

# YELLOW PAGES

WEEKLY UPDATES *from* HOLY TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

## What's Your Preference?

Holy Trinity's Cabinet will be seeking your input as our time of worship – Sundays at 9:30 am – will be reconsidered at the suggestion of some of our members who regularly attend worship in person. The gist of their thinking is that a later start time – 10:00 am or 10:30 am – may better suit our older members who still worship in person at this stage in our congregational life together.

A survey (on blue paper) is inserted in today's bulletin. Please take a moment to complete the survey and place in the basket on the table located at the front right of the Sanctuary (below the lectern).

## This Week at Holy Trinity

<b>Sunday, 11/24</b>	9:30 a.m.	<i>Worship</i>
	11:00 a.m.	<i>HTLC Goes to Breakfast</i> - Akron Family Restaurant
<b>Tuesday, 11/26</b>	6:30 p.m.	<i>Derbytown Chorus</i> - Fellowship Hall
<b>Wednesday, 11/27</b>	9:00 a.m.	<i>Church Office Closed - Holiday</i> <i>Morning Devotions</i> - Facebook
<b>Thursday, 11/28</b>		<i>Church Office Closed - Thanksgiving</i>
<b>Friday, 11/29</b>	9:00 a.m.	<i>Church Office Closed - Holiday</i> <i>Faith 5 Fridays</i> - Zoom
<b>Sunday, 12/1</b>	9:30 a.m.	<i>Worship</i>
	10:45 a.m.	<i>Coffee &amp; Fellowship</i>

### Granola Bars for OPEN M

As we have for many years, Holy Trinity will again provide a food item for the Holiday Food Baskets prepared by our partner OPEN M. This year Holy Trinity has been asked to provide **200 BOXES OF GRANOLA BARS**. They will be included in the food boxes and help provide each family with two weeks of food. Please bring your boxes of granola bars (minimum six-count and any flavor or brand) and place them in the wooden box across from Room 202. Or you may donate to the cause by noting on your check "OPEN M Food."

*Last day to donate is Sunday, December 1.* Thank you!



### *Holiday Office Hours*

The church office will be closed **Wednesday, November 27<sup>th</sup> through Friday, November 29<sup>th</sup>** for the Thanksgiving holiday.

The church office will also be closed **Tuesday, December 24<sup>th</sup> through Wednesday, January 1<sup>st</sup>**, for Christmas and New Year's.

### Calling All Bakers!

If you love to bake Christmas treats, cookies, and pastries, we have a great way for you to serve doing something you love ... bake and donate your favorite sweet treats for the in-person reception that follows the Procession of Advent Lessons & Carols concert on Sunday, December 8.

**If you wish to donate, please sign up on the sheet at the Welcome Center.** You can drop off your cookies at the church office on **Thursday, December 5<sup>th</sup> from 9am - 2pm** or on **Friday, December 6<sup>th</sup> from 9am-12pm.**

Please make sure your cookies are labeled L&C.

Thank you, in advance, for your time, talent and generosity!



## *We Remember in Prayer...*

November 24: Deb Ickes (member), David Stefanik (member), Family of Jeff Warner (friends of the Kimbles).

November 17: Todd (friend of Valerie Clark), Janet Peltz (niece of Connie Archbold) and Charley von Spiegel (friend of the Kimbles)

November 10: No additional prayer concerns.

November 3: Molly Phelps (member), Cindy White (relative of Stephen White).

October 27: Janet Peltz (niece of Connie Archbold).

*The names of those making the request will be printed next to the name of the person being prayed for. We kindly ask those making the request to keep our prayer list coordinators updated as to the status of the person they are requesting prayers for. We would be glad to continue praying for individuals (adding them for another four weeks) upon request. If you have updates or additions to the prayer list, please contact Sally Richenbacher, Rachel Núñez, or Pastor Becki Verbridge.*



Altar Flowers

*The flowers on the altar today are given To the Glory of God by Carolyn & Ray Mason.*

## November Love Offering

Our Love Offering for the month of November will go to support Dare to Love More (DLM) Ministries purchase hygiene products. Items needed are: Body wash, Toothpaste, Deodorant, and Body Lotion. As was reported at the Semi-Annual Congregational Meeting, DLM recently received 501c3 status, and is now officially a not-for-profit organization. Holy Trinity will continue to support DLM with financial assistance, with space in our building, and with volunteer help. Holy Trinity partnered with Project Rise to help DLM open its doors seven years ago. We celebrate how this ministry has grown and expanded since then!

## **Collaboration with Faith Lutheran Church...**



Since July, Holy Trinity Lutheran Church Akron and Faith Lutheran Church Fairlawn have been holding monthly collaborative events.

These collaborative events will end with “Midweek Devotions and Lunch” in November at Faith led by Rachel Núñez and the “Festival Lessons and Carols” concert in December at Holy Trinity — please see details on the previous page. The goal of this six-month series of events has been to strengthen both congregations’ relationships with one another through intentional interaction.

The logical question is “*What’s next?*” First though, please note what **is not planned**. The focus at this time is not on combining the two congregations; both will continue to maintain their buildings and to hold weekly worship services. What **is being discussed** is sharing staff – including pastoral staff – and ministry.

Later in November, the two Church Councils and a few other designated leaders from both congregations will meet with Pastor Jonathan Stufft, Assistant to the Bishop of the Northeastern Ohio Synod, for a “Visioning Session” to identify the opportunities and challenges an ongoing collaboration might hold. Depending on the feedback, “Listening Sessions” with/for other interested congregation members *may* be held in January and February 2025.

Participation by other ELCA congregations with Faith Lutheran Church and Holy Trinity Lutheran Church is not planned at this time, although that continues to be a future possibility.

In the meantime, you are invited to participate in and attend our final two collaborative events being held in November and December.