

# HIGHLIGHTS

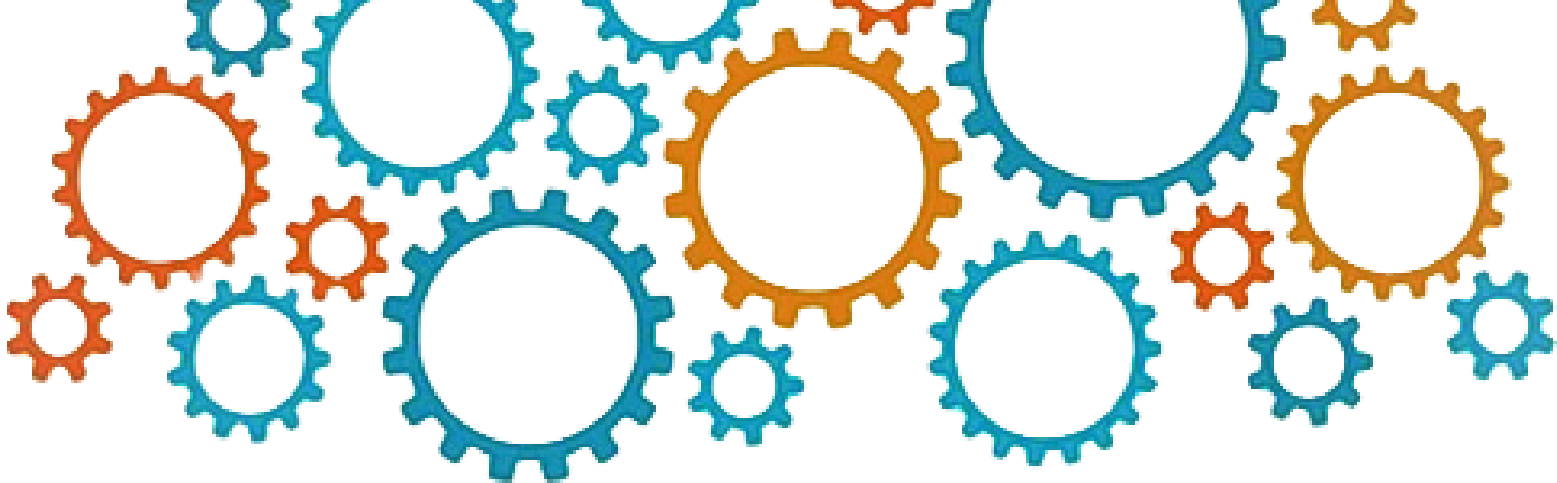
THE MONTHLY MAGAZINE *of* HOLY TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

*September & October 2024*



**A collaborative worship experience  
with Faith Lutheran Church in Fairlawn**

*See Highlights beginning on page 4*



# Collaborative Events

## *Holy Trinity & Faith Lutheran Churches*

Monthly collaborative events that will bring our two congregations together are being held July through December. Plan to join us for these worship, music and social/fellowship opportunities with Faith Lutheran Church! More details can be found on page 4. †



**God's Work Our Hands**  
Sunday, September 8, 10 a.m.  
at Faith Lutheran Church

Join us for a service activity after worship!  
The congregations will assemble school kits  
for Lutheran World Relief. †



**Reformation Sunday**  
Sunday, October 27, 9:30 a.m.  
at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church

Join us for a combined worship and coffee hour!  
The congregations will worship together and enjoy a  
special coffee hour following the service. †



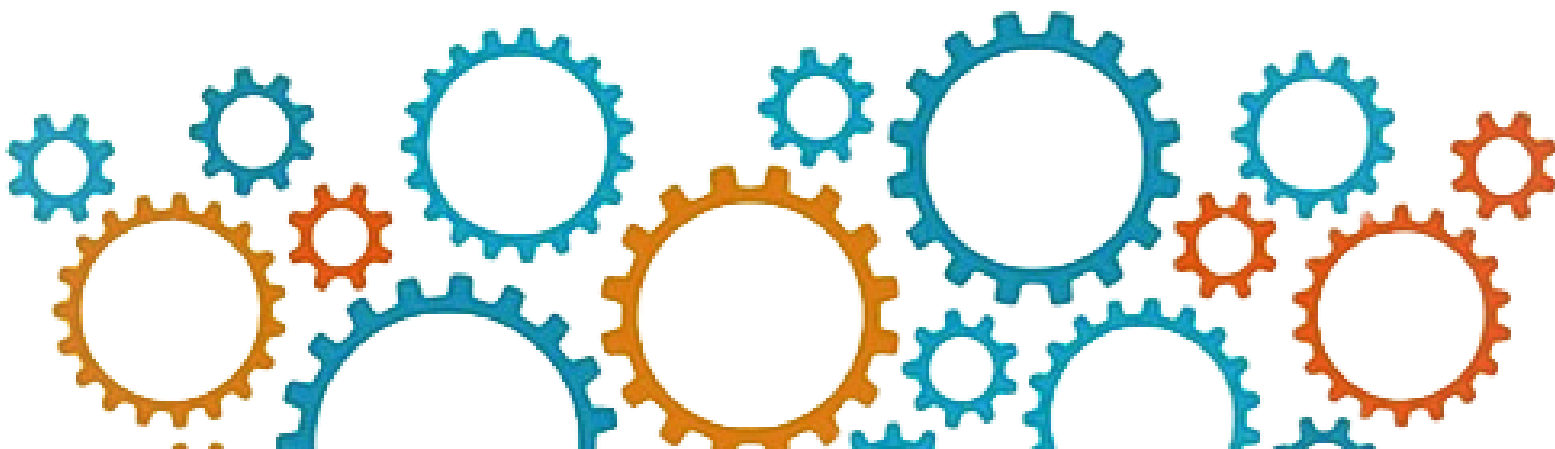
**Midweek Devos & Lunch**  
Wed., November 13 & 20, Noon  
at Faith Lutheran Church

Join us for Midweek Devotions & Lunch!  
Topic: Cultivating a Heart of Gratitude  
Rachel Nunez will lead the discussions.  
A light lunch will be provided. †



**Arts @ Holy Trinity**  
Sunday, December 8, 4 p.m.  
at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church

Join us for a Festival of Lessons & Carols!  
The choirs and musicians of both congregations  
present this annual holiday tradition to kick-off  
the Advent season. †



God's work. Our hands.



September 8, 2024

# Packing School Supply Kits

**ITEMS BEING COLLECTED:**

70-SHEET NOTEBOOKS  
30-CENTIMETER RULERS  
RULERS (METRIC & INCHES)  
PENCIL SHARPENERS  
BLUNT SCISSORS  
UNSHARPENED PENCILS  
BLACK OR BLUE BALLPOINT PENS  
BOXES OF 16 OR 24 CRAYONS  
2.5-INCH BLOCK ERASERS

DONATIONS CAN BE PLACED IN THE BIN  
IN THE WELCOME CENTER LOBBY.

**JOIN US FOR A**

**COMBINED WORSHIP SERVICE @ 10 A.M.**

**FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH**

2726 W. MARKET ST., FAIRLAWN  
& HELP PACK SCHOOL SUPPLY KITS  
FOR **LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF.**



**HOLY TRINITY  
LUTHERAN CHURCH**





## **Collaborative Worship Service & Picnic with Faith Lutheran Church**

Holy Trinity has embarked on something new ... a collaboration with Faith Lutheran Church that brings our two congregations together for worship, service and fellowship. †

*Pictured above & at right: Holy Trinity members worship and picnic at Faith Lutheran on Sunday, August 4.*

*Pictured on pages 6 & 7: More photos of the collaborative worship service and picnic with of Holy Trinity and Faith Lutheran.*



# Hello. My name is... The peace of the Lord be with you!

These words characterize our first collaborative worship experience and picnic with our siblings at Faith Lutheran Church in Fairlawn on Sunday, August 4. More than 180 people gathered that day to step into an intentional collaboration in hopes of strengthening both congregations' common ministry in and through the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, specifically in the greater Akron area, in the spirit of the Isaiah 43 initiative in the Northeastern Ohio Synod.

Approximately 33 members of Holy Trinity (half of our average in person Sunday worship attendance) were on the receiving end of words of welcome and generous hospitality. The worship service featured an interactive children's message focusing on the proper way to pass the peace using the words: "Hello. My name is... The peace of the Lord be with you." The children then moved through the congregation, teaching the adults present how to engage in this act of worship extended towards one another. The Gospel Disciples in Song, a group of the Derbytown Chorus, shared several pieces of music throughout the service which ended with Holy Communion.

Feedback from Holy Trinity members who attended included the words: "wonderful," "uplifting," "renewing," "fun," and "when can we do this again?"

We look forward to continuing this special collaboration as the congregations prepare for these upcoming events:

**Worship & God's Work Our Hands Project** at/with Faith Lutheran on Sunday, September 8 @ 10:00 a.m.

**Confirmation Program Orientation** at Faith Lutheran on Sunday, September 15 @ 11:30 a.m.

**Midweek Devotions on Facebook** beginning Wednesday, September 15 @ 8:00 a.m.

**Reformation Sunday Celebration & Reception** at Holy Trinity on Sunday, October 27 @ 9:30 a.m.

**Midweek Devotions & Lunch** at Faith Lutheran on Wednesdays, November 13 & 20 @ noon

**Lessons & Carols** at Holy Trinity on Sunday, December 8 @ 4:00 p.m. +





There was plenty of delicious food, including Pav's ice cream, and wonderful fellowship enjoyed by those who attended from both congregations. †





Join us the second Sunday each month for a time of informal worship, storytelling, and a meal together! Hands-on faith and community building for ALL AGES! Our theme for 2024 is *God's World in Community: Gifts of the Spirit*, and our discussions will focus on the following:



- October 13:** Gentleness, Philippians 4: 5
- November 10:** Self-Control, 2 Timothy 1: 7

Our time together will take place in the Chapel Lounge and includes Holy Communion! This is a wonderful opportunity to

INVITE a friend or family member, WELCOME them to our faith community, and CONNECT them to Jesus through love and the word of God.

If you have questions or need additional information, contact Rachel Núñez, Director of Faith Formation, at (330) 634-6597 or by email at [rnunez@holyltrinityakron.org](mailto:rnunez@holyltrinityakron.org). †



## Choir Retreat

Join us Saturday, September 21, 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at Holy Trinity. We will begin our new season with vocal workshops, lunch, and a look at upcoming anthems. Will Bowers and Rachel Núñez will be sharing techniques for good choral sound and breathing exercises. David Lines will be leading and accompanying. Please join us! †



Pastor Becki will be on vacation from Thursday, September 26 through Friday, October 11. Pastor Becki and her husband, Jim, will be celebrating 20 years of marriage, and will be visiting family in Illinois, Michigan, and Wisconsin over the course of those two weeks.

Deacon Jenny Frantz, from the NEO Synod staff, will preach on September 29. Rachel Núñez will lead a Service of the Word that morning. Pastor Deborah Wissner will preach and preside at a Service of Word and Sacrament on October 6.

Rachel Núñez will be available to provide pastoral care in the event of an emergency during Pastor Becki's time away. †



## Thank You for Your Love and Offering!

There certainly is a lot of love here at Holy Trinity!! And it is evident each month through your support of the Love Offering. The Outreach & Social Concerns Ministry Team identifies the various organizations and programs to receive this monthly 'love support.' And it is very much appreciated. In July, you gave \$295 to benefit the Hope & Healing Survivor Resource Center.

For September, the Love Offering will support OPEN M's medical and dental clinics. OPEN M's Health services provide compassionate, quality medical care, dental care, health education, and prescription medications free of charge to adults who are uninsured in the Greater Akron area. These free services are made possible by grants, community donations, dedicated staff members, and the generosity of healthcare providers who volunteer their time and expertise. OPEN M Health Services helps to remove the barriers to healthcare and improve the lives of the people we serve. Thank you for your generous support of one of our important community partners. †



# CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

**Sunday, October 20, 11 a.m.**

**Attend in person or online**  
**In Person – Sanctuary**  
**Online – Zoom Meeting**

The congregation will be presented with the 2025 draft budget and vote to elect members to Council and the Nominating Committee.

*NOTE: There will be a special section of the candidates emailed in October.*

For Council, you will elect four (4) to each serve a two-year term commencing January 2025 through December 2027.

For Nominating Committee, you will elect three (3) to serve a one-year term in calendar year 2025.

## To Participate via Zoom

Beginning October 1, you can register on the church's website, [holytrinityakron.org](http://holytrinityakron.org) under the Events tab. Once registered, the Zoom Meeting link will be sent to you along with a meeting reminder.

## IMPORTANT!

Each individual household member must register and must login to the Congregation Meeting separately in order to cast a vote. If this is your first time using Zoom, you will need to download it to your computer or mobile device.

**NOTE:** Registering through the church's website is the only way you can receive the Zoom access link.

If you have questions about the upcoming Congregational Meeting, please see any member of Council. †



# Mission & Vision

## Mission Statement

*Connect people to Jesus through love and the Word of God.*

## Values Statement

- **CONNECTING:** *We feel a strong connection to our legacy of faith, discipleship, and service within this community.*
- **SERVING:** *We are committed to serving others through the ministries of the congregation, our community partnerships, and our music and arts programs.*
- **FOLLOWING:** *We value communal worship, intentional intergenerational faith formation, and fellowship.*
- **INVITING:** *We invite and welcome all to grow and serve with us.*

## Strategic Priorities

- **Energize Our Connection with Those Not Here Yet.**
  - **Impact:** *So that we faithfully energize the involvement of those inside the church and outside the church with the mission that has been entrusted to us.*

Intentionally integrate Invite Welcome Connect into every aspect of HTLC's Ministry.

Champions: Bob Keener, John Stefanik, and Sandy DeLuca
- **Energize Our Congregation's Connections to God and One Another Through Worship and Ministry.**
  - **Impact:** *So that we are more joyful in fellowship, more excited in relationship, and more faithful in discipleship and service.*

Identify spiritual gifts/strengths of members to support service within and through HTLC.

Champions: Linda Vowles, Lesli Eisenhart, Amanda Archbold, and Rachel Núñez
- **Streamline Governance to Facilitate/Support HTLC's Mission and Ministry**
  - **Impact:** *So that we more efficiently utilize talent, simplify meetings, and streamline decision-making, allowing for emphasis of worship, education, and outreach.*

Champions: John Guran, Valerie Clark, Lorin Sickafoose, and Pastor Becki Verbridge †



# CELEBRATING FAMILY AND FRIENDS

*Join us for our Family and Friends Sunday!*

**SEPTEMBER 29, 2024 | SUNDAY**  
**9:30AM WORSHIP | 11 A.M. FELLOWSHIP RECEPTION**

Invite, welcome and connect with new friends and family members for this celebration worship experience!



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*Praising. Loving. Serving in Jesus' name.*

# Invite Welcome Connect

## Family & Friends Sunday *An Opportunity to Invite & Welcome Others*

Family & Friends Sunday is September 29, and we invite EVERYONE TO COME! This is a celebration of family and friends and an opportunity to invite, welcome and connect with others. *So, who are you going to invite?*

If you are a current or former member of Holy Trinity, we want you to join us ... and invite others to come. If you, your children, or your grandchildren were baptized, confirmed or married here, please invite everyone to come ... and bring friends along. If you currently attend, invite your family and friends to attend with you. And, in addition to your family, invite your friends, neighbors and co-workers to come, see, and experience all that Holy Trinity has to offer.

Worship begins at 9:30 a.m. in our 105-year-old Sanctuary. We welcome Deacon Jenny Frantz from the Northeastern Ohio Synod who will preach, and Rachel Núñez, Director of Congregational Care & Connection, who will lead a Service of the Word. And when the worship service is over, don't leave! Join us in the Chapel Lounge for a special Fellowship Reception and time for you to welcome and connect with others, introduce new friends to people you know, and meet-n-mingle with those you haven't seen in a while.

All this said, now is a great time to begin making a mental (or physical) list of people you could invite to church on this Sunday. Once you get your list together, pray for those on your list, then go make your asks! They can't say YES to a question that is never asked of them. Remember, people want meaning in life. They want peace. They want joy. They want connections. And you know how and where they can get all of this and more. **Go and ask.** Then, keep living a life that reflects the meaning, peace, and joy that Christ has provided for you. †



### Need a way to invite others to join you for Family & Friends Sunday?

Use these Welcome Invitation Cards! There are five designs with different messages all inviting someone to join you at Holy Trinity. These cards are available at the Welcome Center and in the Narthex.

Welcome to the 41st season featuring the musical talents of local artists.

# ARTS @ HOLY TRINITY

## 2024-2025 Concert Season

All concerts are at 4 p.m. at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, 50 N. Prospect Street, Akron. Doors open 30 minutes prior.

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OCT

### Mario Buchanan Organ Recital

Mario Buchanan serves as Director of Music and Organist at Christ Church Episcopal in Hudson. Born and raised in Akron, Mario is a graduate of The University of Akron earning a Bachelor of Music in Organ Performance. He received the distinction of winning the 2014-15 Concerto Competition at UA, the first organist to win the award. He has also received additional instruction from several well-known organists.



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OCT

### Hearts for Music Concert and Fundraiser

Hearts for Music provides under-represented individuals with disabilities and special needs different opportunities for ensemble music performance. Our unique special needs orchestra features individuals ages 5 to 70, and the widest range of disabilities ever showcased on stage. From Autism and Down Syndrome to amputees, the blind and deaf, and many others, Hearts for Music demonstrates that music combined with love can truly transform disabilities into abilities.

#### ONCE IN A LIFETIME OPPORTUNITY!

Hearts For Music received an invitation from the Vatican to perform in Rome on April 29, 2025, the Feast of St. Catherine of Sienna. Hearts for Music will perform with other Roman Italians with disabilities creating for the first time a multi-national, multi-ethnic, multi-disability music ensemble group. Donations towards this once-in-a-lifetime opportunity are humbly asked for and gratefully received!



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NOV

### Paragon Brass Ensemble with Organ

The Paragon Brass Quintet is a distinguished ensemble known for its versatile performances and exceptional musicianship. The Akron based ensemble has garnered acclaim for their dynamic interpretations and engaging presentations of both classical and contemporary repertoire. They are joined by renowned organist Dr. Abby Haake, Director of Music at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Massillon, for a thrilling concert of brass and organ favorites.

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DEC

### Festival Lessons & Carols

The annual festival of Lessons and Carols marks the arrival of the holiday season. Through the reading of lessons, each followed by a carol, the Christmas story is recounted and celebrated. This year, Lessons and Carols will be presented by the choristers and instrumentalists from Holy Trinity and Faith Lutheran Churches. This festive service is sure to bring "tidings of comfort and joy" to all!



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FEB

### The University of Akron Student Jazz Ensemble

Information to be provided soon.



A reception will follow the concert in the Chapel Lounge.

## Musical Guests for the 41st Season!



Mario Buchanan



David Lines



Paragon Brass Ensemble with Organ



Hearts for Music



Gold Tones Jazz Band



Summit Choral Society - Metropolitan Chorus, Performance Choir & Children's Choir



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MAR



### Summit Choral Society

Join us for an afternoon of choral excellence as the Summit Choral Society proudly presents its Winter Concert under the direction of Dr. Britt Cooper. This year's event is a celebration of the rich and diverse repertoire written for Tenor & Bass voices, and Soprano & Alto choral sections. Our featured ensembles—the Metropolitan Chorus and the Performance Choir—will be joined by invited singers from Northeast Ohio, creating a powerful and harmonious blend of voices.

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MAR

### Gold Tones Jazz Band

The Gold Tones Jazz Orchestra is the premier jazz performance ensemble at Cuyahoga Falls High School. Founded in 1960 by Robert Feldbush, the Gold Tones was one of the earliest school jazz ensembles in Ohio, establishing a tradition of excellence that has continued unbroken for over sixty years.



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MAY

### David Lines Organ Recital

David Lines has performed extensively in the western United States at venues such as the Mormon Tabernacle and the Cathedral of the Madeleine in Salt Lake City. He is noted for his expressive playing and unusual repertoire. He holds degrees in organ performance from Brigham Young University and the University of Notre Dame where he studied with Craig Cramer. David is currently the Director of Music Ministry at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church in Akron and plays Saturday mass at St. Anthony Padua Parish.



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MAY



### Children's Choir Program

Prepare to be enchanted by the pure and joyful sounds of Akron's most talented young singers as the Summit Choral Society proudly presents Splendid Serenade—a heartwarming concert showcasing the extraordinary voices of our nationally recognized, award-winning Children's Choir Program. Splendid Serenade will fill the beautiful Holy Trinity Lutheran Church with beautiful music in a celebration of youth, music, and community.



Concert is presented by the Summit Choral Society.

# ARTS & HOLY TRINITY

**FREE  
Concert!**

*Four decades of  
bringing music to  
the community.*



## Mario Buchanan Organ Recital

**Sunday, October 6  
4 p.m.**

Mario Buchanan serves as Director of Music and Organist at Christ Church Episcopal in Hudson. Born and raised in Akron, Mario is a graduate of The University of Akron earning a Bachelor of Music in Organ Performance. He studied with Valerie Thorson and Nicole Keller. He received the distinction of winning the 2014-15 Concerto Competition at UA, the first organist to win the award. He has also received additional instruction from several world-renowned organists.

**Concert is held at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church at 50 N. Prospect Street, Akron.**

Join us for a reception following the concert in the Chapel Lounge.

*Doors open 30 minutes prior. For details, visit [artsholytrinity.org](http://artsholytrinity.org).*



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## Mid-Week LIFT (Living In Faith Together)

Join us for food, fellowship, and conversation around the table!

### Holy Trinity Goes to Lunch

Wednesday, September 18 & October 16

Panera Bread (Target Plaza), 2855 W. Market Street, Fairlawn

### Faith5 Friday Check-In & Prayer—9 a.m. via Zoom

We check-in with each other and SHARE our prayer concerns, READ a scripture passage or poem, TALK about it and how we can apply it to our lives, PRAY for our concerns, each other, and Holy Trinity, and end our time with a BLESSING for the day ahead. Our time together lasts between 20-30 minutes. This is a wonderful opportunity for connection and encouragement! Invite other to be a part of this community... all are welcome! If you have any questions and need the Zoom link, contact Rachel Núñez, Director of Congregational Care & Connection, at (330) 634-6597 or email [rmunez@holytrinityakron.org](mailto:rmunez@holytrinityakron.org).

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## Saturday LIFT (Living In Faith Together)

### Hike & Seek

September 14 @ 9 a.m. —Furnace Run Metro Park  
4955 Townsend Rd., Richfield

October 12 @ 9 a.m. —Overlook Trail  
Cascade Valley, 354 Sackett Avenue, Akron

### Men's Bible Study

September 7 & 21 @ 8:30 a.m.  
October 5 & 19 @ 8:30 a.m.

Holy Trinity Lutheran Church – Main Office Conference Area

### Women's Bible Study

September 21 @ 9:00 a.m.  
October 19 @ 9:00 a.m.  
Starbucks Coffee Shop

House Three Thirty, 532 W. Market Street, Akron †

## Sunday LIFT (Living in Faith Together)

### Sunday, September 1

Coffee & Conversation with Church  
Council in the Chapel Lounge

### Sunday, September 8, 10 a.m.

*God's Work. Our Hands.* Sunday  
Worship together @ Faith Lutheran Church  
Project following worship – packing school  
supplies for Lutheran World Relief

### Sunday, September 15

Coffee Fellowship in Chapel Lounge  
following Worship  
HTLC Book Club in the Main Office  
Conference Area

### Sunday, September 22

Holy Trinity Goes to Breakfast @ Akron  
Family Restaurant

### Sunday, September 29

Friends & Family Sunday Reception in  
Chapel Lounge hosted by the Invite,  
Welcome, Connect Ministry Team

### Sunday, October 6

Coffee & Conversation with Church  
Council in the Chapel Lounge

### Sunday, October 13

Coffee Fellowship in Chapel Lounge  
following Worship  
Second Sundays @ 4 p.m. in Chapel Lounge –  
a time of informal worship, storytelling,  
and a meal together

### Sunday, October 20

Coffee Fellowship in Chapel Lounge  
following Worship  
Annual Congregational Meeting in the  
Sanctuary

### Sunday, October 27

A Special Reformation Reception in Chapel  
Lounge following worship with our siblings  
from Faith Lutheran Church †



**It Was a Full House for Worship in the Chapel Lounge!** On July 7, Pastor Becki and Pastor Jean Hansen from Faith Lutheran Church did a 'Pulpit Switch.' But Pastor Jean did not preach from the pulpit ... it was nearly 90 degrees in the Sanctuary on that Sunday! So we all gathered in the Chapel Lounge for worship. †

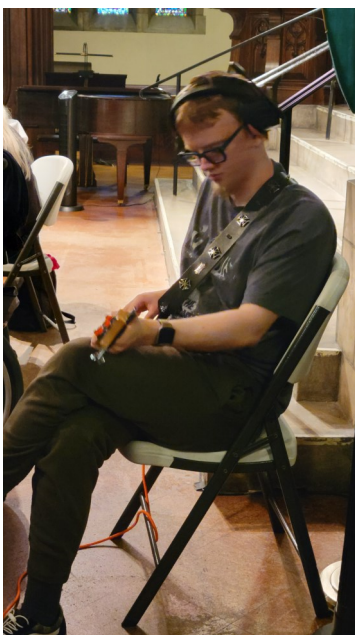


**Hope Fest Held at Grace Park** ... Holy Trinity members volunteered at Hope Fest on July 24 to help serve drinks. Thank you to Gregg Loesch, Deborah Marks and Linda Vowles. Not pictured is Sandy DeLuca. †





## Hearts for Music



The members of Hearts for Music joined us on Sunday, August 18 and played during worship. If you missed them, no worries! A special concert featuring Hearts for Music has been added to the Arts @ Holy Trinity Concert Series (*see pages 12 & 13 for details*).

Their concert is also a fundraiser for their trip to Rome next spring ... they've been invited to perform at the Vatican! So, plan now to join us Sunday, October 27 at 4 p.m. for this joyful concert experience! †





## Blessing Cabinet has Moved to David Hill CLC

With the closure of Robinson CLC as an elementary school, the Family Resource Center (FRC), operated by United Way of Summit & Medina Counties, along with Holy Trinity's Blessing Cabinet had to find a new home. And one was found at David Hill Community Learning Center! More than 80 students from the former Robinson CLC transferred to David Hill CLC, so it made sense to relocate the FRC there where it can continue to serve students and families. Holy Trinity recently restocked the Blessing Cabinet with cleaning supplies, personal care items and non-perishable food items before the start of school on August 29. †



## MMG Update

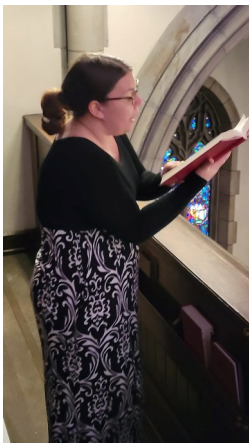
At a recent Sunday LIFT coffee gathering hosted by the Meditation & Memorial Garden, team members gave an update on the Garden and distributed new informational brochures. The MMG is a beautiful outdoor space to be used and enjoyed by everyone. Groups and ministry teams are welcome and encouraged to host events and activities in the Garden. †



*Pictured above: Sonya Nagle (l) is the Chair of the MMG Team and gave an update on the Garden. Jan Parry, one of the original team members when the Garden was created, shared a brief history.*



**Road trip for the TTTs** ... they visited Donna Carroll at Concordia on Ridgewood for lunch in August. Pictured from left: Judy Coffman, Deb Ickes, Pat McRowe, Marcy Nagy, Carol Mason, Joanne Aller, Darcel Zuller, and Gloria Woodford with Donna in the front. †



## Farewell & Godspeed

Our congregation bid farewell to Hannah Miller on Sunday, August 28. Hannah, who has shared her musical gifts at Holy Trinity for the past five years as a choir section leader, will be joining the staff at Christ Presbyterian Church in Canton. In addition to serving as a section leader, she will direct the youth choir. We pray God's blessing on Hannah as she moves forward in music ministry. †



## Coffee & Conversation with Council Members

Members of the Congregation Council will be making themselves available for coffee and conversation on the first Sunday of each month following worship in the Chapel Lounge. You are cordially invited to join this intentional interaction, bringing your ideas and questions directly to our congregation's elected leaders! †



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

- September 1 – Andrew Anacki
- September 7 – Bob Keener
- September 7 – John Riemenschneider
- September 8 – LaVerne Mansour
- September 10 – Joseph Heckel
- September 14 – Amanda Mormino
- September 14 – Judy Samuelson
- September 16 – Andrew Numbers
- September 19 – Michael Jones
- September 20 – Taylor Kane
- September 21 – Gary Radanof
- September 22 – Tom Baumgardner
- September 23 – Donna Darlak
- September 25 – Fred Spencer
- September 26 – Penelope Esworthy
- September 27 – Logan Hunter
- September 29 – Wanda Clark
- September 29 – Elaina Oberdorfer
- October 2 – Michelle Robison
- October 2 – Cathy Snelson
- October 3 – Luke Jones
- October 5 – Anderson Lauf
- October 8 – Madison Lakins
- October 8 – Craig Marko
- October 9 – Daniel Giffels
- October 10 – Gabrielle Carrino
- October 10 – Sandy DeLuca
- October 11 – Logan Butler
- October 12 – Kristin Forbes
- October 12 – Dorothea Wise
- October 15 - Pastor Becki Verbridge
- October 17 – Bob Foutty
- October 17 – Thomas McCahan
- October 18 – Ricki Ethington
- October 18 – Jacob Raymond
- October 23 – Steven Mitchhart
- October 23 – Kathleen Walsh
- October 25 – Keara Mitchhart
- October 25 – Eva Wegryn
- October 26 – Rick Kimble
- October 30 – Mary McCauley
- October 31 – Linda Berthold

*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.*

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Book Club - Diane Chambers & Amy Indorf  
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& Marcy Nagy  
Family Promise & OPEN M - Gregg Loesch  
Memorial Garden - Sonya Nagle  
Men's Bible Study - Tom Baumgardner  
& Jack Harig  
Parish Nurse Ministry - Sally Richenbacher  
Prayer Chain - Sally Richenbacher  
Readers - Nan Riemenschneider  
Robinson FRC - Sandy DeLuca  
Live Stream Team - Stefan Katz  
Ushers - Gregg Loesch  
Warriors Journey Home - Jack Harig  
Women's Bible Study - Rachel Núñez

### 2024 Cabinet

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- Amanda Archbold  
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Outreach & Social Concerns - Gregg Loesch  
Personnel - John Stefanik  
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Worship & Music - Frederica Cohen  
Council Liaison - Linda Vowles

### 2024 Church Council

President, John Guran  
Vice President, Linda Vowles  
Secretary, Valerie Clark  
Treasurer, Lesli Eisenhart  
Mike Ameling  
Diane Chambers  
Kevin Heckel  
Amy Indorf  
Pastor Becki Verbridge

### Holy Trinity Staff

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Connection, Rachel Núñez  
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Financial Secretary, Jim Minisall  
Communications Coordinator,  
Sandy DeLuca  
DLM Food & Resources Director,  
Darlene Katz  
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