

# YELLOW PAGES

WEEKLY UPDATES *from* HOLY TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

Rachel Núñez, our Director of Congregational Care and Connection, will lead a Service of the Word at Holy Trinity on Sunday, February 16, as well as proclaim God’s word. She will also be available to provide pastoral care as Pastor Becki joins her children and grandchildren for an extended weekend in Chicago.

## This Week at Holy Trinity

<b>Sunday, 2/9</b>	9:30 a.m.	<i>Worship</i>
	10:45 a.m.	<i>Coffee Fellowship</i>
	4:00 p.m.	<i>Second Sundays</i> - Chapel Lounge & Room 202
<b>Monday, 2/10</b>	10:30 a.m.	<i>Hymn Planning Meeting</i> - Church Office
<b>Tuesday, 2/11</b>	6:30 p.m.	<i>Worship &amp; Music Meeting</i> - Zoom
	6:30 p.m.	<i>Derbytown Chorus</i> - Fellowship Hall
<b>Wednesday, 2/12</b>	9:00 a.m.	<i>Morning Devotions</i> - Facebook
	10:30 a.m.	<i>Personnel Meeting</i> - Chapel Lounge
<b>Thursday, 2/13</b>	6:30 p.m.	<i>Bell Choir</i> - Sanctuary
	7:30 p.m.	<i>Chancel Choir</i> - Sanctuary
<b>Friday, 2/14</b>	9:00 a.m.	<i>Faith 5 Check-in</i> - Zoom
<b>Saturday, 2/15</b>	8:30 a.m.	<i>Men’s Bible Study</i> - Church Office
	9:00 a.m.	<i>Women’s Bible Study</i> - Room 202
<b>Sunday, 2/16</b>	9:30 a.m.	<i>Worship (Service of the Word)</i> <i>Rachel Núñez preaching</i>
	10:45 a.m.	<i>Coffee Fellowship</i>

### Holy Trinity & Faith Lutheran Collaboration Update

As most of you know, our leadership has been in conversation with our counterparts at Faith Lutheran in Fairlawn, about ways our congregations might partner in ministry.

This conversation dovetails with Project Isaiah 43, an invitation from our synod leadership for us to consider the “new thing” God is doing. The hope is that collaboration - intentional partnerships between neighboring congregations - will support and strengthen them as they navigate the changes that have taken place in their ministry contexts.

The next step in this conversation is for the leaders from Holy Trinity and Faith to get input from more of their members. This will be done through small group “listening sessions” that will be offered both in-person and via Zoom. The “listening sessions” will focus on:

1. Stories that illustrate “why” Holy Trinity’s ministry has been and remains important in our community,
2. The opportunities and challenges facing our congregation as we move forward in ministry, and how a partnership with Faith might assist us in meeting those opportunities challenges.

A series of 'listening sessions' have been scheduled in early March. Each session will include 12-15 participants, a facilitator and a recorder. *NOTE: You only need to attend one session.*

- **In-person Listening Sessions on Sunday, March 2** Four sessions will be held immediately after worship in these locations: Room 202, the Library, Chapel Lounge, and the Church Office (choose one to attend). Refreshments will be served in each location.
- **Virtual Listening Session on Monday, March 3** An online session will be held via Zoom at 7:00 p.m. Anyone interested in attending should contact Pastor Becki to get the Zoom link.
- **In-Person Listening Session on Wednesday, March 5** A final session will be held following the Ash Wednesday service at noon.

### *In Our Prayers...*

February 9: The family of Norm Richenbacher (member), Betty Oberdorfer (member), Deryl MacRitchie (friend of Frederica Cohen), The family of Milos Papich (friend of the Kimbles).

February 2: Norm Richenbacher (member), the family of Dick Sebastian.

January 26: Joan Derrig (member), Bill Niemann (uncle of Rachel Núñez), Rachel Cheuk (daughter of the Kimbles), Gene Thrall (member), Sally Richenbacher (member), Jo Ameling (member), and Sandy Plummer (member).

January 19: Cindy White (nephew of Stephen White), John Shea (Stephen White's husband), Leslie Kissel (neighbor of Stephen White), Teresa McGee (friend of Stephen White), Connie Archbold (member), Ian Richenbacher (grandson of the Richenbachers), Joanie Baumgardner (sister-in-law of Tom Baumgardner), Carmen Herring (friend of Frederica Cohen), and Kris Dietrich (relative of Frederica Cohen).

*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.*

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**Second Sundays return February 9 @ 4 p.m.  
A Service of Evening Prayer  
An informal worship gathering to give thanks for the day  
and praise God!**



We will gather in The Chapel Lounge for Scripture Reading, Prayers, and Conversation. Following worship, we will move to Room 202 for a light meal and continued fellowship

If you have any questions, please contact:  
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**The Love Offering** for February will go to Lutheran Disaster Response: LA Wildfires. Multiple wildfires have broken out across Los Angeles County in California, with over 100,000 people under evacuation orders. Sparked by dry conditions, strong winds and a limited water supply, these fires have destroyed homes and businesses and have led to injuries and loss of life. Your gifts to Lutheran Disaster Response equip us to respond to wildfires and other disasters, wherever and whenever they strike. Learn more at [ELCA.org/wildfires](http://ELCA.org/wildfires).

### **NEW ALTAR FLOWER ORDERING PROCEDURES**

When ordering Sunday flowers (white envelope), Easter Lilies (blue envelope) or Christmas Poinsettias (red envelope), which are all located under the Flower sign-up Chart. Please fill out information label on envelope. When completed, place envelope in wooden box next to the Flower Chart. If you have any questions, please contact Deb Ickes at (678) 353-7444.



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### **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.