

HIGHLIGHTS

THE MONTHLY MAGAZINE *of* HOLY TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

November 2023



'40 Years of Music' Exhibition

Special Display as part of the 40th Anniversary of Arts @ Holy Trinity

ARTS HOLY TRINITY

— 40th Anniversary —

**FREE
Concert!**

*Four decades of
bringing music to
the community.*



Peter Sykes, Organist

**Sunday
November 19
4 p.m.**

Multi-award winner Peter Sykes is a member of the organ department faculty at the University of Michigan, a core faculty member and principal instructor of harpsichord at the Historical Performance Department of the Juilliard School in New York City, and teaches organ and harpsichord at Boston University. He performs extensively in recital and has made ten solo recordings of organ and harpsichord repertoire ranging from Buxtehude, Couperin and Bach to Reger and Hindemith and his acclaimed organ transcription of Holst's "The Planets."

This Concert is co-sponsored by the Akron Chapter of the American Guild of Organists.

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Gratitude

God, may you be honored above the heavens. Let your glory be over the whole earth. God, my heart feels secure. My heart feels secure. I will sing and make music to you. (Psalm 57:5, 7)



Pastor Becki Verbridge

Every year at this time I pull Diana Butler-Bass's book *Grateful* off my shelf. It is such a good read! In a section of her book entitled "Choosing Gratitude As a Way of Life," she tells the story of a friend of hers who was going through a difficult time following the end of a relationship. He became anxious and depressed and admitted that he was in the midst of a spiritual crisis.

Butler-Bass says, "After many long talks about faith, I finally gave him a small book of gratitude quotes," suggesting to him that rather than focusing on feelings of loss, he try to find something good each day, in hopes that he might see how much there was to be thankful for. A couple days later, he texted her a quote from the book that really spoke to him. The quote read: "God, help me to quiet my noisy, worrisome mind in my ordinary world. Help me to relax in the familiar and to be aware of and appreciate it."

Butler-Bass says, "Of all the possible quotes in the book for him to choose, this one surprised me." She had expected something more straightforward, perhaps comforting words about gifts and abundance. But his quote was a prayer: "God, help me." With what? "To relax in the familiar and to be aware of and appreciate it." She goes on to say that he was not asking for a dramatic healing, for answers to be written in the sky, or for God to fix his problems. He simply wanted to see the world around him more fully and deeply, to develop greater awareness, and to be grateful for what was already there. After thinking about it for a bit she realized that's probably all any of us really needs.

"That is what practicing gratitude comes down to. All around us, every day, there are gifts. Whether we are facing a crisis or not, no matter our challenges or feelings, there are gifts.... If we cultivate our awareness to see those gifts more often...thankfulness becomes a regular part of how we respond to the world. ...It becomes a steadying companion, incorporated into the story of our lives. Gratitude emerges as a daily – even hourly – attitude of appreciation for the familiar gifts around us."

May it be so with us. †

Blessings!

Pastor Becki



Christmas Poinsettias

Order a Christmas poinsettia to help decorate Holy Trinity's chancel this Christmas Eve! Fill out the form below and place in the offering plate or mail it to the Church. Or you may use the red labeled envelopes by the Flower Chart. There will be a receptacle in the lobby for the envelopes. Make your check out to *Holy Trinity Lutheran Church* and mark "poinsettia" on the memo line. **All orders must be placed by noon on Monday, December 18.** Thank you for this offering! You may pickup your poinsettia following the 7 p.m. Christmas Eve service on Sunday, December 24. The remaining poinsettias will be delivered by our Friendly Visitors to Trinity members who are shut-in, hospitalized or recovering in their homes from a hospital stay. For more information, please contact Debbie Ickes at (678) 353-7444. †

Order Form

I would like to order
 _____ Christmas Poinsettias
 priced at \$15 each.

NOTE: All poinsettias will be red.



Name _____

Phone _____

Envelope # _____

Amount Enclosed _____

Please check one of the following and print clearly. I give my poinsettia(s):

_____ in memory of _____

_____ in honor of _____

_____ to the glory of God.



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 Friday, December 8.

If you wish to contribute, please deliver your items to Room 202 (labeled "for L&C") by Wednesday, December 6.

And speaking of the reception, if you are available to help set up, clean up or serve beverages and monitor the various dessert stations, please contact John Catlos at (330) 376-5154 or at jcatlos@holyltrinityakron.org or Frederica Cohen, Chair of the Worship & Music Ministry Team. Thank you, in advance, for your time, talent and generosity! †

Join us for

THANKSGIVING SERVICE

Annual Akron Community Thanksgiving Day
Service of the Word

Thursday, November 23, 2023, 9-10 a.m.

Church of Our Savior, Episcopal
471 Crosby Street, Akron

Participating Congregations:

Church of Our Savior Episcopal Akron

St. Paul's Episcopal Fairlawn

Faith Lutheran Fairlawn

Holy Trinity Lutheran Akron

St. John CME Akron

St. Hilary's Catholic Fairlawn

Our Lady of the Elms Convent (Dominican Sisters of Peace)

Akron Area Interfaith Council

Offering will
support:



*This service is one of the oldest,
on-going ecumenical services
in Northeast Ohio.*



Congratulations to Bob Hoskins!

Bob was chosen for the Honor Flight and travelled to Washington D.C. on the weekend of October 14-15. While in Washington D.C., Bob enjoyed two busy and full days where he visited Arlington National Cemetery, the various memorials and attended a special banquet.

Bob served in the US Navy from 1962-1965 on the USS Piedmont (Destroyer) where he served as a Yeoman for the Command Officer. Following, Bob served with the US Marshals Court in the South Pacific.

Honor Flights are an opportunity to honor and thank the Americans who secured our freedom by bringing them to the nation's capital to see the memorials that commemorate their service. Since 2005, the Honor Flight Network has helped make it possible for more than 200,000 veterans from all services to visit Washington and other memorial sites from more than 130 locations across the country.

This is a tremendous honor for Bob, and we wish to recognize and thank him for his service! †

Welcome, New Members

We welcomed the following new members who were received at Holy Trinity on Sunday, October 29: Lynda Farkas, Adam Gluntz, William Negley, and Darcel Zuller. †



Pastor Becki leads the presentation of new members as they affirm their baptisms while standing next to their sponsors. Pictured (from l): William Negley, Jack Harig, Lynda Farkas, Frederica Cohen, Adam Gluntz, Pastor Becki, Darcel Zuller and Gloria Woodford.



Pictured (l to r) are Holy Trinity's newest members: Lynda Farkas, Darcel Zuller, William Negley and Adam Gluntz.



**CHURCH
DIRECTORY**

Updated Church Directories Now Available!

Updated church directories are now available! You may pick one up in the church office. You may also contact Annmarie Demko, Parish Secretary, to have one mailed to you or for more information. The church phone is (330) 376-5154. †



OUR Covenant

Below is our Covenant that was affirmed by the Church Council as the covenant by which we all will live together as our congregation moves forward in ministry. Those serving Holy Trinity in any capacity (Church Council, Singers, Ringers, Committee & Ministry Team Leaders, Greeters, Ushers, Volunteers, Committee & Ministry Team Members, Staff, etc.) are particularly called to be living examples of this covenant.

As congregational leaders, we acknowledge that everyone who is part of Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, Akron - members, staff, and guests - are beloved children of God and of equal value, regardless of how long they have been connected to our family of faith.

Understanding that we are called to safeguard our relationships within the Body of Christ, we commit ourselves to the following:

- Pray for one another and for the ministry of the church
- Stand up against gossip and disunity
- Never speak ill of each other
- Work through and resolve conflicts quickly
- Model transparency and vulnerability
- Forgive one another when offended
- Hold no grudges
- Care for one another when someone is hurting
- Speak to one another with respect and moderation
- Give one another the benefit of the doubt
- Always be honest in meetings and never seek personal agendas
- Collaborate with others recognizing that we are here to serve a larger whole

We lift up and continue in the covenant we made in baptism:

- To live among God's faithful people
- To hear the word of God and share in the Lord's supper
- To proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed
- To serve all people, following the example of Jesus
- To strive for justice and peace in all the earth

We will maintain and grow our lives of faith through:

- Regular worship attendance
- Personal prayer and devotion
- Bible reading and study
- Faith formation groups
- Service to others through outreach and mission opportunities

We further commit to holding one another accountable to this covenant in the name of Jesus Christ, for the well-being of the congregation known as Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, Akron. †

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. †

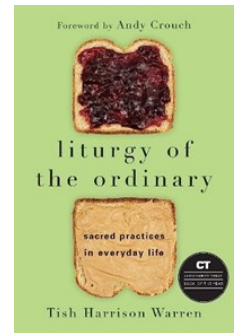


Women's Bible Study

Saturday, November 18 @ 9 a.m.

Panera Bread—798 Arlington Ridge, Akron

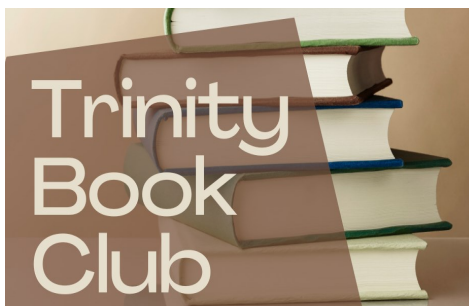
Join us as we finish our study of the book "Liturgy of the Ordinary: Sacred Practices in Everyday Life" by Tish Harrison Warren. Books are available in the church office. We will discuss the final chapter at this meeting. If you have any questions or need more information, please contact Rachel Núñez, Director of Faith Formation at (330) 634-6597 or email rnunez@holytrinityakron.org. †



Saturday, November 18, 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, December 10, around 11 a.m.

after worship in Room 202

All are welcome to join us as we discuss *Small Things Like These* by Claire Keegan. All are welcome ... bring a bag lunch if you like. Questions? Contact Amy Indorf or Diane Chambers for more information. †



Morning Devotions

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

Looking Ahead

No **Tuesday on the Trail** for November

Advent Mid-Week Study

begins on Wednesday, November 29, the Wednesday before the first week of Advent. More detailed information will be forthcoming in the Midweek Word.



Holy Trinity Goes to the Cleveland Botanical Gardens

Thursday, December 14 (tentative)
FROST: An Ice-Capped Garden Experience
This is a new fellowship opportunity, and you are encouraged to invite others to join us!! More detailed information to come in the December Highlights and Midweek Word. †



Cultivating a Heart of Gratitude

Wednesday @ 11:30 a.m. in Room 202 – Lunch Provided

Join us for the first three Wednesdays before Thanksgiving (November 1, 8, & 15) for a time of fun & fellowship. We will have meaningful conversations around the table as we play some games and do other activities around the theme of gratitude. We will also share in a short devotional and lunch together. †

Saturday @ 9 a.m. November 11

Cascade Valley Metro Park
Overlook Trail
354 Sackett Avenue
Akron 44313



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. †

Holy Trinity Goes to Breakfast



We meet after worship at the Akron Family Restaurant the last Sunday each month at around 11 a.m. Mark **Sunday, November 26** on your calendar and plan to join us, and be sure to come hungry!! And while you're at it, invite someone to come with you. It's always great fun to meet new people!

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. There's plenty of room for more! †



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! **Thank you to those who have sponsored 127 pipes thus far!!**

You may 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. 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! †



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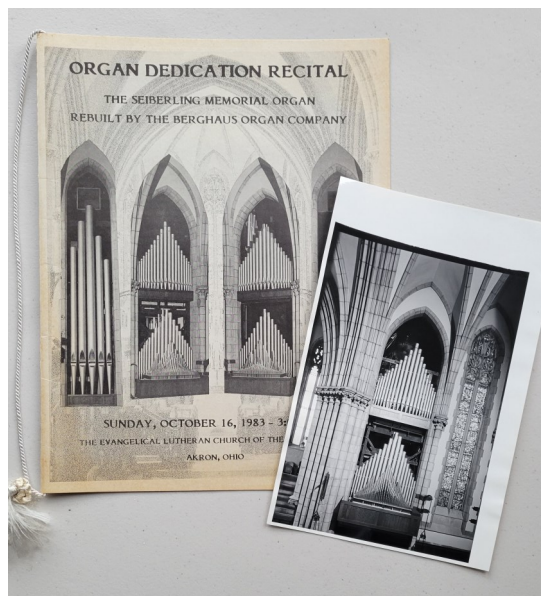
For four decades, Arts @ Holy Trinity has presented a wide range of musical styles and talents, attracting nationally and internationally renowned, award-winning, and award-nominated performing artists. In the past seven seasons, Arts @ Holy Trinity has provided learning opportunities that inspire, captivate,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

To commemorate this milestone, we are hosting a few **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

On display now through June 2024 in the Chapel Lounge

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



One of the items featured in the '40 Years of Music' exhibition is this program from the very first concert, titled Organ Dedication Recital, held Sunday, October 16, 1983. Be sure to stop by the Chapel Lounge to view this special exhibit!

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**Friday, December 8
7:30 p.m.***

Procession of Advent Lessons & Carols

Join us for this favorite annual holiday event that features Holy Trinity's vocal and bell choirs along with our Trinity Brass!

We hear the powerful story of salvation — from Bible readings, anthems and congregational hymns — that moves us from darkness to light, Advent to Christmas.

*Prelude begins at 7 p.m.



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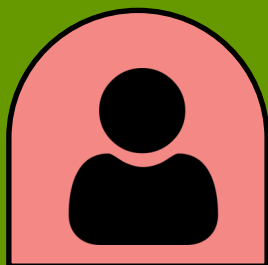
DLM by the Numbers

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 October, DLM served the following ...



216 Families



764 Individuals



394 Children



DLM

FOOD AND RESOURCES



Volunteers are the 'Backbone' of DLM!

Each week, there is lots of work to be done at DLM Food & Resources. Sorting through clothing and shoe donations and hanging items on racks in preparation of the in-person shopping that takes place each week. Sorting through and preparing 100+ personal care kits for infants, children and adults. Then there is the food ... thousands and thousands of pounds of food that need to be picked up, brought into the building, sorted, and 100+ food boxes packed and shelves stocked all in preparation for home delivery and in-person shopping that takes place twice each month. Phew! That is definitely a lot of work! That is why DLM relies on the tremendous efforts and hard work of many, many volunteers!

If you are interested in serving with a program that is truly making an impact in this community, contact Stefan Katz, Manager of DLM Operations at (234) 344-4700 or by email at skatz@holyltrinitakron.org. †

GIVING TUESDAY

Tuesday, November 28

Food. It's one of our basic needs. But not everyone in our community can get food. Due to a myriad of issues, situations and circumstances, many individuals and families, including children, find themselves without enough food each month. That's where **DLM Food & Resources** comes in.

DLM was a choice food pantry prior to COVID. This meant that people were able to come and choose the food they wanted for their families. Then the pandemic hit and everything shut down. Not so for DLM. In April 2020, DLM quickly changed its processes and started preparing and delivering food boxes to people. This enabled more families to get the help they urgently needed. DLM was and still is the only food pantry in Summit County to make this type of change.

The 'DLM Box Experience' (what its become known as) is more than a box of free food for someone. It's an experience that is filled with love and care as each box is filled and somewhat customized to meet a family's needs. It's an opportunity to serve our neighbors and show them the dignity and respect they so rightfully deserve. It's a moment of hope, joy and thankfulness for families when a food box is delivered to their doorsteps. Yes, DLM is so much more.

DLM stands for 'Dare to Love More.' **On Giving Tuesday, November 28, we encourage you, even dare you, to love more and give to DLM.** Our goal is to raise \$25,000. It's a large number but achievable with your help. Every financial contribution, big and small, will truly make a difference in the lives of thousands of individuals right here in Summit County. Online donations may be made at dlmakron.org. †



Pictured on opposite page: Volunteers help to unload food. Pictured above left: Volunteer Donna McIntosh with Hope Behavioral Health. Pictured above right: Volunteers Gabryella and Ben pack food boxes. Ben and Gabryella are missionary leaders with Youth with A Mission Mission (YWAM) from Madagascar. Pictured below: Jack and Alyssa, from Hudson High School's Service Learning Program, help move a pallet of food.



Men & Boy Clothing Items Needed

DLM Food & Resources is in need of fall/winter clothing items for men and boys and infants and toddlers. DLM is NOT currently accepting clothing items for women or girls. To arrange a drop off, please call DLM at (234) 334-4700. †



Miguel Espinoza Fusion Opens the 40th Concert Season



The 40th concert season opened on Sunday, October 8 with the musical artistry of Miguel Espinoza Fusion. Four musicians combined their individual skills and talents for a performance of worldly styles - Celtic, flamenco, Brazilian, and French. The group includes leader and guitarist Miguel Espinoza, celloist Dianne Betkowski (both pictured bottom right), Randy Hoepker on electric bass (pictured bottom left), and guest drummer and percussionist David Hinojosa (pictured bottom center). Following the performance was a reception where concert-goers met with the musicians. Shared by Kevin McLaughlin, Cleveland Classical, "... the real power came from the "fusion" of individual perspectives to create something new and delicious."

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Arts @ Holy Trinity continued its outreach program for the 7th year with the members of Miguel Espinoza Fusion visiting Firestone and Robinson Community Learning Centers and teaching the students about their instruments and performing for the school (pictured at top and bottom). Their visit to Firestone CLC also include a one-on-one learning session with several music students (pictured at middle).



For seven years, Arts @ Holy Trinity has partnered with area schools where award-winning and award-nominated musicians share their skills, talents and experiences with students. These opportunities allow us to work collaboratively with professors, teachers, administrators, and lifelong learners to share our best resources as we celebrate God's gift of music. †





Around and Around the Table to Pack Candy Bags

Two tables full of candy equals 200 goodie bags for the Halloween Spooktacular event at Robinson Community Learning Center. Members gathered after worship on October 22 to prepare the bags ... thank you to everyone who helped!! And a special thank you to Linda Vowles for requesting and receiving a Thrivent grant used to help pay for a portion of the candy and other goodies.

Pictured above (from l): Joan Derrig, LJ Kimble, Emily Wolverton, Rick Kimble and Pam Marko. *Pictured bottom left (from l):* Dave Vowles, Kevin Heckel, Linda Vowles, Bruce Klein, and Emily Wolverton. *Pictured bottom right:* William Negley with his sons. †





Halloween Fun @ Robinson CLC

Robinson CLC was converted into a 'spooky schoolhouse' for their annual Halloween Spooktacular event on October 26. Students and many parents dressed in costumes for the occasion. There were various learning stations set up in several classrooms, the LRC and gymnasium where students completed activities and received books among other items and parents were given resource information. The Family Resource Center (FRC) provided a pizza dinner for everyone, and Holy Trinity handed out candy bags. The event was attended by more than 100 students and parents. †

Pictured above and below: Dave and Linda Vowles helped pass out candy bags at the Holy Trinity station to a whole host of characters ... Spiderman, Batman, many princesses, Barbie, Draco from Harry Potter, Woody from Toy Story, Wonder Woman, Mickey and Minnie Mouse and many others.



Semi Annual Congregational Meeting



The Semi-Annual Congregational Meeting was held Sunday, October 29. In addition to electing members to serve on Council and the Nominating Committee, the congregation voted to adopt the 2024 goal budget and the Strategic Plan that were presented. The goal budget that was presented is a cash flow budget that includes all Non-Dedicated and Dedicated Fund receipts and disbursements. The projected income for 2024 is \$1,091,155 and the projected expenses for 2024 are \$1,091,308. The final budget will be adjusted based on pledges from the upcoming Stewardship Campaign and presented at the Annual Congregational Meeting in January.



The Strategic Plan, which was included in the October Highlights, includes a slightly revised Mission Statement, 'Connect people to Jesus through love and the Word of God'; Values Statement that focuses on connecting, serving, following and inviting; along with three Strategic Priorities. †

Picture at top: Council President John Guran leads the meeting. **Pictured middle:** Council Vice President Linda Vowles presents the Strategic Plan. **Pictured at bottom:** Budget Chair Jack Harig answers audience questions.



Congrats to Those Elected to Serve!

Congratulations to the following individuals who were elected to serve either on Council or on the Nominating Committee.



Mike Ameling, Diane Chambers, John Guran, and Amy Indorf were elected to each serve a two-year term on Council commencing

January 1, 2024. Kevin Heckel was elected to fill the remaining 14-month term vacated by Gary Radanof effective immediately and ends December 31, 2024. †



Joanne Aller, Marsha Asente, and Gregg Loesch were elected to serve a one-year term on the 2024 Nominating Committee. The fourth member will be from Council. †



200 Jars of Peanut Butter Needed

The Outreach & Social Concerns Ministry Team is once again asking folks to donate jars of peanut butter for OPEN M's holiday baskets. The peanut butter can be any brand and either creamy, crunchy or organic. It is asked the jars be 16-ounces or larger. Donations can be placed in the wooden box marked OPEN M across from the restrooms in the Room 202 hallway. Be sure to buy an extra jar the next time you do your grocery shopping, and let's see how quickly we can collect 200 jars! Thank you in advance for your continued support of this vital community partner. †



Our congratulations and blessings are extended to Brad Crock & Heidi Skinner who were married on October 21st, and to Alex Kauntz & Caroline Griswold who were married on October 28th. †

Worship Stewards

Date	Readers	Assisting Ministers
Sunday, November 5 9:30 a.m.	Adam Gluntz	Deb Ickes
Sunday, November 12 9:30 a.m.	Tom Bouton	Rachel Núñez
Sunday, November 19 9:30 a.m.	Diane Chambers	Mike Ameling
Sunday, November 26 9:30 a.m.	Bob Keener	Linda Vowles



November Birthdays

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

- November 1 – Joseph Davis
- November 1 – Shirley Jordan
- November 5 – Logan Vowles
- November 6 – Jenna Spencer
- November 6 – Max Spencer
- November 10 – Michael Hunter
- November 11 – Mary DeBerry
- November 12 – Camdynn Stevens
- November 13 – Molly Linden
- November 14 – Garry Compan
- November 14 – Adam Heckel
- November 14 – Janet Spaninger
- November 14 – Patricia Woodford
- November 15 – Kristine Johnson
- November 15 – Alexa Sandmann
- November 18 – Tracy Johnson
- November 18 – Marcy Nagy
- November 19 – Cody Sanders
- November 21 – Amy Indorf
- November 22 – Erin Stefanik
- November 23 – Rebecca Adkins
- November 25 – Norm Richenbacher
- November 26 – Pamela Marko
- November 26 – Mary Williams
- November 27 – Tina Deighan
- November 28 – David Linder

*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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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.

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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
- Warriors Journey Home - Jack Harig
- 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

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- Treasurer, Lesli Eisenhart
- Frederica Cohen
- Jack Harig
- Kevin Heckel
- Bob Hoskins
- Pastor Becki Verbridge

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