

150 HIGHLIGHTS

1868 2018 HOLY TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH *Praising. Loving. Serving in Jesus' name.*

GO OUT & SERVE



Painting Day for Habitat

Holy Trinity is helping Habitat for Humanity build a home on Magnolia Avenue in Cuyahoga Falls. Work on the home has progressed to indoors. We have been invited to participate in an upcoming painting day on Saturday, Feb. 3, 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Please contact Gregg Loesch for more information. Thanks! †



Our next **Family Promise** hosting week will begin Sunday, February 11th. If you would like to help our guest families stay in the evenings and overnight at our church building that week, please sign up to be a shopper, driver, host, or cook on the bulletin board in the hallway. †



Volunteers needed to help ...

Saturday, February 10, 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

Thursday, February 15, 7-8:30 p.m.

Saturday, February 24, 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

Please see Deacon Marla for information. †



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A Time to CELEBRATE!

If you haven't heard, Holy Trinity Lutheran Church is getting ready to celebrate its 150th anniversary ... a tribute to the congregation!! Through the years, the members of Holy Trinity have made themselves a cornerstone in this community by praising God, loving one another and serving others. For 15 decades, hundreds of families and individuals called Holy Trinity their home ... they worshiped in the sanctuary, gathered in the Fellowship Hall and filled the halls and classrooms. Who were these families? What were they like? What did they do to celebrate their faith and honor the Lord?

Over the next 18 months, you will have an opportunity to learn a little about those who helped to form and grow this congregation, what they did, the numerous groups and ministries they were a part of and the impact they had on the community.

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Fred Hersch

2018 Grammy nominee!

*Composer, educator, bandleader,
collaborator and recording artist*

Tuesday, February 13, 7 p.m.
Holy Trinity Lutheran Church

See page 7 for more details ...

ARTS & MUSIC
HOLY TRINITY

And All That Jazz *by Pastor David Nevergall*



We've developed an interesting pattern here at Holy Trinity: the end of the Days after Epiphany...as we transition into the more solemn and reflective season of Lent...have come to mean that it's time for jazz. For the past several years, we hosted a "Jazz Café" with plenty of good food and good music. This year, there are two opportunities to celebrate...a family-friendly Mardi Gras party on Transfiguration Sunday, followed by a fat Tuesday evening concert with one of the jazz world's most lauded pianists, Fred Hersch. You'll find more info on both of these events at other places in this newsletter, and I hope you'll be coming.

What I find interesting about this from a theological perspective is the musical form itself. Jazz, especially as improvisation, takes a particular tune or theme and explores it from a variety of perspectives. That exploration is greatly influenced by the talent and experiences of the performer, as they use their particular skills and emotions in order to build a unique "take" on an established idea.

It occurs to me that this is not at all unlike our pursuit of the Christian life. God provides the theme: unrelenting love expressed in a grace that cannot be thwarted even by death itself. We see that theme played out in the life, death and resurrection of Jesus the Christ. But we are not just watchers. We are also the recipients of the gift of that theme. And given the gift, we are called to work with it...to play with it...to learn and share how such gracious love might be expressed in ways that are consonant with our talents and temperament.

In other words, the Christian life is nothing less than a lick on the divine riff that is Jesus. Through our study of Scripture, our worship together, and our outreach work in the community, we learn what Jesus looks like and what God is saying to us. Then we get to dive into the power and joy of the gifts we have been given...living them out in ways that are the very best use of who we are as human beings. Maybe that means, like it did for Peter and Andrew, figuring out how fishing skills for fish translates into fishing skills for people. Maybe it's congratulating a child at Robinson as part of an awards ceremony or lending your beautiful voice to the Trinity Choir or serving in ways that allow your organizational skills to tend to the numerous chores that help a congregation function well. Whatever the cause or situation, God has been busy calling and equipping. And now we get to live out all that jazz in lives of love and thanksgiving. †



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
 Parish Secretary, Annmarie Demko
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150 Year Celebration	Sandy DeLuca
Communion Assistants	VACANT
Council President	Sonya Nagle
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Friendly Visitors	Peter Lisius & Michael Wilson
HTLC Praise Troupe	Carole Bader
Family Promise	Gregg Loesch
Library	Dean & Pat Keller
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
St. Bernard Hot Meals	Michael Wilson
Trinitarians	Velma Pomrenke, Sally Richenbacher
Ushers	Gregg Loesch
Volunteers	Marla Wood Kay
Women's Bible Study	Velma Pomrenke
Young Adults	Rachel Núñez

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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Sesquicentennial Celebration!!

June 17, 2018 through June 23, 2019

Beginning with the February 2018 issue of the Highlights, there will be pages each month devoted to the 150th Anniversary. They will include photos, articles and tidbits about the people of Holy Trinity from the past 150 years. In addition, there will information about the events and activities that are being planned to celebrate this historic milestone and ways each of you can join in the celebration. If you have questions or need additional information, please contact Sandy DeLuca. †

Here's How It All Began ...

1866 Rev. Morris Officer met with John Seiberling about forming an English speaking Lutheran Church. Over the next month, John Seiberling invited other Lutherans to meetings about forming this church.

June 15, 1868 Dr. William Passavant led a worship service of 25 Lutherans in the Reformed Church. Over the next three months, Dr. Passavant held meetings with a small group of Lutherans every two to four weeks in various halls and churches.

Sept 1868 A mission began and Rev. William Ruthroff became the first pastor. There were 18 active members, those considered the founding members of what later became known as Holy Trinity Lutheran Church.

Mr. & Mrs. Reuben Dressler
Mrs. John T. Good
Mr. Paul Griffhorn
Mr. & Mrs. Levi Harrold
Mr. & Mrs. Isaac Harter
Mr. & Mrs. J.H. Hower
Mr. & Mrs. Charles Miller
Mr. & Mrs. Henry Motz
Mr. & Mrs. William Schroeder
Mr. & Mrs. J.F. Seiberling

April 1869 The number of active members increased to 40.

June 21, 1869 The 'English Lutheran Church in Akron' became officially known as the Evangelical Lutheran Church of the Holy Trinity. Rev. W.P. Ruthroff was installed as the pastor. †

History Notes



JOHN F. SEIBERLING

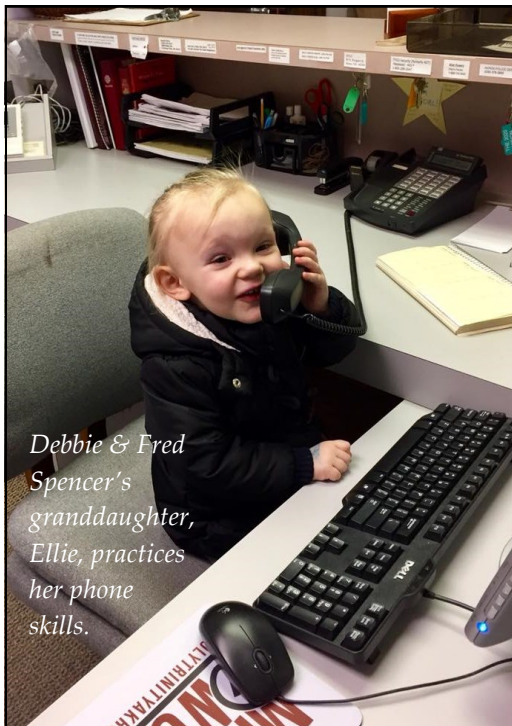


REV. W. P. RUTHROFF.
1868-1872

"... it might be of interest to the congregation to know something of the source that prompted its undertaking ... In this fast age in which we live, we are apt to fox our minds only on the things of the present ... while we let the things of the past sink into oblivion. If lost history could be reproduced when needed, it would sometimes be of untold value ... there is a degree of sadness in the thought of the 18 original that constituted the membership of 1868 ... only eight are now living (1896) ...

In September of the year 1868, a mission church was organized. Rev. W.P. Ruthroff came here and took charge of the mission. The name was Trinity Lutheran Church. The 21st of June (1869) finally arrived. It was a bright morning; the sun shone in His glory, the flowers were blooming and a balmy breeze came from the south. At the time the congregation occupied Sumner Hall, and it was overflowing. When the meeting had done its work, a constitution adopted ... a full church council elected ... the name adopted. Now the church was established ... and now, after traveling through 28 years of checkered history ... (we) stand at the threshold of the future. Will these things endure that we have reared? This will depend on the character of those that occupy (the church) in the times to come."

This was written by John F. Seiberling for the 25th Anniversary in 1896. He was a charter member of the congregation in 1868. He was also a member of the first church council and remained a member until his death in 1903 ... more than 30 years. He was a prominent inventor and industrialist and among other ventures headed the Excelsior Reaper Works. He married Catherine Miller. The family lived at 528 W. Market Street, Akron. †



Debbie & Fred
Spencer's
granddaughter,
Ellie, practices
her phone
skills.



And Jesus said, let the little children come.

Children do a craft while in the Nursery.



Polo Shirt Order Form

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Choose a shirt color:

____ White ____ Grey ____ Burgundy

Choose a size:

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____ X-Large ____ XX-Large ____ XXX-Large

Cash or check accepted.

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Get your ... Limited Edition Anniversary Polo Shirts

*Embroidered with the new 150th Anniversary logo
Available in white, grey and burgundy*

\$25 for S-XL | \$30 for XXL-XXXL



The Youth Connect

YOUTH EVENTS

- Sunday, February 4, 12:15-1:30 p.m. — AGAPE CLUB (all youth) - Agape Closet will also be open.
- Friday, February 9, 6 p.m. — WINTER JAM & LOCK-IN (8th-12th grade)
- Sunday, February 18, 12:15-1:30 p.m. — LUNCH & DEVOS, open to 8th-high school youth.

YOUTH FUNDRAISERS

- Casserole Sunday Sale—Sunday, February 11 (*details below*)
- Annual Chili Cook-Off—Sunday, February 25 following the late worship service (*Room 202; see details below*)



Casserole Sunday February 11

Don't have time to cook? No worries!

The youth will have a variety of casseroles (ready to freeze or warm and serve) available for purchase the 2nd Sunday of each month in 2018.

Each casserole will be priced at \$20.

They will be available for purchase in the Chapel Lounge beginning at 10 a.m. while supplies last. †



Youth Fundraiser

Sunday, February 25

Following second worship service

Bring in your 'secret recipe' chili to share ... mild, spicy or fire hot. Everyone will vote with \$1, \$5 or even \$10 for their favorite!

*Who will be crowned
this year's 'Chili Master'? †*

YOUTH  LOCK-IN

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 9



Men on a Mission

Saturday, February 9 & 23, 8:30 a.m. | Chapel Lounge

If you're a guy, you are welcome to join us. We're reading First Kings, 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! †



Trinity Stampers

Friday, February 16, 10:30 a.m. | Scharf Library

If you are a stamper, a scrapbooker, or someone who enjoys doing crafts ... please join us!! The Trinity Stampers gather each month (*September through May*) to hand-make greeting cards for those members who are home bound. Come be a part of the fun and fellowship! †



Men's Lutheran Loafers

Friday, February 16, 12 p.m. @ Waterloo Restaurant

Calling all men ... or anyone who wants to join the group! No experience necessary, you just must enjoy meeting with other members of our Holy Trinity Family. All you have to do is show up. If you would like any further information just call Fletcher Carroll @ (330) 923-6310 or e-mail peegee@neo.rr.com. †



Holy Trinity Book Club

Sunday, February 18, after the 11 a.m. service | Scharf Library

The group will discuss the book, *The Chilbury Ladies' Choir* by Jennifer Ryan. All are invited to bring a brown bag lunch and join in the lively discussion. Contact Amy Indorf or Diane Chambers with questions. †



Trinitarians

Friday, February 23, 1 p.m. | Chapel Lounge

Program and hosts to be announced. All Holy Trinity members are welcome. †



Women's Bible Study

Tuesday, February 27, 5:30 p.m. @ Panera Bread, Fairlawn

For their February meeting members of Women's Bible Study will attend the annual Women's Lenten Retreat. Instead, the group will meet on the 27th at 5:30 for supper and discussion of Session two: Prepare the Way of the Lord by Mark Allan Powell (page 30 of the January/February issue of "Gather" magazine). If you need a copy of the study please contact Linda Vowles or Velma Pomrenke. Hope to see you there. †



Altar Guild

Friday, March 16, 12 p.m. | Room 202

There will be the usual luncheon ... please bring your favorite salad to share. Hostesses and devotions to be announced. All are welcome! †



Grammy-nominated recording artist Fred Hersch joins the **Arts at Holy Trinity Concert Series** Tuesday, February 13, 7 p.m. Admission is free; however, a donation of \$20 is recommended. Doors open 30 minutes prior to performance. A reception follows the performance.

A select member of jazz's piano pantheon, Fred Hersch is a pervasively influential creative force who has shaped the music's course over more than three decades as an improviser, composer, educator, bandleader, collaborator and recording artist. A ten-time Grammy Award nominee, he continues to earn jazz's most prestigious awards, including recent distinctions as a 2016 Doris Duke Artist and 2016 Jazz Pianist of the Year from the Jazz Journalists Association. Proclaimed "the most arrestingly innovative pianist in jazz over the last decade" by Vanity Fair, Hersch has long defined jazz's creative edge in a wide variety of settings, from his breathtaking solo recitals and exploratory duos to his extraordinary trios and innovative chamber settings. With some three dozen albums to his credit as a leader or co-leader, Hersch consistently wins an international array of awards and lavish critical praise for his albums.

His latest release, *Sunday Night at the Vanguard* (Palmetto), is a definitive statement by his long-running trio with bassist John Hébert and drummer Eric McPherson. This CD was nominated for two 2017 Grammy Awards for Best Jazz Album and Best Jazz Solo. The trio's previous release *Floating* (Palmetto), described as "an extravagantly beautiful new album" by Nate Chinen of The New York Times, also earned 2014 Grammy nominations for Best Jazz Album and Best Jazz Solo. And the trio's two-CD *Palmetto* set *Alive at the Vanguard* was awarded the 2012 Grand Prix du Disque in France and named one of the year's best CDs by Downbeat.

A committed educator, Hersch has taught at New England Conservatory, The Juilliard School, The New School and The Manhattan School of Music. He is currently a member of the Jazz Studies faculty of Rutgers University. Hersch's influence has been widely felt on a new generation of jazz pianists, from former students Brad Mehldau and Ethan Iverson to his colleague Jason Moran, who has said, "Fred at the piano is like LeBron James on the basketball court. He's perfection." †



Plan Now for Mardi Gras Fun!

How will you celebrate Mardi Gras this year?

Holy Trinity invites you to come and experience the cool jazz sounds of Joe Leaman Trio and enjoy an afternoon of family-friendly activities, Sunday, Feb. 11



Joe Leaman

from 12:30 to 2 p.m. at Holy Trinity, 50 N. Prospect St., Akron. Tickets are \$5 each or \$20 per family maximum and can be purchased by calling Holy Trinity at (330) 376-5151 or online by visiting holytrinityakron.org. Visitors will enjoy a Mardi Gras-themed activity to include mask-making and

line dancing. A light sweet and savory (child-friendly) lunch will be served. It's a great way to kick off the Lenten Season and a great way to celebrate with friends!

Joe Leaman Trio, an Akron, Ohio-based jazz group, will help bring the "spirit" of Mardi Gras to Holy Trinity's Fellowship Hall. Joe Leaman is an in-demand pianist, percussionist, arranger and educator throughout the North East Ohio region. Regularly appearing with critically acclaimed vocalist Helen Welch, Joe's eclectic musical adventures have included everything from world premiers of contemporary percussion music to wedding bands to pit orchestras. In addition to a vigorous performance schedule Joe works as a salesman for Woodsy's Music in Kent, and is the Music Director at Montrose Zion United Methodist Church in Bath. †



2018 Annual Congregation Meeting



The Annual Congregation Meeting was held January 28 with nearly 100 people in attendance. The membership passed the 2018 budget, heard about the numerous events and activities being planning as part of the 150th Anniversary celebration that begins in June 2018, and enjoyed a delicious lunch together.



Council President Sonya Nagle shared the many accomplishments of 2017, all focused on the strategic plan and grounded in the mission of bringing Jesus to people through love and the word of God.



Pictured (from l): Rob and Dottie Wise, Rich Williams, Peter Lisius, Elizabeth Liska and Stan Martin.



Pictured (from l): Bill Bulgrin, Ron Nockengost, Norm and Sally Richenbacher, Deborah Ickes and Pat McRowe.



Pictured (from l): Jennifer, Logan and Michael Hunter with Deacon Ruth Anderson and Marshall Thomas.



Pictured (from l): Sophia Morton, Joan Derrig, Dan and Susan Detwiler, Nina Aikey, and Bob and Sylvia Leddon.



More than 20 people attended the first 'Dinner for Eight' event held January 27. The intent is to bring people together so they can get to know one another better. The various groups of 8 will schedule future dinners and gatherings throughout the next six months. If you would like to get involved, please see Michael Wilson.



What an incredible opportunity to serve those in the community! DLM Food & Resources was open to the general public on Saturday, January 27. It was busy from the moment the doors opened. In the end, 44 families had been served. Thank you to everyone who helps with the outreach ministry!



A Project RISE student intern helps a family shop for food.



Hannah Royer and James Gates help families take food to their cars.



The shelves are fully stocked.



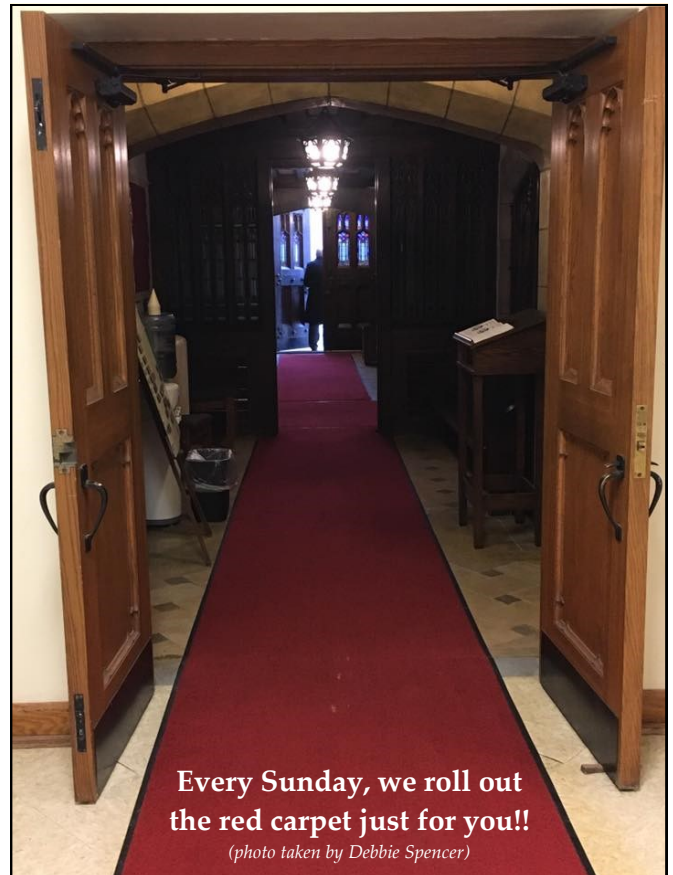
hosted by Youth & Education Ministry Team

Saturday, February 17th
9 a.m.-1p.m.

(continental breakfast & lunch will be served)

Cost: \$8 (scholarships are available)

Reserve your spot at the registration table near the Welcome Center following worship on Sunday, February 4th.



Every Sunday, we roll out
the red carpet just for you!!

(photo taken by Debbie Spencer)



PSALMS

The psalms have been part of the worshipping life of God's people for over 3,000 centuries. The

people of Israel used these "Songs of David" in their ritual life as a community, whether they were gathering to dedicate the temple, coronate a ruler, or express communal lament. The early Christians were certainly conversant with the psalms since they appear in so much of the New Testament.

Within the collection are hymns of praise, songs of lament, symphonies of thanksgiving, and concertos for royal occasions. This book, centered right in the middle of our Bibles, has psalm for almost every conceivable human emotion or event.

During the retreat, you will be given a Psalms Devotional Guide and other resources to take home and use during Lent. †

The Christian Faith: A Fresh Look

Join us on the 2nd and 4th Sunday of the month (ending April 8th) as we continue to look at questions and doubts about what faith in Jesus is all about. The group meets in Room 202 following the 11 a.m. worship service. There will be a sign-up for people to offer soup or salad, so we'll eat as we gather. No one will be asked to read out loud, or answer a question that you might not be comfortable answering. This is a great opportunity to dig a deeper into faith and talk together to discover what God is up to in our lives. The seven topics are: God, religion, Jesus, salvation, cross, Bible, and church. If you have questions, please see Deacon Marla Wood Kay.†



BLOOD PRESSURES

will be taken on Sunday, February 4,
between services in Room 201,
9:45-10:30 a.m. If you have questions
or need information, ask one
of the Parish nurses. †

Environmental Tip:

Have recycling questions?
SummitReworks.com is
an excellent source of
information. There is a lot
of general information as
well as specific suggestions.
Be sure to check it out!! †



Prayer of the Month:

May we pray for public service
workers around the world. †

February Discipleship Class Schedule

ADULT FORUM

10 a.m. in Room 202

Facilitated by Rachel Núñez, Director of Discipleship Ministries



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| February 4 th | Living Faith in Daily Life—Prayer, Part 3 |
| February 11 th | Living Faith in Daily Life—Prayer, Part 4 |
| February 18 th | Stewardship: Ministries Holy Trinity Supports and Why You Might Support Them, Too* |
| February 25 th | Stewardship: Resources for Determining How Non-Profits Handle Donations* (<i>GuideStar, Charity Navigator, and CharityCheck101.com</i>)
*facilitated by Sandy DeLuca |

Preschool/Kindergarten

FROLIC – A Foundation of Faith for Young Children

Facilitated by Pam Marko and Ruth Stefanik

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| February 4 th | Jesus Teaches & Heals |
| February 11 th | Jesus Feeds a Crowd |
| February 18 th | Prayer |
| February 25 th | God Finds Us |



1st – 6th Grade

WHIRL CLASSROOM – Bible Centered Lessons that Help Kids understand Scripture and how it applies to their lives

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| February 4 th | Jesus Walks on Water |
| February 11 th | The Parable of the Vineyard |
| February 18 th | What is Payer? |
| February 25 th | Why do we Pray? |



7th – 8th Grade

AFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM (Confirmation)

Pastor David Nevergall, Instructor

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| February 4 th | New Testament Ancestors
Simon Peter |
| February 11 th | New Testament Ancestors
Mary Magdalene |
| February 18 th | Vigil Stories |
| February 25 th | Vigil Stories |

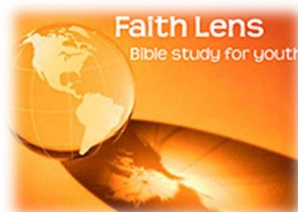


9th – 12th Grade

HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP – Faith Lens (www.elca.org)

Carol Bader, Youth Leader

FAITH LENS is a weekly Bible studies that engage youth and young adults in connecting world events with the Bible, faith, and everyday life.



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
- 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.

Directions:

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



A Note from Your Stewardship Committee

“The Lord loves the cheerful giver, but will even take money from a grouch.”

We’re not sure who first said this, but it gave us pause to consider: How do you give to your church? Do you do it cheerfully, grudgingly, dutifully, willingly or reluctantly? And how do you decide what to give? That may be an even more important question. As you think about your own personal response, please also consider this: We did not conduct a stewardship campaign in the Fall of 2017. Why not? Was it that Holy Trinity Lutheran Church did not need to conduct such a campaign because attendance at worship and subsequent offerings were up from the previous year? No, that decision not to push financial stewardship was made long before we saw those increases.

The reason there was no stewardship campaign last fall is because we are going to devote the Lenten Season this year to an effort to raise your awareness of the gifts you have been blessed with through the Gospel of Jesus Christ. We trust that your response to that awareness will generate a generosity on your part through increased giving to and through Holy Trinity.

But good stewardship is more than just money.

“Be One or Buy One.” That motto from WWII had to do with inviting people to either enter military service or to buy War Bonds in order to support the war effort. It is an apt reminder that Holy Trinity has an army...an army of volunteers. Perhaps you are one. This congregation is blessed with a variety of service opportunities. Some of those tend to the chores of the church...the “inside” work of committees, worship preparation, facility care and administration. Some of those opportunities take us “outside” to the many agencies and organizations we support beyond our walls. Both inside and outside are important responses to the grace and love that God has given us.

And that is truly the definition of good stewardship: It is our whole-life response to divine goodness...a sharing in work and witness, in dollars and doing...of the love of Christ for the world. Thank you for your intentional and faithful stewardship. †

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.

For that reason, we monitor statistics on attendance and giving to the church. They offer a glimpse into the health of our congregation. During 2017, average weekly worship attendance at Holy Trinity (Sunday morning and midweek services) was 176. That’s up from an average of 161 per week during the same period last year ... **an increase of a bit more than 9%.** Worship is fundamental to the strength of the community and mission we share. Thanks for making it a priority in your life.

For the year 2017, our undesignated giving in support of Holy Trinity’s ministry was \$463,296. Our budget estimate for that same period was \$397,496. That’s 16.5% better than we had expected. Total income for the year was about **5.5% higher** than what we had hoped to achieve, even though we took no income from the budget endowment for November and December. Thank you for your attention to your own giving habits. We continue to be blessed by your generosity.

We encourage you to continue that generosity in this new year. There will be an opportunity during Lent to learn more about giving as a spiritual discipline and to assess your own habits. In the meantime, we ask you to prayerfully consider your ongoing support for the work we share. Thank you for being intentional in what you give.

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 Rick Kimble, our financial secretary, for more information about available options and/or to set it up. Please remember: Your tithes and other gifts not only pay the day to day bills here. They extend God’s love and grace through our mission work in this area and also well beyond through our partnership with the Northeastern Ohio Synod and the ELCA. There is a ripple effect that quite truly reaches around the world.

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. †



Holy Trinity's 150th Anniversary June 2018-June 2019

By now you will have heard of **Holy Trinity's 150th Anniversary Celebration** from June 17, 2018 to June 23, 2019. Among the many events planned for that year is a history of the congregation to be completed by the end of 2017. It will be written by Diane Chambers, a professional writer, and Velma Pomrenke, an amateur writer. They hope to create a narrative of the highlights of the life of this congregation spanning those 150 years.

Please help us with this task.

What does this congregation mean to you? What part has your family played in this congregation? What are your hopes for the future for this congregation? Do you have memories of events/people in this congregation? Please snail-mail or e-mail your remembrances to us: Diane at 591 Palisades, Akron, 44303, chambers.phd@sbcglobal.net or Velma at 1148 W. Market St., Apt. 216, Akron, 44313. velma@uakron.edu. Pictures or other memorabilia are most welcome. †

**You are the history of Holy Trinity.
Let's hear from you. Thanks.**



Stained Glass Windows Fund

In memory of Larry Morton
Fletcher & Donna Carroll
Trinity Usher's Association
Altar Guild
Norm & Sally Richenbacher

In memory of Elizabeth Peterson
John Wilkinson

In memory of Dick Derrig
Norm & Sally Richenbacher

Arts @ Holy Trinity Fund

In memory of Jim Hofbauer
Betty Oberdorfer

Memorial Fund

In memory of Louise Spaulding
Frederick & Barbara Werner
Dave & Nancy Dietz

Houston Fund

In memory of Elizabeth Peterson
Betty Oberdorfer

ELCA World Hunger Fund

*In honor of Virginia Stackel's
100th Birthday*
Joan Kull

**Thank you for your
beautiful, faithful prayers.
They were so helpful.**

Love, Joanna Salmons



Be sure to pick-up your copy of the 2017 Annual Report. They are available at the Welcome Center in the office lobby and in the Narthex. †



February 2018 Worship Stewards

DATE	ACOLYTES/CRUCIFERS	READERS	COMMUNION ASSTS	SOUND
February 4 8:30 a.m. 11 a.m.	<u>8:30 a.m.</u> Steve Mitchhart Emma Seltzer <u>11 a.m.</u> Ethan Scheck (c) Camdynn Stevens	<u>8:30 a.m.</u> Tom Baumgardner <u>11 a.m.</u> Alexa Sandmann	<u>8:30 a.m.</u> Pat Keller, Tom Baumgardner, Mike Ameling, Sandy DeLuca <u>11:00 a.m.</u> Alexa Sandmann, Lesli Eisenhart, Christine Hinman, LaVerne Mansour	<u>8:30 a.m.</u> Fred Spencer <u>11 a.m.</u> Joe Moxon
February 11 8:30 a.m. 11 a.m.	<u>8:30 a.m.</u> Emma Seltzer Kristine Johnson <u>11 a.m.</u> Anna Scheck (c) Abby Mormino	<u>8:30 a.m.</u> Lorin Sickafoose <u>11 a.m.</u> Spencer Davis	<u>8:30 a.m.</u> Pat Keller, Sandy DeLuca, Pete Seltzer <u>11:00 a.m.</u> Joan Derrig, Frederica Cohen, Carole Bader, Christine Hinman	<u>8:30 a.m.</u> Mike Ameling <u>11 a.m.</u> Michael Wilson
February 18 8:30 a.m. 11 a.m.	<u>8:30 a.m.</u> Luke Nagle Mia Nagle <u>11 a.m.</u> Ethan Scheck (c) Ben Mormino	<u>8:30 a.m.</u> Donna Carroll <u>11 a.m.</u> Bob Ethington	<u>8:30 a.m.</u> Pat Keller, Fletcher Carroll, Donna Carroll, Gloria Woodford <u>11:00 a.m.</u> Christine Hinman, LaVerne Mansour, Diane Chambers, Bob/Jess Foutty	<u>8:30 a.m.</u> Dennis Dick <u>11 a.m.</u> Bob Ethington
February 25 8:30 a.m. 11 a.m.	<u>8:30 a.m.</u> Kristine Johnson Steve Mitchhart <u>11 a.m.</u> Michael Wilson (c) Camdynn Stevens	<u>8:30 a.m.</u> Fletcher Carroll <u>11 a.m.</u> Frederica Cohen	<u>8:30 a.m.</u> Pat Keller, Fletcher Carroll, Donna Carroll, Gloria Woodford <u>11:00 a.m.</u> Joan Derrig, Rachel Núñez, Jacinto Núñez, Manny Núñez	<u>8:30 a.m.</u> Lorin Sickafoose <u>11 a.m.</u> Joe Moxon

USHERS

<u>8:30 a.m.</u> Bill Bulgrin Fletcher Carroll Donna Carroll Bob Leddon <u>Ron Nockengost</u> Gary Radanof Karl Stutz Gloria Woodford	<u>11 a.m.</u> Gregg Loesch Pat McRowe <u>Rich Williams</u>
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Underlined name indicates head usher.

altar CARE

Candles: Sally Richenbacher
Flowers: No one assigned
Altar Care: Sharon Else Ware & Marion Else




Communion Bread

Thank you to
**PAT KELLER &
 KAREN NEVERGALL**
 for baking the communion
 bread throughout this month.

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.

February 2018 Calendar of Events

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 9 a.m. Good Neighbors 4:30 p.m. Girl Scouts (SL) 6:30 p.m. Grief Class (FH) 6:30 p.m. Trinity Bells 7:30 p.m. Trinity Choir	2 	3 9:30 a.m. Painting Day at Habitat for Humanity 10 a.m. Stewardship Meeting (Office)
4 8:30 & 11 a.m. Worship w/ Eucharist 9:45 a.m. Middle Hour 12:15 p.m. Agape Club (YR)	5 1:30 p.m. Staff Meeting 3 p.m. LINKS (FH)	6 3 p.m. LINKS (FH) 7:15 p.m. Derbytowntown Chorus Rehearsal (FH)	7 9 a.m. TTTs 11 a.m. Mid-Week Study (CL) 12:15 p.m. Worship (Sanc.) 3 p.m. LINKS (FH)	8 9 a.m. Good Neighbors 3 p.m. LINKS (FH) 4:30 p.m. Girl Scouts (SL) 6 p.m. Evening Prayer (Sanc.) 6:30 p.m. Mid-Week Study (CL)	9 3:30 p.m. Property Team Meeting (CL) 6 p.m. Youth Winter Jam & Lock-In (YR)	10 8:30 a.m. Men on A Mission (CL) 11 a.m. DLM Food & Resources Open for Project RISE
HOSTING FAMILY PROMISE THIS WEEK						
11 8:30 & 11 a.m. Worship w/ Eucharist 9:45 a.m. Middle Hour 10 a.m. Youth Casserole Sale (CL) 12:15 p.m. Animate Faith (Rm. 202) 12:30 p.m. Family Friendly Mardi Gras Event (FH) 3 p.m. Warriors Journey Home (CL)	12 1:30 p.m. Staff Meeting 3 p.m. LINKS (FH)	13 3 p.m. LINKS (FH) 7 p.m. Arts @ Holy Trinity Concert: Fred Hersch (Sanc.)	14 ASH WEDNESDAY 9 a.m. TTTs 11 a.m. Mid-Week Study (CL) 12 p.m. Ash Wednesday Worship (Sanc.) 3 p.m. LINKS (FH) 7 p.m. Ash Wednesday Worship (Sanc.)	15 9 a.m. Good Neighbors 3 p.m. LINKS (FH) 4:30 p.m. Girl Scouts (SL) 6 p.m. Evening Prayer (Sanc.) 6:30 p.m. Mid-Week Study a (CL) 6:30 p.m. Trinity Bells 7:00 p.m. Derbytowntown Chorus Rehearsal (FH) 7 p.m. DLM Food & Resources Open for Project RISE	16 10:30 a.m. Trinity Stampers (SL) 12 p.m. Lutheran Loafers (Waterloo Restaurant)	17 9 a.m. Women's Lenten Retreat (Rm. 202, CL, Sanc.)
18 8:30 & 11 a.m. Worship w/ Eucharist 9:45 a.m. Middle Hour 12:15 p.m. Youth Lunch & Devos (Rm. 202) 12:15 p.m. Trinity Book Club (SL)	19 1:30 p.m. Staff Meeting 3 p.m. LINKS (FH)	20 3 p.m. LINKS (FH) 6 p.m. Council Meeting (CL) 7:15 p.m. Derbytowntown Chorus Rehearsal (FH)	21 9 a.m. TTTs 11 a.m. Mid-Week Study (CL) 12:15 p.m. Mid-Week Eucharist (Sanc.) 3 p.m. LINKS (FH)	22 9 a.m. Good Neighbors 3 p.m. LINKS (FH) 4:30 p.m. Girl Scouts (SL) 6 p.m. Evening Prayer (Sanc.) 6:30 p.m. Mid-Week Study (CL) 6:30 p.m. Trinity Bells 7:30 p.m. Trinity Choir	23 1 p.m. Trinitarians (CL)	24 8:30 a.m. Men on A Mission (CL) 11 a.m. DLM Food & Resources Open for the Public
25 8:30 & 11 a.m. Worship w/ Eucharist 9:45 a.m. Middle Hour 12:15 p.m. Chili Cook-Off (Rm. 202) 12:15 p.m. Animate Faith (Rm. 202) 3 p.m. Warriors Journey Home (CL)	26 1:30 p.m. Staff Meeting 3 p.m. LINKS (FH)	27 3 p.m. LINKS (FH) 5:30 p.m. Women's Bible Study (Panera Bread in Fairlawn) 7 p.m. 150th Anniversary Planning Meeting (CL) 7:15 p.m. Derbytowntown Chorus Rehearsal (FH)	28 9 a.m. TTTs 11 a.m. Mid-Week Study (CL) 12:15 p.m. Mid-Week Eucharist (Sanc.) 3 p.m. LINKS (FH)	<div>  </div> <div> <p><i>Mission @ Work activities appear in bold. For more information, please contact the Church office at (330) 376-5154. Thank you!</i></p> </div>		

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A mid-week study for Lent
facilitated by Pastor David Nevergall

Wednesdays at 11 a.m. or

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(A light soup supper will be served on Thursday evenings)

February 14/15

Behold the Lamb of God

February 21/22

He Trusted in God

February 28/March 1

Who is the King of Glory

March 7/8

I know That My Redeemer Liveth

March 14/15

Why Do the Nations Rage

March 21/22

Worthy is the Lamb



LENT & HOLY WEEK WORSHIP SCHEDULE

In addition to our regular Sunday worship services at 8:30 and 11 a.m., please mark your calendars for the following special times of worship during the Lenten Season.

Ash Wednesday – February 14

Word, Prayer and Imposition of Ashes at Noon and 7 p.m.

Thursdays—February 15, 22; March 1, 8, 15, 22

Evening Prayer at 6 p.m.

Wednesdays—February 21, 28; March 7, 14, 21

Mid-week Eucharist at 12:15 p.m.

Maundy Thursday – March 29

Celebration of the Lord's Supper/Holy Communion at Noon.

Foot-washing and Holy Communion at 7 p.m.

Good Friday – March 30

Words from the Cross at Noon. Solemn Prayers and Adoration of the Cross at 7 p.m.

Holy Saturday – March 31

Easter Vigil: Light, Word, Water and Meal at 8 p.m.

Join us during this season of prayer and devotion!