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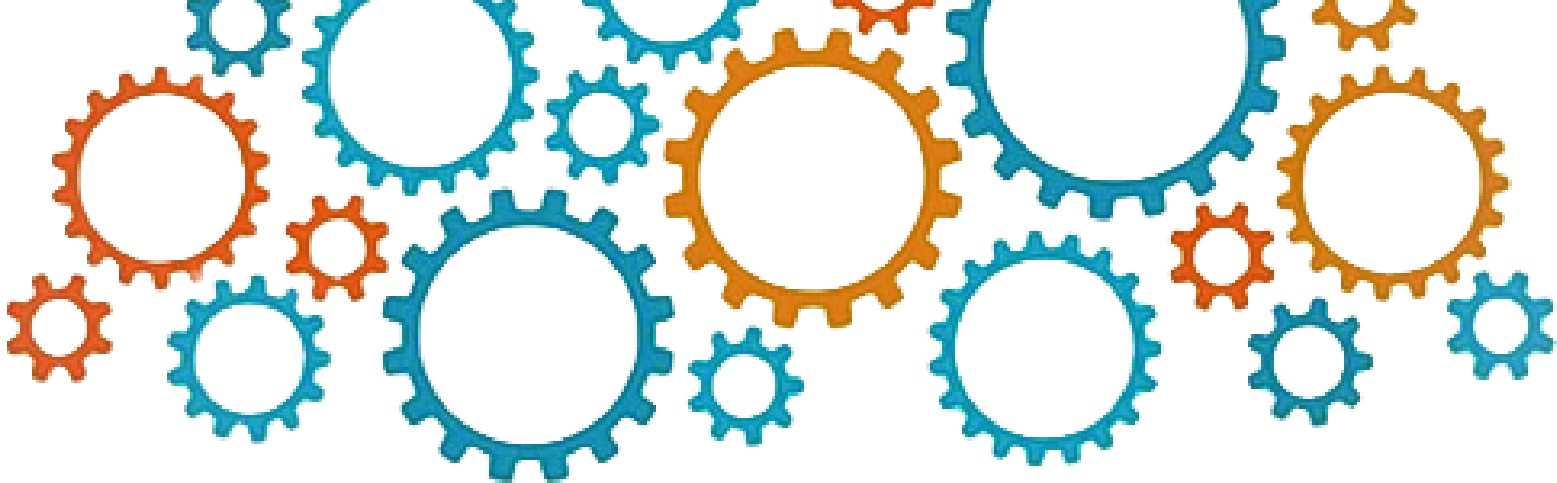
THE MONTHLY MAGAZINE *of* HOLY TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

November & December 2024

Concerts by Candlelight

*Holy Trinity provides a beautiful backdrop for a series of Candlelight Concerts
For details on upcoming Candlelight Concerts, see page 8*

Cover photo taken by Marsha Asente



Collaborative Events

Holy Trinity & Faith Lutheran Churches

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



Midweek Devos & Lunch

Wednesday, November 13 & 20
Noon at Faith Lutheran Church

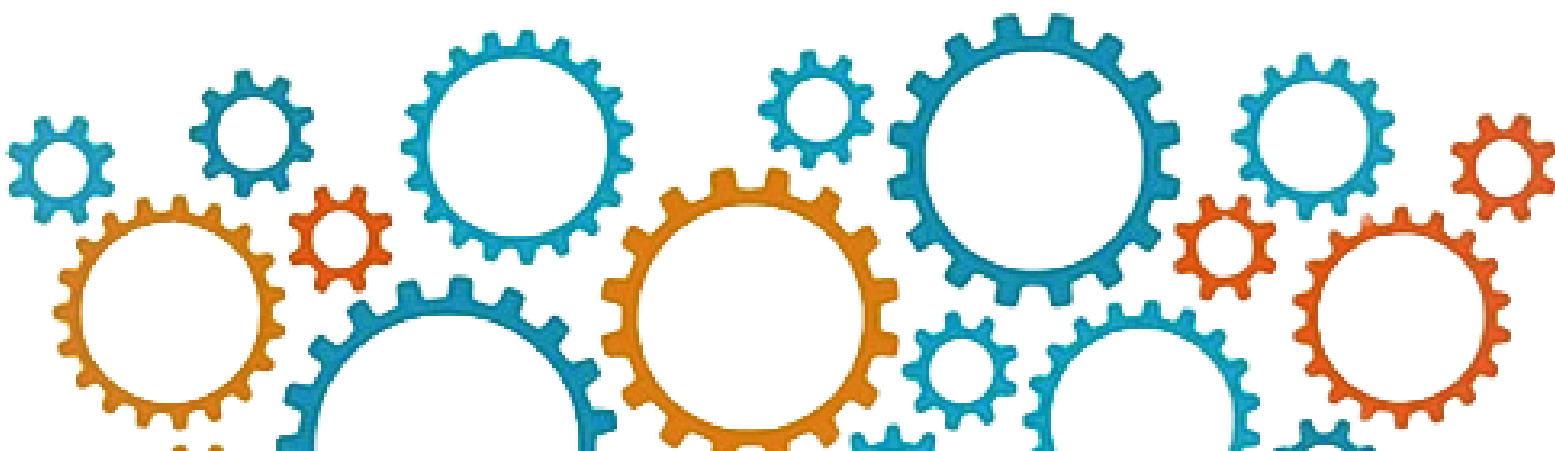
Join us for Midweek Devotions & Lunch!
Topic: Cultivating a Heart of Gratitude
Rachel Nunez will lead the discussions.
A light lunch will be provided. †



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. †



Collaboration with Faith Lutheran Church ...



Since July, Holy Trinity Lutheran Church Akron and Faith Lutheran Church Fairlawn have been holding monthly collaborative events.

These collaborative events will end with “Midweek Devotions and Lunch” in November at Faith led by Rachel Nunez and the “Festival Lessons and Carols” concert in December at Holy Trinity — please see details on the previous page. The goal of this six-month series of events has been to strengthen both congregations’ relationships with one another through intentional interaction.

The logical question is “*What’s next?*” First though, please note what **is not planned**. The focus at this time is not on combining the two congregations; both will continue to maintain their buildings and to hold weekly worship services. What **is being discussed** is sharing staff – including pastoral staff – and ministry.

Later in November, the two Church Councils and a few other designated leaders from both congregations will meet with Pastor Jonathan Stufft, Assistant to the Bishop of the Northeastern Ohio Synod, for a “Visioning Session” to identify the opportunities and challenges an ongoing collaboration might hold. Depending on the feedback, “Listening Sessions” with/for other interested congregation members *may* be held in January and February 2025.

Participation by other ELCA congregations with Faith Lutheran Church and Holy Trinity Lutheran Church is not planned at this time, although that continues to be a future possibility.

In the meantime, you are invited to participate in and attend our final two collaborative events being held in November and December. †



Reformation Sunday

Members of Holy Trinity were joined by members of Faith Lutheran Church on Reformation Sunday, October 27, for worship and fellowship. This combined gathering was part of the six-month series of collaborative events and activities.

Pastor Jonathan Stufft, Assistant to the Bishop of the Northeastern Ohio Synod, was the guest preacher. His sermon focused on the 'moving' and 'changing' that is sometimes needed. Pastor Becki and Pastor Jean Hansen from Faith Lutheran presided. And, Faith's Coordinator of Children's

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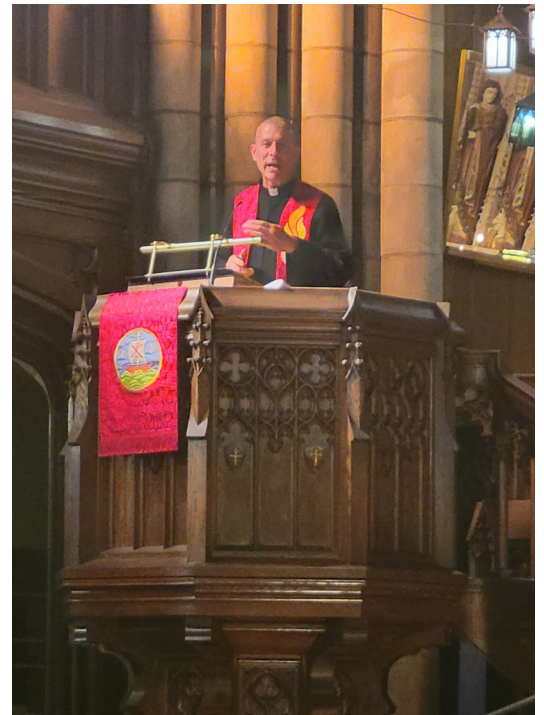


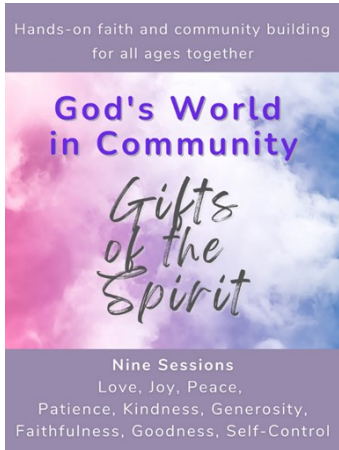


Ministries, Pastor Sarah Courtney, delivered the children's sermon. Both choirs filled the lofts near the altar and sang beautifully during worship. There were children's activities in the office hallway complete with a Martin Luther-themed selfie station ... (pictured at left) Pastor Becki 'nailed it!' After worship, folks gathered in the Chapel Lounge for a time of friendship and fellowship. †

Pictured on previous page, bottom left: Pastor Becki (l) and Pastor Jean preside over communion. Pictured this page, middle, far left: Pastor Sarah Courtney gives the Children's Sermon.

Pictured this page, bottom right: Pastor Jonathan Stufft.





This is the last Second Sunday for the year! Plan to join us Sunday, November 10, 4-6 p.m. in the Chapel Lounge for a time of informal worship, storytelling, communion, 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 Self-Control from 2 Timothy 1: 7.

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 mnunez@holytrinityakron.org. †



**Pastor Becki to Continue as Interim
Pastor of Holy Trinity in 2025**

Pastor Becki Verbridge will continue to serve as Interim Pastor of Holy Trinity Akron in 2025 as the congregation continues to transition from *what has been to what will be*. Her intent, at this time, is to serve Holy Trinity until she is no longer needed. †



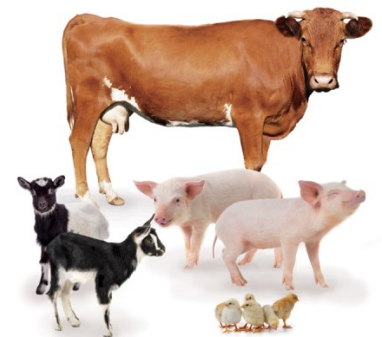
Thank You for Your Love and Offering!

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 and support.' And it is very much appreciated. In August, you gave \$255 to benefit South Street Ministries, and in September, you gave \$963 to benefit OPEN M's health care services.

For November, the Love Offering will be used to provide personal care items to **Dare to Love More (DLM) Ministries**. As was reported at the Semi-Annual Congregational Meeting, DLM recently received 501c3 status, and is now officially a not-for-profit organization. Holy Trinity will, of course, continue to support and volunteer with their various programs. It's amazing that DLM opened its doors a mere seven years ago, and has grown and expanded by leaps and bounds! So, thank you in advance for your continued support.

And, for December, the Love Offering will once again support the **ELCA Good Gifts Program** and help a family break the cycle of hunger and poverty — for good. A cow, a

couple of goats, a dozen chicks, two pigs, farming tools, seeds and agricultural training can create a world of opportunity for a family living in poverty. With eggs, milk and meat to eat and sell, and tools and training to increase the harvest, this gift can make all the difference. Again, thank you for your support of this important outreach effort (*see page 18 for information*). †





Stewardship

Joyful Giving

My sense of what “giving” meant truly crystalized when I was a part of Crossways.

As we read and studied the Bible over the two years of the program, a key concept emerged for me. Not only did God create the Earth, he owns the Earth. The world is His—not ours, even if we have deeds or certificates of ownership.



by Alexa Sandmann

Your house? His. Your car? His. Your bank account? His. Everything is on loan, although He shares it with us so graciously. So why do we hold on so tightly to everything that we think of as “ours”? We’re human. And frail. And probably afraid of the “What ifs.” But He is always with us. What do we have to fear?

While Jesus asked his disciples to leave everything behind, he doesn’t ask that of us. He asks for us to love one another and to take care of one another. He suggests a tithe. And since I took that course, that is what I have done: tithed to the church, and then have given more as special appeals are made both by the church and in the community. For most of my adult life, I had been a faithful giver, but reading the Bible cover-to-cover in those two years, and then participating in other

Crossways classes spoke deeply to me about what it meant to be a Christian, to be a disciple of Jesus, to want to walk in His ways.

One of the reasons I joined Trinity more than a decade ago was because of its Outreach Programs. For me, seeing Trinity as a place where there were “believers in action” was pivotal in my decision. Words without action are empty, but Trinity has a myriad of programs that support our neighbors. And that’s just as it should be.

That’s what faithful giving does. Not only must a church’s income “keep the lights on,” it supports the things we need to do to “walk in His ways.” Each of us can help. We need to provide resources to keep the church in good working order so that we can gather for worship and study here, as well as provide space for community groups. We also need to provide resources to some of those community groups in solidarity with the special groups they serve, like Habitat for Humanity.

To be a Christian is to say “Yes” to Jesus. Yes. I will feed those in need. Yes. I will help my neighbors in any and all ways I can. When I give to God first, I don’t worry about spending money for other things because God receives my “first fruits.” It is joyful giving and brings with it a peace which is hard to describe—but I would wish for you. †

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

We do this through worshipping weekly. We share with the community our unique organ and space for musical events and service activities. We help children and families in need by providing space and financial assistance to Dare to Love More (DLM) Ministries. We support the local Family Resource Center at David Hill Community Learning Center along with many other community groups and organizations.

COMMITMENT SUNDAY NOVEMBER 10

Over the past several weeks, you read in the Midweek Word and heard during worship a few personal impact stories shared by some of our members. Their stories have led us to Commitment Sunday which will be on Sunday, November 10. Information will be mailed soon. As you consider our goals for the coming year, remember that as our generosity increases, our capacity to support and impact other ministries increases. God has blessed us in so many ways. Now is our time to bless others throughout this community. †



The Season of Advent is Sunday, December through Monday, December 23. It is a time of anticipation and preparation for Christmas, and continues until Epiphany on January 6, 2025. Advent is also a time to believe that all things are possible with God, and that the story of Advent leads to the hope of Christ's return.

Holy Trinity is celebrating the Season of Advent, and you are invited to join us for these midweek activities, and be sure to bring a friend to share in them.

Advent Mid-Week

December 4, 11, & 18 @ Noon

Holden Evening Prayer in the Sanctuary
followed by Soup Lunch in Room 202

December 4, 11, & 18 @ 7 p.m.

Zoom Devotions "The Weary World Rejoices"

from Everything Happens with Kate Bowler

To participate in Zoom Devotions and receive the meeting link, please contact Rachel Nunez, Director of Congregational Care & Connection, at rnunez@holytrinityakron.org or at (330) 634-6597. †



Christmas Eve at Holy Trinity

Tuesday, December 24, 2024

Prelude at 6:45 p.m. featuring
Chancel Choir, Bell Choir, and Organ

Service of Word and Sacrament at 7 p.m.

Christmas Eve at Holy Trinity has been long considered one of the most beautiful worship experiences of the year. This year, a musical prelude featuring the Chancel Choir, Bell Choir, and a String Ensemble, will begin at 6:30 p.m. The Service of Word and Sacrament - including many of our most beloved carols, a children's message, and candle lighting - will begin at 7 p.m. Plan now to worship with us this most holy night of the year! †



Holiday Office Hours

The church office will be closed Wednesday, November 27 through Friday, November 29 for the Thanksgiving holiday.

The church office will also be closed Tuesday, December 24 through Wednesday, January 1, for Christmas and New Year's. †

Candlelight Concerts

These candlelit performances allow you to experience live music in a completely new way. Picture a mesmerizing sight: a stage bathed in the gentle glow of hundreds, or even thousands, of candles. The shimmering ambiance created by candlelight swaying to the rhythm of your favorite music will leave you spellbound. Here are two upcoming concerts being held at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church:

- November 22: Vivaldi's Four Seasons & More (6:30 p.m.) and Tribute to Coldplay (8:45 p.m.)
- December 20: Holiday Special featuring "The Nutcracker" & More (6:30 p.m. & 8:30 p.m.)

Tickets must be purchased in advance from [feverup.com](https://www.feverup.com) †



Christmas Poinsettias

Order a Christmas poinsettia to help decorate Holy Trinity's chancel this Christmas Eve! Fill out the form below and place in the offering plate or mail it to the Church. Or you may use the red labeled envelopes by the Flower Chart. There will be a receptacle in the lobby for the envelopes. Make your check out to *Holy Trinity Lutheran Church* and mark "poinsettia" on the memo line. **All orders must be placed by noon on Monday, December 16.** Thank you for this offering! You may pickup your poinsettia following the 7 p.m. Christmas Eve service on December 24. The remaining poinsettias will be delivered by our Friendly Visitors to Trinity members who are shut-in, hospitalized or recovering in their homes from a hospital stay. For more information, please contact Debbie Ickes at (678) 353-7444. †

Order Form

I would like to order _____ Christmas Poinsettias priced at \$15 each.
NOTE: All poinsettias will be red.



Name _____

Phone _____

Envelope # _____

Amount Enclosed _____

Please check one of the following and print clearly. I give my poinsettia(s):

_____ in memory of _____

_____ in honor of _____

_____ to the glory of God.



ATTENTION COOKIE BAKERS!

The beloved Lessons and Carols concert will be held December 8th. After the concert, everyone is invited for a time of fellowship at the "Cookie Reception."

We need donations of your special recipes to share. Please bring your cookies to the church during the following hours:

- Thursday, December 5, 9 a.m.-2 p.m.
- Friday, December 6, 9 a.m.-12 p.m.

All cookies will be held in Room 202. If you have any questions, contact Debbie Ickes at (678) 353-7444. Thank you in advance for your generosity and love!! †



Granola Bars for OPEN M

As we have for many years, Holy Trinity will again provide a food item for the Holiday Food Baskets prepared by our partner OPEN M. This year Holy Trinity has been asked to provide **200 BOXES OF GRANOLA BARS**. They will be included in the food boxes and help provide each family with two weeks of food. Please bring your boxes of granola bars (minimum six-count and any flavor or brand) and place them in the wooden box across from Room 202. Or you may donate to the cause by noting on your check "OPEN M Food." **Last day to donate is Sunday, December 1.** Thank you! †

God's Love Is Constant Even In the Midst of Change

I think about all those things, and I feel small and alone. But then I choose to remember God, and this is my hope: The Lord's faithful love never comes to an end. He never stops being kind to us. Every day, we can trust him to be kind again. We know that he will do what he has promised to do. He is my Lord,' I say to myself. 'He is the reason why I can hope for good things.' The Lord does good things for people who wait for him. He is kind to everyone who looks for him. It is good when people continue to hope. It is good when they quietly wait for the Lord, because he will save them."

(Lamentations 3:20-26)

Fall has arrived in Ohio bringing with it changing temperatures and variable skies. And I do mean variable. Any given day, this past week, you could look one direction and see white billowy clouds interspersed with patches of corn-blue sky, only to look another direction and see ominous, purple-gray clouds certain with rain.

The changing temperatures and skies are a reminder that we can never be sure what life is going to bring next. One minute the sun can be warming our face, and the next minute rain is pouring down on our head. Although we may not know what any given day may bring us, we can be sure that God will be there to hold us in that day. The circumstances of life are as variable as these recent fall skies have been, but God's love for us is – and always will be - constant.

In 1923, Thomas O. Chisholm wrote the lyrics that became the hymn "Great Is Thy Faithfulness." You likely know the first two verses and refrain by heart:

Great is thy faithfulness, O God our Father,
There is no shadow of turning with thee;
Thou changest not, thy compassions they fail not;
As thou hast been thou forever wilt be.

Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see;
All I have needed thy hand hath provided –
Great is thy faithfulness, Lord unto me!

Summer and winter, and springtime and harvest,
Sun, moon, and stars in their courses above
Join with all nature in manifold witness
To thy great faithfulness, mercy and love.

Have no doubt that God is faithful and that we can depend on God's love and care.

Merciful God, you know all things, see all things, and remember even the least of us. How good it is to know that your love and care, are constant, that we can depend on your presence with us in every season and situation life brings. Assure us of your faithfulness, grace, and mercy even when life is unpredictable and circumstances uncertain. Amen. †

~ Pastor Becki

Congratulations to ...



Dave Vowles

State Hospice Volunteer of the Year

Dave began at Cleveland Clinic Hospice in March 2016 as a gardens volunteer. Dave is a avid gardener—the seeds of his labor are planted and flourishing in flower beds at Holy Trinity—and has a passion and talent for creating beautiful green spaces and flower gardens, and this is evident on the grounds at Cleveland Clinic Hospice. Patients, families and caregivers are surrounded by the beauty of nature in part created by Dave.

Going above and beyond the call of duty is woven into the fabric of Dave's spirit. When asked if he would be interested in serving with the We Honor Veterans Program, he expressed some reluctance. After observing a ceremony, a spark was lit, and Dave now carries the torch that lights the way of honoring veterans in hospice care. No matter where, no matter how far he is asked to travel, and no matter the time of day or evening, Dave goes to honor these men and women.

Sometimes the ceremony is a celebration with family and friends, and sometimes the ceremony is somber at the bedside of an actively dying veteran. Whether joyful or sorrowful, Dave extends dignity, compassion and empathy to the patient and family, making the ceremony personal and memorable with those for important words, 'Thank You and Welcome Home.'

Dave was recognized at a luncheon in Columbus last month. Congratulations, Dave Vowles!! †



Mid-Week LIFT (Living In Faith Together)

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

Lunch & Devotions

Wednesday, November 13 & 20 @ Noon
Faith Lutheran Church, 2726 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 rnunez@holyltrinityakron.org. †

Saturday LIFT (Living In Faith Together)

Hike & Seek

November 9 @ 9 a.m. —Munroe Falls Metro Park
Tallmadge Meadows Area, 1088 North Avenue, Tallmadge

There is no Hike & Seek in December.

Men's Bible Study

November 2 & 16 @ 8:30 a.m.
December 7 & 21 @ 8:30 a.m.

Holy Trinity Lutheran Church – Main Office Conference Area

Women's Bible Study

November 16, 9 a.m. @ Starbucks Coffee Shop
House Three Thirty, 532 W. Market Street, Akron

December 21, 9 a.m. @ Rockynol Ohio Living
1150 W. Market Street, Akron

Host: Velma Pomrenke; Topic: Poetry of Advent †

Sunday LIFT (Living in Faith Together)

Sunday, November 3

Coffee & Conversation with Church
Council in the Chapel Lounge

HTLC Book Club in the Main Office
Conference Area

Sunday, November 10

Second Sunday, 4-6 p.m. in Chapel Lounge
A time of informal worship, storytelling,
communion and a meal together.

Sunday, November 17

Coffee Fellowship in Chapel Lounge
following Worship

Sunday, November 24

Holy Trinity Goes to Breakfast @ Akron
Family Restaurant

Sunday, December 1

Season of Advent begins!

See page 8 for Advent activities

Coffee & Conversation with Church
Council in the Chapel Lounge

Sunday, December 8

Coffee Fellowship in Chapel Lounge
following Worship

Arts @ Holy Trinity Presents

Festival of Lessons & Carols

See page 14 for details

Sunday, December 15

Coffee Fellowship in Chapel Lounge
following Worship

Sunday, December 22

Holy Trinity Goes to Breakfast @ Akron
Family Restaurant

Sunday, December 29

Service of Word & Carols @ 9:30 a.m.
See page 8 for details. †

ARTS @ HOLY TRINITY

**FREE
Concert!**

*Four decades of
bringing music to
the community.*



Paragon Brass with Organ

**Sunday
November 3
4 p.m.**

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.

Pictured above (from left): Dr. Abby Haake, Lauren Rudzinkas, Stephanie Blaha, Gary Davis, Christopher Blaha and Justin Kohan.

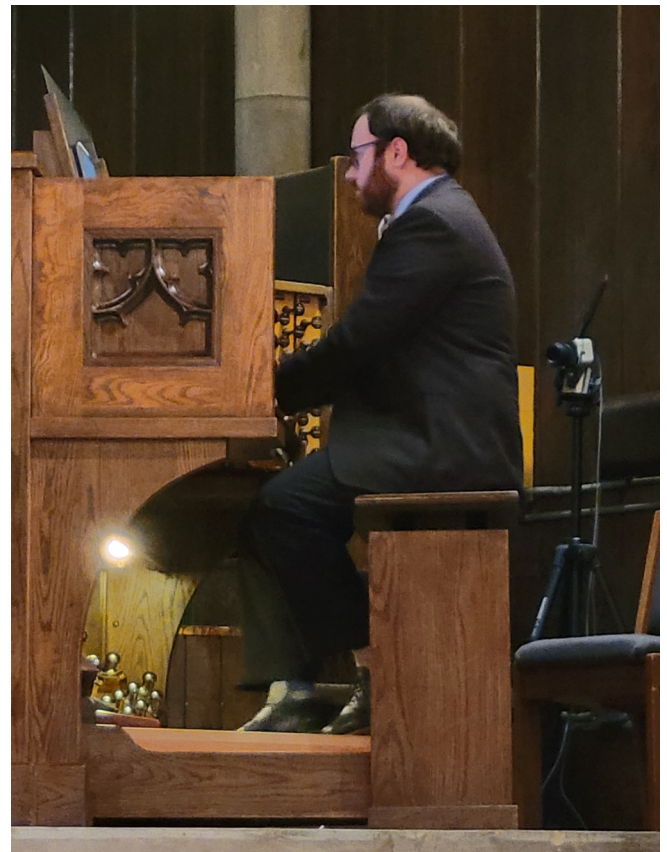
The Concert is held at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church at 50 N. Prospect Street, Akron.

Doors open 30 minutes prior. For details, visit artsholytrinity.org.



**HOLY TRINITY
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41st Season Kicks-Off!

Arts @ Holy Trinity opened its 41st season Sunday, October 6, with a free Organ Recital featuring the gifted and talented Mario Buchanan. And what a phenomenal organ recital it was! With Mario playing Holy Trinity's well-known 4,551-pipe organ! The concert was followed by a reception in the Chapel Lounge.

This year, the Arts @ Holy Trinity concert series is focusing on local talent by featuring a variety of musicians and ensembles from right here in Northeast Ohio. †

Pictured above (left and right): Mario Buchanan plays the organ with both hands and feet during his performance.

Pictured far left: Mario greets concert goers at the reception.

Pictured left: Mario Buchanan gives an introduction to a few of his selected pieces.



ARTS @ HOLY TRINITY

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Festival of Lessons & Carols

**Sunday
December 8
4 p.m.**

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!

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

Doors open 30 minutes prior. For details, visit artsholytrinity.org.



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Hearts for Music Performs

Holy Trinity has welcomed Hearts for Music during Sunday worship several times. This group of talented musicians performed for the first time as part of the Arts @ Holy Trinity Concert Series on Sunday, October 27. If you did not know, Hearts for Music is a unique special needs orchestra of individuals aged 5 to 70 with the widest range of disabilities ever shown on stage.

This concert also served as a fundraiser for the group has been invited to perform at the Vatican next April! And, Holy Trinity's October Love Offering supported the group's trip to Rome. †

Pictured above and at left: Local members of Hearts for Music, under the direction of founder Kitrael Chin, perform during their concert.





Family & Friends Sunday

It was like a mini homecoming! It was wonderful to see so many new and familiar faces on Family & Friends Sunday on September 29. This event was hosted by the Invite Welcome Connect Ministry Team and was a way to be more intentional about inviting folks to experience all that Holy Trinity has to offer. †



Pictured (from left): Fred Rieman, Gregg Loesch and his son, Chris.



Under the direction of Hayley Phillips, Bell Choir members performed on Family & Friends Sunday. Pictured (from left): Frederica Cohen, Cathy Snelson, Charisse Phillips, and John Stefanik.



Pictured at top: Members and guests enjoy refreshments during the Fellowship Reception.

Pictured above right (from left): Dottie and Rob Wise, Alex DeLuca, and LJ and Rick Kimble.

Pictured above left: Members, family and guests during the worship service.

Pictured at right (clockwise): David Vowles, Sarah Wolverton, Emily Wolverton, Emily's guest, Kathy Wolverton, and Ella Vowles.



December's Love Offerings will support ...

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Family
Farm
\$715



Help a family break the cycle of hunger and poverty — for good.

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New Front Gate Installed ... The front of Holy Trinity looks a tad bit different ... it now has a steel gate across the front entrance that faces N. Prospect Street. This gate was installed primarily for the safety and security of Holy Trinity's members, staff and guests. †



We remember **Donnell Crossley**, who was discovered deceased on Osage (the alley behind our church building) last Sunday morning as we gathered for worship. We do not really know anything about him except that he slept in the alley most days for the last several months. Although unknown to us, we can be assured that he was beloved by God and is now in the kingdom Jesus spoke about where "the first shall be last, and the last shall be first." †

Our sympathy is extended to the family of **Wanda Clark**. Wanda died on October 12th. She confirmed her faith at Holy Trinity when she was thirteen years old, and remained an active member for the next eighty years of her life. Her life of faith will remain an inspiration to other members of our congregation who knew her. †

RECAP OF THE CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

The Semi-Annual Congregational Meeting was held October 20, and congratulations to the following individuals:

Elected to Council: Liz Anacki, Frederica Cohen, Deb Ickes and Alexa Sandmann.

Elected to the Nominating Committee: Connie Archbold, Sandy DeLuca and John Stefanik.

Members voted to accept the 2025 draft budget as presented. The congregation will vote on the final 2025 budget at the January meeting. Members also voted to approve to transfer \$100,000 from the Budget Endowment to the Contingency Fund for the purpose of addressing seasonal cash flow variations. †



November & December Birthdays

'Happy Birthday' to the following members ...

- November 1 – Shirley Jordan
- November 5 – Logan Vowles
- November 6 – Jenna Spencer
- November 6 – Max Spencer
- November 10 – Michael Hunter
- November 11 – Mary DeBerry
- November 12 – Camdynn Stevens
- November 14 – Garry Compan
- November 14 – Adam Heckel
- November 14 – Janet Spaninger
- November 15 – Alexa Sandmann
- November 18 – Tracy Johnson
- November 18 – Marcy Nagy
- November 19 – Cody Sanders
- November 21 – Amy Indorf
- November 22 – Erin Stefanik
- November 23 – Rebecca Adkins
- November 25 – Norm Richenbacher
- November 26 – Pamela Marko
- November 26 – Mary Williams
- December 1 – Kurt Seiberling
- December 4 – Joan Amon
- December 5 – Thomas Bouton
- December 8 – Julie Sanders
- December 9 – Logan Seiberling
- December 12 – Gregory Mitchhart
- December 16 – Ella Izenour
- December 16 – Samantha Lupo
- December 18 – Deborah Ickes
- December 19 – Paul Anacki
- December 19 – Bob Nagle
- December 21 – Alex DeLuca
- December 22 – Natalie Spencer
- December 24 – Lor Breyley
- December 25 – LJ Kimble
- December 27 – Jacob Padgett
- December 28 – Matthew Vowles
- December 29 – Samuel Forbes
- December 29 – Debbie Schramm
- December 30 – Dan Detwiler
- December 30 – Sandra Plummer

*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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& 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

Congregational Care & Connection
- Amanda Archbold
Finance - Lesli Eisenhart
Outreach & Social Concerns - Gregg Loesch
Personnel - John Stefanik
Property - Kevin Heckel
Invite Welcome Connect - Sandy DeLuca
Worship & Music - Frederica Cohen
Council Liaison - Linda Vowles

2024 Church Council

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Director of Congregational Care &
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Financial Secretary, Jim Minisall
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Sandy DeLuca
DLM Food & Resources Director,
Darlene Katz
DLM Operations Manager, Stefan Katz
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Sexton, Vince Simmons