

HIGHLIGHTS

THE MONTHLY MAGAZINE *of* HOLY TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

March / April 2024



God's Grace for All to See

Pictured is Holy Trinity's magnificent Rose Window in all its colorful splendor



Holy Week

It is the most holy time on the Christian calendar. And you are invited to immerse yourself in Holy Week worship (Palm Sunday, March 24, through Easter Sunday, March 31) as we come face-to-face with the passion and victory at the heart of our salvation.

New this year ... we will worship together with Faith Lutheran Church for the 'Procession of the Cross' Good Friday evening service (details below). You are invited to join us for all services either in-person or online. The livestream is accessible on our website (www.holytrinityakron.org/live), on Facebook Live, and on our YouTube channel. For those participating online, bulletins for all these services will be available for download from our website as we get closer to those days, as well as being accessible via our MidWeek Word emailing. They will also be mailed to those who do not have computer access or who otherwise request it.

**We encourage you not only to join us, but to invite friends and neighbors.
We have good news to share and celebrate together! +**



**Sunday, March 24, 9:30 a.m.
@ Holy Trinity**

Palm Sunday

Passion Reading and Holy Communion
(In Person and Online)



Good Friday

**Friday, March 29
12 p.m. @ Holy Trinity**

Procession of the Cross

7 p.m. @ Faith Lutheran Church
2726 W. Market Street, Akron
Featuring the combined choirs of Faith Lutheran Church & Holy Trinity Lutheran Church
(Both are In Person and Online)



**Thursday, March 28, 7 p.m.
@ Holy Trinity**

Maundy Thursday

A Service of Hand Washing and Holy Communion
(In Person & Online)



**Sunday, March 31, 9:30 a.m.
@ Holy Trinity**

Easter Sunday

A festive liturgy celebrating the Resurrection of our Lord
(In Person and Online)

**Join us for a continental-style Easter Breakfast at 8:30 a.m.
on Easter Sunday, March 31 in the Chapel Lounge**

2023 Congregation Stats



270

of Confirmed Members



32

of Baptized Members



69

Average weekly in-person
worship attendance



183

Average weekly online
worship attendance



50

Number of members
actively involved in
congregational life (small
groups, choirs, other)

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT

Highlights to be Published Bi-Monthly

As of this edition, *Highlights* will become a bi-monthly publication (January/February, March/April, May/June, July/August, September/October, November/December). This is due in large part to the considerable number of hours each issue takes to produce. Please know that you will be kept up-to-date with all that is happening at Holy Trinity through our *Midweek Word* digital newsletter and a return of the *Yellow Pages* to our weekly worship bulletins. †



Spring Cleaning

Create in me a clen heart, O God, and put a new and right spirit within me. (Psalm 51:10)

Old fashioned spring cleaning used to mean throwing open all the windows, hanging bedding out on the clothesline, and taking carpets outdoors to beat the winter's dust out of them. Fresh air and sunlight brought cleansing and renewal.

I see Lent as an annual spring cleaning of the soul as we open the windows of our hearts, reflect, and repent. This year I am using *Prayers for Lent* by Pamela C. Hawkins as a guide. The following prayer really speaks to me:

*O God, who makes all things new,
new stars, new dust, new life;
take my heart,
every hardened edge and measured beat,
and create something new in me.
I need your newness, God,
the rough parts of me made smooth;
the stagnant, stirred;
the stuck, freed;
the unkind, forgiven.
And then, by the power of your Spirit,
I need to be turned toward Love again.
Amen.*

I hope you will join us this Lent as we intentionally seek the cleansing, forgiveness, and renewal God offers us in Jesus Christ! †

Blessings!
Pastor Becki

Have a Beautiful, Terrible Lent!

Lenten Mid-Week Devotions & Lunch

Wednesdays @ 11:30 a.m.

Join us each Wednesday through March 27 for midweek Lenten devotions and a meal together in Room 202. This year we will be meditating and discussing selections from *Have a Beautiful, Terrible Lent!* by Kate Bowler.

Lent marks the forty days leading up to Jesus' execution and surprising return to life three days later. It is a practice that began during the fourth century as a way to prepare Christians for the holiest, hardest days of our story.

During Lent, we ask God to show us the world as it is. We begin on Ash Wednesday with the reality of our finitude rubbed on our foreheads – from dust we were made, to dust we shall return. Then, we walk through that reality in a kind of dress rehearsal. It is the downward slope of God – the Great Descent. The whole church must descend to the depths with their savior. Frankly, Lent is my favorite part of the church calendar. Suddenly, all of us are on the losing team. And we look at each other with well-earned wonder, horror, and awe. We begin to tell each other the truth again: life is so beautiful and life is so hard. For everyone.

Of course, the cross isn't the end of the story. But this season of grief is carved out to acknowledge the reality of Jesus' sacrifice. Our savior knew pain and grief and despair, and so do we. Easter is coming, yes. But for now, we sit in the ashes of our broken dreams and broken hearts, knowing that God sits here with us.

If you have any questions or would like more information, please contact Rachel Núñez, Director of Faith Formation, rmunez@holyltrinityakron.org or call/text (330) 634-6597. †



What a group!! There were 26 people who attended the first Lenten Midweek Devos & Lunch. Join us each week!!

New LIFT Opportunity in March!

Second Sundays

4 – 6 p.m. in the Chapel Lounge

Join us for a time of informal worship, storytelling, and a meal together!
Hands-on faith and community building for ALL AGES!

Our theme for 2024 is

God's World in Community: Gifts of the Spirit

March 10: Love, Mark 12: 29-31

April 14: Joy, Matthew 5: 11-12

May 12: Peace, Romans 5: 1 & Matthew 5: 9

June 9: Patience, Ephesians 4: 2

July 14: Kindness, 2 Timothy 2: 24

August 11: Generosity, 2 Corinthians 9: 11

September 8: Faithfulness, Philippians 1: 27

October 13: Gentleness, Philippians 4: 5

November 10: Self-Control, 2 Timothy 1: 7

Our time together will take place in the Chapel Lounge and includes Holy Communion!

This is a wonderful opportunity to INVITE a friend or family member, WELCOME them to our faith community, and CONNECT them to Jesus through love and the word of God.



If you have questions or need additional information, contact Rachel Núñez, Director of Faith Formation, at (330) 634-6597 or by email at munez@holytrinityakron.org. +

FAITH FORMATION

FAITH 5

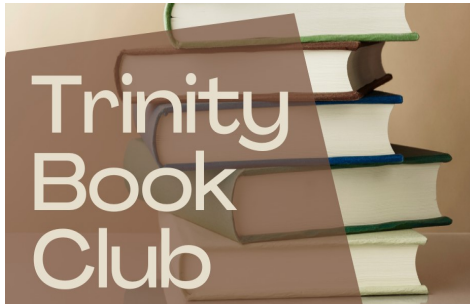
Faith5 Fridays @ 9 a.m. via Zoom

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@holytrinityakron.org or call/text (330) 634-6597. †



Saturday, March 16 & April 20, 8:30 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, March 17 & April 21, at 11 a.m. after worship in the Scharf Library

At the March gathering, the group will discuss *The Orchid Thief* by Susan Orlean. And in April, the group will discuss *The Sweetness of Water* by Nathan Harris. Bring a snack or grab a coffee hour treat and join us for a lively discussion. If you have questions, call the church office at (330) 376-5154 or contact Amy Indorf or Diane Chambers directly. †



Holy Trinity Goes to Breakfast Sunday, March 24 following worship

We are heading back to one of our favorite places, Akron Family Restaurant, 250 W. Market Street, Akron! Join us as we gather in the back-meeting room for a time of food & fellowship! There is plenty of room, so **INVITE** a friend to come along!

NOTE: The Invite Welcome Connect Ministry Team will host Breakfast at its launch event at the church on Sunday, April 28. See page 13 for details. †



Morning Devotions

Join us each Thursday at 9 a.m. via Facebook LIVE for Morning Devotions. It is a time for us to gather and listen, learn, and focus on God and what He has in store for our lives. †



Sunday LIFT

(Living In Faith Together)
following worship in the Scharf Library

March 3 - *Habits Transform Our Faith*

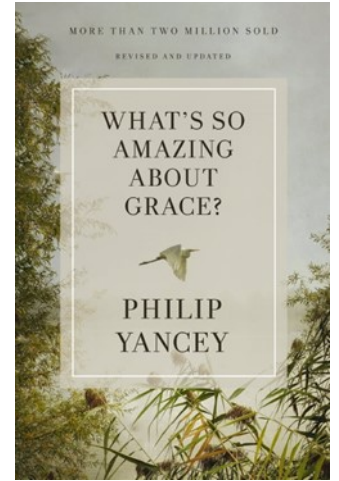
We are going to look at five habits we all have and wonder together how they might challenge us to live out our faith in more tangible ways in our everyday life. How are we integrating these habits to help build community and journey alongside others? †

April 7 - No Sunday LIFT

Women's Bible Study

Saturday, April 20 @ 9 a.m.

All women are invited!! We will gather in the meeting room at Porchlight Coffee – 798 Grant Street, Akron @ 9 a.m. for a time of fellowship followed by study based on the book, *What's So Amazing About Grace?* by Philip Yancey. Millions of lives have been changed by award-winning author Philip Yancey's poignant exploration of grace at street level. In this revised and updated edition of his classic book, Yancey offers true portraits of grace's life-changing power. With powerful stories, rich theology, and practical suggestions, Yancey challenges us to become living answers to a world that desperately needs to know, *What's So Amazing About Grace?* Join us for a time of fellowship and lively discussion!



Books are available in the church office. The cost is \$10. If you have any questions, please contact Rachel Núñez, Director of Faith Formation, at (330) 634-6597 or by email at rnunez@holytrinityakron.org. †

NOTE: Women's Bible Study will not meet in March due to the Women's Lenten Retreat. See page 8 for details.



Join us in March and April to enjoy God's grace and creation! We will gather near the trail head for a brief devotion and then hike 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. †

Saturday, March 9 @ 9 a.m.

Seiberling Nature Realm, 1828 Smith Road, Akron

Saturday, April 13 @ 9 a.m.

Brandywine Falls, 8176 Brandywine Road, Northfield



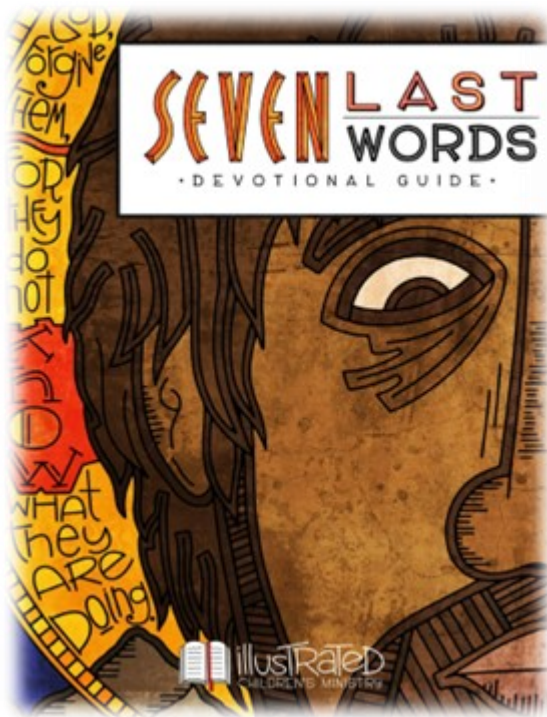
The Daily Examen

The Daily Examen is an ancient way to reflect on your day. To practice it, answer four questions (below). When practicing the Examen in your family or in a group, you can go through the questions one at a time, or you can have each person answer all four questions before moving on to the next person.

1. **Was there something memorable that happened to you today?** Remember one moment from today by taking a picture of it in your mind. Describe the picture with as much detail as possible.
2. **Was there a time when you felt close to God today?** Something of beauty, someone being or showing kindness, or you being at peace. Describe this moment and how you felt.
3. **Was there a time when you felt far from God today?** Feeling sad, lonely, anxious, or unsettled or perhaps you witnessed someone being unkind to another. Describe this moment and how you felt.
4. **What from today are you grateful for?** Think of reasons to be grateful, from the deep and profound to the ordinary things you might take for granted.

End the exercise with a few moments of silents and by saying 'Amen.' †

From Faithful Families for Lent, Easter & Resurrection.



Women's Lenten Retreat

Saturday, March 16 @ Holy Trinity

9 a.m. – 1 p.m. (includes continental breakfast and light lunch)

Cost is \$10 and may be paid the day of the retreat

Please register at the registration table

on the following Sundays – March 3 and 10

You may also call the church office at (330) 376-5154

Seven Last Words – Devotional Guide by Illustrated Ministries

The seven last words of Jesus from the cross, also known as the sayings of Jesus on the cross, are commonly used in churches around the world during Lent, specifically on Good Friday.

During our time together, we will focus on one word chosen from each of the seven sayings and wonder together how we can connect Jesus' life-giving words from the cross to our daily lives today. These words are:

- **KNOW** – God, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing. Luke 23: 34
- **TRUTH** – Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise. Luke 23: 43
- **HERE** – Here is your son. Here is your mother. John 19: 26-27
- **FORSAKEN** – My God, My God, why have you forsaken me? Matthew 27: 46
- **THIRSTY** – I am thirst. John 19: 28
- **FINISHED** – It is finished. John 19: 30
- **COMMEND** – God, into your hands I commend my spirit. Luke 23: 46
- **BELIEVE** – focus on Luke 24: 10-11

Who do you know?! This retreat provides a wonderful opportunity for you to invite a friend or family member to join you! †

DLM by the Numbers

DLM Food & Resources provides 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.

DLM served the following during February ...



135 Families



399 Individuals



219 Children



DLM

FOOD AND RESOURCES



DLM Family Night

DLM Food & Resources hosted a special Family Night on February 23 for families involved with Project Rise. And what a HUGE success ... 45 children and 20 adults attended!! Stations were set up around the room for children to decorate cupcakes. There were a variety of frosting colors and sprinkles. Plus, volunteers helped kids with piping the frosting using decorative tips.

“This was the first of what will be monthly Family Nights hosted by DLM Food & Resources for Project Rise families. Each will have a different theme and offer fun children’s activities,” commented Darlene Anderson-Katz, DLM Director.

The members of Holy Trinity are invited to help! And what a great opportunity ... invite others to serve alongside you! †



Pictured at top: DLM’s Family Night for Project Rise families.

Pictured above: Jen Shaver from Little Loves Cakery helped a child with decorating a cupcake.

Pictured at left: A family who attended the event.

ARTS @ HOLY TRINITY

— 40th Anniversary —

**FREE
Concert!**

*Four decades of
bringing music to
the community.*

Organist

Renée Anne Louprette

**Sunday
April 28
4 p.m.**

Distinguished award-winner Renée Anne Louprette maintains an international career as recitalist, collaborative artist, conductor, and teacher. She is a 2022 U.S.-Romanian Fulbright Scholar and Assistant Professor of Music and College Organist at Bard College in upstate New York where she directs the Bard Baroque Ensemble. She is director of the National Competition in Organ Improvisation.

WATCH THE LIVE STREAM

artsholytrinity.org

ATTEND IN-PERSON

Holy Trinity Lutheran Church

Doors open 30 minutes prior. For details, visit artsholytrinity.org.

Funding for the 2023-2024 Arts @ Holy Trinity provided in part by



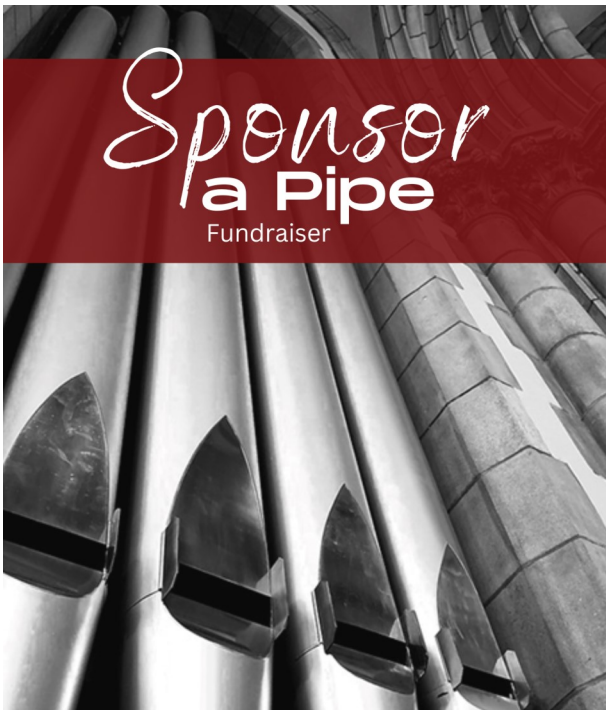
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COUNCIL**





Sponsor A Pipe Fundraiser

As you know, Arts @ Holy Trinity is celebrating it's 40th Anniversary this concert season. Our 4,551-pipe organ has been the focal instrument for most of the concerts. In celebration of this milestone, we are hosting a **Sponsor-A-Pipe Fundraiser**, and you are all invited to support this effort!!

Your gifts will help ensure this magnificent instrument continues to inspire and uplift both audiences and organists for another 40+ years. **Stop by the Sponsor A Pipe table in the Welcome Center lobby any Sunday after worship to make your donation ...**

\$40 per pipe
\$480 per octave

Cash, check, and credit card accepted. All donors will be recognized in the concert programs throughout the season.

You may also give securely online by visiting 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. Our goal is sponsor all 4,551 pipes. Thank you to those who have sponsored 686 pipes thus far!!

All donations received will support the ongoing maintenance of the organ. Thank you for your generous support! †



By John Catlos, Interim Director of Choirs

The Role of Music in the Church

"Except for theology, there is no art that can be placed in comparison with music." - Martin Luther

Luther also goes on to say that music makes people kinder, gentler, calmer and more reasonable. Music is the only art capable of affording peace and joy of heart...the devil flees before the sound of music almost as much as before the Word of God.

So, what is the role of music in the church and how is that music chosen?

Music is part of our history. All peoples throughout recorded history have worshiped their gods with music. The Israelites sang after the deliverance from Egypt, David sang in times of celebration and trouble; Mary and Simeon sang songs of thanksgiving. There is an entire book in the bible dedicated to music...The Book of Psalms. (Psalm by the way means sacred song.) As Lutherans our primary instrument is the human voice a gift given by God to proclaim the Word of God. Music and visual arts and the environment of our worship spaces embody the proclamation of the Word. Music is a servant to the Gospel. Our liturgy is a mostly sung liturgy for this reason. We use a variety of liturgy settings and hymns to enhance the theme of the day and season of the church year.

I believe the Holy Spirit works through music. Is there a connection with people who have Alzheimer's or Parkinson's that cannot communicate effectively with speech but can sit down at a piano or other instrument and play or sing unaffected by their illness? Have you noticed in nursing homes or when visiting a shut in how hymns touch people deeply who otherwise have been relatively uncommunicative? Certain hymns have etched themselves onto our hearts and when we hear the tune the words of praise erupt from the soul.

I encourage you to look through ELW- our hymnal at the various liturgies and hymns. Think on how that particular liturgy

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Easter Lilies

Easter is coming soon, so it's time to reserve your Easter Lily!!

Lilies are \$20 each.

To order you can fill in the information below and mail to:

Holy Trinity Lutheran Church
50 North Prospect Street
Akron Ohio 44304

Name _____

Number of Lilies _____

Dedication _____

Dedications will be published in the bulletin. You can place your check in one of the blue envelopes under the flower chart in the lobby and mark Easter Lily. Be sure to provide your name, number of Lilies and dedication on the envelope.

Deadline is March 24.

If any questions, contact Deb Ickes at 678-353-7444.

Thank you for your generosity!! †

The Role of Music in the Church ... continued from page 11

or hymn affects you. Almost all of them are on YouTube. You might find one you like that we haven't done here at HTLC. By the way, if you have a favorite hymn we have sung or that is not in our hymnal feel free to contact any member of the music & worship team. or email John Catlos at jcatlos@holymtrinityakron.org.

Now, how is this music chosen?

1. What is the theme of the day? We look at the lessons.
2. What are the liturgical actions taking place on the day? Is there a baptism, communion, an installation, a dedication, a farewell?
3. What is the function of each hymn? Is it a gathering hymn or sending hymn? Hymn of the Day or Communion Hymn?

The Worship & Music Team spends a great deal of time on hymn selections.

Hymn selection begins with the reading of scripture for each service, often done at home before meetings. Then at the meeting Pastor Becki talks us through where she thinks she is headed with the theme of each service. Occasionally a suggestion is made that sends her in a different direction. Is that the Holy Spirit working through music? We use a couple of difference resources to guide us. A manual by Lutheran publisher, Augsburg Fortress called *Sundays and Seasons* which lays out any given worship service with thoughts, and suggestions. Our synod puts out a list of hymn suggestions for each service, and we look at a list of congregational favorites to see how any of these might fit as well.

We take each hymn one at a time a debate the possibilities and come to a consensus. Other times, especially for festival Sundays, I will be sitting down with our new Interim Organist and we will look at all the things mentioned above, plus look at our resources for hymns that have festive instrumental parts or accompaniments. We will then inform the music & worship team of choices that have been made and receive feedback from the team.

Again, I ask you to look at our hymnal especially at hymns you do not know and look them up YouTube. You might just find a new favorite. †



The 2024 Altar Flowers giving chart is posted on the wall as you enter the Sanctuary. Please take a moment to select your date. Envelopes are provided in the tray below with space for you to provide your dedication for the bulletin. Please fill in the information requested on the envelope and turn it into the office with your payment. We request a \$60 contribution.

The Altar Guild thanks everyone who helps adorn the Chancel for worship.

If you have a question, please contact Debbie Ickes 678-353-7444. †

Invite Welcome Connect *Kick-Off*

It's been nearly a year in the making!

Join us for the Invite Welcome Connect Kick-Off Event on April 28!

What is Invite Welcome Connect and how did it come to be at Holy Trinity? This is a great, two-part question! Guided by the gospel directive to “Go and make disciples of all nations,” the ministry of Invite Welcome Connect equips and empowers individuals and congregations to practice evangelism (invite), hospitality (welcome), and connectedness (connect).

The Invite Welcome Connect concept was introduced to Holy Trinity in the spring 2022. To learn more about this ministry program and what it could do for this congregation, the Renaissance Committee hosted a full-day training in November 2022 with Invite Welcome Connect founder Mary Parmer. More than 20 Holy Trinity members attended along with several others from area congregations. Borne out of this session was the need for Holy Trinity to embrace the Invite Welcome Connect Ministry and incorporate it in all aspects of church life. With Council approval to launch this new ministry, it was determined that an Invite Welcome Connect Ministry Team was needed. At the April 2023 Special Congregational Meeting, members voted to approve an amendment to the Bylaws of changing the Welcome Ministry Team to the Invite Welcome Connect Ministry Team.

For the past year, the Invite Welcome Connect Ministry Team has been working hard! We completed high-level self-assessments in each of the areas of Invite, Welcome and Connect. We discussed at length and in great detail the goals we wanted to set for 2024 and identified the tactics needed to achieve these goals.

And now, it's time to share this information with all of you!

In order for Invite Welcome and Connect to be effective, it needs to be ... it must be ... incorporated into all aspects of church life.

This includes worship, fellowship, outreach and service. In order for Invite Welcome Connect to be a success, it needs you — **ALL OF US** — working together as we invite, welcome and connect people to Jesus through love and the word of God.

Each of us has an important role to play in the success of the Invite Welcome Connect Ministry. Join us for breakfast on Sunday, April 28 and learn about your role and how we can achieve success together! †

Kick Off Event

April
28

**11 a.m. in Room 202
Breakfast Buffet in
Chapel Lounge**



Mardi Gras Celebrated



Arts @ Holy Trinity welcome the talented Dave Powers Trio and its annual Mardi Gras concert. An audience of around 75 people enjoyed the jazz-inspired sounds of two-time EMMY® Award-winning composer and performer Dave Powers. **Pictured at top:** The Dave Powers Trio. **Pictured at left:** Dave Powers sings to the audience. **Pictured below:** A festive reception was held following the concert. **Pictured below left:** Who is this masked woman?! +





*Pictured below: Pastor Becki gives the sermon.
Pictured below right: Holy Trinity Chancel Choir practices.*

In addition to a Noon Ash Wednesday worship service, Holy Trinity did something new and different. We partnered with St. Mark Lutheran Church in Tallmadge and St. Luke's Lutheran Church in Cuyahoga Falls to host a combined Ash Wednesday evening service held at St. Luke's. And, it featured our Chancel Choir, and Pastor Becki preached the sermon. †

Pictured above: Pastor Becki and Pastor Jim Steingass use ashes to mark the sign of the cross on people's foreheads while Holy Trinity's Chancel Choir sings.





Busy Saturday at Holy Trinity

Holy Trinity was definitely the place to be on Saturday, February 17 for both Men's and Women's Bible Studies. Everyone is welcome to join either group the third Saturday each month at 8:30 a.m. in the church office for Men's Bible Study and at 9 a.m. for Women's Bible Study (locations vary month to month). NOTE: Women's Bible Study will not meet in March due to the Women's Lenten Retreat being held (see page 8 for details). †

Pictured top photo (from left): Valerie Clark, Amanda Archbold, Nan Riemenschneider, Rachel Núñez, LJ Kimble, Velma Pomrenke, Diane Chambers, Amy Indorf and Sandy DeLuca.



Pictured bottom photo (from left): Ken Welch, a friend of Jack Harig, Tom Baumgardner, Jack Harig, Rich Williams, Gregg Loesch and David Hart.



Meet Our Newest Baptized Member!

Harper Elizabeth DiRosato was baptized on Sunday, February 25. She is the third generation of the Parry-Anacki-DiRosato family to be baptized at Holy Trinity.

She is the daughter of Michael and Alexandra DiRosato and sister of big brother Henry (*pictured left*); granddaughter of Paul and Liz Anacki (*pictured right*); great-granddaughter of Jan Parry; and great-great niece of Judy Samuelson.





Holy Trinity Goes to Breakfast

Join us the fourth Sunday each month after worship at Akron Family Restaurant for a time of fellowship and a shared meal together. Our next gathering in March 24. †

Pictured above (from left): Rob Wise, John Catlos, Velma Pomrenke, Gene Thrall, Joan Derrig, Deborah Marks, Donna Carroll, Judy and Landis Coffman, Darcel Zuller, John Hamilton, Deb Ickes, Pat McRowe, and Dottie Wise.

Pictured at right (from left): John Stefanik, Rick and LJ Kimble and Ruth Stefanik. **Pictured below right (from left):** Tom Baumgardner, Gregg Loesch, Sophia Morton and Sandy DeLuca. **Pictured below (from left):** Diane Chambers, David Lines, Frederica Cohen and Rachel Núñez.





Scharf Library: A Multi-Use Gathering Space

The transformed Scharf Library is a beautiful, multi-use gathering space that is used on a weekly basis.

Gathering Space for Sunday LIFT (Living in Faith Together)

Sunday LIFT is held the first Sunday of each month following worship in the Scharf Library, and all are welcome! Pictured above is the gathering on February 4. Rachel Núñez led a discussion about the upcoming seasons of Lent and Easter ... what are they and why do we celebrate them? Why are they important and how do they help shape our faith journey? Rachel also provided everyone with handouts and resource information. †



Gathering Space for Sunday Worship

Each week, members and guests gather for worship in the Sanctuary AND in the Scharf Library. The Scharf Library offers an alternative for those who may have difficulty hearing or seeing what's going on in the Sanctuary. Plus, the seating is way more comfortable!! Anyone is welcome to join us for live-stream viewing!†

Pictured (from left): Velma Pomrenke, Dean & Patricia Keller, and Gene Thrall.



Gathering Space for Group Meetings and Discussions

The February meeting of the Trinity Book Club was held in the Scharf Library. The group meets monthly (dates vary), and all are welcome! †

Pictured above (from left): Sylvia Leddon, Jacquie Wert, Amy Indorf, Velma Pomrenke, Alexa Sandmann, and Diane Chambers.

Worship Stewards

Date	Readers	Assisting Ministers
Sunday, March 3 9:30 a.m.	Chris Hinman	Linda Vowles
Sunday, March 10 9:30 a.m.	Jacquie Wert	Frederica Cohen
Sunday, March 17 9:30 a.m.	Bob Keener	Mike Ameling
<u>Palm Sunday</u> Sunday, March 24 9:30 a.m.	Alexa Sandmann	Rachel Núñez
<u>Easter Sunday</u> Sunday, March 31 9:30 a.m.	Marsha Asente	Rachel Núñez
Sunday, April 7 9:30 a.m.	Mike Ameling	Linda Vowles
Sunday, April 14 9:30 a.m.	Diane Chambers	Frederica Cohen
Sunday, April 21 9:30 a.m.	Valerie Clark	Mike Ameling
Sunday, April 28 9:30 a.m.	Pete Seltzer	Rachel Núñez



March & April Birthdays

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

- March 1 – Anthony Lupo
- March 2 – Lorin Sickafoose
- March 7 – Arden Cheeseborough
- March 8 – Adam Gluntz
- March 10 – Jen Seltzer
- March 11 – Marsha Asente
- March 14 – Wesley Andrews
- March 15 – Connie Archbold
- March 15 – Olivia Sharp
- March 17 – Carolyn McCahan
- March 18 – Parker Andrews
- March 19 – Zachary Spannbauer
- March 21 – Elijah Forbes
- March 22 – Benjamin Mormino
- March 25 – Nancy Riemenschneider
- March 27 – Charlotte Stefanik
- March 29 – Jennifer Dillard
- March 29 – Rebecca Seroke
- March 31 – John Stefanik
- April 3 – Robert Ethington
- April 4 – Joy Moxon
- April 4 – Aniston Prudoff
- April 4 – Fred Rieman
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