



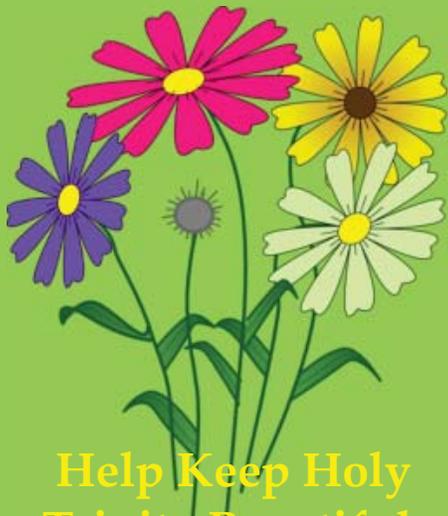
June 2017

HIGHLIGHTS

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

Summer
Single Worship
@ 9:30 a.m.

GO OUT & SERVE



Help Keep Holy Trinity Beautiful: Summer Gardening Ministry

Gardening volunteers are needed to sign up for one-week periods throughout the summer to help keep the beds around the church looking sharp. The early weeks may include light planting and mulching, and then just weeding and watering throughout the rest of the summer weeks. Even if you are able to come only twice during the week, leaving some watering to others during hot weather, it would be a big help in keeping Holy Trinity as beautiful on the outside as it is on the inside. The sign-up sheet is in the welcome area outside the Chapel Lounge. See Deacon Marla for questions or ideas. †

Holy Trinity ... a 'Champion for Children'

Holy Trinity Lutheran Church was recognized as a 'Champion for Children' by Summit County Children Services (SCCS) and was presented with a Community Support Award at their 8th Annual Community Appreciation Breakfast held April 29. For more than a decade, Holy Trinity has supported SCCS in a variety of ways. First, it was school supplies. For many years, the Church donated skids full of notebook paper, spiral notebooks, pocket folders, 3-ring binders not to mention boxes of crayons, pencils, scissors and glue sticks. And, if supplies were running low, a quick call was made, and within a couple days, another delivery of school supplies arrived. Then, it was the Caregivers Holiday Parties. For the past five years, Holy Trinity has financially supported the Annual Holiday Parties held for foster, adoptive and kinship families. When it's all added up, Holy Trinity Lutheran Church has contributed more than \$20,000 over the past 10+ years. †



Gregg Loesch (l) and Pastor Nevergall attended SCCS' Community Appreciation Breakfast.

STARTED TUESDAY, MAY 30, 2017

NEW CHURCH HOURS!

At their May Meeting, the Congregation Council approved a shift in office hours. The new hours will be 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. This schedule began Tuesday, May 30. Council will review this change at their September meeting, and will at that time make a decision to either revert back to the old schedule or affirm the new schedule on a "permanent" basis. †



Northeast Ohio Synod Assembly
June 9 & 10, 2017
John S. Knight Center

Where Your Heart Is *By Pastor David Nevergall*



There has been some excellent conversation in our Stewardship Committee meetings recently about the true meaning of stewardship and how that meaning is evidenced in our lives. One of the insights that has surfaced is that stewardship isn't primarily a financial issue. It's a matter of the heart...a reflection of the everyday habits and commitments that become a life modeled after the life of Christ. We may talk about budgets and giving statements and annual campaigns. But the real work of stewardship only happens after the realization that God is indeed the creator, sustainer, and redeemer of all that is (including us). Our great privilege is to

simply be thankful for all that God has done for us, and to allow that thanksgiving to shape our attitudes and activities towards God, each other, and the world around us.

A colleague who serves a congregation in suburban Columbus shared with me that their leadership group has been entertaining a similar conversation. The idea was to develop a short list of practices that could help define what it meant to be a Christ follower in that place. That spurred some additional thinking here about what such "Marks of Discipleship" might look like. Here's what we came up with for Holy Trinity. We think it might be helpful both as a reminder for our current members and as an invitation to visitors and friends to consider what it means to be part of this community of faith:

"Holy Trinity is a congregation called by Christ to help people live their faith, use their gifts, and daily choose the ways of God. These Marks of Discipleship are spiritual disciplines that can help us live faithfully in response to God's love. We invite you to join us in a lifetime of growth as we seek to: Worship Weekly. Study Diligently. Give Faithfully. Pray Constantly. Serve Joyfully."

Dr. Mark Powell in his book "**Loving Jesus**" recounts the story of a parishioner who once asked him, "What can I do to love God more?" After considerable research and prayer, he wisely advised her to follow Jesus' own advice from the Sermon on the Mount (Matthew 6:21) that where we place our treasure, our hearts will follow. In other words, "there is a way for us to alter our spiritual affections. We can decide what we want to care about, and then we can do something that will change us. ... Give of your treasure, and let your heart catch up." (pgs. 139, 140)

So...how we practice our faith has an effect on faith itself. Note: what we do doesn't change God. God will love us regardless. But it can and will change us by opening us to a new and richer understanding of what it means to trust God, to follow Jesus, and to share God's grace and mercy with the world. Over the next five months, we're going to explore each of the five "Marks of Discipleship" noted above. Our hope is that this focus will indeed help us daily choose the ways of God, and in the process, encourage our on-going growth as Christians. Blessings as you worship, study, give, pray, and serve. †

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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 Youth Leader, Carole Bader
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Acolyte Coordinator	Ethan Scheck
Altar Guild	Donna Carroll
Archives	Ricki Ethington
150 Year Celebration	Sandy DeLuca
Communion Assistants	Shirley Keller
Council President	Sandy DeLuca
Either Side of 40 Gang	Rotating Leaders
Friendly Visitors	Care Team/Phyllis Martin
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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Weekly Worship

Holy Trinity is a congregation called by Christ to help people live their faith, use their gifts and daily choose the ways of God. The marks of discipleship are spiritual disciplines that can help us live faithfully in response to God's love. We invite you to join us in a lifetime of growth as we seek to: Worship Weekly; Study Diligently; Give Faithfully; Pray Constantly; Serve Joyfully.

The Marks of Discipleship... Worship Weekly

The old joke goes like this:

"I don't want to go to church, and you can't make me."

"Get out of bed. You're going to church."

"Why do I have to go every week? It will be boring. I'm tired. I want to sleep. Leave me alone."

*"Get out of bed. You're going to church. You're the pastor." *insert rim shot here**

Why do we miss worship? Sporting events, sleep, not enough time, social or family gatherings...these are just a few of the reasons offered according to the most recent Pew research on the subject. But a significant number of folks could identify no reason at all. They just didn't go. The research also shows that even regular attenders...those who used to average 3 to 4 Sundays a month...now routinely average about 2 to 3 times a month in worship.

That's distressing, but this is not just about the numbers missing from our attendance. More importantly, it's about the blessings missing in the lives of those who miss weekly worship. So for your consideration: here are six blessings we receive when we gather for worship on a weekly basis (with thanks to Pr. Ryan Hugoley for the inspiration).

- ◆ **Worship:** Yes...you can worship in your car, in your living room, on the golf course, and anywhere else you choose to ascribe worth to Jesus. But something unique happens when we worship Jesus TOGETHER. When we join with our church family and the angels of heaven and lift high the name of Jesus, God's grace and glory are evident in a special way. God has promised to be present in the Word and Sacrament around which we gather to offer our thanksgiving and praise.
- ◆ **Community:** Life is becoming increasingly lonely in our culture. That's why it's such good news that God hasn't just saved us from our sin, but also placed us in community. The New Testament has no category for a lone ranger Christian who is disconnected from a local church. Community should happen throughout the week, to be sure...but at the very least, we need weekly connection with other followers of Christ.

- ◆ **Mission:** A great privilege that receive from God is purpose...when we are asked to pray and work for one another and for those in need. In a world with so many claims competing for our time and attention, it's easy to forget why we are here. Weekly worship, especially the Sunday morning liturgy of Word and Sacrament, is designed to remind us of who we are, whose we are and what we are called to do.
- ◆ **Feeding:** "Human beings do not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of the LORD." You need to be fed with the Word of God. Yes, you need to be in God's Word every day. But you also need to hear the Word preached, and sung, and confessed in the creeds, and enacted in the sharing of Christ's peace and Holy Communion. Without this rich fare, our souls will slowly starve.
- ◆ **Correction:** You and I think some crazy things sometimes...which means we are prone to believe incorrectly, feel incorrectly, and behave incorrectly. In addition to feeding us, God's Word also corrects us, calling us to repentance and proclaiming the good news of God's grace. Correction may not always feel like it, but it is one of the most loving things God does.
- ◆ **Instruction:** None of us knows everything. We need other people to guide us in the areas where we are deficient. Friends, mentors, teachers, pastors, ministry team leaders...all these folks serve as vehicles through which God instructs us with the Word. We need to be reminded of the gospel, instructed in its implications, and invited to live in a way that reflects God's gracious will for our lives.

When we make a habit of skipping worship, we rob ourselves and others of the blessing God intends corporate worship to be. So...here's to your spiritual health. Weekly worship is not a burden. It's a blessing by which we are brought closer to God and God's people. See you in Church! †

This column, provided by the Stewardship Committee, is the first in a series of five that will appear in the Highlights.

The Youth Connect

YOUTH CONNECT (@ 12:15 p.m.)

- **Sunday, June 18** — Lunch & Devo's + Mission Talk in Youth Room (8th-12th grades)
- **Friday, June 9 thru Saturday, June 10** — NEO Synod Overnight at Holy Trinity

AGAPE CLUB (@ 12:15 p.m. in the Youth Room)

- **Sunday, June 4** — Lunch, activities and Praise Troupe (all school-age children welcome)

YOUTH FUNDRAISERS

- **Now thru October 2017** — Change for Houston
- **Sunday, June 4** — Parking Lot Party & Car Wash Meeting, Room 202
- **Sunday, June 11** — Parking Lot Party & Car Wash (*see details below*)
- **Sunday, June 25** — Houston Envelope Fundraiser Kick-Off (*see details below*)



Houston Kick-Off Envelope Fundraiser Sunday, June 25

The countdown to the 2018 National Youth Gathering has begun!! Envelopes with various donation amounts will be displayed in order to be picked by YOU! Cash or checks for the amount on the envelope can be turned in to the Church office or placed in the offering plate throughout the month of July. Also, information about the National Youth Gathering will be shared with everyone. †

PARKING LOT

Party

**Sunday,
June 11**
*following the
9:30 a.m. worship
service*



The youth of Holy Trinity are sponsoring a cookout and car wash in the church parking lot following worship. Picnic lunches will be available for purchase, and the youth will hand wash your vehicle (donations accepted).

Proceeds from this fundraiser will help pay for youth to attend camp and mission trips this summer.

Thank you in advance for your support!! †

CONGRATULATIONS TO EMILY AND SAM!!

Congratulations to Emily Wolverton, daughter of Kathy Wolverton and granddaughter of Linda and Dave Vowles, who recently graduated from Norton High School.

Emily plans to attend The Ohio State University to major in anthropology.



Congratulations to Sam Forbes, son of Kristin Forbes, who recently graduated from Cuyahoga Falls High School. Sam plans to attend Heidelberg University to major in Athletic Training.



What are they making?! Eeeewwww ... it's slime!

Pictured: Youth Leader Carole Bader with Kazia Bethel (l) and Camdynn Stevens at a recent Agape Club Meeting.



The Water of Life

*When you pass through the waters,
I will be with you.*

Isaiah 43:7

Lutheran Outdoor Ministries of Ohio comes to Holy Trinity

Experience the fun and excitement of summer camp right here at home. ALL AGES - Families, Young Adults, Senior Citizens – this is for EVERYONE!

Sunday, June 18 –

Thursday, June 22

5:30 – 7:30 p.m. in Fellowship Hall
(Tuesday – picnic & swimming party,
Thursday – Service Project @ OPEN M)

*Come as your availability allows –
1 evening, 2 evenings or all!*

Enthusiastic, well trained college age staff from LOMO will provide Christ centered programming including Bible studies, games, worship, songs and crafts.

DINNER PROVIDED each evening.

If you have any questions or need more information, please contact:

Rachel Núñez, Director of
Discipleship Ministries

330-376-5154 or

rnunez@holyltrinityakron.org

D.L.M. Resource Room

Dare to Love More

In Honor of Debra L. Manteghi



Opening August 2017

In honor of Project Rise Program Manager Debra Manteghi, a new food pantry and resource center is being developed. DLM Resource Room—“Dare to Love More” is a food pantry and resource center...a collaborative effort of Holy Trinity Lutheran Church and the Akron Public School system’s Project Rise (Realizing Individual Strength through Education). Project Rise serves the needs of homeless students and their families. Donations, to help fund this necessary community outreach, are being accepted at www.holytrinityakron.org.

“It is my hope and dreams that one day we will reach a collective social and spiritual conscience that will enable us, as a global community, to help diminish poverty and homelessness and build a more kind and creative humanity so that children, families, communities, and nations can feel safe and loved in this world.” —Debra Manteghi

Dare to Love More Resource Center

@ Holy Trinity Lutheran Church

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Debra Manteghi

Debra lived fiercely. She found her calling in life through advocacy and tirelessly worked to give voice to the voiceless and marginalized.

Focusing on the homeless children of Akron and their families, she enlightened myopic leadership and transcended stagnate bureaucracy, and successfully created Project RISE;

a federally-funded program with the mission of keeping our children experiencing homelessness in school and de facto champion for their overall well-being.



FAMILY PROMISE

of Summit County

By Gregg Loesch, Leader, Outreach & Social Concerns Ministry Team

Family Promise of Summit County helps homeless families get through difficult times. Each family may stay in the network for 30 days, but many times their time in the network is extended to 60 days while they arrange for a place to live. Holy Trinity has been a host church for 13 years, beginning its involvement when the Summit County chapter was first established. Our volunteers are not going to solve all of our guests’ problems, but we welcome these strangers into our church building for food, shelter, and a compassionate ear hoping to ease their burden. Our recent host week began April 2nd, when we hosted four families: 4 adults and 8 children, ages 4 months to 18 years old. We had a great time together, and even celebrated a birthday.

Our volunteers made the week a complete success. Helping us move the beds upstairs into the guest rooms was **Ethan Scheck** and sexton **Bruce Mansour**. Our van drivers through the week were **Dan Detwiler** and Velma’s friend **Dennis Ingram**. Cooking and serving dinners through the week were **Doris and Don Santangelo**; **Sally and Norm Richenbacher** and **Pat and Dean Keller**; **Pam and Craig Marko**; **Sue and Dan Detwiler**, **Carole and Dale Bader** and our church **Youth**; and **Marla Wood Kay**. We want to thank our evening hosts **Velma Pomrenke**; **Sylvia and Bob Leddon**; **Dennis Dick**; **Donna and Fletcher Carroll**; **Bob Nagle**; **Carole and Dale Bader** and our church **Youth**; and **Marla Kay Wood**. Overnight hosts were **Elizabeth and Ernie Liska**; **Carole and Dale Bader**; and **Lor Breyley**. At the end of the week hauling beds, delivering the van, laundering the sheets were **Ethan Scheck**, **Anna Scheck** and **Mike Ameling**, and **Laura Scheck**. Our grocery shoppers were **Sandy DeLuca** and **Debi Schramm**. I also want to thank **Peter Calvin** for keeping the church in order and our sextons **Bruce** and **Don** for keeping our guests’ rooms and the kitchen clean.

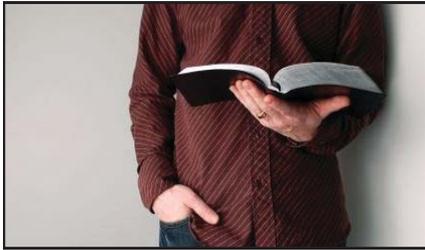
Holy Trinity will host Family Promise the week of **Sunday, June 25th through July 2nd**. If you would like to help, please sign up on the bulletin board in the office hallway—information about all job assignments is available. Please talk to Gregg Loesch if you have any questions. †



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Six volunteers are needed to help frame a house on Magnolia Street in Cuyahoga Falls on Wednesday, June 7 for Habitat for Humanity. If you are available to help, please contact Gregg Loesch.

June Happenings



Men on a Mission

Saturday, June 3 & 24—**NEW DATE!** 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! †



Holy Trinity Book Club

Sunday, June 11 following the 9:30 a.m. service | Scharf Library

The group will discuss the bestselling memoir hillbilly Elegy by J. D. Vance. Bring a brown bag lunch or support the youth and purchase food from the Parking Lot Party and join the group for a lively discussion. Contact Amy Indorf or Diane Chambers for more information. †



Parking Lot Party & Car Wash

Sunday, June 11 following the 9:30 a.m. worship service

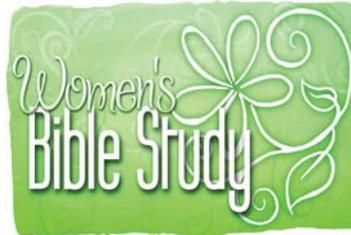
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The **Trinity Stampers** will resume in September 2017. Look for more information in the Highlights.



Altar Guild will resume in September 2017. Look for more information in the Highlights.



Women's Bible Study will resume in August 2017. Look for more information in the Highlights.



The Trinitarians will resume in September 2017. Look for more information in the Highlights.



BLOOD PRESSURES will resume in September. Should you need your blood pressure checked before then, please see one of the Parish Nurses, Betty Oberdorfer, Cathy Snelson and Sally Richenbacher.. †



Environmental Tip: The Household Hazardous Waste site will be open from June through September each Thursday, 2-7 p.m. It is located at 1201 Graham Road, Stow near the SR 8 overpass. See their website at summitreworks.com for a list of acceptable items. †



Prayer of the Month: Please pray for those who do not know God. †



MISSION @WORK

The Gang Was All There!!

Members of Holy Trinity along with family and friends participated in the OPEN M 'Walking the Talk' Fundraiser on May 20. **Pictured in front (l to r):** Marla Wood Kay with Andrew, Martin and Gracie; Ruth Anderson; Logan and Jen Hunter. **Picture in back (l to r):** Steve Kay; Bonnie; Chuck Bond; Jacinto, Manny and Rachel Núñez; Alexa Sandmann; and Marshall Thomas. †

Personal Shopper at Your Service!

Cabi was at Holy Trinity on May 16 offering the women from Harvest Home wardrobe advice and free clothing. The Heart of Cabi Foundation's mission is to encourage and empower women in need. From distributing clothing to U.S. communities affected by natural disasters to empowering women entrepreneurs in the developing world to work their way out of poverty, Cabi is passionate about serving and investing in women across the globe.

Pictured at right: Cabi volunteers helping a woman choose clothing items and accessories, including jewelry, purses and shoes. Each woman was able to receive several outfits.



Worship



The first **Worship+Plus** featured a brunch and presentation about one of Holy Trinity's outreach efforts, Warrior's Journey Home. Guest speaker was Tim Kneuss, M.Div. (right), Trinity Siminary Chaplain Resident at VA, Parma. **Pictured at left:** Holy Trinity members listened as Jack Harig introduced the guest speaker.





Now, That's a Lot of Diapers and Wipes! Thank you everyone who donated. These items are needed throughout a baby's first year of life, but cannot be purchased using SNAP (Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program). Everything was delivered to the Summit Lake Reach Community Center where items were sorted for delivery to families throughout the community. Pictured above: Steve Kay with sons, Andrew and Martin. †



Say YES to the Dress! This dress was a collaborative labor of love made by some of the women living at Harvest Home, the women's program of Haven of Rest. Harvest Home offers a variety of programs that teaches women entrepreneur skills to help them overcome employment barriers and build their confidence. They offer sewing classes where women learn basic and advanced sewing techniques. And some women go on to make items to sell at their store at the Hartville Marketplace. Harvest Home also offers a gardening program where the women learn the basics and help maintain a 2,300+ square-foot vegetable garden at the First Congregational Church of Akron. **Pictured at right:** Kara Ashley, staff assistant and one of the women who helped make the dress; Deacon Marla Wood Kay and Yvette McMillan, Director of Harvest Home. Both Ms. Ashley and Ms. Millan gave a presentation during Adult Forum.†



SPREE FOR ALL

The Spring Spree for All sponsored by the Summit County Metro Parks is underway until June 30th. See the sign-up poster ... forms and maps are available on the Parish Nurse Bulletin Board in the office hallway. Once you hike the required number of trails, you will receive a lanyard

and pin (first timers) or a pin (in future years). There is no charge for Summit County residents and a \$10 fee for all others; \$5 in consecutive years. Get out and join others in the fresh air and the wonderful Summit County parks. †



“When We All Live As One”

Youth’s Arts Camp at Holy Trinity for youth grades K-12

Saturday July 29,
9 a.m.-3 p.m.
(lunch provided)

Explore our theme using creative movement/dance, visual arts and music.

Participants meet in small groups with leaders Carole Bader, Marion Else, Sharon Else Ware and Ruth Anderson.

Youth will share their experiences with us in worship July 30.

Watch for more details and registration information in July’s *Highlights*.

This is a free event that is open to the entire community.

If you have questions, please contact Deacon Ruth Anderson. †

You're Invited



You have been a part of their lives, and now Morgan Bader and Jake Isenhardt invite you to join them for one of the most important events of their lives ... their wedding ceremony! Join Morgan and Jake on **Saturday, June 3** at 4 p.m. at the Church.



Dear People of Holy Trinity,

Thank you so kindly for the use of the medical equipment during recuperation from surgery. Lending such items is a very nice service that you offer. Please accept our donation.

Yours truly,
Charley &
Jan von Spiegel

Dear Church Friends,
Thank you for your prayers, calls, notes and beautiful flowers. I appreciated them so very much. Marla’s visits brightened my days also.

Love to all, Ruth Hervol



FAITH5: Parents, Grandparents, Aunts, Uncles, Friends ... This is For You!

A colleague asked a question about how to address the issue of parents who don't feel qualified to "teach" their children faith. Here's a simple way to reframe what we're asking them to do in a Cross+Gen setting where parents, children, elders, teens, young adults - the whole body - is gathering together on Sunday and then sending the faith conversations home each week with FAITH5™:

SHARE: Asking people to "teach" is scary. Asking them to share highs and lows is not quite as threatening. "Do you want to know your child's highs and lows?" "Do you want them to grow into a teen that is honest with you? Do you want them to grow into an adult who knows how to share their joy and deal with their pain rather than internalizing it? If so, let's start modeling it right away... every week in church and every night in every home."

READ: If you go from the highs and lows (context) to the Scripture story for the day (text), and read it, highlight it in your Bibles, act it out, learn the core scripture (paraphrase, etc.) you make it easy for them to hear it and start to feel familiar with it.

TALK: If you go from sharing highs and lows to reading the Scripture, then ask them to find a connection between the text and context, we're doing theology! We are asking the parents and

other adults - and kids for that matter - to enter each night with the Bible in one hand and their lives in the other. What's more real and relevant than one's highs and lows? Talking about the joy of the day, and dealing with the pain and annoyances of the day has the side benefit of reducing the stress hormone Cortisol. Cortisol blocks the sleep hormone Melatonin. Highs and lows will give you a better night's sleep! Practice talking about it on Sunday, and commit to "every night in every home" re-modeling it.

PRAY: You can teach a parent to pray in 30 seconds if you can teach them active listening. What did Little Billy say his high for the day was? Thank God for it. What did he say his low was? Ask the Holy Spirit to help him with that. Close in Jesus' name and VIOLA! You're done. You've taught them to listen. You've taught them prayer is about real issues.

BLESS: Ask them to bless one another with a kiss, a hug, and the sign of the cross. Let the last things they have on their mind before they drift off to sleep be "I'm loved. I'm heard. I'm safe; I am part of something bigger than myself. God is bigger than my biggest problem. I'm going to sleep!"

If you have any questions or need more information, please contact Rachel Núñez, Director of Discipleship Ministries, at 330-376-5154 or rmunez@holytrinityakron.org. †

**Faith Five
Sunday, June 18**

From 11:30 a.m.-12 p.m., children of all ages will gather in the choir room with Deacon Ruth to play instruments, sing and praise God together. Explore how we can use our voices and bodies with xylophones, glockenspiels, chimes, bells, maracas, drums, tambourines and all sorts of percussion sounds.

Hallelujah! Praise God in the holy temple; praise God in the mighty firmament. Praise God for mighty acts; praise God for exceeding greatness. Praise God with trumpet sound; praise God with lyre and harp. Praise God with tambourine and dance; praise God with strings and pipe. Praise God with resounding cymbals; praise God with loud clanging cymbals. Let everything that has breath praise the LORD. Hallelujah! – Psalm 150 †

Worship

Worship+Plus returns this summer!

Along with that single worship service, **Worship+Plus** returns this summer with a variety of opportunities to learn, serve, eat, and just generally have fun together. Here's a list of what's coming up on each Sunday in June. †

Date	Event
June 4 th	Ancestors Bible Study: Abraham & Sarah
June 11 th	Parking Lot Party & Car Wash (see page 4 for details)
June 18 th	FAITH5 (see details above and at left)
June 25 th	Organ Tour and Recital (see page 16 for details)



Ready, Set, ACTION!!

Here is Blin Scatterday as he appeared in a Readers' Theater presentation at Western Reserve Masonic Home. This group gets together to rehearse short skits that they perform for the residents, and they have also been invited to perform at outside gatherings. †

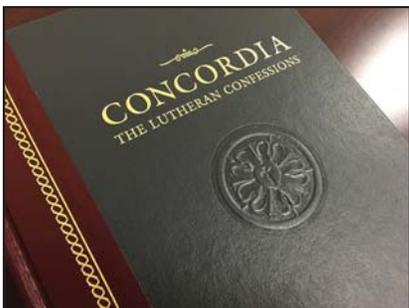


Welcome Holy Trinity's newest baptized member!!

Congratulations to Michael Jones and Katherine Kleinert on the baptism of their son, Graham, who is affectionately known as 'Baby Graham.' And, as you can tell from the photo, he is all smiles! †

"Why Lutheran?" ... an In-Depth Look at Key Lutheran Confessions

Beginning the first Wednesday in June, Deaconess Marla will be offering a 10-session discussion group which will take an in-depth look at key Lutheran Confessions found in the Book of Concord, the collection of Reformation writings



that form the backbone for understanding the Lutheran expression of the Christian faith. It will be based on a video series taught by Dr. Timothy Wengert, a recently retired professor from the ELCA seminary in Philadelphia and co-translator of the newest version of The Book of Concord. He is a down-to-earth and engaging speaker. If you want to dig a little deeper into the question, "Why Lutheran?" please plan on coming at 6:30

p.m. on Wednesdays to Holy Trinity beginning June 7th and ending on August 23rd (no class on July 5th and August 9th). Also, for those interested, younger adults will be meeting at 7:45 p.m. on Wednesdays at BluJazz+. Please contact Deaconess Marla if you have further questions or plan on attending. †

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. Through the first nineteen weeks of the year, average weekly worship attendance at Holy Trinity (Sunday morning and midweek services) was 190.6. That's up from an average of 184.5 per week during the same period last year...an increase of 3.3%. Worship is fundamental to the strength of the community and mission we share. Thanks for making it a priority in your life.

Through the first four months of the year, our undesignated giving in support of Holy Trinity's ministry was \$149,131. Our budget estimate for that same period was \$133,038. That's 12.1% better than we had expected. Total income year to date was \$226,193, or about 107% of what we had hoped to achieve. Total expenditures were \$207,082. Thank you for your attention to your own giving habits and for your generosity. It's been a solid start to the year. If you have not made an estimate of giving for this year and would like to do so, please contact Rick Kimble, our financial secretary. Your tithes and offerings are the primary means by which we pay the day-to-day bills here... and by doing so, they extend God's love and grace through our mission work in this area and well beyond.

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...every week...as the work of Christ's Church goes on. †

Do You Enjoy Baking?

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.

In 2015, Holy Trinity produced a photo directory of church families (who chose to participate) along with contact information. Well, it's beentwo years, and it's time to update it!! No photos will be taken, but we want to update your contact information. Please complete the form below and place it in the offering plate on Sunday morning. If there are no changes to your contact information, please indicate that. If you are new to Holy Trinity and you were not included in the 2015 photo directory, please indicate that and complete for the form below. †



_____ **There have been no changes to my contact information.**

_____ **I am new to Holy Trinity and was not included in the 2015 photo directory.**

Adult #1 Name _____

Adult #2 Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Home Phone _____

Adult #1 Cell _____

Adult #1 Email _____

Adult #2 Cell _____

Adult #2 Email _____

Children's first names _____



June Birthdays

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

- June 1 – Haley Bennage
- June 2 – Benjamin Ruhlin
- June 2 – David Shanafelt
- June 3 – Alison Radanof
- June 3 – Pete Seltzer
- June 4 – Christine Hinman
- June 4 – Charles Schmit
- June 4 – Evan Stefanik
- June 5 – Ryan Heckel
- June 5 – Michael Perrine
- June 6 – Jessica Foutty
- June 10 – Jacob Sattely
- June 11 – Velma Pomrenke
- June 12 – Charles Schmidt
- June 13 – Elizabeth Anacki
- June 13 – Bill Butler
- June 13 – Joe Moxon
- June 15 – Alice Irish
- June 16 – Nicholas Carrino
- June 18 – Alexandra Anacki
- June 18 – Fletcher Carroll
- June 18 – Sylvia Hackbarth
- June 18 – David Tiemann
- June 23 – Gene Thrall
- June 24 – Madeline Mormino
- June 25 – Eric Rieman
- June 25 – Zissis Vesoulis
- June 26 – Mitchell Godding
- June 26 – Susan Spannauer
- June 27 – Stephen Campbell
- June 27 – Eloise Wheeler
- June 28 – Richard DeBerry
- June 29 – John Asente
- June 30 – William Bulgrin
- June 30 – Janise Parry

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.

June 2017 Worship Stewards

DATE	ACOLYTES/CRUCIFERS	READERS	COMMUNION ASSTS	SOUND
June 4 9:30 a.m.	Kristine Johnson Camdynn Stevens	Mike Ameling	COMMUNION ASSISTANTS ARE NEEDED ... PLEASE CONSIDER SERVING IN THIS WAY AND SIGN-UP AT THE WELCOME CENTER.	Fred Spencer
June 11 9:30 a.m.	Ben Mormino Ethan Scheck	Gregg Loesch	COMMUNION ASSISTANTS ARE NEEDED ... PLEASE CONSIDER SERVING IN THIS WAY AND SIGN-UP AT THE WELCOME CENTER. Alexa Sandmann	Mike Ameling
June 18 9:30 a.m.	Kazia Bethel Emma Seltzer	Karen Nevergall	COMMUNION ASSISTANTS ARE NEEDED ... PLEASE CONSIDER SERVING IN THIS WAY AND SIGN-UP AT THE WELCOME CENTER. Frederica Cohen	Dennis Dick
June 25 9:30 a.m.	Anna Scheck Michael Wilson	Frederica Cohen	COMMUNION ASSISTANTS ARE NEEDED ... PLEASE CONSIDER SERVING IN THIS WAY AND SIGN-UP AT THE WELCOME CENTER.	Lorin Sickafoose

USHERS

9:30 a.m.
 Bill Bulgrin
 Larry Morton
Ron Nockengost
 Gary Radanof
 JD Sanders
 Karl Stutz
 Rich Williams

Underlined name indicates head usher.

altar
CARE

Candles: Jennifer Keller
Altar Care: Members of the TTTs
Flowers: Donna Carroll



Communion Bread

Recipe and sign-up sheet are available at the Welcome Center

COMMUNION BREAD BAKERS ARE NEEDED ... PLEASE CONSIDER SERVING IN THIS WAY.

June 2017 Calendar of Events

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
 <p><i>Mission @ Work activities appear in bold.</i> For more information, please contact the Church office at (330) 376-5154. Thank you!</p>				1 9 a.m. Good Neighbors 4:30 p.m. Girl Scouts (SL) 6:30 p.m. Trinity Bells	2 5:30 p.m. Bader/Isenhart Wedding Rehearsal (Sanc.)	3 8:30 a.m. Men on A Mission (CL) 9 a.m.-12 p.m. Organ Scholarship Auditions (Choir Rm.) 10 a.m. Stewardship Meeting (office) 4 p.m. Bader/Isenhart Wedding (Sanc.)
4 9:30 a.m. Worship w/ Communion 11 a.m. Worship+Plus Youth Parking Lot Party Planning Meeting following Worship+Plus (Rm. 202)	5 5 p.m. AGO Board Meeting (SL) 6 p.m. 150th Anniversary Planning Meeting (CL)	6 5:30 p.m. Renaissance Meeting (CL) 7:15 p.m. Derbytown (FH)	7 9 a.m. TTTs Habitat for Humanity—frame a house on Magnolia Street, Cuyahoga Falls 6:30 p.m. Why Lutheran Study (CL)	8 9 a.m. Good Neighbors 4:30 p.m. Girl Scouts (SL)	9 NEO Synod Assembly 3:30 p.m. Property Team Meeting (CL) 10 p.m. NEO Synod Summit Overnight Gathering (FH)	10 NEO Synod Assembly 4 p.m. Brass Ensemble Rehearsal (Sanc.)
11 9:30 a.m. Worship w/ Communion 12:15 p.m. Worship+Plus Parking Lot Party & Car Wash Book Club following worship (SL) 3 p.m. Warriors' Journey Home (CL)	12	13 5 p.m. Finance Team Meeting (office) 7 p.m. Personnel Team Meeting (CL) 7:15 p.m. Derbytown (FH)	14 9 a.m. TTTs 6:30 p.m. Why Lutheran Study (CL)	15 9 a.m. Good Neighbors 4:30 p.m. Girl Scouts (SL) 6:30 p.m. Quilters (Rm. 202) 6:30 p.m. Brass Ensemble Rehearsal (Sanc.)	16 10:30 a.m. Trinity Stampers (SL) 12 p.m. Altar Guild (Rm. 202) 5 p.m. Anacki/DeRasata Wedding Rehearsal (Sanc.)	17 2:30 p.m. Anacki/DeRasata Wedding (Sanc.)
LOMO @ HOLY TRINITY: 5:30-7:30 P.M. (FH)						
18 9:30 a.m. Worship w/ Communion 11 a.m. Worship+Plus 12:30 p.m. Covenant Lunch with Wesley Temple @ Wesley Temple 1:30 p.m. Brass Ensemble Rehearsal (Sanc.)	19	20 6 p.m. Council Meeting (CL) 7:15 p.m. Derbytown (FH)	21 9 a.m. TTTs 1:30 p.m. Finance Team Meeting w/ Consultant (CL) 6:30 p.m. Why Lutheran Study (CL)	22 9 a.m. Good Neighbors 1 p.m. Finance Team Meeting w/ Consultant (CL) 3 p.m. Finance Team Meeting w/ Consultant (CL) 4:30 p.m. Girl Scouts (SL)	23	24 8:30 a.m. Men on A Mission (CL)
HOSTING FAMILY PROMISE THIS WEEK						
25 9:30 a.m. Worship w/ Communion 11 a.m. Worship+Plus Organ Tour & Recital Houston Envelope Fundraiser 12:30 p.m. Arts @ Holy Trinity: LoL featuring Ruth Anderson (Sanc.) 3 p.m. Warriors' Journey Home (CL)	26	27 7:15 p.m. Derbytown (FH)	28 9 a.m. TTTs 4 p.m. St. Bernard's Hot Meals 6:30 p.m. Why Lutheran Study (CL)	29 9 a.m. Good Neighbors 4:30 p.m. Girl Scouts (SL)	30	

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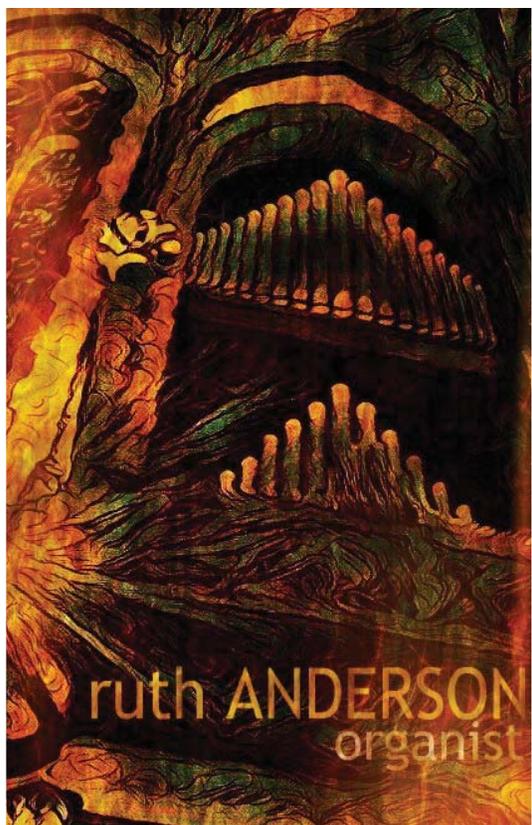
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LoL (*Lots of Lutherans*)

Come celebrate our Lutheran heritage and the renovation of Holy Trinity's beautiful pipe organ with a day of education and music on **Sunday, June 25.**

LoL features music and texts written by famous, not-so-famous, deceased and living artists who share a connection as people of the Lutheran faith. Most of them served Lutheran congregations as music leaders, including: Georg Frideric Händel, Paul Manz, Michael Praetorius, Johann Sebastian Bach, Felix Mendelssohn, Dietrich Buxtehude, Georg Philipp Telemann, Michael Burkhardt and David Cherwien.

In addition to solo organ works, instrumentalists and singers (mostly Lutherans) will help lead the audience in singing a few Lutheran hymns/arrangements. A vocal quartet (Jacinto, Rachel & Manny Núñez, Marshall Thomas), trumpeter (Peter Lisius) and oboist (Theresa Procopio) join with organist Ruth Anderson to mark the 500th anniversary of the Reformation.

The day's schedule is as follows:

- ◆ 11-11:45 a.m. - Organ technician James Leek will offer an intergenerational class in the sanctuary, explaining the recent work on our instrument. In an 'organ crawl,' attendees will see the pipe chambers up close. James will also share plans for the second phase of renovations.
- ◆ 11:45 a.m. - A light luncheon will be served in room 202.
- ◆ 12:30 p.m. - organ recital : **Lots Of Lutherans**

An ice cream sundae reception follows, about 1:40, in the Chapel Lounge. This is a great time to invite a friend, family member, co-worker or neighbor to Holy Trinity. †