brunch
July 21 <sup>st</sup>	Sunday LIFT (Living in Faith Together) Breakfast with Jesus - John 21: 1-15
July 28 <sup>th</sup>	Did You Know? Holy Trinity Archives Trivia 150 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration Event <i>*Special history book signing as well!</i>
August 4 <sup>th</sup>	Robinson Elementary CLC Backpack Packing for Students & Teachers
August 11 <sup>th</sup>	Discipleship Focus
August 18 <sup>th</sup>	Discipleship Focus
August 25 <sup>th</sup>	Song Fest & Picnic
September 1 <sup>st</sup>	Animate Practices – a video based study to introduce questions and spark conversation



*For 150 years, the members of Holy Trinity Lutheran Church have made themselves a cornerstone in this community by praising our Lord Jesus Christ, loving one another and serving others.*

*During this past year, we have celebrated this historic milestone in grand style, culminating with our capstone activity of completing 150 service projects ... UNBELIEVABLE!*

*Throughout this anniversary celebration, we have remembered yesterday, celebrated today and imagined tomorrow. Past, present and future, there has been and will always be one constant for Holy Trinity ... THE PEOPLE!*

*This year has been a tribute to you ...*

**THE MEMBERS OF  
HOLY TRINITY  
LUTHERAN CHURCH!!**



# Imagining Tomorrow

As Holy Trinity celebrated its milestones, members have been aware of the importance of planning for tomorrow. For the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 1968, Ruth Simon reported “Trinity Church enters the next century, planning carefully and prayerfully.” As we researched and wrote the church history, we also noted that every few years, church leaders paused and asked the congregation to set goals and make plans to achieve those goals.

As we wrap up this anniversary year, we also are looking into the future, trying to imagine what tomorrow could be like for the congregation. We may go in directions that are significantly different from where we have been and now are, which requires a leap of faith and the participation of all of us.

In the Chapel Lounge there is an invitation to join in Imagine Tomorrow. “What is your vision for Holy Trinity’s continuing mission?” You will see a series of topic boards: 1) Building/Facilities, 2) Engagement with the Akron Community, 3) Learning and Discipleship, 4) Music and the Arts, 5) Outreach/Service to Our Neighbor, 6) Integrating the Community of the Church, and 7) Worship. All members of the congregation are encouraged to post their ideas. Do not be afraid to think outside the box. No matter how far-fetched the idea may seem to be, it is the only way to think about the future.

As of this writing, here are some of those ideas already posted:

- Have “broaden your knowledge—apply your faith” seminars about current social concerns such as immigration, foreign relations, LGBTQ+ community, same-sex marriage, women in the work world, etc.” (Note: Trinity does have a Wednesday evening seminar on refugees this summer.)
- Have single Sunday service starting at 9:45 a.m.
- More joy!
- Gut and re-do the kitchen with new commercial grade equipment. Remodel the Fellowship Hall and make it wheelchair accessible. Imagine the possibilities of a Kitchen Ministry—and all the delicious food.
- Maintain the organ.

To each of the suggestions above, we can ask to what end? What does it mean if we accomplish any of them? How will the suggestions help us, as Christians, be the church?

More importantly, how do we listen to God’s will for the congregation? We can imagine tomorrow all we want, but without God guiding us, our vision will fall short. “Planning carefully and prayerfully” is what Ruth Simon wrote 51 years ago. We need to remember her words as we move forward. †



*Holy Trinity Swing Celebration event for the 150th Anniversary held June 21.*



*From left: Deb Ickes, Ron Nockengost, Michael & Jen Hunter and Marla Wood Kay.*



*From left: Joan Derrig, Pam Marko, Marsha Asente, Ann & Tom Lawson and Lyndsay & Andrew Numbers.*



*From left: Bruce Mansour, Christine Hinman and Laverne Mansour.*



*Red Light Roxy Band.*

*Photo credit to Andrew Numbers and Tim Fitzwater.*



*Lyndsay Numbers and Jessica Foutty*



*Swing dance instruction with Valerie Salstrom from Get Hep Swing.*



*Steve Kay and partner learning to swing dance.*



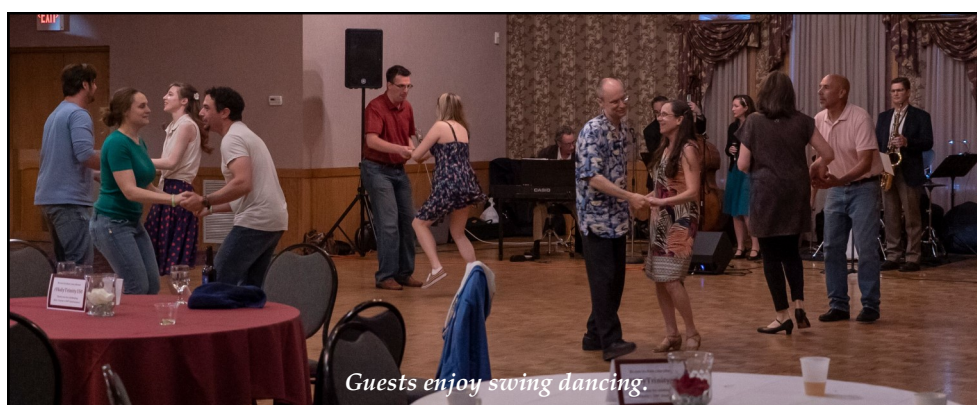
*Bob and Jess Foutty*



*Jen Hunter and partner learning to swing dance.*



*From left: Steve Kay, Pastor Dave, a guest and Michael Hunter learn to swing dance.*



*Guests enjoy swing dancing.*

*Photo credit to Andrew Numbers and Tim Fitzwater.*

*Remember Yesterday, Celebrate Today and Imagine Tomorrow.*



*Procession at the end of the 150th Celebration worship service.*



*Trinity Choir, Bells and Brass perform the commissioned piece of music for the 150th Anniversary.*



*Bishop Abraham Allende*



*The Bishop leads the Children's Sermon.*



*Sharing of the Peace during the 150th Anniversary worship service.*



*Holy Trinity Lutheran Church!!!*



*Looking around during worship.*

*Photo credit to Andrew Numbers and Tim Fitzwater.*

# party in the park!



*Guests and friends enjoy a meal provided by City BBQ.*



*Playing Jenga at Party in the Park.*



*Pastor David and Sandy DeLuca.*



*Playing Connect 4 at Party in the Park.*



*Everyone enjoys Party in the Park!*



*Acid Cats play at Party in the Park.*



*Swag boxes are given to Holy Trinity families.*

## Audio Recordings Now Part of Historical Display!

*There is a new interactive archival display in the Chapel Lounge ... be sure to stop by to see it! There's a NEW audio component to the historical display that allows you to listen to select arrangements from Lessons & Carols as well as musical pieces from 50 years ago. Please follow the instructions display on the wall above the table. Enjoy! †*



*Dottie Wise, Vern Hershberger, Karen Elgin, Cindy Kenep, Marshall Thomas, Karen Nevergall, Ukelele player Emily Hall, Guitarist James Gates, Violinist Frederica Cohen, and Lesli Eisenhart.*

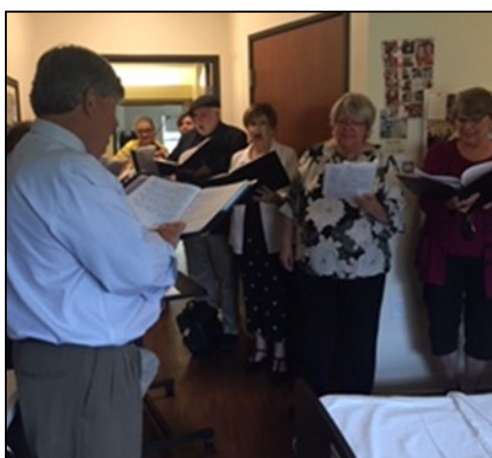
## Caroling at Green Village

Twelve singers gathered at Green Village Nursing and Rehabilitation June 2 to sing hymns in gathering spaces, hallways, and private rooms. Residents and staff members were delighted to receive and share in the gift of music.

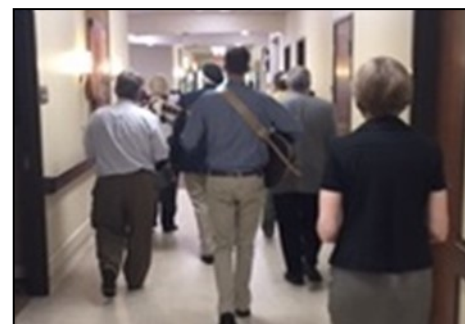
This service project was sponsored and completed by the members of Trinity Choir. †



*Guitarist James Gates, Dottie Wise, Vern Hershberger, Pr. David, and Marshall Thomas.*



*Singing in the room of Cindy Kenep's mother.*



*Deacon Ruth takes up the rear of strolling singers in a rousing rendition of "We Are Marching in the Light of God."*



## Books for Robinson Students

This project was supported by a Love Offering ... thank you! ... and coordinated by Alexa Sandmann. Enough money was collected to provide each student with a book to read over the summer. The books were delivered to Robinson the last week of school. †



## St. Bernard's Hot Meals Program

Holy Trinity has been supporting this important outreach for many years ... thank you! Pictured is (from left) are: Elizabeth Liska, Ashley Stevens, and Velma Pomrenke. †



# 150 Service Projects

## WE DID IT!!!

We completed more than 150 service projects during our 150th Anniversary Celebration year! Thank you to everyone who participated, coordinated and supported all these events and activities.

When the anniversary committee first met to begin planning how we would celebrate the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of our congregation, we knew immediately that we wanted to include service to others as part of the celebration. Early in the planning process we decided to challenge the congregation to perform 150 service projects during the year-long anniversary celebration. And thanks to so many people who stepped up to the challenge – we were able to exceed our goal. As of June 23, 2019 we completed 160 service projects. And there are several more still in process which will be completed soon.

Our first project was on June 17, 2018 – the day we kicked off the celebration. A group gathered in Grace Park and picked up trash and pulled weeds from the flower beds. Ruth Anderson continued the work by picking up trash along Market St. on her way home that day. During the summer the youth group helped three older members with yard and garage cleanup. Those who attended the National Youth Gathering in Houston helped with painting and gardening at a community center. This spring two different groups helped with yard work at the Cleveland Clinic Hospice. And we ended the year once again with a clean-up in Grace Park.

Our DLM Food and Resource ministry was open three times each month, providing a hot meal for our neighbors before they shop for food and clothing. We helped with the set-up of the new clothing room, along with work on purchasing and distribution days. We hosted Family Promise for four full weeks during the celebration year. And Warriors Journey Home held their meetings for veterans throughout the year.

We had fun with food. Twice last summer we purchased and served ice cream at Open M, as they enjoyed a picnic lunch with their neighbors. Holy Trinity members helped serve

dinner at St. Bernard's three times, and church council also served there. The youth served food to people in Grace Park. The women's and men's Bible Study groups each prepared a meal for the families staying at the Akron Ronald McDonald House. A group prepared a chicken and noodle dinner for the residents of the battered women's shelter. This spring a meal was prepared for South Side Ministries re-entry ministry. And our final project of the year was a delicious City Barbeque lunch in Grace Park following our closing worship service.

Those who enjoy crafts participated in the fun. Eleven blankets were tied and donated to Summit County Children's Services for their Beds for Kids program. Baby blankets were crocheted and given to babies who were baptized during the year. And hats were made for newborn babies at City Hospital. The stampers made Valentines for shut-ins, and also created St. Patrick's Day tray decorations for patients at the Cleveland Clinic Hospice. Candy was added to the decorations by those who attended Middle Hour one Sunday.

Also during Middle Hour this past year, we packed up personal care kits for Lutheran World Relief, prepared gifts for workers at neighbor agencies, and wrote letters of hope which were shared with Grow Christians, Rahab Ministries and the Summit County Jail.

Last summer we brought nationally known hip hop artist Kelly Glow to Grace Park for an energy filled concert for the young people in the area. In the spring our bell choir traveled to Haven of Rest to share music with the residents. Also this year, the adult choir sang with the choir at Wesley Temple as part of their Glory Train fundraising event, and traveled to Green Village nursing home to sing for the residents and staff.

In November, eight members traveled to Maryland to work



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*Pictured above (from left): Joanne Aller, Sylvia Leddon, Carol Mason, Judy Coffman, Donna Carroll, Alice Bouton, Pat McRowe, student employees Caroline and Kay Kay and Gloria Woodford. Pictured right (from left): Sylvia Leddon, Donna Carroll and Carol Mason.*



## Swag Boxes Assembled

Thank you to the TTTs and to student employees Kay Kay and Caroline for helping to assemble 240 Swag Boxes in record time!! †



## Grace Park Clean-Up

This was service project 159! Thank you to everyone who helped pick-up trash and debris in Grace Park in June 22 for the Party in the Park event. †

*Pictured above (from left): Bob Leddon, Rich Williams, Frederica Cohen, John Stefanik, Karen Nevergall, Pastor David Nevergall and Diann Jenkins.*

*Pictured right (from left): Pastor David Nevergall, John Stefanik, Diann Jenkins, Sandy DeLuca, Bob Leddon, Frederica Cohen and Rich Williams.*



## 150 Service Projects ... continued from page 9

in the Lutheran World Relief warehouse for 2 ½ days. In December we helped the Visiting Nurse Hospice by selling stars at Summit Mall on two Saturdays, and we had several groups who rang bells for the Salvation Army. In January we once again mobbed the laundromat in the Middlebury neighborhood, where we provided quarters, detergent, fabric softener and snacks for those who had gathered to do laundry on Martin Luther King Day. In April the church staff sponsored a blood drive for the Red Cross in our Chapel Lounge. In June several members participated in the Open M walk.

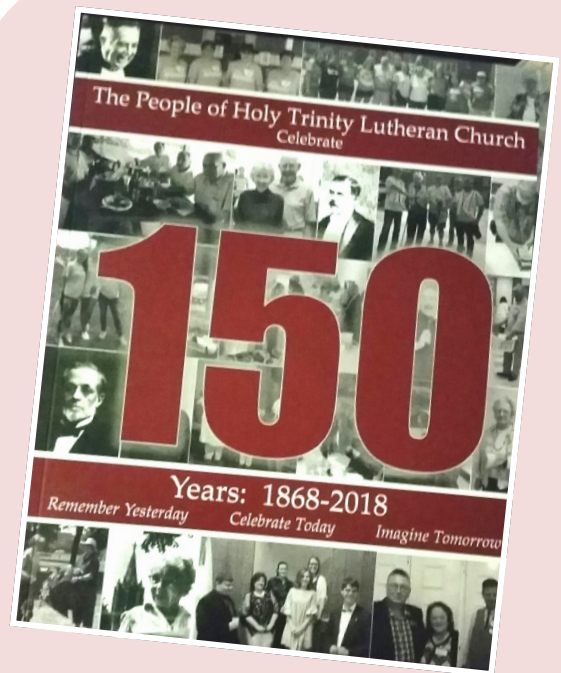
We continue to support the students, staff and families at Robinson Community Learning Center. At the start of the school year we provided a back-pack full of school supplies to each student and a basket full of supplies to each teacher. The supplies were packed up by many as part of a Worship Plus event. In the fall we provided a meal for the teachers when they stayed late for parent-teacher conferences and in the spring we provided lunch for all the teachers and staff for teacher appreciation week. We brought in breakfast for parents once each quarter, provided food for back-to-school night, provided awards for exemplary attendance and grades, brought in entertainment for grade card distribution evening. In November we were privileged to help serve a Thanksgiving meal to some of the younger students and at Christmas break we provided the families with food baskets. In the spring we sponsored a leadership event for 3<sup>rd</sup> through 6<sup>th</sup> graders. All the second graders were transported to church to hear a concert and try out instruments. And at the end of the school year each student went home with a brand-new book to read over the summer.

Throughout the year we collected items for various partner agencies. We gathered toilet paper and personal care items for Rahab Ministries, new toys for Open M, underwear and food items for our own DLM Food and Resource ministry, juice boxes for Ronald McDonald House, books for a little library to be located in Grace Park this summer. We provided baby supplies and Christmas gifts for a needy family at Christmas. Members created gift bags and donated religious books to local sober houses. And we gathered gift cards for the raffle at the Swing Event, which raised \$720 for DLM.

Thank you to each of you who worked on one or more projects during the year. You were a blessing to many. Our hope is that you were also blessed in the process of helping others. We are not finished with our desire to serve. Please continue to watch for opportunities to be of service to others—*upcoming service project to support Robinson CLC on the front page.*



Service Project #158, a gift card raffle at the Swing Celebration to support DLM!



## ‘Swag Boxes’ Available for all Holy Trinity Families!

Special ‘150th Anniversary Swag Boxes’ are available for all Holy Trinity families. So, if you weren’t able to attend the closing worship service of our celebration year on June 23 or if you missed picking up a swag box, no worries! Families will be able to pick-up their swag box after worship in the Chapel Lounge over the next several Sundays.

Inside each swag box is a special history book covering Holy Trinity’s 150-year history, both inside and outside the congregation. Also inside is a notepad, pen and magnetic clip.

If you are interested in getting extra copies of the history book, please be sure to sign-up indicating the quantity. Copies will be available in the near future.

## SPECIAL BOOK SIGNING!!

Please bring your history book to the July 28 Worship+Plus activity where authors Velma Pomrenke and Diane Chambers will autograph it for you!! †

# Imagine Tomorrow



Pastor David

***“Remember yesterday. Celebrate today. Imagine tomorrow.”***

That’s been the theme throughout our recently-concluded 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary year. Many thanks to Sandy DeLuca and her team for an outstanding array of programs and events over the past twelve months. And thanks to all of you who pitched in on more than 150 service projects, who brought us great music, who planned and led meetings and conversations, and who generously shared your resources and your selves.

The joy of God’s grace shone through all

of you into your neighborhoods and communities for the sake of Jesus. Good stuff...every last drop of it.

*But now what?*

We are a century and a half into the journey that God has in mind for that gathered people known as the Evangelical Lutheran Church of the Holy Trinity. Considered in this light, the events of the past year marked a way point, not an end point. We trust that the God who has called, gathered, and enlightened us continues to do so in preparation for a future in the fullness of God’s presence. In other words: We’re not done yet. God leads on...and we follow.

And the form of that following will be determined in no small measure by how we understand the gifts God has given us and how we choose to invest those gifts in the mission. “It is indeed right, our duty and our joy...” begins the preface of our Holy Communion liturgy each Sunday. This is a reminder that our response to God is two-fold...both joyful at the realization of how blessed we are and duty-bound to let that joy overflow into those grace-sharing acts that meet our neighbor’s need with God’s healing mercy.

To help us better understand the shape of that joy and our response, the 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary committee invites you to participate in imagination exercise. Take a moment to stop in Chapel Lounge next time you’re in the building. Note the poster boards hanging along the west wall. You’ll find some sticky notes and pens and a series of “prompt” questions just to their left...questions that encourage you to dream about the ways in which our congregational mission might continue to unfold.

That display will be up through the month of July, and perhaps even longer. Our hope is that we can capture not just more ideas or “feedback,” but a real sense of how you hear God calling us to be faithful bearers of Christ’s good news to each other and to the community which we have served for more than 150 years. It’s an opportunity to keep the party going... and to imagine tomorrow in such a way as to honor the God who has brought us safe thus far. †

## Holy Trinity’s Staff

Senior Pastor, David Nevergall  
 Director of Discipleship Ministries, Rachel Núñez  
 Dir. of Congregational Ministries, Marla Wood Kay  
 Director of Music Ministries, Ruth Anderson  
 Vicar, Debbie Pinnegar  
 Parish Secretary, Annmarie Demko  
 Financial Secretary, Jim Minisall  
 Communications Coordinator, La’Var Howell  
 DLM Coordinator, Darlene Anderson  
 Maintenance Coordinator, Bruce Mansour  
 Sextons, Vince Simmons & Tony Carreker

## Groups & Activities

Acolyte Coordinator	Judy Eisenhart
Altar Guild	Sophia Morton
Archives	Ricki Ethington
Book Club	Diane Chambers & Amy Indorf
Communion Assistants	Deborah Ickes & Marcy Nagy
Council President	Sonya Nagle
Either Side of 40 Gang	Rotating Leaders
Friendly Visitors	Peter Lisius & Michael Wilson
Family Promise	Gregg Loesch
LINKS	Elizabeth Liska
Memorial Garden	Judy Samuelson
Parish Nurse Ministry	Sally Richenbacher
Prayer Chain	Sally Richenbacher Wanda Clark
Renaissance Team	Bob Keener
Readers	Nan Riemenschneider
Robinson CLC	Sandy DeLuca
St. Bernard Hot Meals	Michael Wilson
Ushers	Gregg Loesch
Volunteers	Marla Wood Kay
Women’s Bible Study	Velma Pomrenke
Young Adults	Marla Wood Kay

## Mission Statement:

The mission of Holy Trinity Lutheran Church is to bring Jesus to people through love and the word of God.

## Vision Statement:

Holy Trinity Lutheran Church is a faith community grounded in God’s word, called to worship and committed to serve as disciples of Jesus Christ.

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## A Special Message from Darlene Anderson, the new DLM Coordinator

To the Holy Trinity Congregation,

I wanted to take this time to introduce myself to the congregation. I am the new DLM Food and Resource Coordinator. First, I want to thank you for all your donations and help that you have given. Your donations are valued and most appreciated. Without your contributions and support the DLM could not function. DLM has been a joint project of our Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, Akron Public Schools' Project Rise, In One Piece Ministries, Faith Lutheran Church in Fairlawn and other partners. As you know, DLM assists homeless students and their families primarily by providing food and clothing (a need identified by Project Rise). It is offered in memory of Debra Lynn Manteghi. It is encouragement for the homeless children and their families to know that the community and our church care. With your support, along with other volunteers, DLM is instrumental in aiding students to stay on track with their education and studies. We are providing nourishment and clothing two Saturdays a month and one Thursday a month.

This has been an amazing opportunity to help our children of tomorrow and their families. Please continue to help in ways as the Lord has placed it upon your heart, either in continued donations of unused clothing and household items, or just volunteering on one of our open days. Note: Because you have been so generous with your giving, we are focusing mainly on summer clothing until we fine-tune our process.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me at [danderson@holyltrinityakron.org](mailto:danderson@holyltrinityakron.org).

Thank you again for your support, connection, and passion for serving our community and its families!

Growing Together, Darlene Anderson



Our DLM Food & Resources ministry has grown significantly over the past year from primarily a food pantry to include clothing, a hot meal, and other supports for our neighbors. The best way to understand the importance and impact of DLM is to volunteer! Training is always available. And the privilege of meeting our neighbors is priceless. If you cannot volunteer; donations are always appreciated. Currently, there is a need for macaroni and cheese and canned meals. Get in touch with Darlene Anderson for more information. †



## A blessing to so many families!!

To make this ministry happen, volunteers are needed. Just a few hours of your time can have a tremendous impact not only on the families but also YOU! See Darlene Anderson with questions. †

**Saturday, July 13, 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m.**

**Thursday, July 18, 7-8:30 p.m.**

**Saturday, July 27, 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m.**



Following is a summary from Q2 2019 council meetings (April-May-June). Meetings are the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of the month at 6pm and open for anyone to attend.

- Review of Monthly reports: Pastor, Cabinet and Treasurers.
- Update on Communications Coordinator Initiatives.
- Review and Approval of DLM Coordinator, Director of Formation and Director of Mission Development positions.
- Approved Property request to install new lighting in the Fellowship Hall.
- Approved Property request for installation of heat regulators and controls.
- Nominated Debrah Ikes and Ron Nockengost to serve as HTLC representatives to Synod Assembly.
- Approved Constitution Committee recommendations for Continuing Resolutions.
- Approved Revised Financial Secretary Position description.
- Approved Personnel recommendation to hire James Minisall as Financial Secretary.
- Approved increase in pay for Substitute Parish Position retroactive to January 2019.
- Approved DLM Coordinator position and description.
- Approved Personnel recommendation to hire Darlene Anderson as DLM Coordinator.
- Approved Worship & Music request for single service on Sept 8 and Nov 3 2019.
- Approved Finance request to allow new Financial Secretary access to PNC accounts and revoke old Financial Secretary access to PNC and Manning & Napier.
- Approved Personnel Team request to authorize additional hours for the Financial Secretary through 2019 calendar year.
- Called the 2019 Nominating Committee: Ron Nockengost, Bob Foutty, Velma Pomrenke and Paul Anacki. +

## A Look at the Numbers

It is a privilege to worship, to serve, and to give of ourselves as we share God's Good News with our neighbors and friends. We do that as individuals by the choices we make in everyday life. And we do that together by our work as a congregation. That's what good stewardship is all about. And for that reason, we monitor statistics on attendance and giving to the church. They offer a glimpse into the health of our congregation and our engagement with the mission to which we are called.

During May, 2019, average weekly worship attendance at Holy Trinity was 130. During May, 2018, our attendance was 149. Year-to-date we are significantly below last year's attendance numbers. Please remember: Worship is fundamental to the strength of the community and vital for the mission we share. It is where God blesses us abundantly in the sharing of the Word and Holy Communion. You are missed when you are not here, and you are missing out on God's gifts to you. Thank you for making worship a priority in your life.

For the month of May, unrestricted giving to Holy Trinity totaled \$30,689. For the year, our income is about 10% below budget. Thank you to all who have made a commitment to financially support our work together. Your gifts are not simply about supporting a budget. They move forward our mission, making a positive impact on the Akron community and beyond.

If you are not a regular contributor, we invite you to take up that challenge. Choosing to give every week (or even every month) as you are able helps establish a good habit. Even more: it becomes a regular reminder of God's goodness and generosity, and offers a tangible way to give thanks for that goodness.

Something to consider: More and more folks are moving to electronic giving means, and we have the ability to accommodate that, too. Many find that it is an especially convenient way to manage financial stewardship. Contact Jim Minisall, our new financial secretary, for more information about available options and/or to set it up.

Your faithful participation by means of worship, work and support bear witness to the significance of Christ's place in your life. It says to others that what you believe is important enough to affect the way you live. **Thank you** for being good stewards of the gifts with which God has equipped you. And remember to join us...this and every week... as the work of Christ's Church goes on. +

## Introducing the Blood Drive Partner Journey!



#RedCrossOnTheWay

Thank you, Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, for partnering with the American Red Cross! We are very excited to introduce to

you Blood Journey, a new communication that will showcase your organization's lifesaving impact. The blood collected from your most recent blood drive is now on its way to the below hospitals.

UH CLEVELAND MEDICAL CENTER  
CLEVELAND CLINIC  
VA MEDICAL CENTER  
HILLCREST HOSPITAL  
AKRON GENERAL MEDICAL CENTER

Every day, hospitals provide lifesaving blood to patients in need. Your willingness to open your doors and recruit blood donors remains vital to the lives of the patients that we serve, not only locally, but across the country.

While there may have been other hospitals that benefited from your efforts, the following hospitals received the majority of blood products collected from your drive. †

## Vicar's Vision

*(still looking for a title)*

During the closing Eucharist of the Northeast Ohio Synod Assembly, Bishop Allende talked about having a hidden identity. His sermon compared Superman's hidden identity with that of Jesus in the poor, the hungry, the naked and the prisoner. It was a good sermon, but it made me think about how we often do hide who we are.

We fear people knowing who we are. We hide our feelings, our beliefs, and our family history. We even hide our Christian faith. Fear keeps us from celebrating who God created us to be. Fear gets in the way of being in community with others. Fear becomes a barrier to getting to know each other. This is an ongoing theme whether I am talking about the Israeli/ Palestinian conflict in Worship Plus or leading discussion on the refugee crisis' impact on our community in Midweek Study. How do we respond to circumstances that trigger fear in us.

"Be not afraid." When I think about fear I think about God's response to fear. In scripture, over and over again God's people are told to not be afraid. These are the words that bring the announcement of the incarnation to a vulnerable young woman as well as to outcasts and shepherds. In 1 John it says, "Love has been perfected among us...There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear" (1 Jn 4:17-18, NRSV).

Be not afraid. God's love makes it possible for us to let people see who God has created us to be. God's love can remove the barrier of fear. Bishop Allende was right in that Jesus has a hidden identity in the poor, the hungry, the naked, and the prisoner. Jesus is revealed in the lives and the stories of all of God's people. Jesus came to the world in poverty and as a displaced person. Jesus walked among us as one without a home of his own. He died as a prisoner, broken and naked. Jesus entered into this world with a kind of vulnerability that we might try to hide from others. Yet, he used it to bring life, healing, and wholeness. Jesus is incarnated in our world today through our own vulnerability, through our struggles, through our story. Be not afraid.

Jesus does have a hidden identity. He can be found among all those who have experienced fear and vulnerability. He can be found among those who have a story they might want to hide. He is with the ones who crave nourishment, those captive to circumstance or addiction, those who grieve, and all those who seek shelter. Jesus is among us even at our most vulnerable. Be not afraid. †



## Help Us Make Lunch!



Sunday, August 25, Worship+Plus will feature the return of last summer's popular 'Songfest' event with music and a picnic lunch with our neighbors from Grace Park and

from Wesley Temple. The musicians are working on the music. The Worship & Music Team is looking for a few folks to help organize the lunch. If you can help, please be in touch with Lesli Eisenhart. Thanks!! †



*Diane Chambers, Rachel Núñez and Amanda Archbold attended an Intergenerate Conference in May.*

## Sunday LIFT

### *(Living in Faith Together)*

Living in Faith Together (LIFT) is a program from GenOn Ministries that the Youth and Education Team will implement this fall. As part of Adult Forum and Sunday School, LIFT is an intentional intergenerational ministry that “nurtures Christ-centered community by bringing together two or more generations in planned and purposeful settings where all are mutually invested.” Amanda Archbold, Rachel Núñez, and Diane Chambers had the opportunity to experience a lesson at the Intergenerate conference in May. You also can try it out on July 21 for Worship + Plus. Join us as we practice Living in Faith Together! †

**LIFT**  
*(Living In Faith Together)*  
**Gathering**



**All Ages Welcome – S'Mores Provided**

*Bring a snack & drink to share*

**Friday, July 19<sup>th</sup> @ 7 p.m.**

The Núñez Home – 3890 Northview Dr., Stow

Hosted by the Youth & Education Ministry Team  
Questions? Contact Rachel Núñez @ 330-634-6597



## New! Children's Corner

Children's Corner replaced Busy Bags! Look for a table in the nave where children and parents can pick up materials to take with them to the service. There you will find Frolic First Bibles, Whirl Preschool Bibles, and Whirl Kids Lectionary Bibles. We also have coloring pages, children's bulletins, blank paper, pencils, crayons, and clipboards to hold the paper. Questions? Contact Amanda Archbold or Rachel Núñez. †



Looking for ways to expand your faith formation at home? As you leave worship on Sundays, pick up a copy of the weekly edition of “Taking Faith Home” from Milestone Ministries.

In it you will find ways to further your faith through devotions, conversation or personal reflection, daily Bible readings, thoughts for service, rituals and traditions, and prayers. There is even an opportunity to memorize a scripture passage for the week. The faith practice is designed for all ages and sizes of family — individuals, couples, and children. Set it up in a way that works best for you.

Give it a try and make additional faith formation a goal this summer! †

# W@HT—Summer Schedule

## (Wednesdays @ Holy Trinity)



### *Taste and See: Discovering God Among Butchers, Bakers, & Fresh Food Makers*

Facilitated by Rachel Núñez, Director of Discipleship Ministries

11 a.m. Study; 12:15 p.m. Eucharist;  
12:45 p.m. Lunch (optional)

July 10	<i>Relishing the Olive and its Oil</i>
July 17	<i>Discovering the Liturgy of the Table</i>
July 24	<i>Table Worship/Eucharist</i>



### *Dialogues On The Refugee Crisis: Who Is My Neighbor? – Sparkhouse Publishing Team*

Facilitated by Vicar Debbie Pinnegar & Rachel Núñez,  
Director of Discipleship Ministries

6–7:30 p.m. Study with Light Refreshments

July 10	<i>Facing Our History: Otherness, race, and the American challenge</i>
July 17	<i>Looking For Home: Creating cohesive communities</i>
July 24	<i>Where Do We Go From Here? : Seeking a Christ-like response to the refugee crisis</i>



The Pastoral Visitation Team visits the members of our congregation who are no longer able to attend church due to physical limitations. Vicar Debbie Pinnegar coordinates this team and its caring work. Each month the congregation prays for the ministry of this team as they take Jesus to people through sharing the love of our congregation and the Word of God with those they visit. If you would like to join this team or know of a need, please contact Vicar Debbie. Thank you! †



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*Vicar Debbie Pinnegar shared information about her trip to the Holy Land.*

# Worship



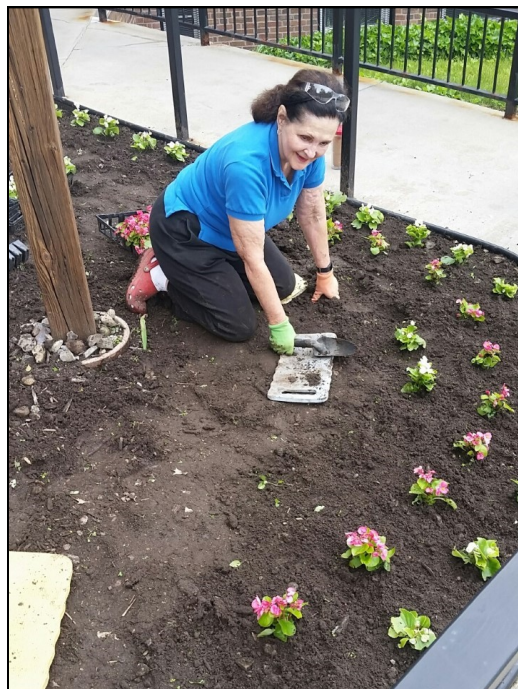
*Vicar Debbie Pinnegar shares 'Reflections from the Holy Land' on June 16.*

**LEFT:** Creation Hike & Lunch on June 9 with (from left): Katie and Amanda Archbold, LJ Kimble, and Brian and Debbie Pinnegar.

**RIGHT:** Rochelle Sibbio, President & CEO, Habitat for Humanity Summit County spoke on June 2.



# Inside and Out at Holy Trinity!



*Susan Detwiler beautifying the flower beds near the office entrance.*



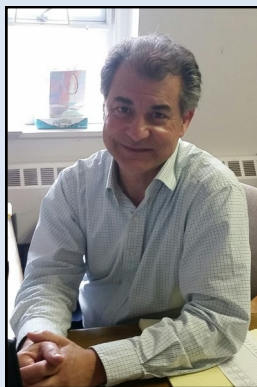
*Diapers and handmade quilts collected at an inter-generational event organized by the youth at the Northeast Ohio Synod Assembly held in June.*



*A Fellowship Meal at the Front Porch Café for (from left): Brian and Debbie Pinnegar, Joan Derrig and Rachel Núñez.*



*Dennis Dick and Marla Wood Kay help clean-up flower beds.*



## Welcome Jim Minisall, Holy Trinity's New Financial Secretary!

Jim Minisall, CPA, is a seasoned accounting and investment professional with over 30 years of experience. Before arriving to Holy Trinity, Jim prepared both domestic and international financial statements for company joint ventures that accumulated millions in revenue. He supervised accounts receivable, payable, payroll and developed portfolios that were converted to Fidelity Investments.

In the past decade, Jim has been employed by well-respected accounting and investment companies with prestigious titles. Some of those titles have been Senior Financial Analyst, Director of Investments, Vice President of Operations and Chief Operations Officer (COO). As the COO for Nye Wealth Management, Jim increased the total market value of all the company's financial assets from \$25 Million to \$35 Million within one year.

Since 2012, Jim has owned JJM Advisory Inc. His company provides controllership services to small-to-mid sized companies with the primary goal of streamlining and improving company operations. Also, he works part-time as the Controller for Muggswigz Coffee & Tea Company. †



## Men on a Mission

**Saturday, July 13 & 27, 8:30 a.m. | Chapel Lounge**

If you're a guy, you are welcome to join us. We're reading Hebrews, eating donuts, drinking coffee and praying together ... generally figuring out what it means to be a man of faith. We meet the second and fourth Saturday of each month. This is good stuff ... come and be a part of it! †



## Holy Trinity Book Club

**Sunday, July 23, 6 p.m. | Home of Linda Vowles**

The group will gather at the home of Linda Vowles, 6089 S. Oval Road, New Franklin, to discuss *Where the Crawdads Sing* by Delia Owens. All are welcome to attend. Please contact Diane Chambers or Amy Indorf with any questions.



## Men's Lutheran Loafers

Men's Lutheran Loafers will resume its regular meetings in September.

**NOTE:** Due to road construction on Howe Avenue, the Men's Lutheran Loafers will meet at the Akron Family Restaurant located at 250 W. Market Street, Akron beginning in September. More information to come soon.



## Trinity Stampers

The Trinity Stampers will resume its regular meetings beginning in September. More information to come soon. †



## Altar Guild

Altar Guild will resume its regular meetings in the fall beginning in September. More details to follow. †



## Women's Bible Study

Women's Bible study will resume its regular meetings in the fall beginning Saturday, September 21. However, stay tuned for a possible summer service projects still in the planning stages. More details next month. †

**Environmental Tip:** Recycling Rules are still in a degree of flux. Glass is still only recycled in Cuyahoga Falls (they pay a hauler to collect it). Current recyclable materials are plastic bottles (throw away the caps) and jugs (throw away the caps) aluminum and metal cans, paper, cartons and cardboard. Plastic bags are still being accepted by grocery stores or bring them to church for use by various groups. Get creative with children by repurposing non-recyclables. †

## Prayer of the Month:

Pray that we may learn to talk to God at times other than when we are in trouble or wanting something from him. He gives us the opportunity to talk to Him whenever we want communication with Him. Our prayer life should be much deeper and we can have a better line of communication with God.



Blood Pressures will not be taken June, July and August. If you would like your blood pressure checked during these months, please see one of the Parish nurses. †



# Communion Bread Recipe

## Ingredients:

- 1½ cups whole wheat flour
- ½ cup regular white or bread flour
- ¾ teaspoon baking soda
- 3 tablespoons butter  
(unsalted is best; may substitute margarine)
- ¾ cup warm water
- 3 tablespoons honey
- ¾ teaspoon salt

## Directions:

- Combine the first four ingredients well. Cut in the butter, and work in thoroughly.

- Combine the water and honey. Stir this into the flour/butter mixture, and combine until you have a sticky dough.
- Turn out onto a board/counter, adding flour until you can knead it. Knead until smooth.
- Divide the flour into four equal parts. Roll or press each part into a 6" flat circle.
- Lightly score a cross into the top of each circle. Brush with vegetable oil. Place onto a lightly-greased baking sheet.
- Bake at 350 for no more than 12 minutes. (Over baking makes the bread crumbly.)
- Remove and allow to cool completely.
- When cool it can be bagged for use later in the week or bagged and frozen for use up to three weeks later.

## Memorial Gifts

### Love Offering

*In memory of Betty deVries*  
Bob Spanbauer

### Youth Ministry Fund

*In memory of Nancy Hartz*  
Linda Vowles

### General Fund

*In memory of Winifred Aikey*  
Betty Oberdorfer

## Thank You

Dear Trinity,

Thank you for all of your prayers, cards, food, phone calls, rides and loan of the equipment that made my convalescence so much easier.

In Christ, Frederica Cohen

## In Memoriam

Holy Trinity is adding this column to memorialize those who have passed away during the first quarter. We continue to pray for the families of the following:

**Nancy Hartz**

**Mary Ann Sholtis**



## July Birthdays

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

July 1 – Jacinto Núñez  
 July 2 – Josephine Ameling  
 July 4 – Elliott Esworthy  
 July 4 – Thomas Parry  
 July 5 – Dalene Carson  
 July 7 – Adeline Anacki  
 July 7 – Graham Jones  
 July 7 – Mary Kay Wilson  
 July 8 – Colin Richenbacher  
 July 13 – Linda Vowles  
 July 15 – David Erickson  
 July 15 – Diana Shanafelt  
 July 16 – Stephanie Andrews  
 July 16 – Emily Wolverton  
 July 18 – Ryan Bader  
 July 19 – Tim Anderson  
 July 20 – Julia Seiberling  
 July 21 – Matthew Birch  
 July 21 – Joseph Hancock  
 July 22 – Lily Gosorn  
 July 22 – Carol Mason  
 July 22 – Emma Oberdorfer  
 July 24 – Paul Berthold  
 July 25 – Alice Bouton  
 July 25 – Donald Wight  
 July 25 – John Wilkinson  
 July 28 – Cheryl Gates  
 July 28 – Elizabeth Liska  
 July 29 – Adeline Andrews  
 July 30 – Pat Keller  
 July 30 – Mara Lakins

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



## Metro Marks Spring

### Spree for All

is now over.

Look for a report on numbers and latest on experiences in next month's Highlights. +

# July 2019 Worship Stewards

DATE	ACOLYTES/CRUCIFERS	READERS	COMMUNION ASSTS	SOUND
July 7 @ 9:30 a.m.	TO BE ANNOUNCED	Amy Indorf	TO BE ANNOUNCED	Fred Spencer
July 14 @ 9:30 a.m.	TO BE ANNOUNCED	Dick Willett	TO BE ANNOUNCED	Mike Ameling
July 21 @ 9:30 a.m.	TO BE ANNOUNCED	Valerie Clark	Frederica Cohen	Dennis Dick
July 28 @ 9:30 a.m.	TO BE ANNOUNCED	Kristine Forbes	TO BE ANNOUNCED	Lorin Sickafoose

## USHERS

Duane Aller  
Bill Bulgrin  
Fletcher Carroll  
Donna Carroll  
Gregg Loesch  
Ron Nockengost  
Gary Radanof  
Rich Williams  
Gloria Woodford

*Underlined name indicates head ushers.*

## altar CARE

**Candles:** Ruth Stefanik & Carol Seiberling

**Flowers:** Pat Keller

**Altar Care:** Linda Vowles

### Communion:

July 7—Diann Jenkins & Alexa Sandmann

July 14—Diann Jenkins & Alexa Sandmann

July 21—Susan Detwiler & Joan Amon

July 28—Susan Detwiler & Joan Amon

## Communion Bread

### **BAKERS NEEDED!**

If you are interested in baking the communion bread, please sign-up at the Welcome Center.

*If you love baking, why not bake the Communion Bread to use during Sunday worship? The sign-up sheet and recipe can be found at the Welcome Center.*

# July 2019 Calendar of Events

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b> 7:15 p.m. Derbytown Chorus Rehearsal (FH)	<b>3</b> 9 a.m. TTTs 11 a.m. Mid-Week Bible Study (CL) 12:15 p.m. Mid-Week Worship w/ Eucharist (Sanc.)	<b>4</b> <b>INDEPENDENCE DAY—OFFICE CLOSED</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> 10 a.m. Community Meeting (CL)
<b>7</b> 9:30 a.m. Worship w/ Eucharist 10:30 a.m. Worship+Plus	<b>8</b> 1 p.m. Staff Meeting 7 p.m. Cabinet Meeting (CL)	<b>9</b> 6:30 p.m. Worship & Music Team Meeting (SL) 7:15 p.m. Derbytown Chorus Rehearsal (FH)	<b>10</b> 9 a.m. TTTs 11 a.m. Mid-Week Bible Study (CL) 12:15 p.m. Mid-Week Worship w/ Eucharist (Sanc.) 6 p.m. Mid-Week Bible Study (CL) 6 p.m. Personnel Team Meeting (SL)	<b>11</b> 4:30 p.m. Girl Scouts (Rm. 202)	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> 8:30 a.m. Men on A Mission (CL) 10 a.m. Stewardship Meeting (Office) <b>11 a.m. DLM Food &amp; Resources Open (Rm. 100 &amp; FH)</b>
<b>14</b> 9:30 a.m. Worship w/ Eucharist 10:30 a.m. Worship+Plus <b>4 p.m. Warriors Journey Home (CL)</b>	<b>15</b> 1 p.m. Staff Meeting	<b>16</b> 6 p.m. Council (CL) 7:15 p.m. Derbytown Chorus Rehearsal (FH)	<b>17</b> 9 a.m. TTTs 11 a.m. Mid-Week Bible Study (CL) 12:15 p.m. Mid-Week Worship w/ Eucharist (Sanc.) 6 p.m. Mid-Week Bible Study (CL)	<b>18</b> 4:30 p.m. Girl Scouts (CL) <b>7 p.m. DLM Food &amp; Resources Open for Project RISE (Rm. 100 &amp; FH)</b>	<b>19</b> 7:00 p.m. Fire Pit Friday @ the Núñez home (3890 Northview Dr., Stow 44224)	<b>20</b> 10:30 a.m. Pray, Play & Story Telling (lunch provided at noon, blessing & sending @ 12:30pm) @ the Archbold home (198 Hollywood Ave., Akron 44313)
<b>21</b> 9:30 a.m. Worship w/ Eucharist 10:30 a.m. Worship+Plus	<b>22</b> 1 p.m. Staff Meeting 5:30 p.m. Spiritual Meeting (CL)	<b>23</b> 6 p.m. Women's Bible Study (home of Linda Vowles) 7:15 p.m. Derbytown Chorus Rehearsal (FH)	<b>24</b> 9 a.m. TTTs 11 a.m. Mid-Week Bible Study (CL) 12:15 p.m. Mid-Week Worship w/ Eucharist (Sanc.) 6 p.m. Mid-Week Bible Study (CL)	<b>25</b> 4:30 p.m. Girl Scouts (Rm. 202) 6 p.m. Quilters (Rm. 202)	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> 8:30 a.m. Men on A Mission (CL) <b>11 a.m. DLM Food &amp; Resources Open (Rm. 100 &amp; FH)</b>
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**Invite others to worship, serve and fellowship along side us!!**

In fact, be sure to check out the new Holy Trinity website and Facebook page often for information about worship and service activities. Your engagement—in person or on social media—helps raise our visibility. That means even more folks will learn who we are, what we're all about and will want to join us !