

January 2018

HIGHLIGHTS

HOLY TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH *Praising. Loving. Serving in Jesus' name.*

GO OUT & SERVE



Thank you to everyone who donated food to DLM Food & Resources in December. Your generosity helped the team to fill the shelves for our first opening to the public on December 16. There are currently around 40 trained DLM volunteers, about half who are members. New volunteers will continue to be scheduled. Our largest barrier to providing more food is finding the volunteers and vehicles to pick-up orders at the Food Bank and a couple volunteers who can unload the boxes by the Memorial Garden entrance on Park Street on to a new flatbed cart that will be wheeled down to DLM Food & Resources. Food pick-ups happen M-F from 7 a.m.-2 p.m. If you have a full-size pick-up truck, the pallet can be loaded directly into the truck bed. If you know anyone who would like to help, please contact Deacon Marla at (330) 376-5154 or at mwkay@holyltrinityakron.org. †

DLM is open January 13, 10 a.m.-12 p.m. and January 18, 7-8:30 p.m. for Project RISE families and January 27, 10 a.m.-12 p.m. for the general public.

ANNUAL MEETING

Sunday, January 28

Following a single service at 9:30 a.m.
Be a part of the 150th Anniversary Kick-Off!
Fellowship meal to follow the meeting.



On Saturday, January 27 at 6 p.m., the fellowship team will kick-off a new ministry called "Dinner for 8." You (and your partner if applicable) will be paired with others to share three meals together in a period of 6 months. The first meal will on January 27; location to be determined. You then choose where to go from there. You can host at your home, meet at the church, or go out to dinner together. Meals can be as simple as your schedule allows. Suggestions will be given at the kick-off, and conversation starters will also be provided.

If you have children and are in need of babysitting help, or want to have dinner with people where kids can be included, please indicate your preference. If you don't have children and don't mind being in a group with kids, please indicate that as well. The main course will be provided, and you are invited to bring appetizers and desserts. Please use the RSVP below (please it in the offering plate) or register directly with Deacon Marla (email mwkay@holyltrinityakron.org or text her at 330-608-7923). Deadline to register is January 21. Please be sure to indicate if you have any dietary needs. †

Dinner for 8: January 27 @ 6 p.m. — RSVP Form

Name _____ # Attending _____

Phone _____ Email _____

My preference: I would like to have dinner where children are included.
 I would prefer to have dinner with other adults.
 I will need child care at this activity.

I can bring: Appetizer Dessert

Back at It

by Pastor David Nevergall



It's just a couple days before Christmas as I write this. But I know from experience what happens once we pass through the holy days celebrating Jesus' birth. And you'll be seeing it, too. Take a look at your Facebook newsfeed. Note the language in emails, and listen for it in face-to-face conversations. There is a huge *sigh* as the festivities of Christmas and Epiphany give way to the green season following. Gone are the trees and the lights and the parties. Fully present are the blues, the bills and a kind of holiday hangover...the exhaustion that comes not just from our over-indulgence (although that may be there), but from the nagging sense that

nothing is really different on this side of our celebrations.

In some ways, that may be true. Our families and friends are still our families and friends...warts and all. The solutions fairy hasn't shown up and bopped her magic wand on any of the big issues of the day, which means that it's still politics and business as usual. As for me (and maybe for you, too): I'm still the same guy I was before we sang *Stille Nacht* and feasted with the relatives and took a few days off. And now it's just time to get back at it...to jump into the daily routine which always seems remarkably like the daily routine.

So...what's changed? Maybe nothing ...given the preamble above. Maybe everything...but I doubt it.

Or maybe just enough. That is to say: the effects of our feasting and celebration...of our remembrance and our worship...may not show themselves to be shifts of cosmic proportions. Small, even singular, events can create within us the hope we need and long for. Case in point: one line in a conversation yesterday in which a wise young woman suggested an alternative response to a difficult situation...a response that positively dripped with the Gospel as opposed to the "I'll show him" knee-jerk reaction which seemed to have the favor of the crowd at hand. Hearing it, I knew that the incarnation of our God had made a real difference in this person's life. And because of her witness, it would make a difference in other lives, too.

Consider: The one whom we have just been adoring, born in a manger, has also been born within us. Yes, it has happened in mustard seed size. But the deed is done. God has acted. Emmanuel...God with us and for us...is living reality. And as we are faithful and open to that Gospel seed's germination, we will be getting back at it...

the everyday, mundane and ordinary...with something quite extraordinary working within and through us.

Seems to me that's a good enough reason to replace that *sigh* with a *smile*. †



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Ushers	Gregg Loesch
Volunteers	Marla Wood Kay
Women's Bible Study	Velma Pomrenke
Young Adults	Marla Wood Kay

Mission Statement:

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

Vision Statement:

Holy Trinity Lutheran Church is a faith community grounded in God's word, called to worship and committed to serve as disciples of Jesus Christ.

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FAITH

The Christian Faith: A Fresh Look

Beginning in January, on the 2nd and 4th Sunday of the month for seven sessions (ending April 8th), there will be a special offering for new members, younger adults, and people who may have lots of questions or even doubts about what faith in Jesus is all about. It is a discussion group based on the video series Animate Faith, meeting after the 11 a.m. worship in room 202. There will be a sign-up for people to offer soup or salad, so we'll eat as we gather. No one will be asked to read out loud, or answer a question that you might not be comfortable answering. This is a great opportunity to dig a deeper into faith and talk together to discover what God is up to in our lives. The seven topics are: God, religion, Jesus, salvation, cross, Bible, and church. †



Please come help us take down the Christmas decorations on Saturday morning, January 6th at 9 a.m. A team of 6-8 people would make the job go very quickly.

WANTED ... Also, a coordinator for Christmas decorating is needed. This is a simple task that is not require a large time commitment. Training and communications support will be provided by Deaconess Marla. Please contact her if you are able to help with this role. †

January Discipleship Class Schedule

ADULT FORUM, 10 a.m. in Room 202
Facilitated by Rachel Núñez, Director of Discipleship Ministries



- January 7 Faith Practices – Living Our Baptism
- January 14 Living Faith in Daily Life – Prayer, Part 1
- January 21 Living Faith in Daily Life – Prayer, Part 2
- January 28 NO CLASS – One Worship Service @ 9:30 a.m. followed by Annual Congregational Meeting

PRESCHOOL/KINDERGARTEN

FROLIC – A Foundation of Faith for Young Children



Facilitated by Pam Marko and Ruth Stefanik

- January 7 Jesus is Baptized
- January 14 Jesus Calls Disciples
- January 21 Jesus Blesses Children
- January 28 NO CLASS – One Worship Service @ 9:30 a.m. followed by Annual Congregational Meeting—Nursery Care available

1st – 6th GRADE

WHIRL CLASSROOM – Bible Centered Lessons that Help Kids understand Scripture and how it applies to their lives



- January 7 Boy Jesus in the Temple
- January 14 Jesus Calls Disciples
- January 21 The Beatitudes
- January 28 NO CLASS – One Worship Service @ 9:30 a.m. followed by Annual Congregational Meeting

7th – 8th GRADE

AFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM (Confirmation)

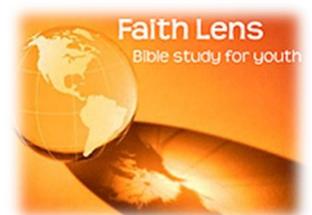


Pastor David Nevergall, Instructor

- January 7 New Testament Ancestors – Mary, the Mother of Jesus
- January 14 New Testament Ancestors – John the Baptist
- January 21 New Testament Ancestors – The Twelve Disciples
- January 28 NO CLASS – One Worship Service @ 9:30 a.m. followed by Annual Congregational Meeting

9th – 12th GRADE

HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP – Faith Lens



(www.elca.org)
Carol Bader, Youth Leader

FAITH LENS is a weekly Bible studies that engage youth and young adults in connecting world events with the Bible, faith, and everyday life.

The Youth Connect

YOUTH EVENTS

- Sunday, January 7, 12:15-1:30 p.m.—AGAPE CLUB (all youth) - Agape Closet will also be open.
- Saturday, January 13, 11 a.m. to Sunday, January 14, 8 a.m. YOUTH SERVICE DAY & LOCK-IN (8th-12th grade youth)
- Sunday, January 21, 12:15-1:30 p.m.—LUNCH & DEVOS, open to 8th-high school youth.

YOUTH FUNDRAISERS

- Casserole Sunday Sale—begins Sunday, January 14, 2018 (*details below*)

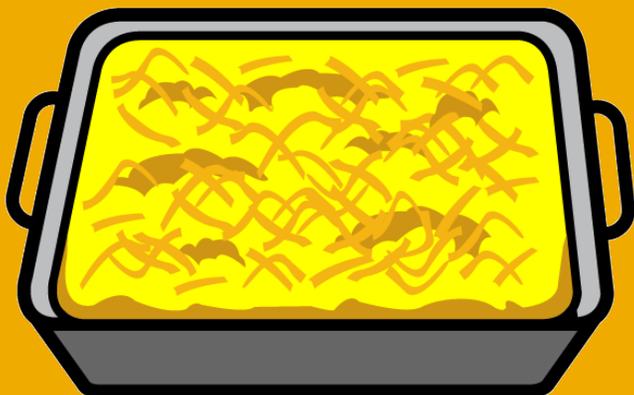


BEING TALL COMES IN HANDY ...

The youth helped decorate the Christmas tree in the Fellowship Hall.



LESSONS & CAROLS ... Thank you to the youth who helped to set-up for the reception at Lessons & Carols.



NEW YOUTH FUNDRAISER!!

Casserole Sunday—January 14

Don't have time to cook? No worries!

The youth will have a variety of casseroles (ready to freeze or warm and serve) available for purchase the 2nd Sunday of each month in 2018.

Each casserole will be priced at \$20.

They will be available for purchase in the Chapel Lounge beginning at 10 a.m. while supplies last. †



YOUTH LOCK-IN FUN ... Holy Trinity Youth had a wonderful evening together. They enjoyed Ohio Shakespeare Festival Performing Arts Group's performance of Camelot. The rest of the evening was jammed packed with tacos, cookie baking, food pantry stocking, white elephant exchanging, fellowship, movie watching and yes even a smidgen of sleeping. Thank you to everyone that helped to make it a wonderful evening. †



Holiday fun and celebrating December birthdays!



Elevator selfie at Greystone Hall!



Men on a Mission

Saturday, January 13 & 27, 8:30 a.m. | Chapel Lounge

If you're a guy, you are welcome to join us. We're reading First Kings, eating donuts, drinking coffee and praying together ... generally figuring out what it means to be a man of faith. We meet the second and fourth Saturday of each month. This is good stuff ... come and be a part of it! †



Holy Trinity Book Club

Sunday, January 14, after the 11 a.m. service | Scharf Library

The group will discuss the book, *A Gentleman in Moscow* by Amor Towles. All are invited to bring a brown bag lunch and join in the lively discussion. Contact Amy Indorf or Diane Chambers with questions. †



Trinity Stampers

Friday, January 19, 10:30 a.m. | Scharf Library

If you are a stamper, a scrapbooker, or someone who enjoys doing crafts ... please join us!! The Trinity Stampers gather each month (*September through May*) to hand-make greeting cards for those members who are home bound. Come be a part of the fun and fellowship! †



Men's Lutheran Loafers

Friday, January 19, 12 p.m. @ Waterloo Restaurant

Calling all men ... or anyone who wants to join the group! No experience necessary, you just must enjoy meeting with other members of our Holy Trinity Family. All you have to do is show up. If you would like any further information just call Fletcher Carroll @ (330) 923-6310 or e-mail peegee@neo.rr.com. †



Altar Guild

Friday, January 19, 12 p.m. | Room 202

There will be the usual luncheon ... please bring your favorite salad to share. Co-hostesses are Sylvia Leddon and Pat McRowe. New officers will be installed at this meeting. All are welcome! †



Women's Bible Study Open House Meeting

Saturday, January 20, 9 a.m. @ Holy Trinity Lutheran Church

All women/friends of HTLC are invited to join us for breakfast at 9 a.m. in Room 202, followed by discussion at 10 a.m. using the Bible study in the January issue of ELCA Women's magazine "Gather" based on Mark 7:1-13. Please feel free to join us for whatever part of the breakfast/discussion you are able - attendance does not commit you to join, but we hope it will give you a chance to familiarize yourself with the group. Women's Bible Study generally meets the 3rd Saturday of each month in the home of one of our members (hostessing is not required to join). †



Trinitarians

Friday, January 26, 1 p.m. | Chapel Lounge

The guest speaker will be Deacon Marla Wood Kay who will present a program on 'Trinity at Work.' Devotion will be given by Becky Adkins. Hosts will be Becky Adkins and Sylvia Hackbarth. All Trinity members are invited to attend. †



LESSONS & CAROLS ... What a wonderful way to kick-off the season of Advent! Nearly 100 guests enjoyed hearing traditional Bible readings, words from the prophets and the gospels that move us from darkness to light, Advent to Christmas. Music leaders included adult and child/youth vocal choirs from First Congregational Church and Holy Trinity. The brass choir, handbells and other instruments enhanced the performance. A reception followed in the Fellowship Hall. †



Pictured (from left): Frederica Cohen, Becky Adkins, Joan Baumgardner, Mary Ann James, Deborah Ickes and Stephanie Hilton.

HOLY TRINITY CHRISTMAS

LUNCHEON ... this annual gathering was held at the Crystal Room at The University of Akron and attended by more than 30 members, friends and staff. Thank you to everyone who donated a toy that benefitted the children served by OPEN M. †



Pictured (from left): Gloria Woodford, Chuck Bond, Bonnie Wagler, Sylvia Leddon and Bob Leddon.



MISSION @WORK

FOOD BAGS FOR STUDENTS AT ROBINSON CLC ...

Thank you to the members of the TTTs for packing 20 food bags that were given to students at Robinson CLC for over the winter break. Each food bag contained easy-to-make meals, non-perishable food items, paper products and a \$20 gift card to Dave's Supermarket. A special thank you to Dave's Supermarket for donating the reusable bags. Pictured above (from left): Fletcher and Donna Carroll, Gloria Woodford, Joan Kull, Judy Coffman and Pat McRowe. †

DLM has a new refrigerator and freezer!

Now families are able to receive fresh produce and perishable food items. Pictured below are volunteers who recently served families who visited DLM Food & Resources. †





Week 4—baby care items for Harvest Home.



Members and friends gathered in the Fellowship Hall each week for devotions, story time and conversations around the table.

REVERSE ADVENT ... Throughout the Advent season, members and friends donated items and money that were distributed to Mission partners in our community. Each week focused on a different partner: non-perishable food items for DLM Food & Resources; hats, gloves and scarves for the Clothes Closet at Robinson CLC; personal hygiene products for OPEN M, Haven of Rest and the Center for Hope & Healing and baby care items for Harvest Home. †



Congratulations

... to James Gates!

He graduated from The University of Akron on December 16 with a Bachelor's degree in Music Education. His goal is to become a high school music teacher and band instructor. †

Best wishes to you!



Week 2—hats, gloves and scarves for the Clothes Closet at Robinson CLC.



A WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

SELFIE ... from their Christmas gathering at the home of Velma Pomrenke in December. Pictured (clockwise): Velma Pomrenke, Linda Vowles, Cathy Snelson, Judy Eisenhart, Lesli Eisenhart, Amanda Archbold, Amy Indorf, Diane Chambers and Connie Archbold. If you are interested in learning more about this group, you are invited to their Open House Meeting on January 20, 9 a.m. at the Church. See page 6 for more details. †



Attendees sing 'Silent Night' with lit candles at the 10 p.m. Candlelight Service.



Pastor David Nevergall reads the story of Jesus' birth during the Children's Sermon at the 7 p.m. Family Service.

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES ... Members, families and friends celebrated Christmas Eve with two worship services: the Family Service at 7 p.m. and the Candlelight Service at 10 p.m. Many members of Holy Trinity shared their gifts of time, talent, and energy to lead us in worship Christmas Eve. In the 7 p.m. service of Lessons and Carols, our youngest members offer to God vocal and instrumental selections. The later liturgy began with a prelude at 9:30 p.m. followed by the processional hymn at 10 p.m. Musical leadership included the Trinity Bell Choir, Brass Ensemble, various instruments and Trinity Choir. †



MUSIC BY THE MORMINOS ... Thank you to (from left above) Abby, Madeline, and Ben Mormino for a wonderful piano recital to benefit DLM Food & Resources! The music included seasonal favorites alongside standard piano repertoire. Attendees were asked to bring a non-perishable food item or a monetary donation for DLM. Thank you for the gift of your music and your caring. †



BLOOD PRESSURES
will be taken on Sunday, January 7,
between services in Room 201,
9:45-10:30 a.m. If you have questions
or need information, ask one
of the Parish nurses. †

Environmental Tip:

2018 is a whole new year of opportunities to be kind to the environment. Start by setting up or reviewing your recycle program, plan your summer garden with 'save for the environment' fertilizers, pesticides, etc. and conserve resources as you are able.



Be kind to the wonderful world we have been given! †



Prayer of the Month:
May we pray for Peace and
Harmony in the world! Be a good
steward of the wonderful world
we have been given. †

What Can I Bring to the Christ Child?

By Deacon Ruth Anderson, Director of Music Ministries

HA pastor once told me, “If the Spirit has given you the gift of a good voice [or other musical talent], it is your responsibility to use it to praise Him.” Have you claimed the musical gift God has given you? Are you sharing that gift?

January is a great time to join a choir. We make a fresh start with music after the Christmas break. Visit a rehearsal. Call a choir member. Pray about using your talent – however big or small – in our ministry. Holy Trinity choirs welcome new members throughout the year.

We also encourage instrumentalists and vocalists to share their talents in worship outside of the regular ensemble setting. For further details, please contact Deacon Ruth Anderson at the church office. †



In Appreciation

We are grateful to the dozens of choristers, instrumentalists, vocalists, and family members who made offerings of time and talent during the Advent/Christmas seasons. THANK YOU for enhancing our worship. A blessed New Year to you all! †

Wise Words from Martin

We at Holy Trinity are blessed to include psalmody in weekly worship. In a way, the Psalms are the Bible’s hymnbook. They articulate the deepest prayers of the human heart and speak them boldly to God. Martin Luther put it another way:



What is the greatest thing in the Psalter but this earnest speaking amid these storm-winds of every kind? Where does one find such words of joy as in the psalms of praise and thanksgiving? There you look into the hearts of all the saints, as into fair and pleasant gardens, nay, as into heaven, and see what fine and pleasant flowers of the heart spring up from fair and happy thoughts of every kind toward God because of [God’s] benefits. On the other hand, where do you find deeper, more

sorrowful, more pitiful words of sadness than in the psalms of lamentation? There again you look into the hearts of all saints, as into death, nay, as into hell. How gloomy and dark it is there, with all kinds of troubled outlooks on the wrath of God! So, look, when they speak of fear and hope, they use such words that no painter could so depict fear or hope, and no Cicero, or orator, so portray them.

And, as was said, it is the best thing of all that they speak these words to God and with God. This gives the words double earnestness and life, for when [we] speak with [others] about these matters, what they say does not come so strongly from the heart, and burn and live and press so greatly. Hence it comes that the Psalter is the book of all saints, and everyone, in whatever case [one] is, finds in it psalms and words; that fit [one’s] case and suit exactly, as though they were put thus for one’s own sake only, so that [one] could not put it better [oneself], or find better words, or wish for better.

-Preface to the Psalter, 1531

If you are looking for inspiration for prayer and devotion, perhaps the Psalter provides a place to begin. †



January Birthdays

‘Happy Birthday’ to the following members who are celebrating birthdays this month!!

- January 1 – Ruth Stefanik
- January 3 – Diane Perrine
- January 4 – Joseph Hancock
- January 5 – Thomas Deighan
- January 5 – Ryan Williams
- January 6 – Kimberly Johnson
- January 6 – Brennan Kane
- January 6 – Michael Ruhlin
- January 7 – Ron Nockengost
- January 9 – Yvonne Sebastian
- January 10 – James Feeman
- January 10 – John Frenz
- January 10 – Mia Nagle
- January 12 – Russell Haas
- January 13 – Thomas Hollingsworth
- January 13 – Michael Izenour
- January 13 – Bryan Jividen
- January 14 – Stan Martin
- January 14 – Luke Nagle
- January 14 – Sarah Tiemann Larson
- January 15 – Sonya Nagle
- January 15 – Dick Willet
- January 16 – Martha Thrall
- January 17 – Robert Giebenrath
- January 19 – Betty DeVries
- January 20 – Rich Williams
- January 22 – Karen Doerrer
- January 22 – Carol Seiberling
- January 23 – Raymond Mason
- January 23 – Jim Niskanen
- January 28 – Diane Chambers
- January 29 – Gregg Loesch
- January 29 – Robert Spannbauer
- January 30 – Earl Greaser
- January 31 – Judy Coffman
- January 31 – Don Perrine, Jr.

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.



FAMILY PROMISE

of Summit County

By Gregg Loesch, Outreach & Social Concerns Ministry Team Lead



Our sixty-third week of Family Promise hosting began Sunday, November 26th with four families consisting of five adults and 11 children, ages 2 to 18 years old. One of the families had a dog named Ace who stayed in the kennel at the Family Center. In the morning we left in the van at 7:15 a.m. to drop off seven kids at six middle and high schools around Akron before dropping off the rest of the guests at the family center. We were very happy for a family who moved out of the network into their own home Tuesday of our host week, and we wished them well.

On the evening of December 5th Trinity was represented at the FP Annual Meeting and Dinner held at the Family Center on Voris Street. Here are the statistics presented for all of FP's efforts in 2017: from January until now we have hosted 29 families (57 children and 42 adults). The average stay in the network has been 43 days. Our success rate (families entering stable households) is 85 percent. There are currently one case manager and three interns working daily with the guests at the Family Center, along with the facility manager and the director. The families may use computers, shower, and laundry daily while staying at the family center. In the afternoon guests ride the van to Trinity where they are served dinner and spend the evening and overnight in the third floor.

The Box City Event on October 6 was a huge success and raised over \$56,000 for Family Promise to use for operating funds. Holy Trinity was proud to be a Community Partner supporting this event. The success of this event lets FP grow in its mission to serve homeless families.

Director Jeff Wilhite sent out a letter on November 30 announcing that Family Promise of Summit County, along with other charitable housing entities including ACCESS, Veterans Services, and the local Battered Women's Shelter, is pursuing the purchase of a sound nine-unit apartment building on Copley Road at Glendora Avenue. Donated funds have been secured to renovate the entire building where families can live while in the network in a home setting. At first, Family Promise will be responsible for the ground floor where they can shelter three distressed families in addition to the regular rotation of guest families through

the eleven host churches, including Holy Trinity. To operate both the network and the shelter, there will be more opportunities for volunteer service. This will also be an opportunity to build strong partnerships and invest new resources to provide temporary shelter for Summit County Families while helping them find stable housing.

Our volunteers made the week a complete success. Helping move the beds upstairs and setting up the guest rooms were **Steve Kay** and **Bruce Mansour**. Our van drivers through the week were **Dan Detwiler** and Velma's friend **Dennis Ingram**. Cooking and serving great dinners through the week were **Doris and Don Santangelo**; **Debbie Schramm** and **Marla Wood Kay**; **Ruth Anderson**; **Sue and Dan Detwiler**; **Sally and Norm Richenbacher** and **Pat and Dean Keller**; and **Rachel Nunez**. Thanks goes to our evening hosts **Velma Pomrenke**; **Sylvia and Bob Leddon**; **Ruth Anderson and Marshall Thomas**; and **Bob Nagle**. Overnight hosts were **Karen and Pr. Dave Nevergall**; **Elizabeth and Ernie Liska**; and **Peter Calvin**. At the end of the week the portable beds were packed and hauled, and the guest van delivered to the next host church by **Bruce Mansour** and **Mike Ameling**, and laundering the sheets and grocery shopping was **Karen Nevergall**. Thanks also go to **Bruce** and **Don** for keeping the bathrooms and Room 202 clean and in order.

It's not difficult spending a few hours being a host, and in fact it's a gratifying way we can help our neighbors in need. †



Holy Trinity will host
Family Promise beginning
Sunday, February 11

through February 18. If
you would like to help

by being a shopper, host, cook, or
van driver, please sign up on our bulletin
board in the office hallway. Please talk to
Gregg Loesch if you have any questions.

A Look at the Numbers

It is a privilege to worship, to serve, and to give of ourselves as we share God's Good News. We do that as individuals by the choices we make in everyday life. And we do that together by our work as a congregation. That's what good stewardship is all about.

For that reason, we monitor statistics on attendance and giving to the church. They offer a glimpse into the health of our congregation. Through the first fifty weeks of the year, average weekly worship attendance at Holy Trinity (Sunday morning and midweek services) was 172. That's up from an average of 160 per week during the same period last year... **an increase of 7.5%**. Worship is fundamental to the strength of the community and mission we share. Thanks for making it a priority in your life.

Through the first nine months of the year, our undesignated giving in support of Holy Trinity's ministry was \$391,303. Our budget estimate for that same period was \$332,287. **That's 17.8% better** than we had expected. Total income year to date was \$576,472, or about 108% of what we had hoped to achieve. And that includes taking no earnings from the budget endowment for November. Total expenditures were \$575,222. That's about 4.5% less than we had anticipated... which is also good news. Thank you for your attention to your own giving habits. We are blessed by your generosity.

We encourage you to continue that generosity into the new year. There will be an opportunity during Lent to learn more about giving as a spiritual discipline and to assess your own habits. In the meantime, we ask you to prayerfully consider your ongoing support for the work we share. Thank you for being intentional in what you give.

More and more folks are moving to electronic giving means, and we have the ability to accommodate that, too. Many find that it is an especially convenient way to manage financial stewardship. Contact Rick Kimble, our financial secretary, for more information. Please remember: Your tithes and other gifts not only pay the day to day bills here. They extend God's love and grace through our mission work.

Your faithful participation by means of worship, work and support bear witness to the significance of Christ's place in your life. It says to others that what you believe is important enough to affect the way you live. **Thank you** for being good stewards of the gifts with which God has equipped you. And remember to join us... this and every week... as the work of Christ's Church goes on. †

Communion Bread Recipe

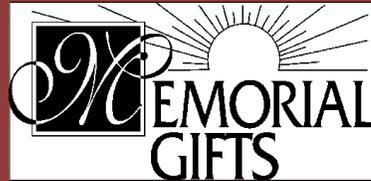
Ingredients:

- 1½ cups whole wheat flour
- ½ cup regular white or bread flour
- ¾ teaspoon baking soda
- 3 tablespoons butter (*unsalted is best; may substitute margarine*)
- ¾ cup warm water
- 3 tablespoons honey
- ¾ teaspoon salt

Directions:

- Combine the first four ingredients well. Cut in the butter, and work in thoroughly.

- Combine the water and honey. Stir this into the flour/butter mixture, and combine until you have a sticky dough.
- Turn out onto a board/counter, adding flour until you can knead it. Knead until smooth.
- Divide the flour into four equal parts. Roll or press each part into a 6" flat circle.
- Lightly score a cross into the top of each circle. Brush with vegetable oil. Place onto a lightly-greased baking sheet.
- Bake at 350 for no more than 12 minutes. (Over baking makes the bread crumbly.)
- Remove and allow to cool completely.
- When cool it can be bagged for use later in the week or bagged and frozen for use up to three weeks later.



Stained Glass Windows Fund

In memory of Elizabeth Peterson
Mary Wicklund
Dave & Linda Vowles

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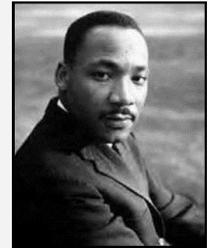
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St. Stephen Lutheran Church

Annual Commemorative Service for



Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

"Healing the Next Generation of Healers"

Sunday, January 14, 3:30 p.m.
Faith Lutheran Church
16511 Hilliard Road, Lakewood

Guest speaker:
The Rev. Dr. Bridget L. Piquette
Director of Spiritual Health
Emory University Hospital,
Midtown

Deacon Marla Wood Kay will be giving a prayer at this service. Anyone interested in carpooling should contact Marla in the Church office.

Sponsored by the NE Ohio Synod and the Cleveland Chapter of the African Descent Lutheran Association

January 2018 Worship Stewards

DATE	ACOLYTES/CRUCIFERS	READERS	COMMUNION ASSTS	SOUND
January 7 8:30 a.m. 11 a.m.	<u>8:30 a.m.</u> Emma Seltzer Kristine Johnson <u>11 a.m.</u> Ethan Scheck (c) Camdynn Stevens	<u>8:30 a.m.</u> Alice Bouton <u>11 a.m.</u> John Stefanik	The Worship & Music Ministry Team is looking for someone to help schedule individuals to serve as Communion Assistants. If you are interested, please contact Lesli Eisenhart or Dan Seiberling.	<u>8:30 a.m.</u> Fred Spencer <u>11 a.m.</u> Joe Moxon
January 14 8:30 a.m. 11 a.m.	<u>8:30 a.m.</u> Emma Seltzer Steven Mitchhart <u>11 a.m.</u> Beatrice Moxon (c) Kazia Bethel	<u>8:30 a.m.</u> Tom Baumgardner <u>11 a.m.</u> Amy Indorf	The Worship & Music Ministry Team is looking for someone to help schedule individuals to serve as Communion Assistants. If you are interested, please contact Lesli Eisenhart or Dan Seiberling.	<u>8:30 a.m.</u> Mike Ameling <u>11 a.m.</u> Michael Wilson
January 21 8:30 a.m. 11 a.m.	<u>8:30 a.m.</u> Luke Nagle Mia Nagle <u>11 a.m.</u> Anna Scheck (c) Ben Mormino	<u>8:30 a.m.</u> Mia Nagle <u>11 a.m.</u> Ethan Scheck	The Worship & Music Ministry Team is looking for someone to help schedule individuals to serve as Communion Assistants. If you are interested, please contact Lesli Eisenhart or Dan Seiberling.	<u>8:30 a.m.</u> Dennis Dick <u>11 a.m.</u> Bob Ethington
January 28 9:30 a.m.	Michael Wilson (c) Kristine Johnson Steven Mitchhart	Velma Pomrenke	The Worship & Music Ministry Team is looking for someone to help schedule individuals to serve as Communion Assistants. If you are interested, please contact Lesli Eisenhart or Dan Seiberling.	Lorin Sickafoose

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8:30 a.m.

Mike Ameling
 Bill Bulgrin
 Fletcher Carroll
 Donna Carroll
 Ron Nockengost
 Gary Radanof
 Fred Spencer
Karl Stutz
 Gloria Woodford

11 a.m.

Gregg Loesch
 Stan Martin
 Fred Rieman
 Rich Williams

Underlined name indicates head usher.

altar CARE

Candles: Alice Bouton
Flowers: Sylvia Leddon
Altar Care: Sylvia Leddon & Sylvia Hackbarth

Communion Bread

Thank you to
**PAT KELLER &
 KAREN NEVERGALL**
 for baking the communion
 bread throughout this month.

If you love baking, why not bake the Communion Bread to use during Sunday worship? The sign-up sheet and recipe can be found at the Welcome Center.

January 2018 Calendar of Events

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	<p>1 New Year's Day – Church Office Closed</p>	<p>2 5:30 p.m. Renaissance Meeting (CL) 7 p.m. 150th Anniversary Meeting (CL) 7:15 p.m. Derbytown Chorus Rehearsal (FH)</p>	<p>3 9 a.m. TTTs</p>	<p>4 9 a.m. Good Neighbors 6:30 p.m. Grief Class (FH) 6:30 p.m. Trinity Bells 7:30 p.m. Trinity Choir</p>	<p>5</p>	<p>6 9 a.m. Christmas Undecorating 9 a.m. AoB</p>
<p>7 8:30 & 11 a.m. Worship w/ Eucharist 9:45 a.m. Middle Hour 12:15 p.m. Agape Club (YR)</p>	<p>8 10:15 a.m. Larry Morton Visitation (CL) 11 a.m. Larry Morton Memorial Service (Sanc.) 1 p.m. Staff Meeting 3 p.m. LINKS (FH) 6 p.m. Mutual Ministry (CL) 7 p.m. Cabinet (CL)</p>	<p>9 3 p.m. LINKS (FH) 6 p.m. Worship & Music Meeting (Rm. 202) 7 p.m. Personnel Meeting (CL) 7:15 p.m. Derbytown Chorus Rehearsal (FH)</p>	<p>10 9 a.m. TTTs 9:30 a.m. Kindermusik 11 a.m. Mid-Week Study (CL) 12:15 p.m. Worship (Sanc.) 3 p.m. LINKS (FH)</p>	<p>11 9 a.m. Good Neighbors 3 p.m. LINKS (FH) 4:30 p.m. Girl Scouts (SL) 6 p.m. Evening Prayer (Sanc.) 6:30 p.m. Mid-Week Study (CL) 6:30 p.m. Grief Class (FH) 6:30 p.m. Trinity Bells 7:30 p.m. Trinity Choir</p>	<p>12 3:30 p.m. Property Team Meeting (CL)</p>	<p>13 8:30 a.m. Men on A Mission (CL) 10 a.m. Stewardship Meeting (Office) 11 a.m. DLM Food & Resources Open for Project RISE 11 a.m. Youth Service Day and Lock-In (YR) 2 p.m. Santangelo Shower (Rm. 202)</p>
<p>14 8:30 & 11 a.m. Worship w/ Eucharist 9:45 a.m. Middle Hour 10 a.m. Youth Casserole Sale (CL) 12:15 p.m. Animate Faith (Rm. 202) 12:15 p.m. Trinity Book Club (SL) 3 p.m. Warriors Journey Home (CL)</p>	<p>15 Martin Luther King Jr. Day—Church Office Closed 6 p.m. Council Meeting (CL)</p>	<p>16 3 p.m. LINKS (FH) 7:15 p.m. Derbytown Chorus Rehearsal (FH)</p>	<p>17 9 a.m. TTTs 9:30 a.m. Kindermusik 11 a.m. Mid-Week Study (CL) 12:15 p.m. Worship (Sanc.) 3 p.m. LINKS (FH)</p>	<p>18 9 a.m. Good Neighbors 3 p.m. LINKS (FH) 4:30 p.m. Girl Scouts (SL) 6 p.m. Evening Prayer (Sanc.) 6:30 p.m. Mid-Week Study a(CL) 6:30 p.m. Trinity Bells 7 p.m. DLM Food & Resources Open for Project RISE 7:30 p.m. Trinity Choir</p>	<p>19 10:30 a.m. Trinity Stampers (SL) 12 p.m. Altar Guild (Rm. 202) 12 p.m. Lutheran Loafers (Waterloo Restaurant)</p>	<p>20 9 a.m. Women's Bible Study Open House Meeting (Rm. 202)</p>
<p>21 8:30 & 11 a.m. Worship w/ Eucharist 9:45 a.m. Middle Hour 12:15 p.m. Youth Lunch & Devos (Rm. 202)</p>	<p>22 1 p.m. Staff Meeting 3 p.m. LINKS (FH)</p>	<p>23 3 p.m. LINKS (FH) 7:15 p.m. Derbytown Chorus Rehearsal (FH)</p>	<p>24 9 a.m. TTTs 9:30 a.m. Kindermusik 11 a.m. Mid-Week Study (CL) 12:15 p.m. Worship (Sanc.) 3 p.m. LINKS (FH)</p>	<p>25 9 a.m. Good Neighbors 3 p.m. LINKS (FH) 4:30 p.m. Girl Scouts (SL) 6 p.m. Evening Prayer (Sanc.) 6:30 p.m. Mid-Week Study (CL) 6:30 p.m. Trinity Bells 7:30 p.m. Trinity Choir</p>	<p>26 1 p.m. Trinitarians (CL)</p>	<p>27 8:30 a.m. Men on A Mission (CL) 11 a.m. DLM Food & Resources Open to the Public 6 p.m. Dinner for 8</p>
<p>28 9:30 a.m. Worship w/ Eucharist 10 a.m. Annual Congregation Meeting & Lunch (FH) 12:15 p.m. Animate Faith (Rm. 202) 3 p.m. Warriors Journey Home (CL)</p>	<p>29 1 p.m. Staff Meeting 3 p.m. LINKS (FH)</p>	<p>30 3 p.m. LINKS (FH) 7:15 p.m. Derbytown Chorus Rehearsal (FH)</p>	<p>31 9 a.m. TTTs 9:30 a.m. Kindermusik 11 a.m. Mid-Week Study (CL) 12:15 p.m. Worship (Sanc.) 3 p.m. LINKS (FH)</p>	<div style="background-color: #800000; color: white; padding: 10px; text-align: center;">  <p><i>Mission @ Work activities appear in bold. For more information, please contact the Church office at (330) 376-5154. Thank you!</i></p> </div>		

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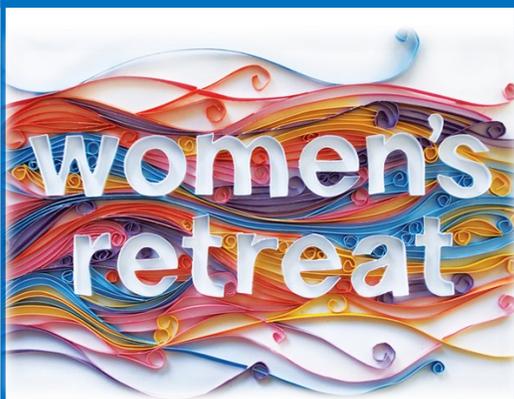
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Women's Lenten Retreat

Saturday, February 17th

9 a.m. – 1 p.m.

*(includes continental breakfast
and lunch)*

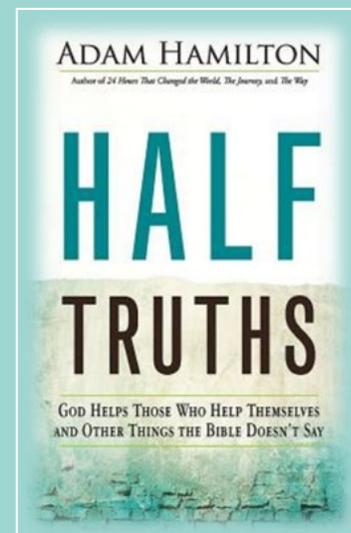
Look for more information in the
February issue of the Highlights.

Mid-Week Study Resumes January 10

*Wednesdays at 11 a.m. or Thursdays at 6:30 p.m. in Chapel Lounge
Facilitated by Rachel Núñez, Director of Discipleship Ministries*

*HALF TRUTHS: God Helps Those Who Help
Themselves and Other Things the Bible Doesn't
Say*

They are simple phrases. They sound
Christian – like something you might find in
the Bible. They capture some element of
truth, yet they miss the point in important
ways. This 5 – session DVD study features
Pastor Adam Hamilton. Hamilton breaks
down these common sayings using Scripture
and story with practical applications. Each
session contains 10-15 minutes of video
followed by sharing and discussion. †



January 10/11

Everything Happens for a Reason

January 17/18

God Helps Those Who Help Themselves

January 24/25

God Won't Give You More than You Can Handle

January 31/February 1

God Said It, I Believe It, That Settles It

February 7/8

Love the Sinner, Hate the Sin