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WEEKLY UPDATES *from* HOLY TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

This Week at Holy Trinity

Sunday, 1/5	9:30 a.m.	<i>Worship</i>
	10:45 a.m.	<i>Coffee Fellowship</i>
Monday, 1/6	5:30 p.m.	<i>Finance Team Meeting - Zoom</i>
Tuesday, 1/7	6:30 p.m.	<i>Derbytown Chorus - Fellowship Hall</i>
Wednesday, 1/8	9:00 a.m.	<i>Morning Devotions - Facebook</i>
Friday, 1/9	9:00 a.m.	<i>Faith 5 Check-in - Zoom</i>
	10:30 a.m.	<i>Property Team Meeting - Chapel Lounge</i>
Saturday, 1/11	6:30 p.m.	<i>Candlelight Concert - Sanctuary</i>
	8:45 p.m.	<i>Candlelight Concert - Sanctuary</i>
Sunday, 1/12	9:30 a.m.	<i>Worship</i>
	10:45 a.m.	<i>Coffee Fellowship</i>

Morning Devotions

Join us each Wednesday at 9 a.m. on Facebook for pre-recorded devotions from Pastor Becki and Rachel Nunez along with Pastor Jean Hansen from Faith Lutheran Church to help us focus on God and how to apply His word to our everyday lives.

Annual Congregational Meeting

Sunday, January 26, 2025 at 11:00 a.m.

Attend in person or online

In Person — Sanctuary | Online — Zoom Meeting

Items of business will include:

- Recommendation to combine the Care & Fellowship Team and Education & Youth Ministry Teams to form the Congregational Care & Connect Ministry Team.
- Recommendation to change the start time of Sunday worship.
- Recommendation to pay the \$20,000 audit fee from the Budget Endowment Fund.
- 2025 Budget.

The 2024 Report to the Congregation will be sent separately. Hard copies will be available at the Welcome Center and in the Narthex two weeks prior. If you wish to participate via Zoom Meeting, please see the instructions below. You must register in advance in order to participate via Zoom. Registering through the church’s website is the only way you can receive the Zoom access link.

To Participate via Zoom

You must register in advance to participate via Zoom. Please visit the church’s website, holyltrinityakron.org. Under the ‘Noteworthy’ section on the home page, click the link for the Annual Congregational Meeting. Once registered, the Zoom Meeting link will be sent to you along with a meeting reminder a few days prior.

IMPORTANT!

Each household member must register and must log in 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.

In Our Prayers...

January 5: Gene Thrall (member), Rachel Cheuk (daughter of Rick & LJ Kimble), Josephine Ameling (member), Sally Richenbacher (member), Tanesha (friend of the Asentes).

December 29: No additional prayer concerns.

December 22: Sandy Plummer (member), Janet Peltz (niece of Connie Archbold).

December 15: Laura Baumgardner (niece of Tom Baumgardner), Sue Mullins (friend of the Kimbles), Bob Keener (member).

The names of those making the request will be printed next to the name of the person being prayed for. We kindly ask those making the request to keep our prayer list coordinators updated as to the status of the person they are requesting prayer for. We would be glad to continue praying for individuals (adding them for another four weeks) upon request. If you have updates or additions to the prayer list, please contact Sally Richenbacher, Rachel Núñez, or Pastor Becki Verbridge.

REMINDER ... THE 2025 CHURCH COUNCIL OFFICERS AND MEMBERS WILL BE INSTALLED ON SUNDAY, JANUARY 19. THEY ARE:

President—Diane Chambers
Vice President & Cabinet Liaison—Alexa Sandmann
Secretary—Liz Anacki
Treasurer—John Guran
Members: Mike Ameling, Frederica Cohen, Deborah Ickes, Amy Indorf
and Pastor Becki Verbridge.

The Love Offering for January will support Hearts for Music trip to the Vatican in April.

Hearts for Music provides under-represented individuals with disabilities and special needs different opportunities for ensemble music performance. Their 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 the deaf, and many others, Hearts for Music demonstrates that music combined with love can truly transform disabilities into abilities. Hearts for Music received a once in a lifetime invitation from the Vatican to perform in Rome on April 29, 2025, the Feast of St. Catherine of Sienna. They 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!

Task Force Appointed to Evaluate Second Floor Area for Congregational Use

At the recommendation of the Congregational Care & Connection Team, the Church Council has appointed a Task Force to investigate and make a recommendation for renovation/updates of second floor area. This would include: The Welcome Center, Staff Offices, Chapel Lounge, Library, Men's & Women's Restrooms, Room 202, and the adjacent hallways. These are the areas currently used by the congregation for small groups and larger gatherings. Together, the persons listed below represent all areas of Holy Trinity's ministry. They will begin meeting in January, under the leadership of Bruce Mansour, with the expectation that they will formulate a recommendation in the first half of 2025.

- Bruce Mansour (Chair) - HTLC Staff (Building Supervisor)
- Frederica Cohen - Worship & Music, Invite Welcome Connect, Council, Second Sundays, Chancel Choir, Bell Choir
- Rich Williams - Congregational Care & Connection, Bell Choir, Second Sundays, Men's Bible Study, DLM Volunteer
- Diane Chambers - Congregational Care & Connection, Social Outreach, Council, Book Club, Women's Bible Study, Second Sundays, DLM Volunteer
- Deb Ickes - Worship & Music, Altar Guild, Council
- John Hamilton - Property, Money Counter
- Don Parsisson - Property, Social Outreach, Second Sundays, DLM Volunteer
- Rachel Nuñez - HTLC Staff (Director Congregational Care & Connection)

WINTER WEATHER CANCELLATION POLICY

This is a good time of year to remind everyone of Holy Trinity's Winter Weather Cancellation Policy. If Akron Public Schools are closed due to inclement weather, the church office will be closed. If a Sunday worship service needs to be canceled due to inclement weather, the Pastor will make the decision, in consultation with the Building Supervisor, Council President, and Sexton, and an email announcing the closure will be sent as quickly as possible.