

150 HIGHLIGHTS

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HOLY WEEK



Worship Schedule

Maundy Thursday – March 29

Celebration of the Lord's Supper/Holy Communion at Noon.

Foot-washing and Holy Communion at 7 p.m.

Good Friday – March 30

Words from the Cross at Noon. Solemn Prayers and Adoration of the Cross at 7 p.m.

Holy Saturday – March 31

Easter Vigil: Light, Word, Water and Meal at 8 p.m.

Easter Sunday – April 1

He is Risen ... Alleluia!

Celebrate the Resurrection of our Lord at two festival worship services, 8:30 & 11 a.m.



Easter Sunday Potluck Breakfast

Sunday, April 1, 9:45 a.m.

Please bring a breakfast casserole, your favorite brunch item, baked goods, or a fruit salad for all our families and guests to enjoy.

Clean-up help is also needed beginning around 10:40 a.m. Just 15 minutes of your time can ensure that everyone, including staff, can get home in time for their family's Easter meal. Thank you! †

Welcome to Our New Intern!

Beginning this summer, Holy Trinity will once again be an internship site for the ELCA as we welcome Debbie Pinnegar as our new vicar. By way of introduction, Debbie sent along the article below. We're looking ahead to a Sunday soon when she and her husband can join us for a face-to-face introduction. More details are yet to be worked out...so look for more information in future Highlights!

My name is Debbie Pinnegar. I am happy to be coming to Holy Trinity for my two year internship this summer. I am a student at Trinity Lutheran Seminary. I currently live in Columbus while on campus at the seminary. I have been very involved in the Spanish for Ministry program, Addictions Awareness Group and the seminary's Green Faith Initiative. While at Trinity Seminary I have done contextual ministry with the congregation of Gethsemane Lutheran Church on the north side of Columbus.



Debbie Pinnegar

Last summer I did Clinical Pastoral Education (CPE) at Trinity Community and Patriot Ridge Community, both multi-tier residential care communities for seniors in the area around Dayton, OH. This gave me the opportunity to learn pastoral care in a community context with longer term relationships with community members than one might experience in a more traditional hospital environment. I believe that this experience at these two retirement communities has helped me to prepare for caring relationships in a congregational environment.

I am originally from Goshen, Indiana. I attended Anderson University in Anderson, Indiana, for my undergraduate. I majored in Christian Ministries and minored in music business. After college I returned to Goshen and worked in churches in Christian education and youth and family ministry for ten years. I worked in United Methodist churches, a Disciples of Christ church, and an ELCA church. I married my husband, Brian, in 2007. At that time the recession hit our area of the country especially hard. The religious bookstore that I managed cut their hours and the churches in the area could no longer afford additional staff. After a couple of temporary positions, I became the manager of a Comfort Inn. I managed the hotel for eight and a half years, before coming to seminary.

I have felt called to ministry in the church for as long as I can remember, but a call to be a pastor came when I was in high school. At that time I had never met a

Falling Off the Cliff

by Pastor David Nevergall



I love Wylie Coyote...can I just admit that here? Yes, I know. There's too much violence in those cartoons for our enlightened sensibilities... but consider: He is steadfast in his mission, possessed with enviable durability, and profoundly unable to learn from his mistakes. It's a combination of characteristics that has kept me chuckling since I was a kid. (Want to see some of these antics? Go to YouTube, and search "coyote falls looney tunes.")

Does it ever seem to you that the Church is a lot like Wylie Coyote? Steadfast. Dedicated. Durable. Unrelenting. But all too often, not very adept at figuring out that, no matter what latest and greatest device you buy from Acme Church Supply, there's always an oncoming truck or falling rock.

Case in point: the church wants to be more culturally relevant in order to speak the Gospel message to a post-enlightenment culture. Good idea. But the church buys into the cultural norms of a consumerist society in order to pull that off. Bad idea. Why? Because things like sacrifice and obedience and humility don't play very well in a chest-bumping, fist-pumping, satisfy-me-now kind of world. Enlightened self-interest may fill arenas for good music and a hip message, but it is stubbornly resistant to the change of heart that is at the root of the Christian life. The result: a shallow faith that offers little in the way of sturdy Christian identity and is even less able to discern what the priorities of the Christian experience might be.

By the way: ignoring the need for cultural relevance is an equally bad decision. Hoping for a return to the good ol' days is a nice exercise in nostalgia, but a lousy strategy for mission.

So...what do we do? How do we keep from getting blown up by bombs of our own making?

I wish I knew for sure what the lock-down, sure-fire answer was. But I have an idea that it is deeply linked to the way in which we form communities that nurture Christian experience...something that our traditional methodologies seem to struggle to do effectively. This is a topic we've been working at for a while and will continue to work at. The questions are tough ones: What does it mean to make disciples? Is weekly attendance at worship a reliable gauge of involvement when more and more folks have other options for Sunday morning? What does growing engagement with the mission work of the church tell us about how people get hooked up to Christ? And what does it really mean to be in community? All of these questions need answers, but they seem to point in one direction: the Church is most faithful and effective when it simply insists on being the Church, i.e. following Jesus into the world to live in trust and hope.

It's funny when Wylie Coyote gets run over by the results of his own poor judgment. But (for me, at least) it's painful when it happens to the church you love. And while it won't be easy to alter something so firmly established as what it looks like to be church, it is well worth the effort. Christ has shown us that we can trust God to bring new life out of death. Again and again, when the church has fallen off the cliff, it's been right into the embrace of the Savior. So we too can have the courage to ask tough questions and dig for good answers, trusting that God's got us right where God needs us...here doing Jesus' work at the corner of Park and Prospect. †

Holy Trinity's Staff

Senior Pastor, David Nevergall
 Director of Discipleship Ministries, Rachel Núñez
 Dir. of Congregational Ministries, Marla Wood Kay
 Director of Music Ministries, Ruth Anderson
 Parish Secretary, Annmarie Demko
 Financial Secretary, Rick Kimble
 Communications Coordinator, Beth Hensley
 Youth Leader, Carole Bader
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Groups & Activities

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Altar Guild	VACANT
Archives	Ricki Ethington
150 Year Celebration	Sandy DeLuca
Communion Assistants	VACANT
Council President	Sonya Nagle
Either Side of 40 Gang	Rotating Leaders
Friendly Visitors	Peter Licius & Michael Wilson
HTLC Praise Troupe	Carole Bader
Family Promise	Gregg Loesch
Library	Dean & Pat Keller
LINKS	Elizabeth Liska
Memorial Garden	Judy Samuelson
Parish Nurse Ministry	Sally Richenbacher
Prayer Chain	Sally Richenbacher Wanda Clark
Renaissance Team	Bob Keener
Readers	Nan Riemenschneider
St. Bernard Hot Meals	Michael Wilson
Trinitarians	Velma Pomrenke, Sally Richenbacher
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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History Notes

Sixty years ago this month – specifically April 7, 1958 – members of Holy Trinity Lutheran Church were prouder than proud that a former pastor of theirs was featured on the cover of Time Magazine – perhaps the premiere news magazine of the era. The article, titled “The New Lutheran,” began with this vignette:

“Well,” said Satan. “What’s new with the Protestants?”

“You Mean in America, don’t you, sir?” answered the Demon for the Democracies.

“Of course, I mean America,” snapped Satan. “We’ve put a lot of work into the churches and I’m not at all sure it’s paying off ... who’s Mr. Protestant these days?”

“There isn’t exactly a Mr. Protestant, sir. But there’s Franklin Clark Fry.”

“A nice name,” said Satan. “Where is he?”



Members of Holy Trinity in 1958 knew exactly where Franklin Clark Fry had been from 1929 to 1944 ... right here with them in Akron, Ohio. Then in 1944, with mixed feelings of sadness and pride, the congregation gave him up to be president (now called Bishop) of the United Lutheran Church in America (ULCA) now merged into the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. During his tenure as



president, Dr. Fry became a significant force for Lutheranism through the Lutheran World Federation as well as for ecumenism through the World Council of Churches. At his funeral service ten years later in New York City, Dr. Robert Stackel, then pastor at Holy Trinity, said of Dr. Fry, “... the ecumenical colossus of the age ... his intellect was awesome ... double acrostic puzzle mastery without missing a word spoken at a meeting.” His was a powerful personality with a hearty laugh, a man of deep emotion who shepherded the congregation through World War II and had deep compassion for the disadvantaged.

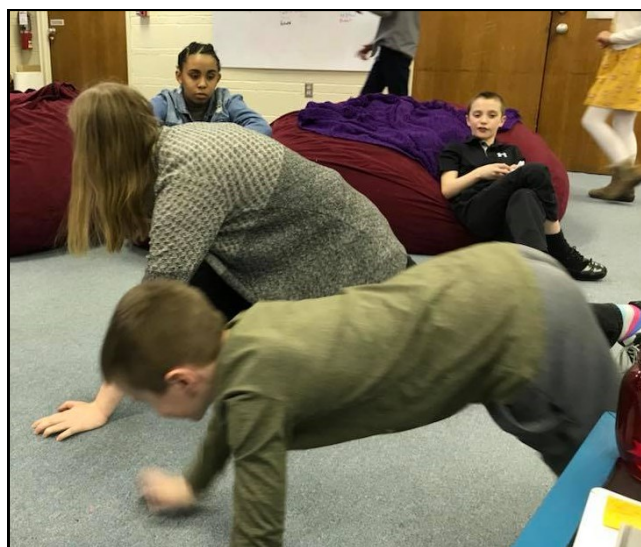
Yes, Satan, it was a nice name. Don’t ask where he is. You might not want to tangle with Holy Trinity’s own Mr. Protestant. †

April Events

The Youth Connect

YOUTH EVENTS

- **Sunday, April 15, 12:15-1:30 p.m. — LUNCH & DEVOS** open to 8th-high school youth.
- **Friday, April 20, 6 p.m. through Saturday, April 21, 8 a.m. HIGH SCHOOL LOCK-IN** (8th-high school youth).
- **Sunday, April 22, 12:15-1:30 p.m. — AGAPE CLUB** (all youth) - Agape Closet will also be open and Youth Room Spring Clean-Up.



YOUTH FUNDRAISERS

- **Casserole Sale**—Sunday, April 8 (*details below*)
Casseroles provided by the Music & Worship Ministry Team



COMBINED SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS LOTS OF FUN! When you bring youth together—from elementary through high school—you have to have skits, games, acts of silliness and of course a great Bible story! Pictured above are the Youth competing in a race crawl across the floor. †



You can barely see Luke Nagle in this huge bean bag chair!



Youth strike a silly pose.

Mission Akron 2018

July 15-18, 2018

Holy Trinity Lutheran Church

\$50 per person

Mission Akron is a great opportunity for youth (currently in 8th-12th grade) to share God's love and to serve right here in Akron. Youth and Adult Leaders will serve our community during a four-day camp. The Mission Akron team will service at local food banks, complete basic work projects and partner with local organizations. Housing and meals will be provided at HTLC. A typical day for the team will consist of breakfast, morning devotions, service projects, showers, evening meal, evening activities and club time. Please see Carole Bader for an application.



Casserole Sunday: April 8

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. †



Men on a Mission

Saturday, April 14 & 28, 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! †



Trinity Stampers

Friday, April 20, 10:30 a.m. | Scharf Library

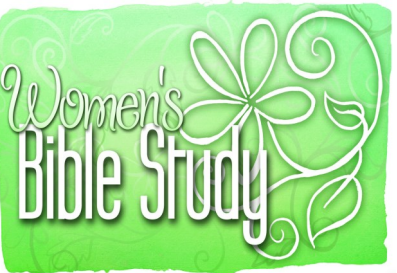
If you are a stamper, a scrapbooker, or someone who enjoys doing crafts ... please join us!! The Trinity Stampers gather each month (*September through May*) to hand-make greeting cards for those members who are home bound. Come be a part of the fun and fellowship! †



Men's Lutheran Loafers

Friday, April 20, 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 preegee@neo.rr.com. †



Women's Bible Study

Saturday, April 21, 9 a.m. | Home of Betty Oberdorfer

Women's Bible Study will meet at the home of Betty Oberdorfer, 1469 Glenbeigh Circle, Barberton. Co-host is L.J. Kimble. The discussion will be the Bible study in the April issue of Gather magazine: The Prodigal Son – Luke 16:11-32. If you need a copy of the magazine please contact Velma Pomrenke. All are invited to join us for good food, fellowship and lively conversation. †



Holy Trinity Book Club

Sunday, April 29, after the 11 a.m. service | Scharf Library

The group will be discussing *The Book That Matters Most* by Ann Hood. All are invited to bring a brown bag lunch and join in the discussion. Please contact Diane Chambers or Amy Indorf with any questions. †



Altar Guild

Friday, May 18, 12 p.m. | Room 202

There will be the usual luncheon ... please bring your favorite salad to share. Linda Vowles will serve as hostess and devotions will be given by Sally Richenbacher. All are welcome! †



Trinitarians

Friday, May 25, 1 p.m. | Chapel Lounge

The Trinitarians will not meet in April ... the next gathering is in May. Program and hosts to be announced. All Holy Trinity members are welcome. †



MATH MADNESS AT ROBINSON CLC WAS A GRAND SUCCESS!

Nearly 100 parents and students attended Math Madness, a fun activity for students to learn and improve their math skills. Holy Trinity lead everyone in a game of Bingo and provided a meal of Walking Tacos, where you place the taco meat, cheese and all the fixings inside a bag of Doritos ... delicious and simple! Thank you to everyone who volunteered to help: Bob and Sylvia Leddon, Ernie and Elizabeth Liska, Velma Pomrenke, Diane Chambers, Marion Else, Sharon Else Ware, Kathy Tiemann, and Sandy DeLuca. And a special 'shout out' goes to Marion Else for serving as the Bingo caller! What a wonderful way to serve the students and families of Robinson! †





Families select food items at DLM Food & Resources.



Pictured (from left): Interns, Sara and Cassandra, with Special Programs Assistant, Amanda.



What an incredible ministry we have in DLM Food & Resources! It takes a tremendous number of volunteers to help serve not only Project RISE families but those who visit from the community. If you would like to become involved and help make a difference in families' lives, please contact Deacon Marla. Also, a HUGE thank you goes to the Akron Summit Community Action, Inc. who donated 1,500 brand new coats to distribute to families served by Project RISE! These wonderful coats were distributed at Projecte RISE's Soul Food Dinner and through DLM Food and Resources. †



On the 4th Saturday of the month, families check in with a DLM volunteer.



DLM volunteer selfie!

Palm Sunday and the Start of Holy Week



March 25 was also Consecration Sunday ... everyone enjoyed a delicious meal in-between services.



On Palm Sunday, the youth and choir (along with several others) told the story of Jesus' crucifixion.

What Else Has Been Happening at Holy Trinity?



A special guitar recital featuring Henry Spencer was held March 18.



Holy Trinity was represented at the annual Warriors Journey Home banquet. Pictured (front, l to r): Ernie and Elizabeth Liska and Lor Brayley. Pictured (second, l to r): Rachel, Manny and Jacinto Nunez.



Deacon Marla led the class, A Christian Faith: A Fresh Look, which looks at seven topics: God, religion, Jesus, salvation, cross, Bible and church. The final two sessions are April 8 and 22.



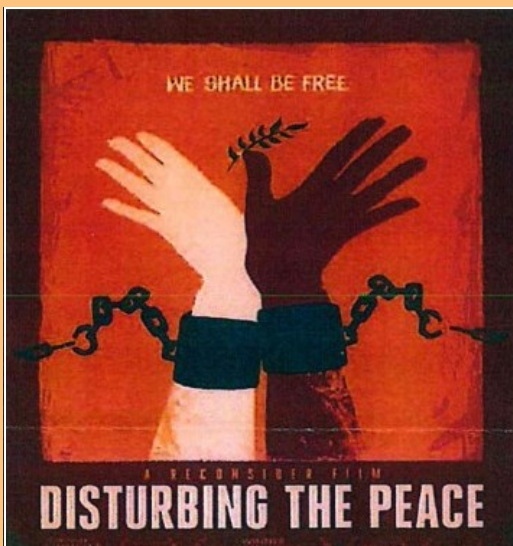
Cross Cultural Conversation a Success

Around 20 people gathered on Saturday morning on March 10th for a cross cultural conversation hosted by a team of leaders from around the Northeast Ohio synod. Members of Wesley Temple, Holy Trinity, and various pastors and lay leaders from area ELCA churches met for intentional conversation around the racial tensions that impact our society and our ministries. The goal was to practice focused listening to better connect with each other, be honest about our challenges and questions, and share stories from the heart that help us understand each others' experiences better. The conversation was honest, sometimes difficult, but very meaningful. The gathering ended with the sharing of a meal. †

Documentary: Disturbing the Peace

Christ the Redeemer Lutheran Church, 9201 Brecksville Road, is hosting two screenings of the award-winning documentary, "Disturbing the Peace." Both screenings will be followed with a Q&A with the film's producers. The showings will be Monday, April 23 at 7 p.m. and Tuesday, April 24 at 1:30 p.m. in the church's fellowship hall.

"Disturbing the Peace" is about people born into conflict, sworn to be enemies, who challenged their fate. The film follows everyday people who took extraordinary actions by standing for what they believe in, just like those who came before them ... Martin Luther King, Jr., Rosa Parks, Gandhi, Nelson Mandela and many others. The movie challenges all of us—to understand the narrative we live within, to look at our current roles in our societies, and to decide what role we are going to play in creating a more humane world, for all. And it starts with our willingness to disturb the peace. †



What is an Orff instrument?

Holy Trinity was blessed to acquire a set of Orff instruments from recently-closed Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd in the greater Cleveland area. A number of our members and friends play these in worship services and weekly LINKS music classes.

Just what is an Orff instrument and what is the Orff Schulwerk approach?

The West Music Company, a manufacturer of such instruments, offers this succinct response:

Orff refers to a specific approach to music education developed by Carl Orff during the 1920's, which combines music, speech, movement, and drama into musical lessons that are very similar to the way a child plays naturally. The term "Schulwerk" is German for "school work". Most of the time, when someone says "Orff" they are referring to the Orff Schulwerk approach to music education. The fundamental principle of the Orff approach is the idea that children can learn music the same way they learn language. Orff believed that just as every child learns their language without formal

instruction, so can they learn music by a gentle and friendly approach. It is often referred to as a "child-centered way of learning".

The instruments associated with Orff Schulwerk are bells, chimes, glockenspiels, metallophones, xylophones, and timpani. Orff believed that percussive rhythm instruments like this are the most natural and basic form of human expression. The music played on Orff instruments is often very simple and designed for first-time musicians. The Orff approach also requires children to sing, clap, dance, and snap their fingers along to the melodies and



rhythms.

To view a delightful example of such a classroom experience, visit <http://aosa.org/about/what-is-orff-schulwerk/watch-children-inorff-schulwerk-classrooms/>.

May these instruments and those who play them continue to enhance our prayers and praises. †

Trinity Choir presents Bach cantata

On Sunday, April 22 Trinity Choir will offer a sermon in song using J. S. Bach's cantata "You Shepherd of Israel, Hear" (BWV 104). We highlight this fourth Sunday of Easter, Good Shepherd Sunday, using references to Psalm 23 and related scripture passages. The cantata includes chorus, tenor & bass solos, and an instrumental ensemble.



Organ Renovations Continue

Phase 2 of our pipe organ's renovation began sooner than expected when an urgent repair surfaced earlier this year. An anchor on the left rear (antiphonal) chest pulled out from the wall. Many pipes were removed to make the repair, and will be replaced after getting a thorough cleaning later this month.

Stay tuned for more information on the continuing work of our Second Phase. †

Wartburg Choir 2018 Tour Repertoire

Canticle of Praise – René Clausen
Our Father – Alexander Gretchaninoff

Great God Almighty – Stacey V. Gibbs
Carissimi – J. Aaron McDermid

Dixit in Corde Suo - Levente
Indodana – Barrett/Schmitt
Ubi Caritas - Durufle

This House of Peace – Ralph Johnson
Singet Dem Herrn – JS Bach

Intermission:

We Can Mend the Sky – Jake Runestad

(To be chosen from the following):

Angel Band – Shawn Kirchner

Unclouded Day – Shawn Kirchner

All My Heart, All This Night Rejoices –
Z. Randall Stroepe

How Great Thou Art – Sam Robson

In Dulci Jubilo – Matthew Culloton

Oh, What a Beautiful City – Shawn Kirchner

I'll be on my Way – Shawn Kirchner

Wake, Awake – F. Melius Christiansen

Hark, I Hear – Alice Parker

Give Me Jesus – LL Fleming

By Gregg Loesch, Lead, Outreach & Social Concerns Ministry Team



FAMILY PROMISE

of Summit County

Our sixty-fourth week of Family Promise hosting began Sunday, February 11th with three families consisting of four adults and five children, ages 6 months to four years old. All of the kids were pre-school, so morning trips to the Family Center were easy.

The week was a complete success. Helping move the beds upstairs and setting up the guest rooms were **Don Santangelo** and **Vince Simmons**. Our van drivers through the week were **Dan Detwiler**, **Dennis Ingram**, and **Sandy DeLuca**. Cooking and serving our guests a delicious dinner every evening were **Doris and Don Santangelo**; **Lynn and John Kane**; **Linda Vowles** and her daughter **Cathy Wolverton**; **Sue and Dan Detwiler**; **Rachel and Jacinto Nunez**; **Pat and Dean Keller** and **Jennifer Keller**; and **Chris Hinman** and **Laverne Mansour**. Thanks goes to our evening hosts **Velma Pomrenke**; **Sylvia and Bob Leddon**; **Ruth and Marshall Thomas**; **Marla Wood Kay**; and **Bob Nagle**. Overnight hosts were **Karen and Pr. Dave Nevergall** and **Elizabeth and Ernie Liska**. At the end of the week the portable beds were packed and hauled by Bruce and Vince, and the guest van delivered to the next host church by Bruce Mansour and Vince, **Dennis Dick** and **Mike Ameling**, and laundering the sheets was **Laura Scheck** and grocery shopping was **Karen Nevergall**. Thanks also to our sextons for keeping the bathrooms, kitchenette and eating area clean and in order.

On Tuesday evening Trinity hosted a jazz musical event in the sanctuary that a few of our guests attended. During the storm on Thursday evening the church lost electrical power for about three hours when Pastor and Karen were staying overnight, but everything was fine, even with the church wi-fi out of service.

On Sunday evening we had a visit from **Pastor John Corsi** and a group of seven others from **St. Stephen Lutheran** in Stow to see how we operate when we host. John was a former Trinity vicar, who is now the pastor at St. Stephen, which will become a Family Promise host church shortly.

Our next hosting week at Trinity will start **Sunday, May 6th through May 12th**. If you would like to help us by being a shopper, host, cook, launderer, or van driver, please sign up on our bulletin board in the office hallway. Please talk to Gregg Loesch if you have any questions. Thank you in advance for your support and assistance. †

Holy Trinity Awarded Grant

Holy Trinity was awarded a \$2,000 grant from ELCA World Hunger to help with the growing budget for DLM Food and Resources. We've often raised money for domestic and global hunger programs, and now we are seeing a return of that support for our new ministry.

Holy Trinity will also be receiving regular food donations on Sunday mornings leftover from a food program at the Unitarian Universalist Church of Akron in between the worships services. If anyone would be willing to meet them with our cart at the Cloister entrance and help them move food to the DLM, please contact Deacon Marla. †

Knowledgeable about the Grant Writing Process?

The Renaissance Team is looking for a person who is experienced in the grant writing process to help the team explore how we might build a strategy to access available funds to further Holy Trinity ministries. Please contact Deacon Marla if you'd be willing to speak to the group and answer any questions they might have about grant writing. †

Welcome Intern ... continued from front page

female pastor. I had a long journey through undergraduate work, trials of life, and other ministries in the church. That journey led me to the discernment and candidacy process in the ELCA church. I tell people that it was a journey God had to take me on to get me to where I was supposed to be. I have no doubt that every step of the journey was guided by God. I entered the ELCA candidacy process through the Indiana Kentucky Synod in 2016. I was endorsed for internship in the fall of 2017. Thanks to generous contributions made to the ELCA, I am able to attend seminary on a full-tuition scholarship through Fund For Leaders. I am so honored to be able to Holy Trinity in Akron. I look forward to my time at Holy Trinity being a rich experience. †

April Discipleship Class Schedule

Preschool/Kindergarten

FROLIC – A Foundation of Faith for Young Children

Facilitated by Pam Marko and Ruth Stefanik

- April 8th Jesus Dies and Rises
- April 15th Jesus Stills the Storm
- April 22nd Jesus, the Good Shepherd
- April 29th Walking on Water

1st – 6th Grade

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

- April 8th Jesus Is Risen (Meghann Stevens)
- April 15th Jesus Turns Water into Wine (Sonya Nagle)
- April 22nd The Lord is My Shepherd (Sonya Nagle)
- April 29th Mary and Martha (Sonya Nagle)

7th – 8th Grade

AFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM (Confirmation)

Pastor David Nevergall, Instructor

- April 8th New Testament Ancestors – Syrophoenician Woman
- April 15th New Testament Ancestors – Centurion
- April 22nd New Testament Ancestors – Saducees and Pharisees
- April 29th New Testament Ancestors - Thomas

9th – 12th Grade

HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP – Faith Lens

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.



Everyone's invited to a Mid-Week Bible Study based on the Gospel Readings during the Season of Easter, facilitated by Rachel Núñez, Director of Discipleship Ministries. It's offered on Wednesday at 11 a.m. and Thursday at 6:30 p.m. in the Chapel Lounge ... a light meal will be served on Thursday evenings.

- April 4/5—*Beyond the Grave* (Mark 16: 1-8)
- April 11/12—*Filled with Peace* (John 20: 19-31)
- April 18/19—*Joined by Others* (Luke 24: 36b-48)
- April 25/26—*Inspired by Compassion* (John 10: 11-18)
- May 2/3—*Connected to Christ* (John 15: 1-8)
- May 9/10—*Directed by Love* (John 15: 9-17)
- May 16/17—*Rooted in Prayer* (John 17: 6-19)

Adult Forum

Sunday Mornings at 10 a.m.
in Room 202

Guest Speaker Series

April 8

Bob Titus, *Open M Ministries*

April 15

Joe Tucker, *South Street Ministries & Front Porch Café*

April 22

Jeff Willhite, *Family Promise of Summit County*

April 29

Deacon Marla Wood Kay,
DLM Food & Resource Center



April Birthdays

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

- April 2 – Zack Harris
- April 2 – Shirley Keller
- April 3 – Bob Ethington
- April 4 – Joy Moxon
- April 4 – Aniston Prudoff
- April 4 – Fred Rieman
- April 5 – Christina Harris
- April 7 – Adam Spannbauer
- April 9 – Marion Else
- April 9 – Reese Prudoff
- April 9 – Sarah Visher
- April 10 – Isla Mormino
- April 10 – Crystal Williams
- April 12 – Donna Carroll
- April 12 – Elizabeth Guran
- April 12 – Robert Wise
- April 13 – Phillip Seiberling
- April 13 – Madison Sharp
- April 13 – Ella Vowles
- April 14 – Debbie Spencer
- April 15 – Karen Butler
- April 15 – Pearl Kane
- April 15 – Brycen Stevens
- April 16 – Matthew Loesch
- April 16 – Brandon Spannbauer
- April 17 – John Kane, Jr.
- April 17 – Raymond Spannbauer
- April 18 – Donald Fair
- April 20 – Denise Schaffner
- April 21 – Betty Oberdorfer
- April 23 – Mike Ameling
- April 23 – J.D. Sanders
- April 25 – Daniel Bowman
- April 25 – Gloria Woodford
- April 27 – Alexandra Lupo
- April 28 – Tyler Coolbaugh
- April 28 – Margie Ranftl
- April 29 – Jennifer Hunter
- April 30 – Lorraine Fair
- April 30 – Phyllis Jividen
- April 30 – Jo Sanders
- April 30 – David Vowles

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.



Following is a summary from the first three council meetings of 2018. Meetings are the 3rd Tuesday of the month at 6 p.m. and open for anyone to attend.

- ◆ Sandy DeLuca announced the calendar of events for 150th Anniversary Celebration from June 17, 2018-June 23, 2019.
- ◆ Approval to replace the exterior door to DLM Pantry.
- ◆ Approval of a Part-time Maintenance Coordinator position with Bruce Mansour hired into the position.
- ◆ Approval of Vincent Simmons to the position of interim part-time Sexton and then to part-time Sexton position commencing April 1, 2018.
- ◆ Approval of the 2018 budget as submitted by Finance Team. The 2018 budget was then presented and approved by the congregation at the annual meeting on January 28, 2018.
- ◆ Approval of a water heater replacement in the fellowship hall kitchen.
- ◆ Approval of requests for Mission Initiatives Dedicated Fund, including: 1) Food and supplies for Robinson Community Learning Center's Math Madness event on March 15; 2) Funding for congregation meal on March 25, 2018.
- ◆ Announcement that the 2019 synod MLK Celebration will be held at HTLC January 13, 2019.
- ◆ Announcement of a new Victor to begin summer 2018 through late spring 2020 (see cover article).
- ◆ Approval of non-rostered staff pay increases for 2018 which were included in the budget presented at the Annual Meeting in January.
- ◆ Approval of champagne for the upcoming Easter Vigil reception on March 31.
- ◆ Approved delegates to attend NE OH Synod Assembly.
- ◆ Spent time at February meeting envisioning ways to ignite full potential of our Mission aligned with our strategy.
- ◆ Approval of Property quotes including Ace Foundation Repair, Wooster Roofing and Construction Co. Tallmadge Asphalt/Paving & Concrete and Cinc Solutions (phone system).
- ◆ Approval for Personnel to develop a Staff Appreciation event with donations through Love offerings.
- ◆ Valerie Clark, Sandy DeLuca and Cathy Snelson have joined the Personnel Ministry Team.
- ◆ Approval of the 2018-19 Arts @ Holy Trinity Concert Series. †

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 with our neighbors and friends. 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. During February, 2018, average weekly worship attendance at Holy Trinity (Sunday morning and midweek services) was 183. That's up from an average of 160 per week during February, 2017... an increase of more than 12%. Worship is fundamental to the strength of the community and mission we share. Thanks for making it a priority in your life.

Our year-to-date undesignated giving in support of Holy Trinity's ministry is \$67,127. Our budget target for that same period was \$80,418. We remain behind our year-to-date goal, but have made up some ground this past month as February giving exceeded expectations. Thank you to those who were able to be financially generous. We would ask for your attention to your own giving habits. Please know that we are blessed by your faithful response to God's gifts to you.

Something to consider: 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 about available options and/or to set it up. 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 in this area and also well beyond through our partnership with the Northeastern Ohio Synod and the ELCA. There is a ripple effect that quite truly reaches around the world.

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. †



Holy Trinity is very blessed to have a faithful and hardworking staff!! To show our thankfulness for everything they do to support this congregation, the Personnel Ministry Team will host a special appreciation event and is inviting everyone to consider making a donation through a couple of upcoming Love Offerings that has been designated for this purpose. Thank you for your support! †

THANK YOU!

Dear Pastor David and Congregants,

Thank you for your recent donation of \$343 to our ministry! We are blessed by your desire to help the women and girls in Summit and surrounding counties. Thank you for being part of the Lord's provision for this ministry. If you would additional information about our ministry and mission, or if you would like a visit from a RAHAB staff member or a speaker at one of your event, please let us know.

Blessings, Beth Speer
RAHAB Ministries

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

- 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.

Directions:

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



Dear Holy Trinity,

I would like to express my sincere gratitude for your collaborative effort in opening the Holy Trinity Food Pantry in honor of Debra Manteghi, the pioneer of Project RISE. Your combined effort with the Akron Public Schools, local shelters and the community in order to combat youth hunger is commendable and inspiring to all.

By contributing to and facilitating the opening of the Food Pantry, you sought to improve the economic, cultural, social and emergency food services for homeless youth of the 34 House District who are most in need. Your inspirational efforts and achievements reflect your decency, dignity and dedication. I am genuinely appreciative of your pronounced concern and interest in our great community.

To that end, I would hope that you remember we are always strongest when we work together. Accordingly, I hope that you will not hesitate to contact me if, at any point in the future, I may be of assistance. Thank you again for your service.

Sincerely,
Emilia Strong Sykes, Minority Whip
State Representative, House District 34



BLOOD PRESSURES

will be taken on Sunday, April 8 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:

Trees absorb about 48 pounds of Carbon Dioxide each year. Trees also improve water quality by slowing and filtering rain water and protecting aquifers and watersheds. And a really FUN fact: If you hang a birdhouse on a tree branch it does not move up as the tree grows! †



Prayer of the Month:
Please pray for the children and teenagers of the world who feel unwanted and unloved that they may find a kind and loving place in the world. †

April 2018 Worship Stewards

DATE	ACOLYTES/CRUCIFERS	READERS	COMMUNION ASSTS	SOUND
<u>Easter Sunday</u> April 1 8:30 & 11 a.m.	<u>8:30 a.m.</u> Emma Seltzer (c) Steve Mitchhart, Kristine Johnson <u>11 a.m.</u> Anna Scheck (c) Kazia Bethel, Camdynn Stevens	<u>8:30 a.m.</u> <u>11 a.m.</u>	<u>8:30 a.m.</u> Fletcher Carroll, Donna Carroll, Gloria Woodford, Alice Bouton <u>11 a.m.</u> Joan Derrig, Carole Bader, Dan Seiberling, Christine Hinman	<u>8:30 a.m.</u> Fred Spencer <u>11 a.m.</u> Michael Wilson
April 8 8:30 a.m. 11 a.m.	<u>8:30 a.m.</u> Steve Mitchhart Kristine Johnson <u>11 a.m.</u> Michael Wilson (c) Ben Mormino	<u>8:30 a.m.</u> Tom Baumgardner <u>11 a.m.</u> Dan Seiberling	<u>8:30 a.m.</u> Tom Baumgardner, Pat Keller, Bob Keener, Pete Seltzer <u>11 a.m.</u> Amy Indorf, Frederica Cohen, Velma Pomrenke, Alexa Sandmann	<u>8:30 a.m.</u> Mike Ameling <u>11 a.m.</u> Joe Moxon
April 15 8:30 a.m. 11 a.m.	<u>8:30 a.m.</u> Emma Seltzer Mia Nagle <u>11 a.m.</u> Ethan Scheck (c) Abby Mormino	<u>8:30 a.m.</u> Mia Nagle <u>11 a.m.</u> Frederica Cohen	<u>8:30 a.m.</u> Sandy DeLuca, Alice Bouton, Sonya Nagle, Bob Nagle <u>11 a.m.</u> Joan Derrig, Diane Chambers, Ricki Ethington, Pat McRowe	<u>8:30 a.m.</u> Dennis Dick <u>11 a.m.</u> Bob Ethington
April 22 8:30 a.m. 11 a.m.	<u>8:30 a.m.</u> Luke Nagle Kristine Johnson <u>11 a.m.</u> Anna Scheck (c) Kazia Bethel	<u>8:30 a.m.</u> Marsha Asente <u>11 a.m.</u> Cathy Snelson	<u>8:30 a.m.</u> Mike Ameling, Paul Anacki, Liz Anacki, Marcy Nagy <u>11 a.m.</u> Alexa Sandmann, Ernie Liska, Elizabeth Liska, Betty Oberdorfer	<u>8:30 a.m.</u> Lorin Sickafoose <u>11 a.m.</u> Michael Wilson
April 29 8:30 a.m. 11 a.m.	<u>8:30 a.m.</u> Steve Mitchhart Emma Seltzer <u>11 a.m.</u> Beatrice Moxon (c) Camdynn Stevens	<u>8:30 a.m.</u> Tom Bouton <u>11 a.m.</u> Gregg Loesch	<u>8:30 a.m.</u> Alice Bouton, Marsha Asente, Pam Marko, Gloria Woodford <u>11 a.m.</u> Joan Derig, Rachel Núñez, Jacinto Núñez, Manny Núñez	<u>12 p.m.</u> Lorin Sickafoose <u>7 p.m.</u> Joe Moxon

USHERS

8:30 a.m.

Bill Bulgrin
Fletcher Carroll
Donna Carroll
Bob Leddon
Ron Nockengost
Gary Radanof
Gloria Woodford

11 a.m.

Gregg Loesch
JD Sanders
Pat McRowe
Rich Williams

Underlined name indicates head usher.

altar CARE

Candles: Jennifer Keller **Flowers:** No flower delivery
Altar Care: Alice Bouton & Jennifer Keller

Communion:

April 1, 8:30 a.m.: Norm/Sally Richenbacher; 11 a.m.: TBA
April 8, 8:30 a.m.: Stephanie Black; 11 a.m.: Elizabeth Liska/Meghann Stevens
April 15, 8:30 a.m.: Sylvia Leddon/Sylvia Hackbarth; 11 a.m.: Pat McRowe/Shirley Keller
April 22, 8:30 a.m.: Nan Riemenschneider;
11 a.m.: Shirley Keller/Elizabeth Liska/Meghann Stevens
April 29, 12 p.m.: Nan Riemenschneider; 7 p.m.: Joan Amon/Sophia Morton

Communion Bread

Thank you to
**JENNIFER 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.

April 2018 Calendar of Events

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 EASTER SUNDAY 8:30 & 11 a.m. Worship w/ Eucharist 9:45 a.m. Easter Potluck Brunch (FH)	2 Church office closed	3 3 p.m. LINKS (FH) 6:30 p.m. Renaissance Team Meeting (CL) 7:15 p.m. Derbytowntown Chorus Rehearsal (FH)	4 9 a.m. TTTs 11 a.m. Mid-Week Study (CL) 12:15 p.m. Worship (Sanc.) 3 p.m. LINKS (FH)	5 9 a.m. Good Neighbors 3 p.m. LINKS (FH) 4:30 p.m. Girl Scouts (SL) 6 p.m. Evening Prayer 6:30 p.m. Mid-Week Study (CL) 6:30 p.m. Trinity Bells 7:30 p.m. Trinity Choir	6	7 10 a.m. Stewardship Meeting (Office)
8 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) 3 p.m. Warriors Journey Home (CL)	9 1:30 p.m. Staff Meeting 6:30 p.m. Youth & Education Team Meeting (CL)	10 6:30 p.m. Personnel Team Meeting (CL) 6:30 p.m. Music & Worship Team Meeting (Rm. 202) 7:15 p.m. Derbytowntown Chorus Rehearsal (FH)	11 9 a.m. TTTs 11 a.m. Mid-Week Study (CL) 12:15 p.m. Worship (Sanc.)	12 9 a.m. Good Neighbors 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	13 3:30 p.m. Property Team Meeting (CL)	14 8:30 a.m. Men on A Mission (CL) 11 a.m. DLM Food & Resources Open for Project RISE

NATIONAL VOLUNTEER WEEK – Thank you for all you do!

15 8:30 & 11 a.m. Worship w/ Eucharist 9:45 a.m. Middle Hour 12:15 p.m. Lunch & Devos (Rm. 202)	16 1:30 p.m. Staff Meeting 3 p.m. LINKS (FH)	17 3 p.m. LINKS (FH) 6 p.m. Council Meeting (CL) 7:15 p.m. Derbytowntown Chorus Rehearsal (FH)	18 9 a.m. TTTs 11 a.m. Mid-Week Study (CL) 12:15 p.m. Worship (Sanc.) 3 p.m. LINKS (FH)	19 9 a.m. Good Neighbors 3 p.m. LINKS (FH) 4:30 p.m. Girl Scouts (SL) 6 p.m. Quilters (Rm. 202) 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	20 10:30 a.m. Trinity Stampers (SL) 12 p.m. Lutheran Loafers (Waterloo Restaurant) 6 p.m. Youth Lock-In (YR)	21 9 a.m. Women’s Bible Study @ Betty Oberdorfer’s Home
22 8:30 & 11 a.m. Worship w/ Eucharist 9:45 a.m. Middle Hour 12:15 p.m. Agape Club & Spring Clean Youth Room 12:15 p.m. Animate Faith (Rm. 202) 3 p.m. Warriors Journey Home (CL)	23 1:30 p.m. Staff Meeting 3 p.m. LINKS (FH)	24 3 p.m. LINKS (Rm. 202) 5 p.m. Wartburg College Choir Dinner (FH) 6:30 p.m. 150th Anniversary Planning Meeting (CL) 7:15 p.m. Derbytowntown Chorus Rehearsal (FH) 7:30 p.m. Wartburg College Choir Performance (Sanc.)	25 9 a.m. TTTs 11 a.m. Mid-Week Study (CL) 12:15 p.m. Mid-Week Eucharist (Sanc.) 3 p.m. LINKS (FH)	26 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	27 7 p.m. Prayer Support Meeting (CL)	28 8:30 a.m. Men on A Mission (CL) 11 a.m. DLM Food & Resources Open for the Public

29 8:30 & 11 a.m. Worship w/ Eucharist 9:45 a.m. Middle Hour 12:15 p.m. Holy Trinity Book Club (SL) 12:15 p.m. High School Youth Meeting (YRa) 4 p.m. Arts @ Holy Trinity Concert (Sanc.)	30 1:30 p.m. Staff Meeting 3 p.m. LINKS (FH)
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Mission @ Work activities appear in bold. For more information, please contact the Church office at (330) 376-5154. Thank you!

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Sunday, April 29, 4 p.m. James David Christie, Organist

The deeply-admired and highly lauded concert career of organist James David Christie has been marked by performances literally around the globe as a solo organ recitalist and as a performer and concerto soloist with the world's greatest symphony orchestras and period instrument ensembles.

**Doors open 30 minutes prior.*

GO OUT & SERVE



Our next Family Promise hosting week at Holy Trinity will be **Sunday, May 6th through May 12th**. You can help is important to the success of this 10+ year outreach! Please consider helping with the following:

- ◆ **Shopper**—purchase food the families will eat throughout the week.
- ◆ **Evening/Overnight Host**—be with the families in the evening or overnight.
- ◆ **Cook**—provide a meal for the families to enjoy for dinner.
- ◆ **Van Driver**—drive the families to the day center using the Family Promise van.

Please talk to Gregg Loesch if you have any questions. Thank you in advance for your support!



Through DLM, we've had three different families who have recently or will soon be moving from a homeless situation to their new housing, and they have no household items. To help these families, we are asking for donations of towel sets, full/twin sheet sets, pots/pans, dishes, glasses, cooking utensils, silverware, and paper products. Donations can be placed in the marked bin in the 202 hallway.

Volunteers needed to help ...

April 14, 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

April 19, 7-8:30 p.m.

April 28, 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

**Please arrive an hour early for training.*