



Holy Trinity  
Lutheran Church

*Engaged by Grace.*

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Ministry Announcements for the week of April 19 - 26, 2026

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### **Our Sunday Schedule**

- 8:30 am – Morning Prayer with Communion
- 9:15 am – Listening Session for Pastoral Succession
- 9:20 am – Church Fam Connect
- 9:20 am – HS/MS Youth Hangout
- 10:00 am – Worship in person or online at [www.engagedbygrace.org](http://www.engagedbygrace.org)
- 11:15 am – Listening Session for Pastoral Succession
- 4:00 pm – Concert featuring Elisabeth von Trapp with the Delaware Community Chorus

### **Pastoral Succession Planning**

Holy Trinity's Church Council is engaging the Congregation to begin thoughtful planning for a future transition in pastoral leadership. With the understanding that Pastor Steve is anticipating a future retirement in the next several years ([click here for more details](#)), Council will engage the Congregation to determine a succession process so that we are prepared to act when that time comes.

Specifically, the Congregation will be asked to choose the approach that will be followed as we select our next lead pastor. As outlined in the Case Statement for Succession Planning ([click here for more details](#)), there are several options for this transition. In addition to the traditional Interim Pastor approach, there is an alternative Co-Pastor approach, as well as an option to introduce another approach. Since the authority for discerning the approach to call its next Lead Pastor lies with the Congregation as moderated by Council, Council members will facilitate five congregational listening sessions in the coming weeks to discuss these approaches for Holy Trinity and any other approaches that may arise. These sessions will be an opportunity for the Congregation to provide input to discern a faithful path forward.

#### **Please plan to join one of the scheduled Listening Sessions:**

**Sunday, April 19, after 8:30 am and 10 am worship services**

**Wednesday, April 29, at 7:00 pm**

**Sunday, May 3, after 8:30 am and 10 am worship services**

If you are unable to attend one of the sessions or have questions or comments outside of those set times, please contact any member of Church Council. Members of the Executive Committee can be reached at President Lynn Anderson ([lynnanderson1873@gmail.com](mailto:lynnanderson1873@gmail.com)), Vice-President Nicole Carothers ([nicole.carothers5@gmail.com](mailto:nicole.carothers5@gmail.com)), Financial Secretary Peter Ward ([ward.1@osu.edu](mailto:ward.1@osu.edu)), Treasurer Debbie Cochran ([cochrande62@gmail.com](mailto:cochrande62@gmail.com)), or Secretary Allison Abell ([allison.m.abell@gmail.com](mailto:allison.m.abell@gmail.com)).

## Concerts Series Announcement

On **Sunday, April 19 at 4:00 pm**, Concerts at Holy Trinity is honored to present Elisabeth von Trapp (granddaughter of Baron and Maria von Trapp) in concert with the Delaware Community Chorus and orchestra performing a mass by Haydn as well as other musical selections. Tickets will be required for these performances. A reception will follow the April concerts to greet Elisabeth and to hear more about her family's journey. [Click here to purchase tickets.](#)

## New Door Procedure

In our ongoing effort to foster the most hospitable and safe space for ministry, Holy Trinity has installed a new door system at the main entry. While the doors will be open, including the new ADA automatic button, for all Sunday morning activities and community-wide events like concerts and Vacation Bible School, the doors will be locked at all other times, allowing us to better know who is in the building at any given time. During office hours of 8:30-12:30 Monday through Friday, office staff will be available visually and audibly to greet guests who ring the Doorbell at the Access Panel above the ADA Button as indicated by the posted instructions.

Thank you for your patience and understanding during this transition as together we strengthen our stewardship of community and property.

## Pastor's Brunch with Young Adults

Pastor Steve is hosting a brunch for Young Adults at **11:30am on Sunday, April 26 at Knotty Pine Brewing** (1765 W. 3<sup>rd</sup> Ave, Grandview). In addition to getting better acquainted with you, he looks forward to helping the group get better acquainted with each other and brainstorm ministry activities that the group might explore together. Please sign up at the Ministry Sign-up Corner at church so he can reserve a table big enough ... on the patio!

As for who's included, you're as young as you feel! Join us!

## Upper Arlington Culture & Artisans Fair

Everyone's invited for the Fourth Annual UA Culture & Artisans Fair at St. Mark's Episcopal Church in Upper Arlington (2151 Dorset Road), featuring global crafts, delicious food, live music and dance performances. This event is **Saturday, May 2 from 10 am-3 pm** and is brought to you by St. Mark's Episcopal Church, CRIS (Community Refugee & Immigration Services), and the UA Community Relations Committee.

## Update on LSS Food Pantry

Our Holy Trinity team that serves at the LSS Food Pantry at Champion and Frebis Ave. continues to go twice a month on the first Thursday and the third Monday of the month. **Our next dates to serve are Monday, April 20 and Thursday, May 7.** We are always glad to welcome new members to our crew. Peg Steele has brought her grandsons, and Dyann Taylor has included her granddaughters at times. What a great way to show our future generations how to help our fellow neighbors! If you are interested in joining us, call Cyndy Decker at 614-771-9114 or email [deckerwilliam@att.net](mailto:deckerwilliam@att.net).

## First English Breakfast Ministry

Holy Trinity will provide breakfast for our friends at First English Lutheran Church on **Sunday, April 26**, serving scrambled eggs, ham, potatoes, fresh fruit, grits, and breakfast pastries. We are suspending serving lunches for now. The free pantry is also open on the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday. Any donations of personal items such as toothpaste, toothbrushes, soap, and feminine hygiene products as well as canned food with easy-open pop tops, cereal, and paper goods like paper towels, toilet paper, diapers, wipes, etc. are needed. All donations should be delivered to Holy Trinity by Sunday, April 26 at 8:00 am for transport to First English, or you can drop off at the Warnements' home in advance, drop to Becky's office, or bring donations directly to First English, 1015 E. Main St. 43205 by 8:15 am that Sunday. To contribute or help serve, please [click here](#).

## **Stewardship Corner**

Christ's death on the cross assures us of our salvation. Likewise, His resurrection assures us that we, too, will rise again. In 1 Corinthians 15:17 and 19, Paul writes, *"And if Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile...If only for this life we have hope in Christ, we are to be pitied more than all people."* Certainly for the Christian, eternal life has begun already, and the passing from this life to the next is just a blip on the screen. In the confidence of such a sure hope, let us spend our time here in carrying on the work of Christ that the lost may be found and restored to their Savior. For more information about stewardship, please contact Max Buban at [maxbuban82@gmail.com](mailto:maxbuban82@gmail.com).

## **News of Invite Ministries**

### **New Prayer Concerns:**

Ron Benedick, anticipating hip replacement surgery on April 23  
Kirk Gerber, Pastor Bonnie's brother, hospitalized in Akron with an infection  
Marjorie Gottula, Dyann Taylor's mother, hospitalized in Nebraska  
The family of Don Applegate, Josh Brodbeck's grandfather, who died on Sunday

### **Prayers for Our Members:**

Deb Bickford, recovering from a broken leg  
JoAnn Curry, recovering from a fall and broken shoulder  
Melea Wachtman, recovering from eye surgery  
Marge Markowich, at home, recovering from a stroke  
Curt McCool, at home, recovering from back surgery  
Sue Ferguson, at home, recovering from a fall  
Judy McKitrick, at home, recovering from a fall  
Jared Forts, recovering from carpal tunnel surgery  
Brian Johnson, at Harrison on 5<sup>th</sup>, recovering from several falls  
Wes Jones, at home, continuing treatments for lymphoma  
Peter Ward, dealing with back issues  
Joanne Duncan, recovering from various medical issues  
Miriam Ringquist, at Dublin Retirement Village

### **Prayers for Our Family and Friends:**

Chuck Jentes, Jill Banicki's father, recovering from major surgery  
Joe Berkemer, Matt Berkemer's uncle, undergoing chemotherapy  
Phyllis Bliss, friend of Holy Trinity, undergoing kidney dialysis twice/week  
James Gildea, Shirley Boyd's friend, recovering from a fall that fractured vertebra in his neck  
Betty Mak, Shirley Boyd's friend, undergoing daily home dialysis  
Beverly Applegate, Josh Brodbeck's grandmother, recovering from a serious car accident  
Rob Tangeman, Josh Brodbeck's cousin, who has colon cancer and recently entered hospice  
Pom, Na Brown's friend, recovering from a seizure  
Violet, Carolyn and Clyde Cramer's neighbor's 8-year-old granddaughter, diagnosed with leukemia  
Joe Stone, Genie Craven's son-in-law, dealing with the result of neck surgery  
Dr. Thomas Anderson, Bill Decker's friend, recently diagnosed with cancer  
Tim Curry, Bev Farrell's brother and JoAnn Curry's brother-in-law, struggling with Parkinson's  
Melissa, Sue Ferguson's daughter, battling colon cancer  
Alan Greiner, Barb Keller's brother, dealing with multiple serious medical issues  
Tom Kochheiser, Phil Kochheiser's brother, recovering from heart surgery  
Rodney Larson, Don Larson's brother, diagnosed with cancer  
Randy Isaacson, Anna Lynch's father, dealing with health challenges  
Jerry Markowich, Pastor Dave Markowich's brother, hospitalized with an infection  
Mary Ortwine, Pastor Dave Markowich's sister, undergoing health tests  
Jan Attanasio, Janet Maxwell's friend, diagnosed with ALS  
Kathy Poling, Susan Poling-Jones's friend, diagnosed with cancer  
Lucas, Susan Poling-Jones and Tony Jones' nephew, recovering from seizures and a brain bleed

Heidi McCarthy, Susan Poling-Jones' friend and mother of 3 children, undergoing radiation for breast cancer  
Ben Souders, Susan Poling-Jones' friend's son, diagnosed with bipolar disorder  
Lois Rozenquist, Susan Setterlin's friend, battling non-operable lung cancer  
Andres Torres, Juan Torres's father, having heart issues  
Amy Lavoie, Becky Warnement's cousin, battling a recurrence of lung cancer  
Those affected by natural disasters, the Armed forces, victims of terror, and all those on the margins of society most vulnerable to unrest, oppression and exploitation.

## **News of Embrace Ministries**

### **Imagine More – 2027 ELCA Youth Gathering**

Every three years, thousands of high school youth and adult leaders gather at the ELCA Youth Gathering. The five-day event is an impressionable time of worship, fun, learning, and faith formation. The 2027 Gathering is in Minneapolis, Minnesota from **Monday, June 28 to Friday, July 2** (plus travel days). Youth entering 9th grade in fall 2027 (students currently in 7th grade) through those graduating 12th grade in 2027 (students currently in 11th grade) are invited to attend. Mark your summer 2027 calendars now! More details will be shared soon and registration will begin in October.

### **Vacation Bible School**

VBS runs Monday-Thursday, June 15-18 from 9:00-11:30 am. This year's theme is **Snowball Mountain Challenge: Find Your Strength in God**. People of all ages are invited to the kickoff worship at 10:00 am on Sunday, June 14! [All preschool through those entering 5th grade are invited to register using this link](#). Older youth and adults are invited to serve to help make it a memorable week of faith, friendship, and fun! Contact Noelle Fox at [noelle.fox@engagedbygrace.org](mailto:noelle.fox@engagedbygrace.org) if you have questions or need more information.

### **Church Library Update**

Be sure to visit Holy Trinity's updated church library to check out interesting and timely books for children, youth and adults. The library committee has spent the last several months cataloging and updating all of our resources. It's amazing to see the variety of titles and genres that we have as a church library. Stop by to see and borrow our resources that include:

- Adult Christian fiction
- Contemporary religious and social issues
- Martin Luther reference materials.
- Bible commentaries
- Guides for personal devotions and faith enrichment
- Religious history
- Children's Bible stories and religious fiction
- DVD's for all ages

The library is located in the hallway next to the drinking fountains and across from the church office. You are welcome anytime. The sign-out directions for materials are easy to follow. We hope that you and your family will visit the updated library center soon.

## **News of Empower Ministries**

### **VOSH International – Volunteer Optometric Services to Humanity**

In April, we will be sending in our collection of glasses to VOSH. VOSH/International believes in the freedom to see. Licensed optometrists, opticians, health care providers and lay people volunteer their time to provide vision care worldwide for people who can neither afford nor obtain such care. Please bring your used eyeglasses, lenses, frames or sunglasses to the signup table in the gathering place and put them in the box with pictures of glasses on the outside. Thank you for supporting this ministry.

## **Empowerment Shelf - April 2026**

**By Elizabeth Sammons with love from Neighbor-to-Neighbor**

*Calling In*, *54 Miles* and *Don't Go* are Neighbor-to-Neighbor's books of note for this month. This literature intends to expand our awareness, theology and/or acceptance of diverse viewpoints. We hope you'll discover how these writings from various generations embrace what it means to be human and to walk in spirit. ...

*Calling In* by Ross, Loretta

This author has deprogrammed white supremacists, a survivor who's taught convicted rapists the principles of feminism. With stories from her five remarkable decades in activism, she vividly illustrates why calling people in—inviting them into conversation instead of conflict and focusing on your shared values over a desire for punishment—is the more strategic choice if you want to make real change. And she shows you how to do so.

*54 Miles* by Pitts, Leonard

March, 1965. Adam, raised in Harlem by his white father, George, and black mother, Thelma, returns to his parents' home state of Alabama to join in the voting rights campaign, only to be brutalized in the Bloody Sunday melee. Meanwhile, his uncle Luther has made a shocking discovery. He's found the lynching murderer of his parents in a rest home, literally at Luther's mercy. And Luther, who has never overcome this life-defining trauma, grapples with the question of what justice demands.

*Don't Go* by Johnson, Tonika Lewis, and Krysan, Maria

In cities across the US and beyond, we hear "don't go" -- avoid at all costs those Black and Brown disinvested neighborhoods that have become bywords for social disorder and urban decay. This book is a collection of intimate stories that uncover the hidden influence of both subtle and overt "don't go" messages and the segregation they perpetuate in Chicago. One by one, the storytellers upend pessimism with candid, deeply personal, humorous, and heartbreaking tales, and with novel ideas for simple actions that can serve as antidotes to both racism and "place-ism."

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 11:15 am – Listening Session for Pastoral Succession  
 4:00 pm - Concert featuring Elisabeth vonTrapp with the Delaware Area Community Chorus

### Monday

3:00 pm – LSS Food Pantry  
 6:30 pm – Scout Troop 555

### Tuesday

No Events Scheduled

### Wednesday

10:15 am – Preacher’s Bible Study  
 6:15 pm – Cub Scout Pack 17

### Thursday

5:30 pm – Supper at Church  
 6:00 pm – Children’s Choir  
 6:30 pm – Bell Choir  
 7:30 pm – Sanctuary Choir

### Friday

3:00 pm – Girl Scout Troop 6861

### Saturday

No Events Scheduled

### Sunday, April 26, 2026

8:00 am – First English Breakfast Ministry  
 8:30 am – Morning Prayer with Communion  
 9:20 am – Church Fam Connect  
 9:20 am - Middle School/High School Hangout in Youth Room  
 10:00 am –Worship with Communion in person or online at [www.engagedbygrace.org](http://www.engagedbygrace.org)  
 11:30 am – Pastor’s Young Adult Brunch at Knotty Pine  
 2:00 pm – Private Piano Recital

## Holy Trinity Schedule of Worship Servers – April & May 2026

Date	Time	Welcome Center	Assisting Minister	Lay Reader	Ushers	Communion Assistants	Livestream	Bread Bakers	Communion Team
April 19	10:00 am		Celeste Chappell-Bates	Celeste Chappell-Bates	Mark Abell Doug Myser Benson Ross	Deb Bickford Peter Ward	Ben Kaffenberger	Dyann Taylor	Chris Grabenstatter Janette MacConnell Kris Kochheiser
April 26	10:00 am		Jody Passafume	Ben Kaffenberger	Doug Myser Adam Wagenbach	Susan Setterlin Celeste C. Bates	Jared Forts		Terri Michael Joanne Duncan
May 3	10:00 am	Benson Ross	Keith Townsend	Lynn Anderson	Dan Perry Skip Duncan	Carolyn Cramer Chris Pryor	Noah Fox	Nancy VanFossen	Nancy VanFossen Lynn Anderson
May 10	10:00 am		Lynn Anderson	Karen Larson	Ron Benedick John Gray	Jeff Sammons MJ Neiman	Mark Abell		Suellen Sharp Nancy Riley

### Sunday Worship Texts

Sunday, April 19 – Matthew 6:24; Acts 9:1-19a **Paul’s Conversion**  
 Sunday, April 26 – Luke 6:18-19, 22-23; Acts 16:16-34 **Paul and Silas**

### The Holy Trinity Staff:

Pastor: Steve Wachtman ([steve.wachtman@engagedbygrace.org](mailto:steve.wachtman@engagedbygrace.org))  
 Preschool: Molly Capuano and Jackie Newlon ([directorhtcdp@gmail.com](mailto:directorhtcdp@gmail.com))  
 Administrator: Laura Hudson ([laura.hudson@engagedbygrace.org](mailto:laura.hudson@engagedbygrace.org))  
 Minister of Music: Joshua Brodbeck ([joshua.brodbeck@engagedbygrace.org](mailto:joshua.brodbeck@engagedbygrace.org))  
 Director of Faith Formation: Noelle Fox ([noelle.fox@engagedbygrace.org](mailto:noelle.fox@engagedbygrace.org))

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