

# HIGHLIGHTS

THE MONTHLY MAGAZINE *of* HOLY TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

February 2022

## The Cross of Christ

*It means life, love, and joy*

*It provides simplicity, direction, and motivation*

# FREE LAUNDRY DAY

Join us on this  
rescheduled date!

**NEW DATE**

**Monday,  
February 21  
9 a.m.—3 p.m.  
Holland's 24-Hour  
Laundromat**

*1506 S. Arlington Street,  
Akron*



***COME SERVE WITH US!!***

Our Free Laundry Day has been rescheduled!! Volunteers are needed to go around the laundromat and dispense the laundry supplies into machines and use debit cards (provided) to start the machines. This is Holy Trinity's sixth year hosting this outreach event, and it has had such a huge impact on the Robinson neighborhood families!! Come, serve and get to know our neighbors!

Available shifts: all day, 9 a.m.-3 p.m.; 9 a.m.-12 p.m. or 1-3 p.m. Face masks are required.

Email Sandy DeLuca at [sdeluca@holytrinityakron.org](mailto:sdeluca@holytrinityakron.org) or call/text (330) 703-4870.



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# Why We're Here

"The pastor made a promise...a really important promise," he told me. "A short while later he broke that promise, and I just couldn't go back. I didn't think I could trust him."

"My sister came out," she said. "And they kicked our whole family out of the church. We really haven't been anywhere since."



*Pastor David*

Now it was my turn to ask: so why a wedding that involves the church at all? Why come looking for another preacher and another congregation when experience has told you that these things don't always work out the way we might hope. A judge might be a safer bet.

And they agreed. A secular choice might be a smarter choice to make. But they came (they said) because they were convinced that God needed to be at the heart of the promises they were making to each other. They wanted to be prayed over. They wanted to learn what God intended for them. They knew...despite what had happened in the past...that the promise they are planning to make is more than just a legal contract to be witnessed by a court. It is a covenant to be made in the sight of the God who knows all about making and keeping covenant. I was impressed by their maturity and humbled by their tenacity.

More: I am convinced that, in an age of consumer religion, these two are an exception to the rule. They have good enough reasons to stay away. For nearly three decades, I've watched (hurting) as members have left the places I have served for much less compelling reasons than this couple had. And I've come to recognize that that's how it works. In a culture that often treats its religion like retail, whatever has attracted my attention this week is what I buy. So if I don't like your politics or your music or your Aunt Bessie, I'm out of here. There's always the next place down the street or online. Or I can just drop out all together and not have to put up with any of the messiness that comes with human organizations.

I keep hoping the church might be different...that it might be a community of faith as rich as its diversity. I keep hoping that we won't make promises that we can't keep, and that we won't kick people out just because we don't like who your sister thinks she might be. But, truth be told, the church is just as broken and needy as every other institution in our society. You can put a cross on her door, but she's still a mess most of the time.

Except.

Except there is that One whom we claim as Lord. That's the difference. The Church is anchored into a rock more solid than legal systems or political opinions or social strata. And my soon-to-be-married friends, despite the troubles they had experienced, saw that truth. Beyond our debates and our differences...far greater than our misbehaviors and our brokenness...is the grace of the God who insists on claiming us as beloved children, and who bids us pray and bless and serve and heal always bearing the name of Jesus.

Why the church at all? Because for God's sake alone, it is who we are. †



## Les Délices to Receive \$10,000 Grant from The National Endowment for the Arts

Les Délices, Holy Trinity's artists-in-residence, was approved for a \$10,000 Challenge America award to support its spring production of *The White Cat*. The family-friendly opera production features an English language libretto inspired by a 17th century feminist fairy tale with music by French baroque composers. *The White Cat* is among 168 projects across America totaling \$1,680,000 that were selected to receive fiscal year 2022 funding in the Challenge America grant category.

"The National Endowment for the Arts is proud to support arts projects like this one from Les Délices that help support the community's creative economy," said NEA Acting Chair Ann Eilers. "Les Délices in Cleveland is among the organizations nationwide that are using the arts as a source of strength, a path to well-being, and providing access and opportunity for people to connect and find joy through the arts."

Les Délices Executive Director Laura Wiegand says, "We are honored to receive the National Endowment for the Arts' recognition and support for what is LD's most ambitious project to date. A musical fairytale brought to life through puppetry, dance, and visual projections, *The White Cat* has something for everyone! This generous funding will help us connect with audiences in Cleveland, Akron, and across the country."

### About the White Cat

*The White Cat* is a family-friendly Baroque opera with puppets and projections that sees fairytale magic and heavenly providence foster true love and happiness. With an original libretto based on Marie-Catherine D'Aulnoy's 17th century retelling of *Puss in Boots* by Larry Rosenwald (Guggenheim Award winner 2020) and music by Lully, Couperin, Marais, and others. Live performances in Northeast Ohio April 1-3. An online version will be released on Marquee TV April 28th. †



## The Ernie Liska Memorial Scholarship

Two years ago, Holy Trinity Lutheran Church established The Ernie Liska Memorial Scholarship in order to provide financial assistance to students who plan to earn a college degree, university degree, or become certified in a vocational/building trade, and aspire to utilize their education to serve their community. The \$1,000 scholarship, designed to assist deserving students attending Akron Public Schools, will be awarded following a review of applications by a select committee. This annual scholarship is a one-time award and is not renewable.

Holy Trinity Lutheran Church will again sponsor The Ernie Liska Memorial Scholarship during 2022. Please consider making a donation to this very important program and support deserving students as they launch their careers. Contributions may be made to the Ernie Liska Memorial Scholarship fund at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church.

I recently heard from one of the recipients and would like to share this email that he sent:

*Hello John,*

*First, I want to thank you for checking on me, and second I want to thank you so much for the scholarship, you don't know how much that scholarship helped me. For school, everything is going very well and I am very thankful to the almighty for the blessing. Just finished my finals yesterday and passed all my classes. I hope you keep helping more people who are in need like I was.*

*Thank you, Abednego  
(Abednego Kashindi, 2020 scholarship winner)*

For more information, please contact John Stefanik at 330-666-3579 or by email at [jrstef@roadrunner.com](mailto:jrstef@roadrunner.com). †

# ARTS @ HOLY TRINITY

## Trio Terzetto

*Featuring Claudio Ragazzi, Cameron Sawzin, and Nando Michelin*

**Tuesday, 7 p.m.  
March 1**

*Celebrate Mardi Gras!*

Arts @ Holy Trinity welcomes the enthusiastic return of Grammy and Emmy-winning composer and guitarist Claudio Ragazzi, cellist Cameron Sawzin, and pianist Nando Michelin to present Mardi Gras music from around the world.

**WATCH THE LIVE STREAM  
ATTEND IN PERSON**

*Doors open 30 minutes prior.*

For concert details and safety guidelines, visit [artsholytrinity.org](http://artsholytrinity.org).

Funding for Arts @ Holy Trinity provided by



A ticketed (adult: \$25/student: \$20) Meet-the-Artists Meal is served at 5:30 p.m. before the concert. For further details, visit [artsholytrinity.org](http://artsholytrinity.org) or call the church at (330) 376-5154.

Presenting Corporate Sponsor  
for this concert performance



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**IMPORTANT: Proof of vaccination and booster OR proof of a negative COVID test within 72 hours of the event is required for admittance for both the Meet-the-Artists Meal and for this concert. Face masks are MANDATORY.**



# Faith Formation



## Mid-Week Study

Wednesday @ 11 a.m. via Zoom

### February 02

*God Sustains and Delivers Us.* (Jeremiah 1: 4-10, Psalm 71: 1-6, Luke 4: 21-30)

### February 09

*Give Thanks for God's Love and Faithfulness.* (Psalm 138, Luke 5: 1-11)

### February 16

*Trust in God Alone.* (Jeremiah 17: 5-10, Psalm 1 Matthew 6: 25-34)

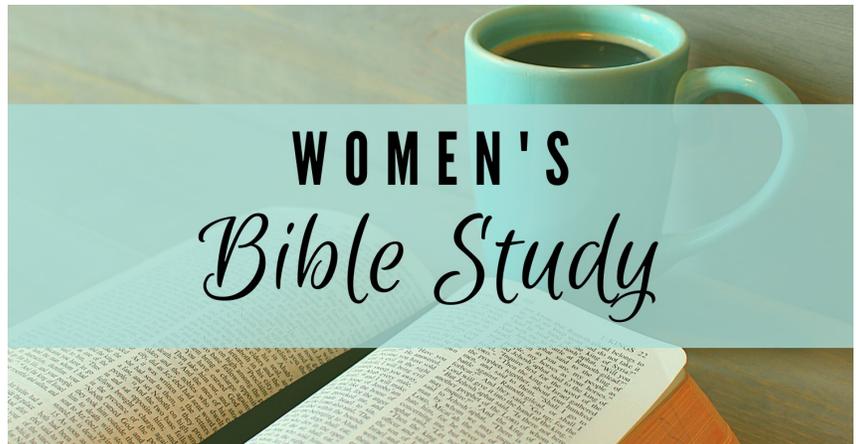
### February 23

*God's Promise of an Everlasting Body.* (1 Corinthians 15: 35-38, 42 - 50)

### March 02

**Ash Wednesday** - *God's Grace is more powerful than Sin.* (Psalm 51: 1-17)

Contact Rachel Núñez, Director of Faith Formation for meeting instructions, [munez@holytrinityakron.org](mailto:munez@holytrinityakron.org), call/text (330) 634-6597 +



## WOMEN'S Bible Study

## Women's Bible Study

Saturday, February 19, 9 a.m. In Person

*We will gather in Room 202 at the church. Breakfast will be served followed by our study.*

### **The Kingdom of God by Rev. Mark Allan Powell**

Gather Magazine January/February 2022 Edition (4 Session Study)  
New Testament scholar Mark Allan Powell looks at a widely used biblical image and invites us into a discussion of what it might mean for Lutheran women today. The phrase "kingdom of God" and similar expressions turn up repeatedly in sayings of Jesus, so understanding what that expression means helps us to make sense of numerous parables and popular Bible passages (including the Lord's Prayer).

### **Session Two: Mysteries of the Kingdom – Parables, Banquets and Children**

This month we will consider "kingdom parables" and ask how the kingdom of God is like a net or a treasure or a pearl or whatever. We will also look at an "acted parable" in which Jesus dramatizes the "kingdom" as a banquet where honored guests include misfits and outcasts. And *then* we will discover (or recall) who we should regard as the greatest in the kingdom and the most important members of any church.

If you have any questions or need a copy of the study, call/text Rachel Núñez at (330) 634-6597 or email [munez@holytrinityakron.org](mailto:munez@holytrinityakron.org). +



## Weekly Check-in during COVID-19

Fridays @ 9 a.m. via Zoom

We gather via Zoom for a time of sharing, scripture reading, talking, prayer, and blessing. Email Rachel Núñez, Director of Faith Formation, for a copy of the text and Zoom link at [rmunez@holytrinityakron.org](mailto:rmunez@holytrinityakron.org) †



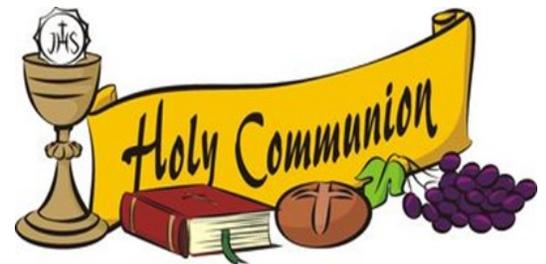
## Men's Bible Study

Saturday, February 19 @ 8:30 a.m.

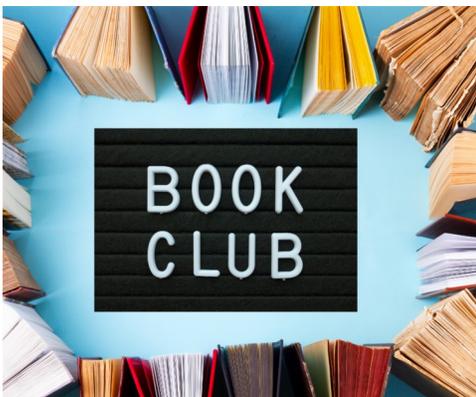
If you're a guy, you are welcome to join us. We're reading as a group, eating donuts, drinking coffee and praying together ... generally figuring out what it means to be a man of faith. This is good stuff ... come and be a part of it! Questions—please see Pastor David. †

### At Home Communion Visitation Available for Everyone

If you have been staying at home during the pandemic and would like an in-person visit with communion, please contact the church office at (330) 376-5154. All of our Visitation Ministers are fully vaccinated and have received the booster shot as well.



We look forward to coming to your home to serve you communion and have a word of prayer with you. If you have any other questions about visitation, please contact Rachel Núñez, Director of Faith Formation at [rmunez@holytrinityakron.org](mailto:rmunez@holytrinityakron.org), call/text (330) 634-6597. †



### Holy Trinity Book Club

The next meeting of the Holy Trinity Book Club is

**Sunday, February 13 following worship (location TBD)**

We will be discussing *The Four Winds* by Kristen Hannah.

All are invited to join us for the discussion. Please contact Diane Chambers or Amy Indorf with any questions. †



### Next Hike: Saturday, February 5 @ 9 a.m.

F.A. Seiberling Nature Realm, 1828 Smith Rd. – Akron 44313

We will gather at the start of the trail for a short devotional reading before walking the trail (at your own pace). We regather after 35 minutes for a brief discussion and blessing. Questions? Email Rachel Núñez, Director of Faith Formation, at [rmunez@holytrinityakron.org](mailto:rmunez@holytrinityakron.org) or call/text (330) 634-6597. †

# Opportunity to Serve!



## Read to Me!

**Wednesday, March 2**

**Time Periods: 9:30-10 a.m. and 1:30-2 p.m.**

Volunteers are needed to come into the classrooms at Robinson CLC and read books to the students in Kindergarten, 1st, 2nd and 3rd grades. Books will be provided. Volunteers are assigned to a classroom for the 30-minute period. Your time reading to children will be well spent and have a huge impact on their learning. NOTE: Face masks are required.

If you are interested in serving, please contact Sandy DeLuca at [sdeluca@holytrinityakron.org](mailto:sdeluca@holytrinityakron.org) or call/text (330) 703-4870.



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# DLM by the Numbers

Throughout the COVID-19 pandemic, DLM Food & Resources has continued to operate and provide food boxes, personal care items along with cleaning supplies, and laundry items to those families involved with Project RISE and others who are in need. Clothing is given to those who inquire.

During the month of January, DLM Food & Resources served the following ...



188 Families



637 Individuals



305 Children



# DLM

FOOD AND RESOURCES



## Turkeys, Turkeys and more Turkeys!

Thanks to a partnership with Acme Fresh Market, DLM Food & Resources was able to include frozen turkeys in the food boxes delivered January 7. And what a treat it was for the families! A HUGE thank you goes to Gary Radanof, Vince Simmons and Bruce Mansour for helping to unload the turkey. Bruce also helped unload all the produce from Cornerstone Market and pack the food boxes. †



*Pictured above: Volunteers help prepare the food boxes for delivery.*

*Pictured left: Gary Radanof and sexton Vince Simmons unload the turkeys.*

# Opportunity to Serve!

# Pastries for Parents

Thursday, February 17

7:30-8:30 a.m., LRC at Robinson CLC

Holy Trinity is excited to host these special parent engagement events throughout the school year. At this event, we welcome ...

**Albert McIntosh, Hope Behavioral Health**

*How to Mentally and Emotionally Push Through the Pandemic*

**Volunteers are needed** to assist with set up of the refreshments, greeting and interacting with the parents and students as they arrive and introducing the guest speaker. If you are available and interested, please contact Sandy DeLuca at [sdeluca@holytrinityakron.org](mailto:sdeluca@holytrinityakron.org) or call/text at (330) 703-4870.



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## What are folks up to at Holy Trinity?

People have been up to a lot of good!! Folks have been worshipping, singing, serving, supporting and fellowshiping with one another both in person and virtually. †

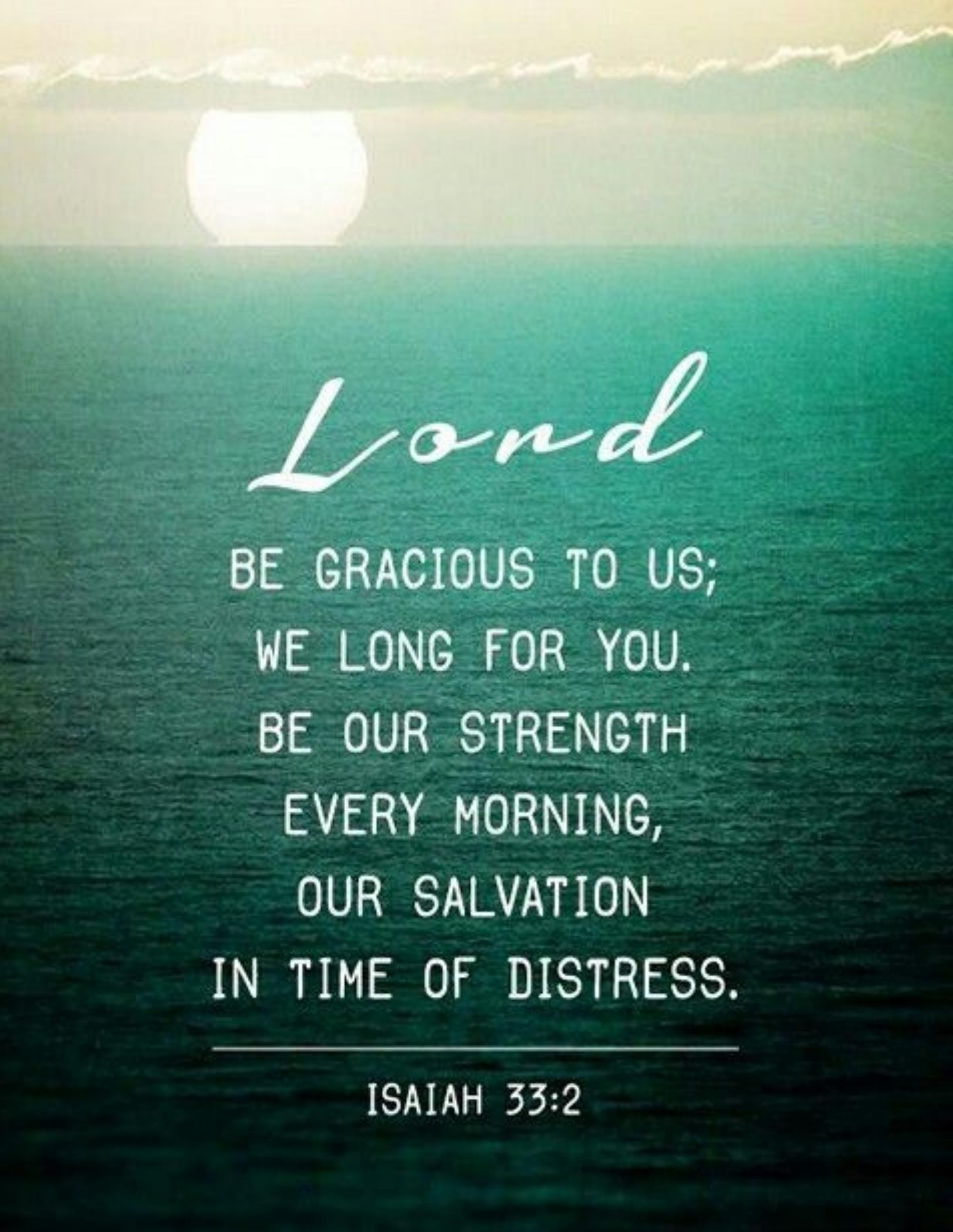
*Photo above:* Gloria Woodford made by hand new rope cords to block off the pews. Thank you for your time and talent!

*Photo top left:* Pastor David installs the new Council members. From left are John Guran, Rick Kimble, Frederica Cohen and Valerie Clark. The others serving on Council include: Paul Anacki, Connie Archbold, Bob Hoskins, Fred Rieman and Lesli Eisenhart as Treasurer. Thank you for serving!

*Photo middle left:* The Vocal Ensemble and Section Leaders continue to lead us in song during worship. Pictured from top left, clockwise: Brad Crock, McKayla Ferguson, Diann Jenkins, Frederica Cohen, Tom Baumgartner, Pastor David, and Marshall Thomas. Thank you for continuing to share your musical voices with all of us!

*Photo bottom left:* This group gathers for fellowship at Friday Check-In & Prayer. Pictured from top top left, clockwise: Norm & Sally Richenbacher, Rachel Nunez, Joan Derrig, Sylvia Hackbarth, Becky Adkins, Amanda Archbold, Velma Pomrenke, Diane Chambers and LJ Kimble.





*Lord*

BE GRACIOUS TO US;  
WE LONG FOR YOU.  
BE OUR STRENGTH  
EVERY MORNING,  
OUR SALVATION  
IN TIME OF DISTRESS.

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ISAIAH 33:2



## Annual Congregational Meeting Held Hybrid Style

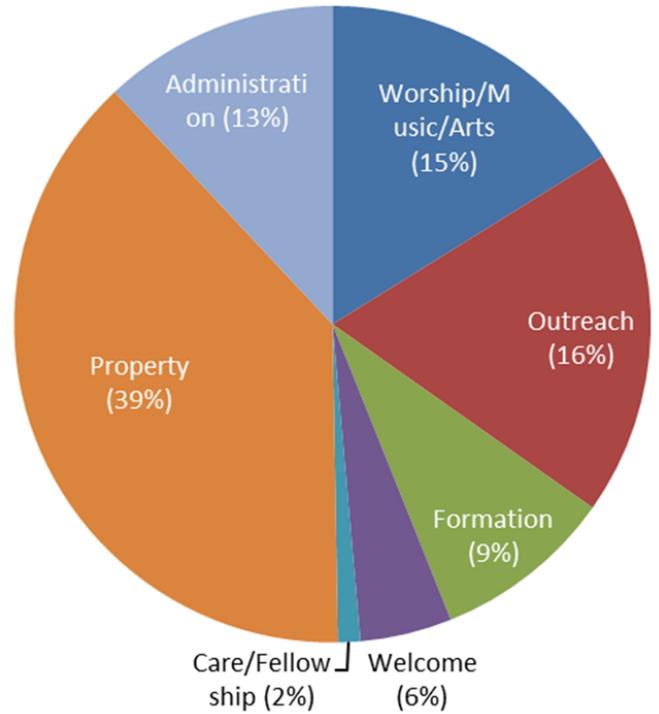
Council President Rick Kimble led the Annual Meeting held January 23 hybrid style. A total of 21 people attended in person and another 24 attended virtually. Bob Keener presented the final draft of the 2022 budget. Despite a few technical issues with the Zoom Meeting, the congregation voted to approve the budget. Thank you for your patience and understanding! At the end of the meeting, everyone who attended in person walked outside to find nearly 3-inches of snow! †

*Photo top right: Pie chart shows a breakdown of the 2022 Mission investment in the various ministry teams.*

*Photo bottom right: Gregg Loesch brushes snow off Pastor's car.*

*Editor's Note: Apologies for not including photos of the Annual Meeting.*

## 2022 Mission Investment



## Brunch for DLM!

Thank you to Women's Bible Study for providing a delicious brunch for the staff and volunteers of DLM Food & Resources. Just a little something for all the great work! †

*Pictured (from left): DLM Director Darlene Katz, Regina Graphinereed, DLM Operations Manager Stefan Katz, Diane Chambers, Linda Vowles, Alexandra Schueneman, LJ Kimble, and Jacquie Wert.*



Katie Archbold, Girl Scout Troop 91442, is working with DLM again this year to collect donations of boxes of Girl Scout cookies for DLM, to be distributed in food boxes to families in March.

If you are interested in ordering boxes of Girl Scout cookies for donation to DLM, please contact Amanda, Katie's mom, at [amanda\\_saler@hotmail.com](mailto:amanda_saler@hotmail.com) or (330) 322-6554. You can order online (Amanda can send you the link) or you can order via email or over the phone with Amanda. Please indicate whether your order is for DLM donation, delivery to your home for personal use, or a combination of both. Alternatively, you can contact Amanda to order "on paper" (via phone or email) for payment by cash or check.

Thank you for your support of DLM and the Girl Scouts! †



## Altar Guild Installs New Officers

Altar Guild kicked off 2022 with an in person meeting and installation of officers. Thank you for your service all the good work you do!

*Photo above:* The members of Altar Guild (from left): Gloria Woodford, Carol Mason, Deb Ickes, Donna Carroll, Sophia Morton, Linda Vowles, Joan Amon, Sylvia Hackbarth, Pat McRowe, Sylvia Leddon and Joan Derrig.

*Photo right:* Altar Guild officers, from left, President Deb Ickes, Secretary Donna Carroll, Treasurer Sophia Morton and Vice President Pat McRowe.



## \*\* NOTICE \*\*

Out of an abundance of caution, Rachel and Pastor David are suspending Coffee & Conversation through the month of February. They hope to be back in March. †

## Worship Stewards

Date	Readers	Livestream
Sunday, February 6 9:30 a.m.	John Stefanik	Lorin Sickafoose
Sunday, February 13 9:30 a.m.	Frederica Cohen	Lorin Sickafoose
Sunday, February 20 9:30 a.m.	Amy Indorf	Alex DeLuca
Sunday, February 27 9:30 a.m.	Marsha Asente	Alex DeLuca



## February Birthdays

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

- February 1 – Leslie Snowball
- February 2 – James Wilson
- February 3 – Harriet Moxon
- February 4 – Ella Haas
- February 5 – Andy Ethington
- February 5 – Kirk Johnson
- February 5 – Bryce Lakins
- February 6 – Laurel Heath
- February 6 – Ava Izenour
- February 6 – Rachel Nunez
- February 7 – Amelia Stefanik
- February 9 – Michelle Izenour
- February 9 – Abigail Mormino
- February 10 – Bonita Boatright
- February 11 – Jacki Hancock
- February 12 – Suzanne Mann
- February 13 – Logan Black
- February 14 – Harrison Lauf
- February 14 – Benjamin Ruhlin
- February 17 – Jennifer Keller
- February 17 – John Weygant
- February 18 – Susan Detwiler
- February 18 – Kristopher Jones
- February 19 – Sally Richenbacher
- February 19 – Mark Stefanik
- February 22 – Iva Johnson
- February 23 – Kurtis Stevens
- February 23 – Beverly Trevathan
- February 26 – Emma Seltzer
- February 28 – Amanda Archbold
- February 28 – Stefanie Sattely

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.

# WELCOME TO ONLINECHURCH

## SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE

9:30 am. In-person or Online  
Details at [holytrinityakron.org/return](http://holytrinityakron.org/return)

## Morning Devotions

Weekdays, 8 a.m. | Facebook LIVE

## Prayer MEETING

Let's lift each other up in prayer!

Tuesday @ 1 p.m.  
Facebook LIVE

## MID week

Wednesday, 11 a.m. | Zoom  
register at [holytrinityakron.org/events](http://holytrinityakron.org/events)

## FAITH 5

SHARE READ TALK PRAY BLESS

### CHECK-IN & PRAYER

Friday @ 9 a.m. via Zoom

## Trinity BOOK CLUB

Sunday, February 13 after worship

## Men's Bible Study

Saturday, February 19, 8:30 a.m.  
In person at Holy Trinity

## WOMEN'S Bible Study

Saturday, February 19  
9 a.m. @ Holy Trinity

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### Vision Statement:

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Altar Guild - Sophia Morton  
Archives - Ricki Ethington  
Book Club - Diane Chambers & Amy Indorf  
Communion Assistants - Deborah Ickes & Marcy Nagy  
Family Promise & OPEN M - Gregg Loesch  
LINKS - Elizabeth Liska  
Memorial Garden - Sonya Nagle  
Men's Bible Study - Pastor David Nevergall  
Parish Nurse Ministry - Sally Richenbacher  
Prayer Chain - Sally Richenbacher/Wanda Clark  
Renaissance Team - Bob Keener  
Readers - Nan Riemenschneider  
Robinson CLC - Sandy DeLuca  
Stream Team - Bob Foutty  
Ushers - Gregg Loesch  
Women's Bible Study - Velma Pomrenke

### 2022 Cabinet

Care & Fellowship - Rachel Núñez  
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