

# HIGHLIGHTS

A low-angle photograph of the Holy Trinity Lutheran Church. The image shows a tall brick tower on the left and a large, arched stained glass window on the right. The window has a circular design with radiating lines. Below the window is a decorative stone balcony with a red shield featuring a gold cross. The sky is blue with some clouds.

THE MONTHLY MAGAZINE *of* HOLY TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

*September 2023*

**Look to the Lord and His strength,  
seek His face always. Psalm 105:4**

*Cover photo by Ann Lawson*



## Call Process Information and Q&A Session

**JOIN US**

**Sunday, September 10**  
following worship  
in the Sanctuary

Pastor Mitch Phillips, Assistant to the Bishop for Leadership, from the Northeast Ohio Synod, will preach at Holy Trinity on Sunday, September 10.

Following the worship service, Pastor Phillips will hold an information session about the call process and answer questions from members of the congregation. Anyone interested in learning more about the call process is welcome to attend! The information session will be held in the Sanctuary. †

# Meanwhile ...

*Meanwhile the Midianites had sold him in Egypt to Potiphar, one of Pharaoh's officials, the captain of the guard." (Genesis 37:36)*



*Pastor Becki Verbridge*

What does the word *meanwhile* suggest to you? For some of us *meanwhile* means that life just goes on as normal. Nothing exciting.

Interesting enough in Genesis 37, the word *meanwhile* serves an entirely different purpose. It leaves the door cracked, suggesting there's more to come. Above all else, it reminds us that God's ways are hidden, that God's purposes are worked out in secret and unnoticed ways. Despite what we see, God is working. Despite what each day's events might suggest, God is fulfilling the divine purpose.

That's what takes place in the story of Joseph. Despite his brothers' belief that they had done away with their annoying little brother by selling him as a slave to a caravan of Midianites, Joseph ends up in the house of Pharaoh and ascends to a place of prominence and power, eventually being able to save his brothers who had dealt so cruelly with him.

You see, *meanwhile* affirms the hidden hand of God in human affairs. If we take that word *meanwhile* seriously, if we take seriously God's hidden agenda in this world, we can respond differently – creatively – to the situations life presents to us, including the times we're waiting for something to happen .

The Southern preacher Carlyle Marney once said, "Unless we learn to live in the meantime, we won't amount to much." That's the biggest challenge we face, isn't it? Living in the meantime. Living in between events. Keeping on when the landscape is barren. We can manage the *meantime* if we hold fast to *meanwhile*. We need to hold on to the fact that God is at work right alongside us. If we take this word seriously, we will be able to say that no matter what, "Something is going on." We can live and work believing that nothing is wasted. *Meanwhile* means that something is always going on.

This is a good thing for us to remember when we find ourselves in times of transition, whether individually or as a congregation, because God sometimes uses side roads and even delays for divine purposes. *Meanwhile* means that nothing is wasted when it comes to God's purposes! †

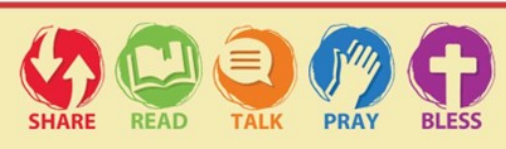
Blessings!  
*Pastor Becki*

# FAITH FORMATION

## FAITH 5

### Faith5 Fridays @ 9 a.m. via Zoom

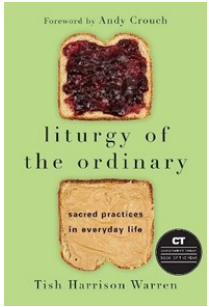
We check-in with each other and **SHARE** our prayer concerns, **READ** a scripture passage or poem, **TALK** about it and how we can apply it to our lives, **PRAY** for our concerns, each other, and Holy Trinity, and end our time with a **BLESSING** for the day ahead. Our time together lasts between 20-30 minutes. This is a wonderful opportunity to connect with people as we encourage one another and pray together! Because it is a Zoom meeting, you can invite friends and family that live locally or out of the area. All are welcome! For Zoom information, contact Rachel Nunez at [rnunez@holyltrinityakron.org](mailto:rnunez@holyltrinityakron.org) or call/text (330) 634-6597. †



## Women's Bible Study

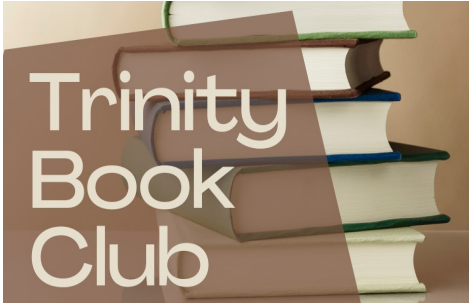
### Saturday, September 16 @ 9 a.m. Porchlight Coffee Company – 798 Grant St., Akron 44311

We continue our study of the book "Liturgy of the Ordinary: Sacred Practices in Everyday Life" by Tish Harrison Warren. Books are available in the church office. We will discuss chapters seven and eight at this meeting. If you have any questions or need more information, please contact Rachel Núñez, Director of Faith Formation. Call/Text (330) 634-6597 or email [rnunez@holyltrinityakron.org](mailto:rnunez@holyltrinityakron.org). †



### Saturday, September 16, 9 a.m. Main Office Meeting Area, Holy Trinity Lutheran Church

Bring a friend and enjoy time together as we study, talk, and pray! Donuts and coffee provided. Tom Baumgardner & Jack Harig serve as facilitators. If you have any questions, please contact the church office at (330) 376-5154. †



### Sunday, September 17 – NEW DATE! after worship in Room 202

All are welcome to join us as we discuss Horse by Geraldine Brooks. Join the conversation! All are welcome ... bring a bag lunch if you like. Questions? Contact Amy Indorf or Diane Chambers for more information. †



## Morning Devotions Return!

Morning Devotions via Facebook LIVE returns in September. Join us each Wednesday at 9 a.m. to focus on God and what He has in store for your life. †



## Food & Fellowship at Akron Family Restaurant

This has become a monthly faith formation outing that includes delicious food and wonderful fellowship. Come join us!

We meet after worship at the Akron Family Restaurant the last Sunday each month at around 11 a.m. We gather in the restaurant's back room for time spent in fellowship with one another. Meet new folks, learn new things and make lasting memories. We have had nearly 40 people come the last couple of months, and there's plenty of room for more!

Mark Sunday, September 24 on your calendar and plan to join us, and be sure to come hungry!! †



## Fall Table Talk Series

### Wednesdays @ 7 p.m. via Zoom

Join us on Wednesday evenings **beginning September 6** as we share devotions and discussion around The Welcome Table fall series "Rooted."

*Over the next few weeks, as we are finding ways to root ourselves into this season of life, our writers will share stories of ways they find rootedness in their own lives. Through their reflections, they will open us to the gifts that come when we allow ourselves to be grounded in community, to be at peace surrounded by our beautiful world, and to be held by God's deep, abiding love. We hope the stories shared in our Rooted Series will inspire you to see the variety of ways we can experience rootedness, and will remind you of the many ways in which we are all connected and rooted together! †*

Subscribe at: <https://www.thewelcometable.co/subscribe>

## Saturday, Sept. 9 @ 9 a.m.

Goodyear Heights  
Metro Park – Alder Trail  
550 Frazier Avenue,  
Akron 44305



We will gather near the trail head for a brief devotion and then hike this trail together or you may go at your own pace. After 30 minutes, we rejoin each other for a prayer & blessing. Please wear appropriate clothing and shoes for the weather. If you have any questions, please call/text Rachel Núñez, Director of Faith Formation at (330) 634-6597. †



## Tuesday on the Trail with Rachel

September 19 @ 10 a.m.

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

Join Rachel Núñez, Director of Faith Formation at the F.A. Seiberling Nature Realm Visitor Center for a time of devotion and sharing around God's Creation. Following our devotion together, you are welcome to explore the nature center, take a short hike, or simply sit on the patio area and watch the birds and other wildlife. †

# 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 August, DLM served the following ...



197 Families



585 Individuals



281 Children



# DLM

FOOD AND RESOURCES



## A New Group Supports DLM!

Staff from UBS Financial Services located in Hudson recently learned of DLM Food & Resources and came in for a tour. They were so impressed with the program that they decided to not only send a team of 14 volunteers (*pictured above and below*) to prepare personal care packets for families, but they also made a \$400 financial contribution and are collecting items.

And speaking of financial donations, DLM Food & Resources recently received a \$22,000 contribution from the St. John/St. Paul Endowment through Faith Lutheran Church. This much-needed support will go a long way in helping to provide food and personal care items to families and individuals in need. †





## John Catlos Named Interim Director of Choirs

The Worship & Music Committee is pleased to announce that John Catlos will serve as Interim Director of Choirs at Holy Trinity beginning in September. John has an extensive background in church music leadership direction, serving a number of mainline congregations in the Akron area since 1990. He actually has roots at Holy Trinity, serving as a Music Intern from 1996-1998 under Director of Music and Organist, Barbara MacGregor. John served as Choir Director at St. Luke's Lutheran Church in Cuyahoga Falls and, most recently, as Ministries Coordinator at St. Mark's Lutheran Church in Tallmadge. He is both a vocalist, singing with area choral societies, and a brass musician. The Worship & Music Committee believes John will provide quality leadership and stability to Holy Trinity's highly valued music ministry.

Holy Trinity's choirs will begin rehearsing with him on Thursday, September 21. We look forward to renewing our relationship with John and extend him the warmest of welcomes! †

Use your musical gifts and talents and serve with our Vocal and Bell Choirs! Please contact John Catlos via the church office, (330) 376-5154.



*"I am an organized person, and have a head for finances."*

*"I really enjoy helping others, and I like to serve."*

*"I know how to do home projects; I like to paint and \_\_\_\_\_."*

And there are other similar scenarios that I could include. The above are only some of the talents, gifts, and abilities that you might have. We also call these 'spiritual gifts' because they are given to you by God to be shared and used for the greater good of others. The 'others' can be within Holy Trinity or out in our community.

I am hopeful that you would pray about where your gifts may lie, and how you can use them for your enjoyment and also to benefit others. If you need direction or have questions, I would be very happy to chat with you.

Holy Trinity will have an All Ministry Teams Meeting on Tuesday, September 12 in Room 202 at 5:30 p.m. (The early hour will be helpful for those who do not like to drive in the dark). Snacks will be provided, and after a brief time of devotion, the various teams will move to different rooms for their meetings. You are invited to come and see where you can make a difference. Come and bring your creative energy! †

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There are eight Ministry Teams on which to serve:  
Care & Fellowship - Faith Formation - Finance -  
Invite Welcome Connect - Outreach & Social  
Concerns - Personnel - Property - Worship & Music



# Sponsor a Pipe

Fundraiser

Arts @ Holy Trinity is celebrating its 40th Anniversary! Over the past four decades, this annual concert series has presented a wide range of musical styles and talents, attracting nationally/internationally renowned, award nominated/winning performance artists ... all free of charge.

The 4,551-pipe organ has been the focal instrument for most concerts held over the past 40 years. To ensure this magnificent instrument will continue to inspire and uplift both audiences and organists for another 40 years, we invite you to 'Sponsor a Pipe' with a donation of \$40 per pipe or 'Sponsor an Octave of Pipes' with a donation of \$480 per octave. There are 4,551 organ pipes, so you are invited to sponsor as many as you like!

You may give securely online by visiting [artsholytrinity.org](http://artsholytrinity.org). Checks made payable to Holy Trinity Lutheran Church can be mailed to the church. Please note 'Sponsor a Pipe' in the memo line. A station will be set up in the Chapel Lounge on Sunday morning after worship to receive donations. All donors will be listed in concert programs.

All donations received will support the Arts @ Holy Trinity Concert Series and the ongoing maintenance of the organ. Thank you for your generous support! †



## Arts @ Holy Trinity is celebrates its 40th Anniversary

For four decades, Arts @ Holy Trinity has presented a wide range of musical styles and talents, attracting nationally and internationally renowned, award-winning, and award-nominated performing artists. In the past seven seasons, Arts @ Holy Trinity has provided learning opportunities that inspire, captivate, and transform students of all ages.

During the **40th anniversary season**, Arts @ Holy Trinity will present a captivating slate of award-winning and award-nominated artists—*see full schedule on the next pages*. A reception follows each concert, allowing a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to meet each presenter. We are proud to once again offer a 'Meet-the-Artists' Meal that affords a delicious dinner, and a small intimate gathering with preferred seating at the concert. In addition, Arts @ Holy Trinity will present three exceptional outreach events to local students and organizations.

All of our concerts are free and open to the public, and are held at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, 50 N. Prospect Street, Akron. Doors open 30 minutes prior. Please feel free to register to receive updates for individual concerts via the website. All presentations are also live streamed, and available for viewing on demand for one week following each premiere.

Finally, to commemorate this milestone, we are hosting several **Special Anniversary Events** throughout the concert season. Join us in celebrating 40 years of Arts @ Holy Trinity as we make a difference in your life and transport the lives around you to new heights. †

### '40 Years of Music' Exhibition

*September 2023 through June 2024*

View photographs, programs, and other historic items showcasing amazing organ and instrumental music that has been enjoyed by audiences for 40 years.

### Food & Music Fest - Spring 2024

Join us for food trucks, music, fellowship and more!



# ARTS @ HOLY TRINITY

— 40th Anniversary —

**FREE  
Concert!**

*Four decades of  
bringing music to  
the community.*



**Sunday  
October 8  
4 p.m.**

Miguel Espinoza Fusion, the collective beating heart of world-class, award-winning musicians Miguel Espinoza (guitar), Dianne Betkowsky (cello), and Randy Hoepker (bass), with guest artist David Hinojosa (percussion) invites the listener into a rich and colorful symposium of musical traditions. Firm roots in flamenco, classical, and jazz are woven through with North African rhythms, Celtic whimsy, and Brazilian expressions for a sound that is transformative, vibrant, and deeply emotive.

**WATCH THE LIVE STREAM**  
[artsholytrinity.org](http://artsholytrinity.org)

**ATTEND IN-PERSON**  
Holy Trinity Lutheran Church

Doors open 30 minutes prior. For details, visit [artsholytrinity.org](http://artsholytrinity.org).

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**Ohio Arts  
COUNCIL**





## Organ Repair Project

This is a summary of the work completed to date for the current phase of the organ project:

In the Organ chamber on left side as you are facing altar, the following work was done:

- The main Schwimmer bellows that is attached to the bottom of large Great Division windchest and the main pedal windchest were removed, recovered with new material, and reinstalled.
- Three reservoirs that are situated on the floor level of the organ were removed. Each bellows had the old leather replaced with new canvas/leather and then reinstalled. All the gaskets for the metal wind lines were replaced with new gasket material.
- The pedal chests were opened and inspected. New gasket leather was glued on each of the pedal chest access panels.
- In the basement, the old 7.5 hp motor was replaced with a 10 hp motor. The motor was carefully aligned and new electrical cables were connected to electrical boxes.

In the Organ chamber on the right side as you are facing the altar, the following work is being done:

- Two bellows were removed from the floor area. They are currently being re-leathered.
- Two Schwimmer bellows were removed from the bottom of the two Swell chests. These are currently being recovered with new material. †



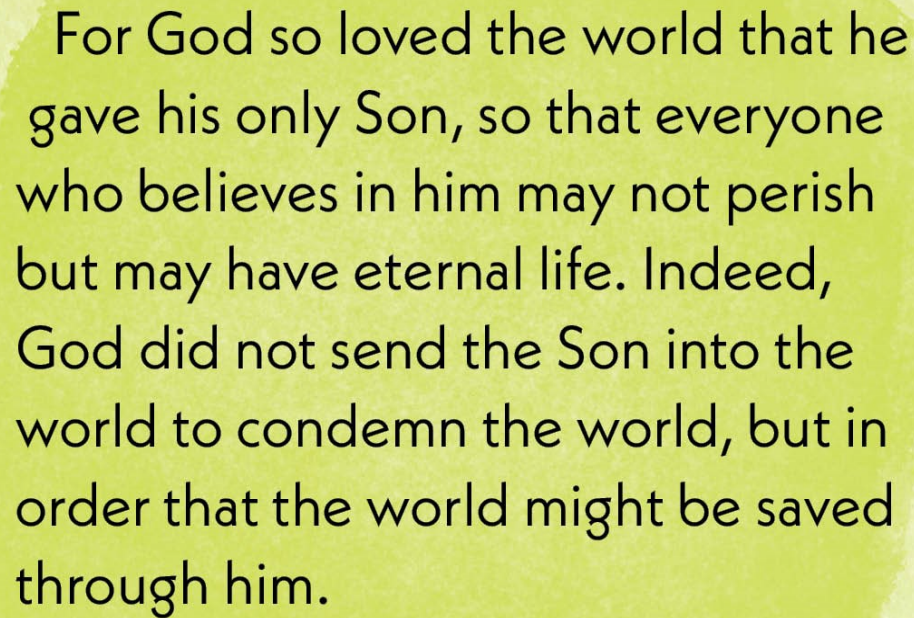
There certainly is a lot of love here at Holy Trinity!! And it is evident each month through your support of the Love Offering. The Outreach & Social Concerns Ministry Team is charged with identifying the various organizations and programs to receive this monthly 'love support.' And it is very much appreciated. Here is a recap of the generous love you have given in recent months.

**In May, you gave \$850 to benefit Family Promise.** Family Promise operates a nine-unit apartment house on Copley Road (at Glendora Avenue) and has asked congregations to contribute and/or help serve a communal meal, which is provided to the families once a month. The funds collected through the Love Offering will be put towards providing the monthly meals. And then we'll see if there is interest in serving the meal at the Glendora House ... stay tuned!

**In June, you gave \$1327 to be used toward classroom supplies for Robinson Community Learning Center teachers.** For the past seven years, Holy Trinity has supported Robinson CLC students and teachers by purchasing the important school supplies they need to be prepared learners and effective instructors. And those supplies were packed and delivered to the school last month ... *see photos on pages 16 and 17.*

**And in July, you gave \$1150.50 to benefit OPEN M.** OPEN M is a Christian non-profit organization that serves more than 50,000 individuals annually with food, health and employment services—all intended to create pathways out of poverty. Located in the Summit Lake neighborhood of Akron, OPEN M leverages a community alliance of churches, businesses and more than 2,000 volunteers to offer programs to those in need residing in the Greater Akron Area and Summit County. OPEN M Health Services provides compassionate, quality medical care, dental care, health education, and prescription medications free of charge to adults who are uninsured in the Greater Akron area.

Thank you for your generous love and support!! †



For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.

• JOHN 3:16-17 •



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CHURCH COMMUNICATIONS

## *Sharing Jesus*

How do you receive and share the gift of Jesus in ways that invite and welcome rather than exclude and rebuff?



*Pictured (from l): Sophia Morton, Tom Baumgardner, JD Sanders, Joan Derrig, Gregg Loesch, Dottie Wise, Deborah Marks and Gene Thrall.*



*Pictured above: Gary Radanof serves hot dogs for folks.*

*Pictured below: Kevin Heckel at the grille with his son, Joseph.*



## Fellowship on the Lawn

The weather was absolutely perfect for Fellowship on the Lawn, a picnic hosted by the Property Ministry Team. It was complete with a grilled hot dog lunch and enjoyed by more than 50 people, including some of our neighbors from Grace Park. †

*Pictured above left (from l): Donna Carroll, Judy Coffman, Joanne Aller, Deb Ickes, Marcy Nagy, Darcel Zuller, Mary Kay Wilson and Velma Pomrenke.*

*Pictured bottom left (from l): Ann Lawson, Don Parsisson, Mike Ameling and Ruth Stefanik.*

*Pictured bottom right (from l): Jan Parry, Pam Marko's son, Jonathan Marko and his family, and Pam Marko.*





*Pictured at our gathering in July (from left): Mary Kay Wilson and her daughter, Jackie, Gregg Loesch, Becky Adkins, Joan Derrig, Dottie Wise, Pastor Becki Verbridge, Tom Bouton, Gloria Woodford, Donna Carroll, Joanne Aller, Rachel Núñez, Gene Thrall, Velma Pomrenke, John and Ruth Stefanik, LJ and Rick Kimble, Deborah Marks and Mike Ameling. Sandy DeLuca was behind the camera.*

## **Our Monthly Gathering at Akron Family Restaurant**

This has become a favorite activity of members and visitors alike! And who doesn't like meeting new people and making new friends all over a delicious meal together?! Join us the last Sunday each month after worship. Each time you go, sit next to different people and learn all about them. You never know who you will meet and find out the things you have in common! †



*There were so many folks, not everyone would fit into one photo!! Split between the two (and a few that were missed) are (from l): Donna Carroll, Landis and Judy Coffman, Darcel Zuller, Carol Mason, Jacinto and Rachel Núñez, Velma Pomrenke, Gene Thrall, Joan Derrig, Sandy DeLuca, Connie Archbold, Valerie Clark, Frederica Cohen, John Catlos, Gregg Loesch, Ruth and John Stefanik, Tom Baumgardner, Rick Kimble, Marcy Nagy, Joanne Aller, Deb Ickes, Gloria Woodford and Tom Bouton.*



*Hike & Seek in July, pictured from left: LJ Kimble, Deborah Marks, Diane Chambers, Joanne Aller, Jacinto Núñez , Amy Indorf, Rich Williams and Rachel Núñez in the foreground.*



*Hike & Seek in August, pictured from left: LJ Kimble, Jacinto Núñez , Diane Chambers, Joanne Aller, Don Parsisson and Rachel Núñez in the foreground.*

## Hike & Seek Offers Many Experiences

These monthly outdoor hikes offer you many experiences - the opportunity to see God's creation in all it's beauty, to spend time with friends (or to meet new friends!), to see, hear, smell and touch nature, and to experience a sense of calm and peace. Who wouldn't want that?! For information on Hike & Seek this month, see page 5. †



*Pictured above: Dave Vowles at the grille.*



*Pictured above right (from l): Sandy Hamilton, Emma and Pete Seltzer, Donna Carroll and Gloria Woodford.*

## Annual Ushers Picnic

It was another beautiful night for the Annual Ushers Picnic, held July 26 at Tadmor Shelter. Gregg Loesch, head of the Ushers Association, thanked everyone for coming. Ron Nockengost gave the prayer. Everyone enjoyed grilled steaks, hamburgers, hot dogs, lots of sides and a variety of pies for dessert. And, JD Sanders led sing-alongs for the group. †



## Farewell Reception for Deacon Ruth Anderson

It was a sad, yet happy occasion with a few tears and lots of hugs and smiles. We bid farewell to Deacon Ruth Anderson and her husband, Marshall Thomas on August 13. Ruth accepted a call in Washington state, and they have moved cross country.

Ruth served as the Director of Music Ministries for Holy Trinity and Artistic Director of Arts @ Holy Trinity for seven years. Marshall was the Tenor section leader in the choir. Both served Holy Trinity, its members and community faithfully, and they left with lots of love and God's blessings. †



**Pictured at top:**  
Members of the Vocal and Bell Choirs (from l): John Stefanik, John Guran, Hailey Phillips, Diann Jenkins, Frederica Cohen, Deacon Ruth Anderson, Marshall Thomas, Brad Crockett, Hannah Miller, Dick Willett, Deb Zudell-Dickey, Tom Baumgardner, and in the foreground, Juju Miller, daughter of Hannah.

**Pictured at left:**  
Marshall Thomas and Deacon Ruth Anderson.

**Pictured at right:**  
John and Ruth Stefanik speak with Deacon Ruth.





*Pictured at top: Holy Trinity members were joined by Principal Anthony Lane and several teachers to pack classroom supplies.*

*Pictured below (from l): Marsha Asente and Darcel Zuller count out pencil pouches and other supplies.*

*Pictured below right (from l): Pat McRowe, Gregg Loesch, William Negley, Rich Williams and Amy Indorf count out teacher supplies.*

## Packing Day for Teacher Supplies

It's become an annual service project we do each August, gather to pack all the classroom supplies for the teachers at Robinson Community Learning Center. For eight years, Holy Trinity has done this and more to support not only the staff and students, but the families and neighborhood. The 'more' includes things such as renewing special reading and math software programs at the school, purchasing books for students to have at home, providing food boxes for families during the winter break, and hosting an annual Laundry Day event each January. †







## Delivery Day to Robinson CLC

Yes, the packing of all these supplies goes quick, but the delivery and unloading of everything goes even quicker!! We were greeted by nearly all the teachers and staff to unload all the boxes and bins of items. And a HUGE THANK YOU goes to Gary Radanof and Bruce Mansour for helping to make the delivery possible!!

Each teacher, tutor and instructional leader was provided a tote filled with the supplies they need to help ensure a successful start to the new school year for their students. That's in addition to all the tissues, paper towels, disinfectant wipes and hand sanitizer for all the classrooms. Thank you to EVERYONE who helped with this project!! †

*Pictured above: Principal Anthony Lane and the teachers, tutors and staff pose with all the classroom supplies for grade kindergarten through 5th grade. Supplies were also provided for the tutors and instructional leaders.*

*Pictured bottom left and right: Principal Lane and staff unload all the boxes and bins from the truck. Again, thank you to Bruce Mansour for arranging for and driving the delivery truck!*





*Pictured above: Linda Vowles (l) and Sandy DeLuca pose in front of a well-stocked Blessing Cabinet at the Robinson Family Resource Center.*

## The Blessing Cabinet

If you're a parent and faced with either paying your rent and utilities or paying for food, what do you do? This is oftentimes a common situation many families find themselves in ... more month than money.

Families in the Robinson CLC neighborhood can visit the Holy Trinity Blessing Cabinet at the Robinson Family Resource Center (FRC). They can get non-perishable, microwaveable food, cleaning supplies, and personal care items to help get them through the remainder of the month.

Holy Trinity partnered with the Robinson FRC to set up the Blessing Cabinet last school year, and what a blessing it has been! Families come to the FRC each week to get connected to community resources, receive financial empowerment information, and get needed items from the Blessing Cabinet. And sometimes, students take home microwaveable food items if it is known there is a need.

The Robinson FRC is operated by United Way of Summit & Medina Counties with financial support from KeyBank. United Way operates FRCs in several other schools, Helen Arnold CLC, McEbright CLC and North High School. United Way leaders were so impressed with our Blessing Cabinet at the Robinson FRC that they are identifying other churches and faith-based organizations to consider doing something similar in the other three FRCs.

A special thank you to Linda Vowles for securing a Thrivent Grant that paid for the items used to restock the Blessing Cabinet. †



***They shopped 'til they dropped ... not exactly!!***

*There was a long list of supplies needed for the Blessing Cabinet at the Robinson FRC. Linda Vowles with her daughter, Jen Dillard (pictured left), and her son, Jacob, headed to the Family Dollar in Norton and was able to get everything.*



**Special Guest Pianist ... Katie Archbold!**

Katie has been taking piano lessons for several years, and she put her skills on display during worship on August 27 by playing as part of the Offering Hymn. Great job, Katie! Katie is the daughter of Amanda and Chad Archbold and granddaughter of Connie Archbold. †

**Worship Stewards**

Date	Readers	Assisting Ministers
Sunday September 3 9:30 a.m.	Gregg Loesch	Linda Vowles
Sunday September 10 9:30 a.m.	Laverne Mansour	Frederica Cohen
Sunday September 17 9:30 a.m.	Dick Willett	Mike Ameling
Sunday September 24 9:30 a.m.	Chris Hinman	Rachel Núñez



**September Birthdays**

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

September 1 – Andrew Anacki

September 7 – Bob Keener

September 7 –  
John Riemenschneider

September 8 – LaVerne Mansour

September 10 – Joseph Heckel

September 14 – Amanda Mormino

September 14 – Judy Samuelson

September 16 – Andrew Numbers

September 16 – Marshall Thomas

September 19 – Michael Jones

September 20 – Taylor Kane

September 21 – Gary Radanof

September 22 – Tom Baumgardner

September 23 – Donna Darlak

September 25 – Fred Spencer

September 26 – Penelope Esworthy

September 27 – Logan Hunter

September 29 – Wanda Clark

September 29 – Elaina Oberdorfer

*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.*

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### 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.

### Address & Phone:

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Akron, Ohio 44304-1273  
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### Groups & Activities

- Altar Guild - Deborah Ickes
- Archives - Ricki Ethington
- Assisting Ministers—Rachel Núñez
- Book Club - Diane Chambers & Amy Indorf
- Communion Assistants - Deborah Ickes & Marcy Nagy
- Family Promise & OPEN M - Gregg Loesch
- Memorial Garden - Sonya Nagle
- Men's Bible Study - Tom Baumgardner & Jack Harig
- Parish Nurse Ministry - Sally Richenbacher
- Prayer Chain - Sally Richenbacher
- Renaissance Team - Bob Keener
- Readers - Nan Riemenschneider
- Robinson CLC/FRC - Sandy DeLuca
- Live Stream Team - Sandy DeLuca
- Ushers - Gregg Loesch
- Women's Bible Study - Velma Pomrenke

### 2023 Cabinet

- Care & Fellowship - Rachel Núñez
- Faith Formation - Amanda Archbold
- Finance - Lesli Eisenhart
- Outreach & Social Concerns - Gregg Loesch
- Personnel - John Stefanik
- Property - Kevin Heckel
- Invite Welcome Connect - Sandy DeLuca
- Worship & Music - Frederica Cohen
- Council Liaison - Linda Vowles

### 2023 Church Council

- President, John Guran
- Vice President, Linda Vowles
- Secretary, Valerie Clark
- Treasurer, Lesli Eisenhart
- Frederica Cohen
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