

# YELLOW PAGES

WEEKLY UPDATES *from* HOLY TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

## This Week at Holy Trinity

<b>Sunday, 2/2</b>	9:30 a.m.	<i>Worship</i>
	10:45 a.m.	<i>Coffee Fellowship</i>
<b>Tuesday, 2/4</b>	6:30 p.m.	<i>Derbytown Chorus</i> - Fellowship Hall
<b>Wednesday, 2/5</b>	9:00 a.m.	<i>Morning Devotions</i> - Facebook
<b>Thursday, 2/6</b>	6:30 p.m.	<i>Bell Choir</i> - Sanctuary
	7:30 p.m.	<i>Chancel Choir</i> - Sanctuary
<b>Friday, 2/7</b>	9:00 a.m.	<i>Faith 5 Check-in</i> - Zoom
<b>Saturday, 2/8</b>	9:00 a.m.	<i>Hike &amp; Seek</i> - Seiberling Nature Realm
	6:30 p.m.	<i>Candlelight Concert</i> - Sanctuary
	8:45 p.m.	<i>Candlelight Concert</i> - Sanctuary
<b>Sunday, 2/9</b>	9:30 a.m.	<i>Worship</i>
	10:45 a.m.	<i>Coffee Fellowship</i>
	4:00 p.m.	<i>Second Sundays</i> - Chapel Lounge & Room 202

## Holy Trinity & Faith Lutheran Collaboration Update

As most of you know, our leadership has been in conversation with our counterparts at Faith Lutheran in Fairlawn, about ways our congregations might partner in ministry.

This conversation dovetails with Project Isaiah 43, an invitation from our synod leadership for us to consider the “new thing” God is doing. The hope is that collaboration - intentional partnerships between neighboring congregations - will support and strengthen them as they navigate the changes that have taken place in their ministry contexts.

The next step in this conversation is for the leaders from Holy Trinity and Faith to get input from more of their members. This will be done through small group “listening sessions” that will be offered both in-person and via Zoom. The “listening sessions” will focus on: 1) stories that illustrate “why” Holy Trinity’s ministry has been and remains important in our community, 2) the opportunities and challenges facing our congregation as we move forward in ministry, and 3) how a partnership with Faith might assist us in meeting those opportunities and challenges. Four in-person “listening sessions” will be held **Sunday, March 2**, immediately after worship in: Room 202, the Library, Chapel Lounge, and the Church Office. Refreshments will be served in each location. An on-line “listening session” will be held **Monday, March 3**, via Zoom at 7:00 p.m. Anyone interested in attending this session should contact Pastor Becki to get the Zoom link. A final in-person “listening session” will be held on **Wednesday, March 5**, following the Ash Wednesday service at noon.

Once the input from the “listening groups” is compiled, it will be shared our respective congregations. The leaders of both congregations will then reconvene in April to share what they have learned from the “listening sessions” as they continue to consider the “ifs” and “hows” of an intentional ministry partnership.

## *In Our Prayers...*

February 2: Norm Richenbacher (member), the family of Dick Sebastian.

January 26: Joan Derrig (member), Bill Niemann (uncle of Rachel Núñez), Rachel Cheuk (daughter of the Kimbles), Gene Thrall (member), Sally Richenbacher (member), Jo Ameling (member), and Sandy Plummer (member).

January 19: Cindy White (nephew of Stephen White), John Shea (Stephen White's husband), Leslie Kissel (neighbor of Stephen White), Teresa McGee (friend of Stephen White), Connie Archbold (member), Ian Richenbacher (grandson of the Richenbachers), Joanie Baumgardner (sister-in-law of Tom Baumgardner), Carmen Herring (friend of Frederica Cohen), and Kris Dietrich (relative of Frederica Cohen).

January 12: Family of Jennifer Naader (member), Sue Mullins (friend of the Kimbles), and the family of Mary Lee Fidler (mother of Pastor Doug Fidler).

*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 prayer 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.*

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**Second Sundays return February 9 @ 4 p.m.  
A Service of Evening Prayer  
An informal worship gathering to give thanks for the day  
and praise God!**



We will gather in The Chapel Lounge for Scripture Reading, Prayers, and Conversation. Following worship, we will move to Room 202 for a light meal and continued fellowship

If you have any questions, please contact:  
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## **Task Force Appointed to Evaluate Second Floor Area for Congregational Use**

At the recommendation of the Congregational Care & Connection Team, the Church Council has appointed a Task Force to investigate and make a recommendation for renovation/updates of second floor area. This would include: The Welcome Center, Staff Offices, Chapel Lounge, Library, Men's & Women's Restrooms, Room 202, and the adjacent hallways. These are the areas currently used by the congregation for small groups and larger gatherings. Together, the persons listed below represent all areas of Holy Trinity's ministry. They will begin meeting in January, under the leadership of Bruce Mansour, with the expectation that they will formulate a recommendation in the first half of 2025.

- Bruce Mansour (Chair) - HTLC Staff (Building Supervisor)
- Frederica Cohen - Worship & Music, Invite Welcome Connect, Council, Second Sundays, Chancel Choir, Bell Choir
- Rich Williams - Congregational Care & Connection, Bell Choir, Second Sundays, Men's Bible Study, DLM Volunteer
- Diane Chambers - Congregational Care & Connection, Social Outreach, Council, Book Club, Women's Bible Study, Second Sundays, DLM Volunteer
- Deb Ickes - Worship & Music, Altar Guild, Council
- John Hamilton - Property, Money Counter
- Don Parsisson - Property, Social Outreach, Second Sundays, DLM Volunteer
- Rachel Nuñez - HTLC Staff (Director Congregational Care & Connection)

**The Love Offering** for February will go to Lutheran Disaster Response: LA Wildfires. Multiple wildfires have broken out across Los Angeles County in California, with over 100,000 people under evacuation orders. Sparked by dry conditions, strong winds and a limited water supply, these fires have destroyed homes and businesses and have led to injuries and loss of life. Your gifts to Lutheran Disaster Response equip us to respond to wildfires and other disasters, wherever and whenever they strike. Learn more at [ELCA.org/wildfires](https://www.ELCA.org/wildfires).