

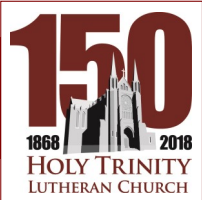
150 HIGHLIGHTS

1868 2018 HOLY TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH *Praising. Loving. Serving in Jesus' name.*

June 2019

Single Worship
Service All Summer!

GO OUT & SERVE



Upcoming Opportunities

Help Raise Funds for DLM

Please help us raise money for our DLM Food and Resources ministry, while we have fun at the Swing Celebration in June! We are organizing a gift card raffle to be held at our celebration event, and we are asking for



Holy Trinity members and DLM supporters to donate \$20 gift cards. You may

donate one or more gift cards from any restaurant or store of your choice. All the donated gift cards will be raffled at the event, with all collected funds going directly to DLM to help purchase food for our hungry neighbors.

You may drop off gift cards in the church office during normal business hours. Or see Karen Nevergall on Sunday mornings in the Chapel Lounge after either worship service.

Upcoming Service Projects:

- A group is being formed to work in the gardens at Cleveland Clinic Hospice on Ridgewood Road.
- Another group is being formed to put together 'chemo bags' ... goodie bags to be given to patients when they arrive for chemo treatments.

If you are interested in helping with either of these projects, please see Karen Nevergall. †



“Celebrate Today”

We have been celebrating the 150th Anniversary of the formation of Holy Trinity's congregation since June of last year, and what a celebration it has been!

Through the years, the members of Holy Trinity have made themselves a cornerstone in this community by praising God, loving one another and serving others. For 15 decades, hundreds of families and individuals called Holy Trinity their home ... they worshiped in the sanctuary, gathered in the Fellowship Hall, filled the halls and classrooms and served others in the community. We continue to do these same things today and more.

As part of our 150th Anniversary celebration over the past 12 months, we have hosted several events and activities ... we have completed nearly 150 service projects ... and we have reconnected with our past by way of historical displays in the Chapel Lounge and office hallway, monthly articles in the newsletter and interesting facts in the weekly Yellow Pages. On the following pages is a photographic recap of our celebration.

As we prepare to close this celebration year, we should be reminded of why it was important to recognize this historic milestone ... to pay tribute to YOU ... the members of yesterday, today and tomorrow! You are Holy Trinity Lutheran Church ... be proud and celebrate! †

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Celebration Weekend!



Holy Trinity
Singing Celebration

Friday, June 21, 5:30 p.m.
St. George Fellowship Centre, 3204 Ridgewood Road, Akron

party in **the**
park!

Sunday, June 23
following worship in Grace Park

Closing Celebration Worship

Join us as we close our year-long celebration on Sunday, June 23 with a single worship service at 9:30 a.m. Bishop Abraham Allende will be preaching. In addition, a special piece of music commissioned for this historic milestone will premier as the offering anthem and be accompanied by the Trinity Brass, Trinity Bells and the Trinity Choir. †

New Archival Display!

There is a new interactive archival display in the Chapel Lounge ... be sure to stop by to see it! It focuses on our theme, "Remember Yesterday, Celebrate Today, Imagine Tomorrow." Please share your thoughts, ideas and overall vision for Holy Trinity ... for your own faith development and growth ... and for the future of our congregation under the "Imagine Tomorrow" area. There are a series of prompting thoughts to help you get started ... please use the post-its pads that are provided. †

Remember Yesterday, Celebrate Today and Imagine Tomorrow.

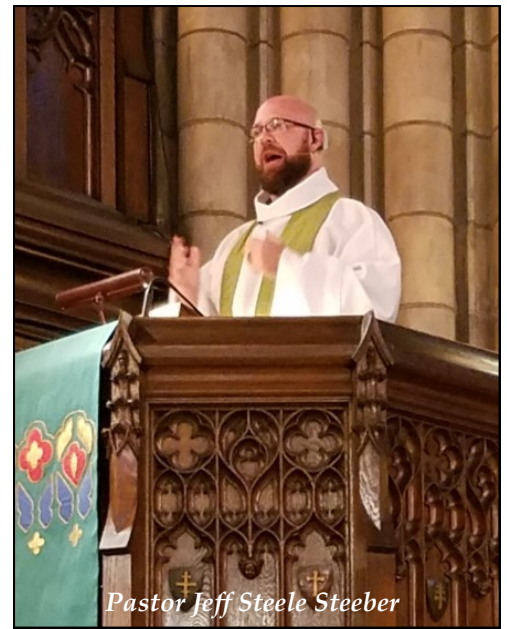
Fourth Sunday Focus



Pastor David Ritchie



Pastor Rod Funk



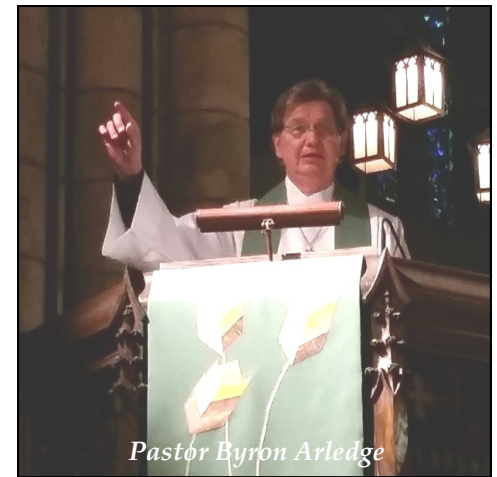
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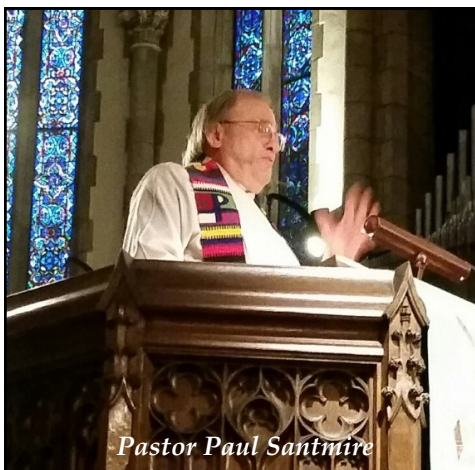
Pastor Landis Coffman

Over this past celebration year, we've had the pleasure of having several former senior and associate pastors as well as vicars joins us for Fourth Sunday Focus.

Thank you and your family for taking the time to visit and pay special tribute to Holy Trinity's historic milestone anniversary and to the congregation you served. †



Pastor Byron Arledge



Pastor Paul Santimire



Pastor William Hauser



Pastor Jessica Fertig Shields



Join us for a swingin' good time as we kick-off our FINAL 150th Anniversary Celebration weekend!!

Holy Trinity

Swing Celebration

Friday, June 21, 5:30 p.m.

St. George Fellowship Centre, 3204 Ridgewood Road, Akron

5:30-7 p.m.: Delicious Food Stations

- Mini Salad Bar
- BBQ Station ... featuring BBQ Beef Brisket and BBQ Chicken!
- Mexican Station ... make your own burrito or taco!
- Dessert Station ... make your own Sundae Bar!
- Water, pop and coffee included. Cash Bar available.

7-10 p.m.: Live Musical Entertainment

Featuring Red Light Roxy

PLUS! 7-8 p.m. ... Swing Dance Instruction by Get Hep Swing (Valerie Salstrom)

Tickets: \$15 per person

Tickets will be available for purchase May 12, 19, 26 and June 2, 9, & 16 following worship. Business casual attire requested. *NOTE: No child care or children's activities will be provided at this event.*

Support DLM!

Contribute \$20 for a chance to win a gift card of equal or greater value!

**While gift cards last.*

Special video recapping our 150th Anniversary year will be shown!

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Dance/Instruction ONLY: \$8 per person. Register online at Eventbrite.com.

party in the park!

It's the final event in Holy Trinity's 150th Anniversary celebration year!

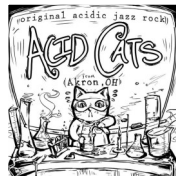
Sunday, June 23

11:30 a.m.-2 p.m. in Grace Park

51 N. Prospect Street, Akron ... across from Holy Trinity Lutheran Church

A delicious
BBQ Meal
from
**City
BARBECUE**

Musical
Entertainment



Children's
Activities



Meal Token: \$5 per person

Tokens will be available for purchase on Sunday, May 12, 19, 26 and June 2, 9 & 16 following worship ... and consider buying an extra meal token to donate to one of our friends in the community!!



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New Music for a Celebration Year

The 150th Anniversary Celebration committee commissioned a new piece of music as part of our festivities. Pr. David was asked to develop the lyrics, which he did as a paraphrase of Psalm 87. The music was composed by Dr. Dennis Friesen-Carper, conductor and composer at Valparaiso University. The result is "A City High on Zion Stands" which will premier as an offering anthem at our closing worship service (9:30 a.m. on Sunday, June 23).

Dr. Friesen-Carper offers these notes on the structure of the composition which draws on musical styles from various significant points in the history of the church...both the Lutheran tradition and Holy Trinity's history:

- ◆ **1517** – the beginning of the Lutheran church – music in the style of Schutz (1585-1682) famous for introducing antiphonal choirs to Germany, and Praetorius (1571-1621) who was famous for his settings of Lutheran chorales in instrumental styles, often three-voice as this verse is. The handbell accompaniment for the contrapuntal refrain actually harkens back to the fauxbourdon of Dufay (1397-1484).
- ◆ **1868** – the founding of Holy Trinity – a metrically smooth setting inspired by the *a capella* anthems of John Stainer (1840-1901), though the harmonic language is a bit more current.
- ◆ **1914** – the construction of Holy Trinity's current building with its "French gothic" influence – music utilizing a French "cantus firmus" style of the early 20th cent., with dramatic organ cadenza.
- ◆ **2018-19** – the current 150th celebration – combined/united forces with descant in a slightly modal, contemporary, high church style à la Manz, Cherwein, or Rutter.

"Though each verse has its own style, the melody remains relatively stable and perceptible throughout. With the stepwise descending line from the bells recurring somehow in each verse, I hope that the piece feels like an organic unfolding with many internal echoes rather than four disjunct sections. There is also an echo of St. Anne, which calls to mind the Watts paraphrase of Psalm 90...O God, Our Help In Ages Past...a fitting complement to my mind. Its first phrase is nestled into the descant for the refrain, and the whole tune serves as the melodic material for the organ cadenza. I wouldn't want the congregation to spend a lot of energy listening for it, rather for it to occur to them naturally as they focus on Pastor Nevergall's paraphrase of Psalm 87." †



Gregg Loesch



Betty Oberdorfer with a donor.



Karen Nevergall

Blood Drive

Thank you to everyone who volunteered and gave at the American Red Cross Blood Drive held April 30. A total of 11 donors registered ... two for the first time ... and 12 units of blood was collected. These contributions will go towards replenishing blood supplies. †



Sally & Norm Richenbacher



Sonya Nagle



150 Service Projects

In honor of its 150th Anniversary, Holy Trinity will complete 150 service projects over the next year, and we have already completed more than 100! A list of upcoming service projects will be included in each issue of the Highlights. The goal through June 2019 is to have every person participate in at least one service project. And, to track our progress and showcase all the wonderful service and outreach activities we complete, photos will be displayed on the large '150' sign that is displayed in the Room 202 hallway.

We are looking for new projects as well. So, if you have ideas, please contact Karen Nevergall. †



From left: Ruth Anderson, Amy Indorf, Cathy Snelson, Ann Lawson, Jennifer Keller, Frederica Cohen, John Stefanik, Leslie Eisenhart, Jacque Wert and Rich Williams.

Holy Trinity Bell Choir Performs at Haven of Rest

Holy Trinity's Bell Choir took their show on the road to the Haven of Rest to ring bells during two lunch seatings for clients and staff on April 27. Their music was greatly appreciated by everyone in attendance. †

Pictured below: Left: Jennifer Keller, Cathy Snelson, Frederica Cohen, Rich Williams and Jacque Wert. Center: Rich Williams, Jacque Wert, Leslie Eisenhart and John Stefanik. Right: Ann Lawson, Amy Indorf and Jennifer Keller.





Robinson teachers enjoying lunch.

LEFT: Pictured (from left) with the buffet lunch are Debbie Ickes, Carol Seiberling, Karen Nevergall, Marsha Asente and Dan Seiberling.

BELOW: Team Selfie (from left): Debbie Ickes, Karen Nevergall, Carol Seiberling, Marsha Asente, Dan Seiberling and Ruth Anderson.



Staff Appreciation Week at Robinson CLC

Teacher/Staff Appreciation Week was celebrated the week of May 6, and Holy Trinity recognized all the teachers and staff at Robinson CLC by bringing in a delicious lunch for everyone to enjoy. Thank you to the team who put this special recognition together for such hard-working and dedicated staff! †



The Healing Circle at a Warrior's Journey Home meeting.

Below: Jack Harig (left) with others from Warriors Journey Home.



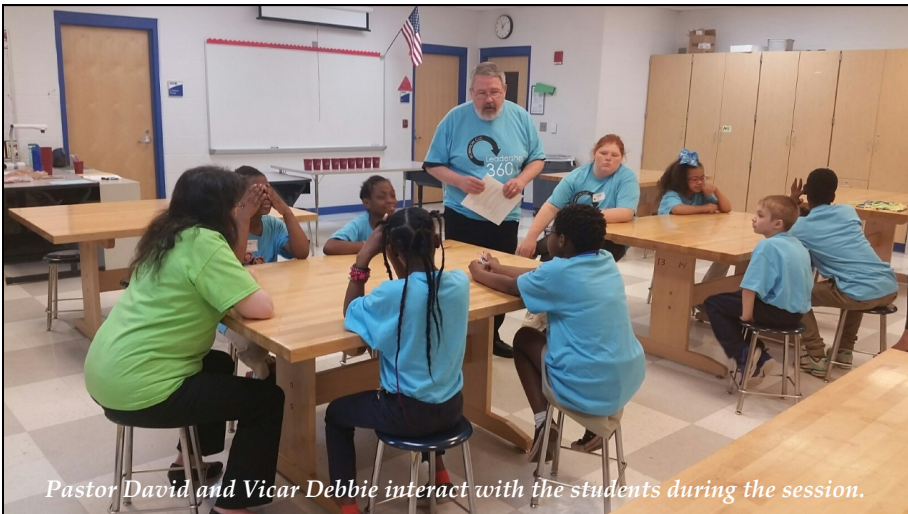
Holy Trinity has served as the Akron location for Warriors Journey Home for several years. The group meets the second and fourth Sunday at 3 p.m. All are welcome. †

Leadership 360 Retreat at Robinson CLC



Pastor David leads the session on how to identify your leadership gifts and use those gifts to solve problems.

For the second year, Holy Trinity helped to sponsor the Leadership 360 Retreat for selected 3rd-6th grade students at Robinson CLC. Held May 23, the Retreat included various breakout sessions that focused on the seven habits of leadership, identify your gifts as a leader and how to lead by working together as a team. City Ward 5 Councilwoman Tara Mosley-Samples and City of Akron Council President Margo Sommerville were guest speakers. And, for their service project, participants made bookmarks and read to first and second grade students in the afternoon. Each Leadership 360 student received a backpack filled with goodies, a book and buttons that included special sayings about leadership. †



Pastor David and Vicar Debbie interact with the students during the session.



Leadership 360 participants read to first graders.



Pictured are some of the fashions worn as part of the Period Fashion Show (1860s-1950s) presented by the Copley Historical Society at the Daughters of Holy Trinity banquet on May 10.

Daughters of Holy Trinity

The Daughters of Holy Trinity Banquet is back ... this year co-hosted by the 150th Anniversary Planning Committee and Altar Guild. In keeping with tradition, the event is held the Friday before Mother's Day, and the men of the church served the nearly 90 women and girls who attended. The ladies were served a delicious meal provided by Catering by Mark DiFeo complete with special 150th anniversary cupcakes.

The entertainment for the evening was a Period Fashion Show presented by the Copley Historical Society. Women's fashions covering the late 1800s through the 1950s were modeled. The highlight was seeing and learning of a handmade wedding dress that was worn by a woman who was married in 1939 at Holy Trinity and whose nine children were baptized here (see special insert and accompanying photo on the next page). Thank you to everyone who helped plan this event and attended ... a wonderful evening was had by all! †



80 Years Later, Wedding Dress Returns to Sanctuary

Ally Dunn is modeling her great-grandmother's wedding gown. The gown was handmade by the bride's mother for the marriage of Rosemary Basham to Edward Boughton here at Holy Trinity. The wedding was officiated by the Rev. Franklin Clark Frye on June 11, 1939. Over the next 20 years, their nine children were baptized at Holy Trinity.



Deacon & Deaconess Sunday and Tribute to Velma Pomrenke

Worship and Adult Forum on Sunday, May 5 was devoted to recognizing Deacons and Deaconesses. Deaconesses Velma Pomrenke, Judy Hoshek and Marla Wood Kay were the guest speakers during Adult Forum where they each shared their experiences and memories. In addition, a special tribute was given to Velma during for her many years of dedicated service as a Deaconess and as a devoted member of Holy Trinity. †



A tribute to Velma Pomrenke during the late worship service.



Velma Pomrenke, Judy Hoshek and Marla Wood Kay during Adult Forum.

Final Fourth Sunday Focus



Pastor Jessica Fertig Shields was the final guest preacher on May 26 for Fourth Sunday Focus.

She was also the spoke during the first Worship+Plus activity for the summer. Pastor Jessica served as the Vicar at Holy Trinity 2005-2006. †

A Celebratory Performance by Harmony Ringers

The final Arts @ Holy Trinity performance was by the Harmony Ringers in commemoration of Holy Trinity's 150th Anniversary. †



The reception in the Chapel Lounge.



The members of Harmony Ringers.

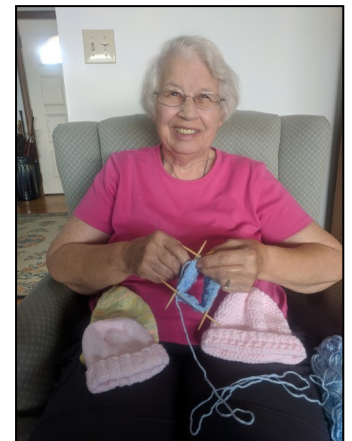
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Photos of events and activities during our 150th Anniversary year!



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THANK YOU!



He Must Increase



Pastor David

Coming up on June 24, the church marks the commemoration of St. John the Baptist... his birthday celebrated exactly six months before Christmas Eve. The reason for the date is linked to the Baptist's own words from John 3:30: "He must increase, but I must decrease." ...a reference to Jesus and the necessity of his emerging ministry as John fades from prominence in the Gospel narrative. No surprise then that we celebrate his birth in these first few days after the summer solstice as the days decrease in length (here in the northern hemisphere)... just as we celebrate Jesus' birth during the darkest days of the year as the days are beginning to grow longer.

The Baptist's words, however, are more than just a convenient way for us to organize the liturgical calendar. They are also a challenge to those who would be witnesses to Jesus in this day and age to humility and true discipleship...an opportunity for honesty about who we are and what we are called to do as God's people in the world.

Case in point: Writing these monthly columns seems to have gotten difficult over the past several months. I sit staring at a blank computer screen for a while... wondering whether or not I have anything of value left to say at this point in my ministry. (After reading this post, you may well conclude that my fears are well founded.)

Yeah...sure. Everybody hits a dry patch once in a while. But this has been deeper and has gone beyond article writing: On one hand, there is the weariness and frustration that comes from preaching/teaching/working towards a goal that seems all too elusive. (The Kingdom of God, in case you hadn't heard, has not yet arrived in all its fullness in Akron.) And on the other hand, there is the hubris...me being convinced that somehow the whole project of being faithful church in this place rests on my shoulders alone. This is foolishness, of course...self-defeating and an absolute dead-end. But it took me re-reading the Baptist's assessment of his own ministry to hear it.

Before I can do what God has called me to do, I must be what God in Christ has made me to be: a dead and broken human being who has been granted a new life, a fresh start, a living hope. Who I am in Christ (a redeemed sinner) overflows into what I am in Christ (grateful, humble, perhaps even ready). And what I am in Christ leads to what I can do with the gifts I have been given. My mistake was trying to run this little bit of logic backwards...trying my best to manufacture my way into humility and thanksgiving. Take it from me: It doesn't work. Christ's ministry to and within me...the goodness and audacity of grace...comes first; and then my response makes sense. "He must increase..."

Having sorted all this out, I'm feeling a bit better about myself and my call to ministry. But somebody keep a copy...because I'll probably forget all too soon, and end up back in the same grumpy and unproductive place. (I have a tendency to do that.) In the meantime, I invite you to examine your own ministry as one of the baptized. Who are you in Christ? What are you in Christ? How is it that Christ must increase in you? And how might that increase set you free to be the person God has intended all along? +

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
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 DLM Coordinator,
 Youth Leader, VACANT
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 Sextons, Vince Simmons & Tony Carreker

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Altar Guild	Sophia Morton
Archives	Ricki Ethington
150-Year Celebration	Sandy DeLuca
Communion Assistants	Deborah Ickes & Marcy Nagy
Council President	Sonya Nagle
Either Side of 40 Gang	Rotating Leaders
Friendly Visitors	Peter Lisius & Michael Wilson
HTLC Praise Troupe	Carole Bader
Family Promise	Gregg Loesch
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
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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DLM

FOOD AND RESOURCES

The Best Way to Learn More about DLM

Our DLM Food & Resources ministry has grown significantly over the past year from primarily a food pantry to include clothing, a hot meal, and other support for our neighbors. But how does it really work...and what happens when it's open? The best way to understand the importance and impact of DLM is to volunteer on an upcoming Saturday or Thursday opening. Training is always available. And the privilege of meeting our neighbors is priceless. If you cannot volunteer; donations are always appreciated. Currently, there is a need for macaroni and cheese and canned meals (such as ravioli, pork and beans, etc.). Get in touch with Deacon Marla for more information. †



Thank you to folks from IBH Addiction Recovery Center and Goalgetta Academy (pictured top left) for helping to unload and put away all the food and supplies.



A blessing to so many families!!

To make this ministry happen, volunteers are needed each month. Just a few hours of your time can have a tremendous impact not only on the families but also YOU!

See Deacon Marla with questions. †

Saturday, June 8, 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

Thursday, June 13, 7-8:30 p.m.

Saturday, June 22, 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

Thoughts from the Vicar*

Last week's midweek Bible study encouraged us to reach out to catch people on the bounce. People we meet every day take leaps in life. Sometimes their support system fails and it as if their parachute does not happen. They crash to the ground but the initial hit does not kill them. They are broken and hurting when we meet them, and we may not even know. People who have crashed to the ground and are suffering, need someone who will be there for them. They need someone to catch them before the next hit brings them to their death.



During the season of Easter, we celebrate the resurrection and see the difference that it makes in the world. We read from the book of Acts and it shows us the beginnings of the church in the first few years after the resurrection. We also read from Revelation which shows us what the church will be when it fully experiences the presence of the risen Christ some day in the future. Many of these accounts that we read speak of healing in the midst of suffering, comfort in sorrow, and peace in times of trial. Through these readings we realize that we are here today because the risen caught us when we were on the bounce. When we were hurting and broken and as good as dead, Christ came to us and lifted us up to life with him. He holds us in his hand and we will never be the same.

As I was writing my final paper of this semester of seminary, I was thinking about how we are transformed by the resurrection of Christ. In one of our earliest Easter readings, Jesus meets hurting people who are walking home from Jerusalem full of sorrow. Jesus does not tell them that they should not grieve. Instead he walks beside them, listened to them, shared his heart and eventually sat down to a meal with them. Their witness to this became a way for them to share the healing and wholeness that they received in that moment with others who were hurting. Their witness of the risen Christ continues to bring hope in our world today.

Have you witnessed the resurrection's transformational power? Has someone reached out to you, walked beside you, and listened to your struggles? How can your witness bring hope and healing to others who are on the bounce? Who will you encounter today that needs to hear the good news of the resurrection that brings life instead of death and healing instead of pain? †

** This is the first installment of a monthly column written by the vicar and the column needs a name. I am crowd sourcing a name for this column. What do you think it should be called? Let me know.*

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. And for that reason, we monitor statistics on attendance and giving to the church. They offer a glimpse into the health of our congregation.

During April, 2019, average weekly worship attendance at Holy Trinity was 242. During April, 2018, our attendance was 199. The monthly difference owes a lot to the timing of our Easter celebration. Year-to-date we are below last year's attendance numbers by about 9%. Please remember: Worship is fundamental to the strength of the community and vital for the mission we share. It is where God blesses us abundantly in the sharing of the Word and Holy Communion. You are missed when you are not here, and you are missing out on God's gifts to you. Thank you for making worship a priority in your life.

For the month of April, unrestricted giving to Holy Trinity totaled \$40,973. That's the second month in a row where giving exceeded our income target. For the year, our income is about 6% below budget. Thank you to all who have made a commitment to financially support our work together. Your gifts are not simply about supporting a budget. They move forward our mission, making a positive impact on the Akron community and beyond.

If you are not a regular contributor, we invite you to take up that challenge. Choosing to give every week (or even every month) as you are able helps establish a good habit. Even more: it becomes a regular reminder of God's goodness and generosity, and offers a tangible way to give thanks for that goodness.

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.

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. †

June News

The Youth Connect

You did it! Congratulations

2019 Graduates!!



Kristine Johnson

Kristine graduated from Coventry High School.



Isabella Merritt

Isabella graduated from Firestone High School. She will work at Camp Mowana this summer and join Americorps in the fall.



Emma Seltzer

Emma graduated from Cuyahoga Falls High School and will attend The University of Mount Union.



Alannah Woodford

Alannah graduated from Green High School and will attend Capital University.



New! Children's Corner

Children's Corner is coming to Holy Trinity worship beginning June 9. We will replace Busy Bags with a table inside the sanctuary where children and parents can pick up materials to take with them to the service. There you will find Frolic First Bibles, Whirl Preschool Bibles, and Whirl Kids Lectionary Bibles. We will also have coloring pages, children's bulletins, clipboards, blank paper, pencils and crayons. Questions? Contact Amanda Archbold or Rachel Núñez.

Worship

Worship+Plus returns this summer!

Our worship schedule changes on May 26 (the Sunday of Memorial Day weekend). There will be one Sunday liturgy at 9:30 a.m. This will continue through Sunday, September 1 (Labor Day weekend). Along with that single worship service, **Worship+Plus** returns this summer with a variety of opportunities to learn, serve, eat, and just generally have fun together.

Plan to join us each and every Sunday for **Worship+Plus!!**

DATE	THEME	HOST/FACILITATOR
June 2 nd	Guest Speaker: Rochelle Sibbio, President & CEO Habitat for Humanity of Summit County	Gregg Loesch Outreach & Social Concerns Ministry Team
June 9 th	Creation Hike & Lunch at the F.A. Seiberling Nature Realm ... A Cross + Generation Experience	Rachel Núñez Youth & Education Ministry Team
June 16 th	Reflections from the Holy Land	Vicar Debbie Pinnegar Youth & Education Ministry Team
June 23 rd	Party in the Park (Grace Park) 150 th Anniversary Celebration Event	Sandy DeLuca 150 th Anniversary Committee
June 30 th	Praying in Color: Prayer + Doodling A Cross + Generation Experience	Linda Vowles (Pam Marko & Rachel Núñez) Youth & Education Ministry Team
July 7 th	Animate Practices – a video based study to introduce questions and spark conversation	Pastor David Nevergall Youth & Education Ministry Team
July 14 th	Fellowship Brunch	Youth & Education Ministry Team
July 21 st	Guest Speaker hosted by Youth & Education and Outreach & Social Concerns Ministry Teams	Rachel Núñez & Gregg Loesch
July 28 th	Did You Know? Holy Trinity Archives Trivia 150 th Anniversary Celebration Event	Velma Pomrenke/Diane Chambers
August 4 th	Robinson Elementary CLC Backpack Packing for Students & Teachers	Sandy DeLuca Outreach & Social Concerns Ministry Team
August 11 th	Discipleship Focus	Vicar Debbie Pinnegar Youth & Education Ministry Team
August 18 th	Discipleship Focus	Vicar Debbie Pinnegar Youth & Education Ministry Team
August 25 th	Song Fest & Picnic	Deacon Ruth Anderson Worship & Music Ministry Team
September 1 st	Animate Practices – a video based study to introduce questions and spark conversation	Pastor David Nevergall Youth & Education Ministry Team

W@HT – Summer Schedule

(Wednesdays @ Holy Trinity)



Taste and See: Discovering God Among Butchers, Bakers, & Fresh Food Makers

Facilitated by Rachel Núñez, Director of Discipleship Ministries

11 a.m. Study; 12:15 p.m. Eucharist;
12:45 p.m. Lunch (optional)

- June 5 *You're Invited to the Table*
- June 12 *Delighting in the Sweetness of Fruitfulness*
- June 19 *Chewing on the Bread of Life*
- June 26 *Savoring the Salt of the Earth*
- July 10 *Relishing the Olive and its Oil*
- July 17 *Discovering the Liturgy of the Table*
- July 24 *Table Worship/Eucharist*



Dialogues On The Refugee Crisis: Who Is My Neighbor? – Sparkhouse Publishing Team

Facilitated by Vicar Debbie Pinnegar & Rachel Núñez,
Director of Discipleship Ministries

6–7:30 p.m. Study with Light Refreshments

- June 5 *The Story We Live In: The history of the church's response to refugees*
- June 12 *A People Without A Place: The global migration crisis*
- June 19 *A Global Perspective: International policy and the ongoing refugee crisis*
- June 26 *A Network Of Care: The critical role of resettlement agencies*
- July 10 *Facing Our History: Otherness, race, and the American challenge*
- July 17 *Looking For Home: Creating cohesive communities*
- July 24 *Where Do We Go From Here? : Seeking a Christ-like response to the refugee crisis*

Pierstorf Memorial Loan Fund

The Pierstorf Memorial Loan Fund provides interest-free loans to Lutheran students who are or will be enrolled full time in a four-year undergraduate program at any accredited college or university. This year, the maximum interest-free loan is \$3,000 for the school year. For information, go to www.pierstorf.org. Complete the 2019-2020 application by visting the website. The deadline for all applications is Sunday, June 30, 2019.



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Family Promise[®] of Summit County

During our week of Family Promise hosting beginning Sunday, March 31st, we had the pleasure of serving three very nice families consisting of 6 adults and 6 children, ages 2 to 19. We had a great week of good meals and fellowship, and our guests were well taken care of.

Moving the roll-away beds upstairs during hosting week were **Bruce Mansour** and **Vince Simmons**. Through the week the drivers transported the families in the 15-passenger van. They were **Sandy Deluca** and **Dennis Ingram**. Our cooks prepared wonderful and delicious meals for our guests every evening. They were **Marla Wood Kay**; **Debbie Schramm**, **Sandy and John Hamilton**; **Linda Vowles** and her daughter **Cathy Wolverton** and her daughter **Emily**, **Pat and Dean Keller**; **Rachel Nunez** and **Marsha Asente**. Thanks goes to our evening hosts **Velma Pomrenke**; **Ruth Anderson and Marshall Thomas**; **Donna and Fletcher Carroll**; **Sylvia and Bob Leddon**; **Lor Breyley**; and **Bob Nagle**. Overnight hosts were **Karen and Pr. Dave Nevergall**; **Jacinto Nunez**; and **Peter Calvin**. At the end of the week the beds were delivered to the next host church, Grace UCC in Norton, by **Dennis Dick** and **Mike Ameling**. Thanks also to our sextons for keeping the bathrooms, hallways, and dining areas clean.

Our next hosting week at Trinity will start **Sunday, June 16th through the 23rd**. Please consider helping families in need by being a grocery shopper, evening host, cook, launderer, or van driver, please sign up on our bulletin board in the office hallway. Our volunteering really makes a difference by helping these families get through hard times, and also lets us truly be God's hands.

If you have any questions about Family Promise of Summit County or its mission to help homeless families, please see Gregg Loesch. †



Seasonal Worship Brings Joyful Change

Did you notice the ways in which our worship rhythms and sounds changed during Lent? If so, you may also have noticed that those more solemn, penitential expressions gave way to brighter, more jubilant proclamations during the 50 days of Easter. These festive liturgies will continue during June's observances of Pentecost, Trinity Sunday (our "name day") and the concluding 150th anniversary celebration day June 23.

Our worship and music life reflects jubilant themes in several ways this time of year:

- Festive preludes and postludes return.
- We begin our worship with Thanksgiving for Baptism rather than Confession & Forgiveness.
- We omit silence for reflection following the sermon.
- Flowers return to adorn our sanctuary.
- Brass instruments and handbells resound again.
- The organ sounds less subdued; we hear more reeds and mixtures.
- We welcome once more the Cantic of Praise.
- We speak and sing "Alleluias" abundantly.

May these musical offerings and seasonal changes enrich our worship life, and may God speak to us in new ways as we seek to walk faithfully in paths of righteousness. †

Benevolences Awarded

At the last meeting of the Outreach/Social Concerns Team, the following benevolences were approved:

LINKS Student Leadership Camp
 OPEN M Dental Clinic
 Axxess Pointe Dental Clinic
 DLM Food & Resources
 Church of the Brethren School Uniform Program
 Family Promise of Summit County
 St. Bernard's Hot Meal Program
 Robinson CLC Leadership 360 Program
 In One Piece Park Ministry
 South Street Ministries Re-Entry Program
 ELCA Domestic Disaster Relief
 Habitat for Humanity of Summit County

Also, this summer two Lutheran Outdoor Ministries of Ohio campships are available for Trinity members as needed upon request. Please see Gregg Loesch for details. †

Dear Friends,

In the January 14, 1976 issue of the Churchman I wrote, "My cup runneth over, as the popular song goes. It is full to overflowing with gratitude to all of you for your expressions of love as my service to Trinity as Director of Christian Education comes to an end. Your concern and affection are my treasure. Know that you have my affection."

Fortunately I had the good sense to continue my membership here. For the next 43 years my cup has continued to overflow, though the present generation has probably never heard of Ed Ames. I have been truly blessed over all those years, so I repeat, "Your concern and affection are my treasure. Know you have my affection."

With love, Velma Pomrenke





Les Délices says "Thank you, Akron!"

We had a wonderful time getting to know Akron audiences this year. We had four subscription concerts at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, and LD Steps Out events at the Akron Public Library and Akron Children's Museum. We are particularly grateful to Holy Trinity for their support. They provided not only a gorgeous venue but also introduced us to many of the other places we were able to perform.

We're looking forward to many more events at Holy Trinity and around town next season! †

TOP LEFT: Mozart in Paris, part 2 at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church in October

TOP RIGHT: Five happy Les Délices members after our Akron Children's Museum Leuven program last January

RIGHT: An engaged audience makes music with visiting composer Theo Chandler at our Elements-related LD Steps Out program at Robinson CLC in April.



Marshall Thomas, Cindy Kenepp, James Gates, and Emily Hall



Cindy Kenepp Retiring from Trinity Choir

Alto Cindy Kenepp originally auditioned for Barbara McGregor 13 years ago. She sang through many changes in choir directors and pastors. ("All good.") She loves the people and choir members of Holy Trinity and will continue participating in the life of our congregation. Cindy says, "I am excited to be able to visit my son, daughter-in-law and 5-year-old grandson in Florida on holidays. It has been my pleasure to serve musically at Holy Trinity and I will miss working with everyone in the choir on a weekly basis." Best Wishes to you, Cindy! †



Men on a Mission

Saturday, June 8 & 22, 8:30 a.m. | Chapel Lounge

If you're a guy, you are welcome to join us. We're reading Hebrews, 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, June 9 following the 9:30 a.m. service | Scharf Library

The Holy Trinity Book Club will discuss *The Devil in the White City* by Erik Larson. Bring a brown bag lunch and join us for a lively discussion. Contact Amy Indorf or Diane Chambers with questions. †



Men's Lutheran Loafers

Friday, June 21, 11:30 a.m. @ Panera Bread at Chapel Hill

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. If you would like any further information just call Fletcher Carroll @ (330) 923-6310 or e-mail ppeegee@neo.rr.com. Panera Bread—689 Howe Avenue, Cuyahoga Falls. †



Trinity Stampers

The Trinity Stampers will resume its regular meetings beginning in September. More information to come soon. †



Altar Guild

Altar Guild will resume its regular meetings in the fall beginning in September. More details to follow. †



Women's Bible Study

Women's Bible study will resume its regular meetings in the fall beginning Saturday, September 21. However, stay tuned for a possible summer service projects still in the planning stages. More details next month. †

Environmental Tip:



The Household Hazardous Waste Recycling Center on Graham Road in Cuyahoga Falls near S.R. 8 north entrance opens for Summit County residents only June 6 through September 26 from 2-7 p.m. Check the website at summitreworks.com for more recycling information. †

Prayer of the Month:

Please pray for a peaceful summer with a decrease in violence and a more civilized approach to problems in our communities and nation. Also pray for those who have been recent victims both here and elsewhere as we seek solutions. †



Blood Pressures will not be taken June, July and August. If you would like your blood pressure checked during these months, please see on eof the Parish nurses. †



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.

Memorial Gifts

Youth Fund

In honor of Donna Carroll's Birthday

Landis & Judy Coffman
Joann Aller

Stained Glass Window Fund

In honor of Donna Carroll's Birthday

Joan Kull

Wounded Warriors Fund

In memory of Ernie Liska

Alexa Sandmann
Joann Aller



Newest Baptized Member!

Annika Mae, daughter of Emily and Jeff Lark, was baptized on Sunday, May 26. †



June Birthdays

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

- June 1 – Haley Bennage
- June 2 – Benjamin Ruhlin
- June 2 – David Shanafelt
- June 3 – Alison Radanof
- June 3 – Pete Seltzer
- June 4 – Christine Hinman
- June 4 – Charles Schmit
- June 4 – Evan Stefanik
- June 5 – Ryan Heckel
- June 5 – Michael Perrine
- June 6 – Jessica Foutty
- June 10 – Jacob Sattely
- June 11 – Velma Pomrenke
- June 11 – Jacqueline Wert
- June 12 – Charles Schmidt
- June 13 – Elizabeth Anacki
- June 13 – Bill Butler
- June 13 – Joe Moxon
- June 15 – Alice Irish
- June 16 – Nicholas Carrino
- June 18 – Alexandra Di Rosato
- June 18 – Fletcher Carroll
- June 18 – Sylvia Hackbarth
- June 18 – David Tiemann
- June 23 – Gene Thrall
- June 24 – Madeline Mormino
- June 25 – Eric Rieman
- June 26 – Mitchell Godding
- June 26 – Susan Spannauer
- June 27 – Stephen Campbell
- June 27 – Eloise Wheeler
- June 28 – Richard DeBerry
- June 29 – John Asente
- June 30 – Bill Bulgrin
- June 30 – Janise Parry

*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.*

Metro Parks Spring Spree for All



Complete five hikes between May 1 and June 30 to earn a lanyard (first year) and a pin. Veteran hikers earn a pin. Hikes are free, however, out of county hikers pay \$10 first year and \$5 for years following. See the Parish Nurse bulletin board in the office hallway for forms and more detailed

information. Trails are easily accessible in certain portions. Follow the Spree for All signs. There is required length to hike. †

June 2019 Worship Stewards

DATE	ACOLYTES/CRUCIFERS	READERS	COMMUNION ASSTS	SOUND
June 2 @ 9:30 a.m.	TO BE ANNOUNCED	Lorin Sickafoose	Marcy Nagy Jack Harig Diane Chambers Frederica Cohen	Michael Wilson
June 9 @ 9:30 a.m.	TO BE ANNOUNCED	Chris Hinman	TO BE ANNOUNCED	Joe Moxon
June 16 @ 9:30 a.m.	TO BE ANNOUNCED	Laverne Mansour	TO BE ANNOUNCED	Bob Ethington
June 23 @ 9:30 a.m.	TO BE ANNOUNCED	Jacquie Wert	Marcy Nagy Joanne Aller Donna Carroll	Michael Wilson
June 30 @ 9:30 a.m.	TO BE ANNOUNCED	Frederica Cohen	Marcy Nagy Donna Carroll	Joe Moxon

USHERS

Duane Aller
Bill Bulgrin
Fletcher Carroll
Donna Carroll
Gregg Loesch
Ron Nockengost
Gary Radanof
Rich Williams
Gloria Woodford

Underlined name indicates head ushers.

altar CARE

Candles: Gary Radanof
Flowers: Sylvia Leddon
Altar Care: Sophia Morton & Alexa Sandmann

Communion:
June 2—Linda Vowles & Sylvia Leddon
June 9—Diann Jenkins & Sylvia Leddon
June 16—Diann Jenkins
June 23—Stephanie Black
June 30—Deb Ickes & Ann Lawson

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.

June 2019 Calendar of Events

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 10 a.m. Stewardship Meeting (CL)
2 9:30 a.m. Worship w/ Eucharist 10:30 a.m. Worship+Plus	3 1 p.m. Staff Meeting 5:30 p.m. Grace Park Neighborhood Association Meeting (CL)	4 8:30 a.m. Red Oak Training (CL) 5:30 p.m. Renaissance Team Meeting (SL) 7:15 p.m. Derbytown Chorus Rehearsal (FH)	5 9 a.m. TTTs 11 a.m. Mid-Week Bible Study (CL) 12:15 p.m. Mid-Week Worship w/ Eucharist (Sanc.)	6 4:30 p.m. Girl Scouts (Rm. 202)	7	8 8:30 a.m. Men on A Mission (CL) 11 a.m. DLM Food & Resources Open (Rm. 100 & FH)
9 9:30 a.m. Worship w/ Eucharist 10:30 a.m. Worship+Plus 4 p.m. Warriors Journey Home (CL)	10 1 p.m. Staff Meeting	11 10 a.m. Property Team Meeting (SL) 6:30 p.m. 150th Anniversary Meeting (SL) 6:30 p.m. Worship & Music Team Meeting (Rm. 202) 7:15 p.m. Derbytown Chorus Rehearsal (FH)	12 9 a.m. TTTs 11 a.m. Mid-Week Bible Study (CL) 12:15 p.m. Mid-Week Worship w/ Eucharist (Sanc.) 6 p.m. Personnel Team Meeting (SL)	Lutheran Youth Organization (Youth Room)		
				13 4:30 p.m. Girl Scouts (CL) 7 p.m. DLM Food & Resources Open for Project RISE (Rm. 100 & FH)	14 8 a.m.-5:30 p.m. NE Ohio Synod Assembly (John S. Knight Ctr.)	15 8 a.m.-2 p.m. NE Ohio Synod Assembly (John S. Knight Ctr.)
Hosting Family Promise this Week						
16 9:30 a.m. Worship w/ Eucharist 10:30 a.m. Worship+Plus	17 1 p.m. Staff Meeting	18 6 p.m. Council (CL) 6:30 p.m. 150th Anniversary Meeting (SL) 7:15 p.m. Derbytown Chorus Rehearsal (FH)	19 9 a.m. TTTs 11 a.m. Mid-Week Bible Study (CL) 12:15 p.m. Mid-Week Worship w/ Eucharist (Sanc.)	20 9:00 a.m. All-day Staff Retreat (off site) 4:30 p.m. Girl Scouts (Rm. 202) 6 p.m. Quilters (Rm. 202)	21 12 p.m. Men's Lutheran Loafers (Panera, Chapel Hill) 5:30 p.m. 150th Anniversary Swing Celebration (St. George Fellowship Center)	22 8:30 a.m. Men on A Mission (CL) 11 a.m. DLM Food & Resources Open (Rm. 100 & FH)
23 9:30 a.m. Worship w/ Eucharist 10:30 a.m. Worship+Plus 11:30 a.m. 150th Anniversary – Party in the Park (Grace Park) 4 p.m. Warriors Journey Home (CL)	24 1 p.m. Staff Meeting 5 p.m. Spiritual Direction (CL)	25 6 p.m. Intern Committee (CO) 6:30 p.m. 150th Anniversary Meeting (SL) 7:15 p.m. Derbytown Chorus Rehearsal (FH)	26 9 a.m. TTTs 11 a.m. Mid-Week Bible Study (CL) 12:15 p.m. Mid-Week Worship w/ Eucharist (Sanc.)	27 4:30 p.m. Girl Scouts (Rm. 202)	28	29
30 9:30 a.m. Worship w/ Eucharist 10:30 a.m. Worship+Plus	<p><i>Mission @ Work and 150th Anniversary activities appear in bold. For more information, please contact the Church office at (330) 376-5154. Thank you!</i></p> 					

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FAMILY PROMISE WEEK

SUNDAY, JUNE 16 THROUGH SATURDAY, JUNE 22

Did you know that Holy Trinity was one of the first churches to partner with Interfaith Hospitality Network (now known as Family Promise) to provide overnight housing for families? 2019 is Holy Trinity's 15th year with the program!

This is an important outreach ministry for Holy Trinity and a much needed service program for families. If you want to help, please sign-up on the bulletin board in the office hallway. If you have questions or need additional information, please see Gregg Loesch. †

There are Many Opportunities for YOU to Serve!

Serve as an Evening Host—7-9 p.m.

You watch over areas of the church that are being used and sometimes interact with the families by doing crafts, watching movies, etc. You can be upstairs on the 3rd floor with the families or remain in Room 202.

Serve as an Afternoon Driver—5-6 p.m.

You drive a Family Promise van from the church to Family Promise to pick up the families and return to the church. *NOTE: As a driver, you are covered under Family Promise's insurance.*

Serve as a Grocery Shopper—anytime

You purchase groceries in advance so there is food for the families to eat when they arrive. You will be given a list; the items can be placed in Room 202. You can turn in the receipt for reimbursement or donate the items you purchased.

Also, there are opportunities for you to help in other ways ... help set-up the beds and rooms before the families arrive ... help remove the beds and load them into the van so they can be transported to the next church ... help launder the bedding ... serve as an overnight host (you actually spend the night at the church; beds are provided). †