

150 HIGHLIGHTS

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GO OUT & SERVE



Holy Trinity is helping to host a special Math Night and 'Walking Taco' meal on March 15 for students and families at Robinson. Volunteers are needed at 3:30 p.m. to help get the food and activities set-up. If you would like to help, please sign-up at the Welcome Center in the office lobby. †



Holy Trinity will once again provide filled Easter baskets to the students involved with the LINKS Academy. In March, Love Offerings will be designated to support this activity. The contributions collected will be used to purchase the needed supplies, and the TTTs will assemble the baskets so they can be given to the students prior to Easter. *Please give generously!* †



Volunteers needed to help ...

Saturday, March 10, 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

Thursday, March 15, 7-8:30 p.m.

Saturday, March 24, 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

**Please arrive an hour early for training.*

Please see Deacon Marla for information. †



Holy Week

From Death into Life

For Christians, the pinnacle of the church year happens during the eight days from Palm/Passion Sunday through the First Sunday of Easter as we recall the death and resurrection of Jesus. The worship experience during these days has long been a primary focus of the church's life. That will be true again this year here at Holy Trinity. We encourage you to bring friends and family...inviting them to walk these days with Christ and with us as we journey from the saving mystery of Christ's death to the hope and power of new life in Him.

Palm/Passion Sunday (March 25) will include two services of worship at 8:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. Weather permitting, we will gather on the front steps outside the narthex to bless the palms, hear the Gospel account of Jesus' entry into Jerusalem, and process in the sanctuary. The readings for the day center around Matthew's account of Jesus suffering and death. Holy Communion is celebrated.

For some of us, getting out in the evening is difficult. For that reason, **mid-day services** will be held on Maundy Thursday (March 29) and Good Friday (March 30) at **noon**.

The Paschal Triduum, the three Great Days of the Christian faith, begins on **Maundy Thursday** (March 29). The three evening services on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday are in fact one liturgy that encompasses the entire saving mystery of the death and resurrection of Christ. For a more complete overview of these days, take a look at the article on Holy Trinity's Facebook page. We gather for worship on Thursday at **7 p.m.** Holy Communion will be celebrated. The service will also include Foot-washing, recalling Jesus' act of self-giving service before his disciples. And the chancel will be stripped of its decoration even as Jesus was humiliated by his captors.

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For the Long Haul *by Pastor David Nevergall*



Some days, it all just seems to click. The sky is bright. The head is clear. The mind is quick. The body is able. We move through life with a grace and confidence that surely must be something we've been able to achieve by means of all our hard work and tireless effort. And we are satisfied...maybe even smug...with how things are working out for us. Ahh!

Other days...many other days...are more like northeastern Ohio weather in late winter. Maybe warm, maybe cold...but neither one for very long. Change is the byword. What doesn't change? Gray. We can always count on gray...and wet, too.

Too warm to ice fish, but too cold to water

ski. The lights of Christmas are a fading memory. The summer hillside at Blossom too far away. The "To Do" list longer than we thought. (And who wrote all that stuff on there, anyway?) This is certainly not the glamorous existence we were sure was ours to be enjoyed.

Lent sometimes feels this way to me. We pray our confession and wear our ashes. There got that done. But then we have to settle in for the long haul...for an entire season of reflection, self-examination, analysis of our actions and motivations, and honesty (as much as we can muster) for who we are. And that, dear friends, is hard work.

Forty days in this wilderness is a long time. C'mon, God, really?

Yeah...really. Forty days with the wild beasts, Mark's Gospel reminds us. Forty days being tempted by Satan to try something other than faithfulness to the one and true God. Dumped out there by the same Spirit whose first words were those of affirmation through a sky torn wide: "You are my Son..." Which apparently means that even Sons (note the capital "S") are not immune from being chastised and challenged and even changed by life as it is.

And that is not particularly cheery news until you remember who that capital "S" Son is. God pours out the divine self into the brokenness of this created order in a way that both fully experiences and fully redeems the lives we live. Not ruling by divine fiat from some far-off, safe-distance heaven, God in Christ walks the earth with us to know the dangers and hurts and temptations we must all face. And through it all, he promises that the Spirit and the angels are there to bring hope and healing.

On my best days...those "it all clicks" days...I know this, even if I'm not always able to admit it. On the rest of the days...the long and interminably gray days...I need a reminder that whatever wilderness it is I'm called to walk is not foreign territory to the God whose child I am. That, dear ones, is good news indeed. This long haul we're on is not a road we trudge alone. We have one another. We have the great purpose of the work to which we are called. And we have Christ before us, beside us, over and around us. Thanks be to God. †

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Renaissance Team	Bob Keener
Readers	Nan Riemenschneider
St. Bernard Hot Meals	Michael Wilson
Trinitarians	Velma Pomrenke, Sally Richenbacher
Ushers	Gregg Loesch
Volunteers	Marla Wood Kay
Women's Bible Study	Velma Pomrenke
Young Adults	Marla Wood Kay

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.

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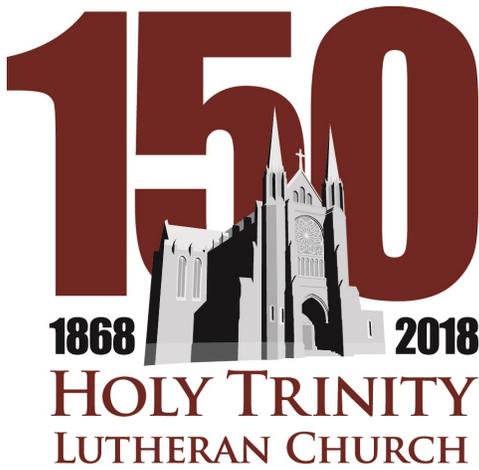
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Sesquicentennial Celebration!

June 17, 2018 through June 23, 2019

History Notes

Had it not been for John Frederick Seiberling (1834-1903), there might never have been a Holy Trinity Lutheran Church. Although Lutheran churches had been established in Ohio, there was no English Lutheran Church in Akron. John F. and his family, although raised Lutheran, attended the Congregational Church. An attempt to create an English Lutheran Church in 1866 by Morris Officer, a missionary on leave, was not successful. But two years later in 1868, Dr. Passavant of Pittsburgh came to town and looked up J.F. who gathered together in his home a small group of Lutherans and as a result, 18 charter members birthed the congregation.

The early days were a struggle, but J.F. and a few of his business friends persevered. The congregation grew in numbers and by 1872, built an impressive church on S. Prospect Street at a cost of \$45,000. In 1882, space for a Chapel and Sunday School were added for \$42,000. The money had been raised and the congregation was free of debt.

John F. seemed to have been one of the driving forces in the young life of the congregation. Writing in 1968, Ruth Simon calls him 'A Tower in Trinity's Early Days.' She says, "His interest was continuous. He was a member of the first council and remained a council member until his death in 1903 ... more than 30 years. No task was too small to merit his attention, no work too arduous. He could be chairman of a furnace committee or superintendent of the Sunday School with equal interest."

John F. Seiberling's son, Franklin Augustus (1859-1955), co-founder of Goodyear and builder of Stan Hywet, continued the family's involvement and leadership. The organ, still our treasure, was donated by F.A. for the new church in 1914 in memory of his parents.

One hundred and fifty years later, the Seiberling name is still with us in the person of Dan, a great, great nephew of John F. Dan's parents came to Holy Trinity in the mid-1940s and their only child, Dan, was baptized here. He and his family have been active members his entire life. +



John F. Seiberling



Frank A. Seiberling



Daniel R. Seiberling

March Events

The Youth Connect

YOUTH EVENTS

- Sunday, March 4, 12:15-1:30 p.m.—AGAPE CLUB (all youth) - Agape Closet will also be open.
- Sunday, March 18, 12:15-1:30 p.m.—LUNCH & DEVOS, open to 8th-high school youth.

YOUTH FUNDRAISERS

- Casserole Sunday Sale—Sunday, March 11 (details below)



Mardi Gras Fun!

Mission Akron 2018

July 15-18, 2018

Holy Trinity Lutheran Church

\$50 per person

Mission Akron is a great opportunity for youth (currently in 8th-12th grade) to share God's love and to serve right here in Akron. Youth and Adult Leaders will serve our community during a four-day camp. The Mission Akron team will serve at local food banks, complete basic work projects and partner with local organizations. Housing and meals will be provided at HTLC. A typical day for the team will consist of breakfast, morning devotions, service projects, showers, evening meal, evening activities and club time. Please see Carole Bader for an application.



Who is this masked man?!



Ethan and Anna Scheck.



A selfie of Carole Bader, Kristine Johnson and Alex DeLuca.



Casserole Sunday March 11

Each casserole will be priced at \$20.

They will be available for purchase in the Chapel Lounge beginning at 10 a.m. while supplies last. †



Men on a Mission

Saturday, March 10 & 24, 8:30 a.m. | Chapel Lounge

If you're a guy, you are welcome to join us. We're reading First Kings, eating donuts, drinking coffee and praying together ... generally figuring out what it means to be a man of faith. We meet the second and fourth Saturday of each month. This is good stuff ... come and be a part of it! †



Trinity Stampers

Friday, March 16, 10:30 a.m. | Scharf Library

If you are a stamper, a scrapbooker, or someone who enjoys doing crafts ... please join us!! The Trinity Stampers gather each month (*September through May*) to hand-make greeting cards for those members who are home bound. Come be a part of the fun and fellowship! †



Men's Lutheran Loafers

Friday, March 16, 12 p.m. @ Waterloo Restaurant

Calling all men ... or anyone who wants to join the group! No experience necessary, you just must enjoy meeting with other members of our Holy Trinity Family. All you have to do is show up. If you would like any further information just call Fletcher Carroll @ (330) 923-6310 or e-mail preegee@neo.rr.com. †



Altar Guild

Friday, March 16, 12 p.m. | Room 202

There will be the usual luncheon ... please bring your favorite salad to share. Hostesses and devotions to be announced. All are welcome! †



Women's Bible Study

Saturday, March 17 | Home of Linda Vowles

Women's Bible Study will meet at the home of Linda Vowles, 6089 S. Oval Road, Clinton. Co-host is L.J. Kimble. The discussion will be based on the Bible Study, Session 3: The Good Samaritan in the March issue of Gather. If you need a copy of the magazine please contact Velma Pomrenke. All are invited to join us for food, fellowship and lively conversation. †



Holy Trinity Book Club

Sunday, March 18, after the 11 a.m. service | Scharf Library

The Book Club will discuss *Furnishing Eternity* by Akron native David Giffels. Bring a brown bag lunch, and join us for a lively discussion ... all are welcome. For more information, contact Amy Indorf or Diane Chambers. †



Trinitarians

Friday, March 23, 1 p.m. | Chapel Lounge

Program and hosts to be announced. All Holy Trinity members are welcome. †



Gregg Loesch (l) and Ben Ruhlin paint wood trim for the living room.



Dan Detwiler measures some of the wood trim.

MISSION @WORK

Painting ... Holy Trinity style!! On February 3, several members from Holy Trinity helped paint the interior walls of a home on Magnolia Avenue in Akron, the latest home

built by Habitat for Humanity of Summit County. With over 199 homes built, Habitat has housed more than 200 adults and nearly 375 children since 1986. The homes are sold on a 30-year, no-interest mortgage, paid directly to Habitat to help fund additional housing for families in need of a safe, decent, affordable place to call home. The entire process of getting a home could take anywhere from 12-24 months. Families who apply for a home must complete 250 sweat equity hours by helping build their home and the homes of others, volunteer with non-profits, and attend classroom sessions. †



Holy Trinity painters (from l): Gregg Loesch, Ruth Anderson, Ben Ruhlin and Dan Detwiler.



Load 'em up and move 'em out!

Volunteers from In One Piece and student interns from Project RISE were at the Akron Canton Regional Food Bank in February picking up food and supplies for DLM Food & Resources. And, most of the food was distributed to not only Project RISE families but to 45 families who visited DLM on February 24 when it was open to the public.



Moving all this food is a mammoth job ... and volunteers are needed to help with this important effort. If you are available to help or are interested in getting more information, please contact Deacon Marla Wood Kay in the church office. Thank you!! †



Joe Leaman Trio plays at the family-friendly Mardi Gras event.



Mask making craft at the family-friendly Mardi Gras event.



Pastor David buried everyone's Alleluias



Carole Bader teaches everyone a special Mardi Gras dance step.

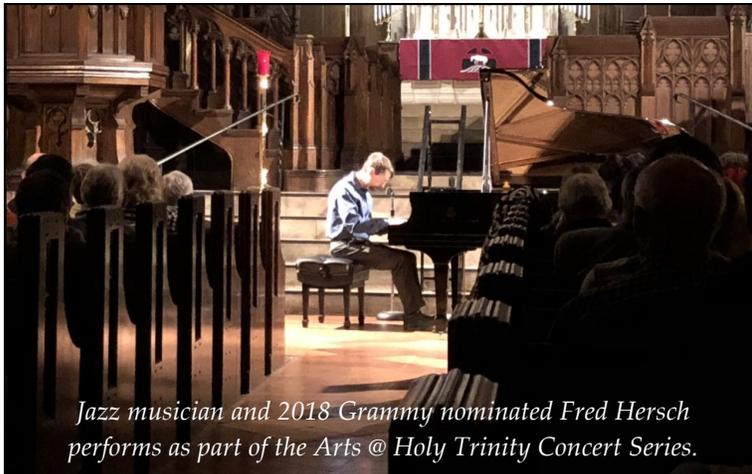


Marion Else helps Katie Archbold and Andrew Kay decorate a Mardi Gras mask.

ARTS 
 HOLY TRINITY
 Mardi Gras Fun!!



Ruth Anderson with Fred Hersch.



Jazz musician and 2018 Grammy nominated Fred Hersch performs as part of the Arts @ Holy Trinity Concert Series.



Guests at the reception following Fred Hersch concert.

DLM Receives Food from 12 Area Girl Scout Troops at World Thinking Day



Grace Kay with her face painted.

On Sunday, February 18th, about 120 girl scouts gathered at Copley High School representing 12 troops in the Copley/Fairlawn area for "World Thinking Day." They collected non-perishable food items for DLM Food and Resources, and the Kay family and Sonya Nagle were there to represent Holy Trinity. Each troop had a display set up and activities representing a different country, and during the closing presentation, Deacon Marla was able

to share about DLM Food and Resources and the families we serve. Celebrated since 1926, World Thinking Day is a day of international friendship. It is an opportunity to speak out on issues that affect young women and fundraise for 10 million Girl Guides and Girl Scouts in 150 countries.

Fun fact: The Girl Scout Troop at Holy Trinity is getting ready to celebrate its 100 year anniversary in 2019. It meets on Thursday evenings in the library from 4:30-6pm and has recently been growing. Contact Deacon Marla, mwkay@holytrinityakron.org if you know someone who'd like to get involved or if you'd like to offer a one-time program to teach the girls something new. †



Above: Cart filled with bags of food for DLM Food & Resources. Below: Girls Scouts visit one of the display stations.



Thank you to everyone who donated to and supported the Annual Chili Cook-Off youth fundraiser. In the end, 12 chilis helped to raise more than \$230! And, the 'Chili Masters' were Pastor David, first place; Dale Bader, second place; and Steve Kay, third place. †





Pictured (from l): Mary Ann James, Marion Else and Sharon Else Ware.



Pictured (from l): Ann Lawson, Linda Yowles and Amy Indorf.

Women's Lenten Retreat



Deacon Marla Wood Kay and Sonya Nagle.



Pictured (from l): Joan Derrig, Sophia Morton, Lesli Eisenhart, Judy Eisenhart and Cathy Snelson.



Gloria Woodford and Sylvia Leddon.



Retreat leaders (from l): Diane Chambers, Rachel Nunez and Velma Pomrenke.

It was all about the book of Psalms for the 25 ladies who attended this year's Women's Lenten Retreat. Retreat leaders Diane Chambers, Rachel Nunez and Velma Pomrenke led inspiring and thought-provoking sessions about the Psalms and encouraged everyone to express their own thoughts, words or ideas to create a personal Psalm. Below is a personal Psalm written by Lesli Eisenhart. †

Ezekiel 24, v. 15-27

*Heavenly Father, Your Holy Word surrounds my being
For you Lord are my foundation and strength
You take sadness from my heart
My tears cleanse me and calm me
Knowing one day I'll see your face.
You have spoken to me since my first breath
Every evening I give thanks for all I have
Each morning I ask for your love to protect me as I
Encounter people who have yet to hear your word
Your promise is my Sanctuary
I delight in all that you reveal to me
I may weep even for all the good you do
My takeaway is your mercy and grace and
May I speak your word until the day you make me silent.*



Amanda Archbold and Donna Carroll.



Vivian Harig



Sylvia Hackbarth



Interns Sara Sutorius and Cassandra Milham



University of Akron Interns Working at DLM Food and Resources

This semester, Holy Trinity has two University of Akron interns, Sara Sutorius and Cassandra Milham, working in DLM Food and Resources. They

are being sent to us through Project RISE, the Akron Public School program that supports students and their families who are experiencing homelessness. In addition to working at the Project RISE main office, tutoring at various partner shelters, and speaking to organizations about Project RISE (and a little about DLM), Cassandra and Sara are here on Wednesdays and Fridays, as well as the times the DLM is open. They have been learning how to order, pick-up food, stock and organize the pantry, register and serve our guests, and will be helping to manage DLM operations until the end of April.

Cassandra, from Franklin, Ohio, is majoring in child development with a minor in family development, and is an honors student at the Williams Honors College. After graduation, she will be moving to Baton Rouge, LA, to serve with City Year. She is a childhood cancer survivor and if you would like to sponsor her for her Relay for Life walk at the end of April, here is the link to her fundraising page: <http://main.acsevents.org/goto/cassandramilham>.

Sara is from Elyria, Ohio. She is a first generation college student and began at Lorain Community College as an Early College Student (post-secondary). She will also be graduating with a BA in Child Development in May. After she graduates, she plans to stay in Akron helping children and families in the community through her work. †



MUSICIAN IN THE MAKING ... Frederica Cohen spends time with a LINKS student from Robinson CLC teaching him how to play the violin. †



Deacon Marla Wood Kay was the guest speaker at the February meeting of the Akron Breakfast Club held at the Front Porch Café. Pictured is Marla talking about Deborah Manteghi, for whom the DLM Food & Resources was named. A photo of Deborah is in the background.



QUALITY FAMILY TIME ... Blinn Scatterday spent time visiting with his children who all live out of state. Blinn's children (from left) are: Leslie Scatterday, Cindy Sibula and Mark Scatterday. †

Holy Week

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Good Friday (March 30) is the middle of the three Great Days. We gather for worship at 7 p.m. as our three-day Triduum liturgy continues with a reading of the Passion according to St. John, Solemn Prayers and the Adoration of the Cross.

Holy Saturday (March 31) concludes the Paschal Triduum with the ancient liturgy of the **Vigil of Easter**. We gather at 8 p.m. as the sun is setting. Weather permitting, we will gather outside on the north lawn around a new fire. The Paschal Candle, extinguished after Thursday's service, is lit and the good news of Easter (the Light of Christ!) is proclaimed. We follow the candle in procession to the Chapel Lounge for a series of readings and responses from the Old Testament. From there, the assembly moves in the lobby to gather around the baptismal font for Affirmation of Baptism. Then we move once again...this time into the Sanctuary where the Easter Gospel is read and the first Eucharist of Easter is celebrated.

The Resurrection of our Lord/Easter Sunday (April 1) is marked by festival worship at 8:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. An Easter potluck breakfast, including a special game and prizes for all who want to participate, will take place during the Middle hour at 9:45 a.m. These are indeed holy days. We invite you to participate, and to bring along others who are waiting the good news of God in Jesus Christ. †

March Discipleship Class Schedule

ADULT FORUM 10 a.m. in Room 202

Facilitated by Rachel Núñez, Director of Discipleship Ministries

March 4 th	The Way We Think About Charities is Dead Wrong
March 11 th	Generosity vs. Greed
March 18 th	The Spiritual Power of Generosity
March 25 th	Consecration Sunday—Breakfast in Fellowship Hall

Preschool/Kindergarten FROLIC – A Foundation of Faith for Young Children

Facilitated by Pam Marko and Ruth Stefanik

March 4 th	Movement & Praise	March 18 th	Patience
March 11 th	Strengths & Gifts	March 25 th	The Holy Week Story

1st – 6th Grade WHIRL CLASSROOM

Bible Centered Lessons that Help Kids understand Scripture and how it applies to their lives

March 4 th	How do we pray?
March 11 th	Where do we pray?
March 18 th	Praying in Many Different Ways
March 25 th	The Holy Week Story (meet in Youth Room with 1st-12th graders)

7th – 8th Grade AFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM (Confirmation)

Pastor David Nevergall, Instructor

March 4 th	Vigil Stories
March 11 th	Vigil Stories
March 18 th	Vigil Stories
March 25 th	The Holy Week Story (meet in Youth Room with 1st-12th graders)

9th – 12th Grade HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP

Carol Bader, Youth Leader

FAITH LENS is a weekly Bible studies that engage youth and young adults in connecting world events with the Bible, faith, and everyday life.

- March 25th—The Holy Week Story (meet in Youth Room with 1st-12th graders)



March Birthdays

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

- March 1 – Mackenzie Kubiak
- March 1 – Anthony Lupo
- March 2 – Lorin Sickafoose
- March 3 – Tanya Rogers
- March 4 – Ernie Liska
- March 4 – Howard Robison
- March 7 – Arden Cheeseborough
- March 8 – Eleanor Alexis
- March 8 – William Woodford
- March 9 – Tommy Ranftl
- March 10 – Lynn Kane
- March 10 – Jen Seltzer
- March 11 – Marsha Asente
- March 14 – Wesley Andrews
- March 15 – Sandra Hamilton
- March 15 – Olivia Sharp
- March 17 – Carolyn McCahan
- March 17 – James Simpson
- March 18 – Parker Andrews
- March 18 – Natalie Giffels
- March 18 – Taylor Harris
- March 19 – Zachary Spannbauer
- March 21 – Elijah Forbes
- March 21 – Marilyn Niskanen
- March 22 – Alec Feeman
- March 22 – Benjamin Mormino
- March 24 – Ashley Keller
- March 25 – Nancy Riemenschneider
- March 26 – Meleah Woodford
- March 27 – Beth Pfahl
- March 27 – Charlotte Stefanik
- March 28 – Aiden Bennage
- March 29 – Gretchen Birch
- March 29 – Jennifer Dillard
- March 29 – Rebecca Seroke
- March 31 – John Stefanik

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.

Cross Cultural Conversation Comes to Holy Trinity

Every month, people from various Northeast Ohio ELCA churches gather at a different host church for an important discussion about the cultural and racial tensions which impact individuals, churches, and our society. The goal is to bring people together from different ethnicities, backgrounds, and cultures to connect with each other, be honest about our challenges and questions, and share stories from the heart that help us understand each others' experiences better. It's an opportunity to practice listening to each other and working through our questions together with the Holy Spirit there every step of the way.

Holy Trinity will be hosting on Saturday, **March 10, 10 a.m.-12 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.** Refreshments and a lunch will be served. All are invited and encouraged to come. †

Assembly Members Needed

The Northeastern Ohio Synod assembly will be meeting on June 8 (all day Friday) and 9 (until noon on Saturday) here in Akron at the John S. Knight Center. This annual gathering is a time of legislative work on the business of the assembly. Members of the assembly receive information ahead of the meeting in order to be prepared to cover the issues on the agenda. It is also a time of worship, learning, and getting to know other Lutherans from our area. In addition to our rostered staff, Holy Trinity is allocated two delegates...one female and one male...to serve as members of the assembly on our behalf. Those members are appointed by the congregation council. The cost of your attendance is paid by the congregation.

If you are interested in being an assembly member, please contact any member of the Congregation Council: Sonya Nagle, Alexa Sandmann, Ann Lawson, Bob Leddon, Liz Anacki, Marsha Asente, Lesli Eisenhart, Stephen White, or Pr. David. And thank you for your willingness to consider this call to serve. †

Event Planning Help Needed

Holy Trinity will be hosting a community forum on Saturday, November 17. Led by folks from Church 4 All People in Columbus, this seminar will focus on effective ministry in urban communities ... something which C4AP has done very well in their Columbus neighborhood. It will be open to the whole Akron community.

We need volunteers to help organize this event. We are looking for Holy Trinity members and friends willing to serve on the ad hoc committee that will be putting this together. Jobs include organizing snacks and lunch, helping to set-up and tear-down, greeting and registering guests, helping with P.R. and advertising, and chasing down the myriad of details that are part of an event like this. This is not an on-going commitment, but is specific to the planning and hosting of this one day seminar.

Ready to help? Need more info? Contact Pr. David. It would be great to have this committee up and running before the end of March. Thanks for considering this way to serve. †

A Look at the Numbers

It is a privilege to worship, to serve, and to give of ourselves as we share God's Good News with our neighbors and friends. We do that as individuals by the choices we make in everyday life. And we do that together by our work as a congregation. That's what good stewardship is all about.

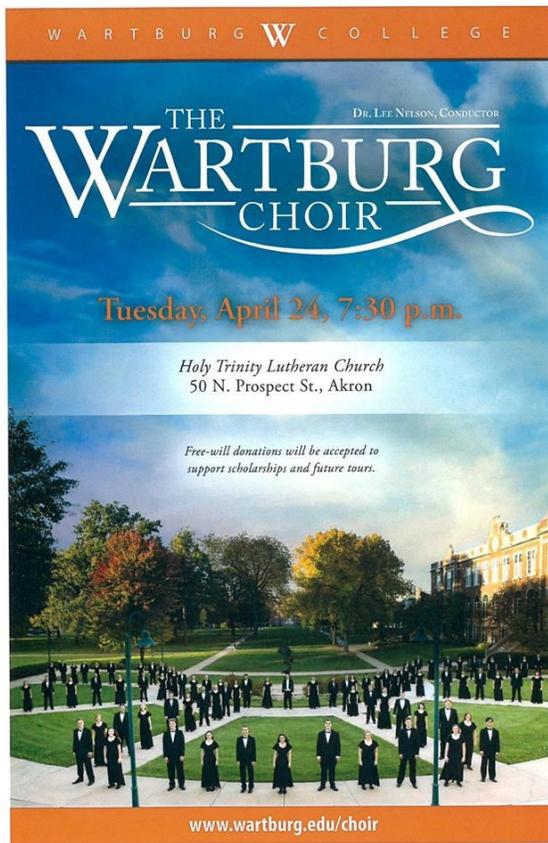
For that reason, we monitor statistics on attendance and giving to the church. They offer a glimpse into the health of our congregation. During January, 2018, average weekly worship attendance at Holy Trinity (Sunday morning and midweek services) was 145. That's below our average from 2017, but up from an average of 129 per week during January, 2017...an increase of a bit more than 12%. Worship is fundamental to the strength of the community and mission we share. Thanks for making it a priority.

Our undesignated giving in support of Holy Trinity's ministry was \$27,417. Our budget target for that same period was significantly higher at \$46,570. Thank you to those who were able to be generous. We would ask for your attention to your own giving habits. We are blessed by your faithful response to God's gifts to you.

And we encourage you to continue that generosity. Join us during this Lenten season in Adult Forum (Sunday morning at 10 a.m.) to learn more about giving as a spiritual discipline and to assess your own habits. In the meantime, we ask you to prayerfully consider your ongoing support for the work we share. Thank you for being intentional in what you give. More and more folks are moving to electronic giving means, and we have the ability to accommodate that, too. Many find that it is an especially convenient way to manage financial stewardship. Contact Rick Kimble, our financial secretary, for more information about available options and/or to set it up. Please remember: Your tithes and other gifts not only pay the day to day bills here. They extend God's love and grace through our mission work in this area and also well beyond through our partnership with the Northeastern Ohio Synod and the ELCA. There is a ripple effect that quite truly reaches around the world.

Your faithful participation by means of worship, work and support bear witness to the significance of Christ's place in your life. It says to others that what you believe is important enough to affect the way you live. **Thank you** for being good stewards of the gifts with which God has equipped you. And remember to join us...this and every week...as the work of Christ's Church goes on. †

Communion Bread Recipe



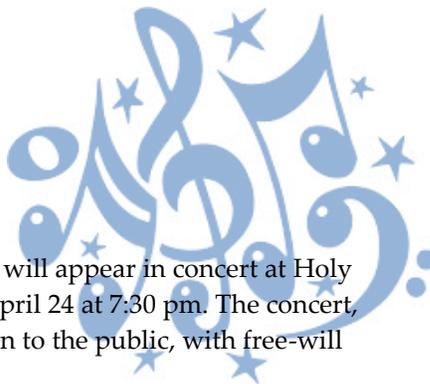
Ingredients:

- 1½ cups whole wheat flour
- ½ cup regular white or bread flour
- ¾ teaspoon baking soda
- 3 tablespoons butter (unsalted is best; may substitute margarine)
- ¾ cup warm water
- 3 tablespoons honey
- ¾ teaspoon salt

Directions:

- Combine the first four

- Combine the water and honey. Stir this into the flour/butter mixture, and combine until you have a sticky dough.
- Turn out onto a board/counter, adding flour until you can knead it. Knead until smooth.
- Divide the flour into four equal parts. Roll or press each part into a 6" flat circle.
- Lightly score a cross into the top of each circle. Brush with vegetable oil. Place onto a lightly-greased baking sheet.
- Bake at 350 for no more than 12 minutes. (Over baking makes the bread crumbly.)
- Remove and allow to cool completely.
- When cool it can be bagged for use later in the week or bagged and frozen for use up to three weeks later.



The internationally acclaimed Wartburg Choir will appear in concert at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church in Akron on Tuesday, April 24 at 7:30 pm. The concert, which is sponsored by Arts @ Holy Trinity, is open to the public, with free-will donations accepted.

Founded in 1937, the Wartburg Choir performs sacred music from all historical periods and styles and often features premiere works of contemporary composers, including Morten Lauridsen, Eriks Ešenvalds, Ola Gjeilo, René Clausen, Stacey V. Gibbs, and Tom Trenney. The choir was named the 2016-17 winner of The American Prize in Choral Performance in the college/university division and has accepted multiple invitations to perform at the national conferences of the American Choral Directors Association, most recently in 2017.

Wartburg is a selective liberal arts college of the Lutheran Church (ELCA), nationally recognized for community engagement. The college's 1,527 students come from 55 countries and 30 states. Wartburg is dedicated to challenging and nurturing students for lives of leadership and service as a spirited expression of their faith and learning. †

Stained Glass Windows Fund

In memory of Larry Morton
Rev. Landis & Judy Coffman
Gloria Morton

Baptismal Font Fund

To the Glory of God
Dan & Carol Seiberling
John & Ruth Stefanik

Bereavement Meals Fund

In honor of the birth of our granddaughter, Amelia Claire
John & Ruth Stefanik



BLOOD PRESSURES

will be taken on Sunday, March 4, between services in Room 201, 9:45-10:30 a.m. If you have questions or need information, ask one of the Parish nurses. †

Environmental Tip:

Did you know that the amount of junk mail in the U.S. in one day could produce enough energy to heat more than 250,000 homes? The River Valley Paper Company bin in our parking lot is a collection site for: junk mail, office paper, phone books, magazines, newspapers and cardboard (please break it down). In 2017, Holy Trinity received \$132.02 from River Valley Paper Company for the collection bin. The money goes to the Youth Fund. Not only that, but it saved the paper from the landfill! †



Prayer of the Month:
May we pray that the kind and caring people of this world may overcome the evil. †

March 2018 Worship Stewards

DATE	ACOLYTES/CRUCIFERS	READERS	COMMUNION ASSTS	SOUND
March 4 8:30 & 11 a.m.	<u>8:30 a.m.</u> Luke Nagle, Mia Nagle <u>11 a.m.</u> Ethan Scheck (c), Abby Mormino	<u>8:30 a.m.</u> Pete Seltzer <u>11 a.m.</u> Christine Hinman	<u>8:30 a.m.</u> Jack Harig, Bob Keener, Marcy Nagy, Mike Ameling <u>11 a.m.</u> Karen Nevergall, Laura Scheck, Carole Bader, Anne Lawson	<u>8:30 a.m.</u> Fred Spencer <u>11 a.m.</u> Joe Moxon
March 11 8:30 & 11 a.m.	<u>8:30 a.m.</u> Emma Seltzer, Kristine Johnson <u>11 a.m.</u> Anna Scheck (c), Ben Mormino	<u>8:30 a.m.</u> Sally Richenbacher <u>11 a.m.</u> John Stefanik	<u>8:30 a.m.</u> Tom Baumgardner, Gloria Woodford, Marcy Nagy, Pete Seltzer <u>11 a.m.</u> Joan Derrig, Alexa Sandmann, Laura Scheck, Jacinto Nunez	<u>8:30 a.m.</u> Mike Ameling <u>11 a.m.</u> Michael Wilson
March 18 8:30 a.m. 11 a.m.	<u>8:30 a.m.</u> Luke Nagle, Mia Nagle <u>11 a.m.</u> Michael Wilson (c), Camdynn Stevens	<u>8:30 a.m.</u> Bob Nagle <u>11 a.m.</u> Ann Lawson	<u>8:30 a.m.</u> Sandy DeLuca, Donna Carroll, Fletcher Carroll, Pat Keller <u>11 a.m.</u> Frederica Cohen, Alexa Sandmann, Amy Indorf, Diane Chambers	<u>8:30 a.m.</u> Dennis Dick <u>11 a.m.</u> Bob Ethington
March 25 8:30 a.m. 11 a.m.	<u>8:30 a.m.</u> Ethan Scheck (c) Anna Scheck, Kristine Johnson <u>11 a.m.</u> Beatrice Moxon (c) Michael Wilson, Camdynn Stevens	<u>8:30 a.m.</u> Mike Ameling <u>11 a.m.</u> Debbie Ickes	<u>8:30 a.m.</u> Tom Baumgardner, Gloria Woodford, Liz Anacki, Paul Anacki <u>11 a.m.</u> Joan Derrig, Dan Seiberling, Pat McRowe, Karen Nevergall	<u>8:30 a.m.</u> Lorin Sickafoose <u>11 a.m.</u> Joe Moxon
Maundy Thursday March 29 Noon & 7 p.m.	<u>12 p.m.</u> <u>7 p.m.</u> Ethan Scheck (c), Anna Scheck	<u>12 p.m.</u> <u>7 p.m.</u>	<u>12 p.m.</u> Gloria Woodford, Donna Carroll, Fletcher Carroll, Alice Bouton <u>7 p.m.</u> Joan Derrig, Lesli Eisenhart, Dan Seiberling, John Stefanik	<u>12 p.m.</u> Lorin Sickafoose <u>7 p.m.</u> Michael Wilson
Good Friday March 30 Noon & 7 p.m.	<u>12 p.m.</u> TBA <u>7 p.m.</u> TBA	<u>12 p.m.</u> TBA <u>7 p.m.</u> TBA		<u>12 p.m.</u> Dennis Dick <u>7 p.m.</u> Bob Ethington
Easter Vigil March 31 8 p.m.	Ethan Scheck (c) Anna Scheck, Camdynn Stevens		Karen Nevergall Dan Seiberling Ernie Liska Elizabeth Liska	Lorin Sickafoose
Easter Sunday April 1 8:30 & 11 a.m.	<u>8:30 a.m.</u> Emma Seltzer (c) Steve Mitchhart, Kristine Johnson <u>11 a.m.</u> Anna Scheck (c) Kazia Bethel, Camdynn Stevens	<u>8:30 a.m.</u> TBA <u>11 a.m.</u> TBA	<u>8:30 a.m.</u> Donna Carroll, Fletcher Carroll, Gloria Woodford, Alice Bouton <u>11 a.m.</u> Joan Derrig (Please sign-up on the sheet in the lobby.)	<u>8:30 a.m.</u> Lorin Sickafoose <u>11 a.m.</u> Joe Moxon

USHERS

8:30 a.m.

Mike Ameling
Bill Bulgrin
Fletcher Carroll
Donna Carroll
Ron Nockengost
Gary Radanof
Fred Spencer
Karl Stutz
Gloria Woodford

11 a.m.

Gregg Loesch
Stan Martin
Fred Rieman
Rich Williams

Underlined name indicates head usher.

altar CARE

Candles: Lynn Kane **Flowers:** No flower delivery
Altar Care: Marsha Asente & Sophia Morton

Communion:

March 4, 8:30 a.m.: Pat Keller/Jennifer Keller; 11 a.m.: Shirley Keller/Pat McRowe
March 11, 8:30 a.m.: Pat Keller/Jennifer Keller; 11 a.m.: Marion Else/Sharon Else Ware
March 18, 8:30 a.m.: Marsha Asente; 11 a.m.: Shirley Keller/Pat McRowe
March 25, 8:30 a.m.: Nan Riemenschneider; 11 a.m.: Sophia Morton/Joan Amon
March 29, 12 p.m.: Norm/Sally Richenbacher; 7 p.m.: Shirley Keller/Deb Ickes
March 31, 8 p.m.: Norm/Sally Richenbacher
April 1, 8:30 a.m.: Norm/Sally Richenbacher; 11 a.m.: TBA

Communion Bread

Thank you to
**PAT KELLER &
KAREN NEVERGALL**
for baking the communion
bread throughout this month.

If you love baking, why not bake the Communion Bread to use during Sunday worship? The sign-up sheet and recipe can be found at the Welcome Center.

March 2018 Calendar of Events

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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Mission @ Work activities appear in bold. For more information, please contact the Church office at (330) 376-5154. Thank you!

				<p>1 9 a.m. Good Neighbors 4:30 p.m. Girl Scouts (SL) 6 p.m. Evening Prayer (Sanc.) 6:30 p.m. Mid-Week Study (CL) 6:30 p.m. Trinity Bells 7:30 p.m. Trinity Choir</p>	<p>2</p>	<p>3 10 a.m. Stewardship Meeting (Office)</p>
<p>4 8:30 & 11 a.m. Worship w/ Eucharist 9:45 a.m. Middle Hour 12:15 p.m. Youth Connect/Agape (YR)</p>	<p>5 1 p.m. Staff Meeting 3 p.m. LINKS (FH)</p>	<p>6 3 p.m. LINKS (FH) 5:30 p.m. Renaissance Meeting (CL) 7:15 p.m. Derbytowntown Chorus Rehearsal (FH)</p>	<p>7 9 a.m. TTTs 11 a.m. Mid-Week Study (CL) 12:15 p.m. Worship (Sanc.) 3 p.m. LINKS (FH)</p>	<p>8 9 a.m. Good Neighbors 3 p.m. LINKS (FH) 4:30 p.m. Girl Scouts (SL) 6 p.m. Evening Prayer (Sanc.) 6:30 p.m. Mid-Week Study (CL) 6:30 p.m. Trinity Bells 7:30 p.m. Trinity Choir</p>	<p>9 3:30 p.m. Property Team Meeting (CL)</p>	<p>10 8:30 a.m. Men on A Mission (CL) 10 a.m. NEO Synod Cross Cultural Conversation (FH) 11 a.m. DLM Food & Resources Open for Project RISE</p>
<p>11 8:30 & 11 a.m. Worship w/ Eucharist 9:45 a.m. Middle Hour 10 a.m. Youth Casserole Sale (CL) 12:15 p.m. Animate Faith (Rm. 202) 3 p.m. Warriors Journey Home (CL)</p>	<p>12 1 p.m. Staff Meeting 3 p.m. LINKS (FH) 7 p.m. Cabinet (CL)</p>	<p>13 3 p.m. LINKS (FH) 6:30 p.m. Worship and Music Meeting (Rm. 202) 7:15 p.m. Derbytowntown Chorus Rehearsal (FH)</p>	<p>14 9 a.m. TTTs 11 a.m. Mid-Week Study (CL) 12:15 p.m. Worship (Sanc.) 3 p.m. LINKS (FH)</p>	<p>15 9 a.m. Good Neighbors 3 p.m. LINKS (FH) 3:30 p.m. Math Night & Walking Taco Dinner at Robinson CLC 4:30 p.m. Girl Scouts (SL) 6 p.m. Evening Prayer (Sanc.) 6:30 p.m. Mid-Week Study a(CL) 6:30 p.m. Trinity Bells 7 p.m. DLM Food & Resources Open for Project RISE 7:30 p.m. Trinity Choir</p>	<p>16 10:30 a.m. Trinity Stampers (SL) 12 p.m. Altar Guild (Rm. 202) 12 p.m. Lutheran Loafers (Waterloo Restaurant)</p>	<p>17 9 a.m. Women's Bible Study @ Linda Vowles Home</p>
<p>18 8:30 & 11 a.m. Worship w/ Eucharist 9:45 a.m. Middle Hour 12:15 p.m. Youth Lunch & Devos (Rm. 202) 12:15 p.m. Holy Trinity Book Club (SL) 4 p.m. Henry Spencer Guitar Recital (Sanctuary)</p>	<p>19 1 p.m. Staff Meeting 3 p.m. LINKS (FH)</p>	<p>20 3 p.m. LINKS (FH) 6 p.m. Council Meeting (CL) 7:15 p.m. Derbytowntown Chorus Rehearsal (FH)</p>	<p>21 9 a.m. TTTs 11 a.m. Mid-Week Study (CL) 12:15 p.m. Mid-Week Eucharist (Sanc.) 3 p.m. LINKS (FH)</p>	<p>22 9 a.m. Good Neighbors 3 p.m. LINKS (FH) 4:30 p.m. Girl Scouts (SL) 6 p.m. Evening Prayer (Sanc.) 6:30 p.m. Mid-Week Study (CL) 6:30 p.m. Trinity Bells 7:30 p.m. Trinity Choir</p>	<p>23 1 p.m. Trinitarians (CL)</p>	<p>24 8:30 a.m. Men on A Mission (CL) 11 a.m. DLM Food & Resources Open for the Public</p>

HOLY WEEK

<p>25 8:30 & 11 a.m. Worship w/ Eucharist 9:45 a.m. Middle Hour 12:15 p.m. Animate Faith (Rm. 202) 3 p.m. Warriors Journey Home (CL)</p>	<p>26 1 p.m. Staff Meeting 3 p.m. LINKS (FH)</p>	<p>27 3 p.m. LINKS (FH) 6:30 p.m. 150th Anniversary Planning Meeting (CL) 7:15 p.m. Derbytowntown Chorus Rehearsal (FH)</p>	<p>28 9 a.m. TTTs 3 p.m. LINKS (FH)</p>	<p>29 MAUNDY THURSDAY 9 a.m. Good Neighbors 12 p.m. Worship (Sanc.) 3 p.m. LINKS (FH) 4:30 p.m. Girl Scouts (SL) 7 p.m. Worship (Sanc.)</p>	<p>30 GOOD FRIDAY 12 p.m. Worship (Sanc.) 7 p.m. Worship (Sanc.)</p>	<p>31 EASTER VIGIL 8 p.m. Worship (Outdoors, Sanctuary & CL)</p>
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THE BIBLE AND HANDEL'S MESSIAH

The Season of Lent

Mid-Week Study with Pastor David

Wednesdays @ 11 a.m. or Thursdays @ 6:30 p.m. in the Chapel Lounge
(A light soup supper will be served on Thursday evenings)
March 7 & 8 | March 14 & 15 | March 21 & 22



EASTER LILIES

To decorate Holy Trinity for Easter Sunday, April 1
Orders **MUST BE** received by Monday, March 26

Name _____

Phone _____

Envelope # _____ # Lilies _____ @ \$15 each

Total due _____

Use the pew envelopes for cash. If paying by check, please make check payable to Holy Trinity Lutheran Church and write 'Easter Lilies' in the memo line. **Please PRINT your message CLEARLY.**

In memory of _____

In honor of _____

To the Glory of God from _____

After you have picked up your order of lilies, the Friendly Visitors will deliver the remaining lilies to those members who are confined to residences or hospitals. *Thank you for this offering!*



Easter Sunday Potluck Breakfast

**Sunday, April 1, 9:45 a.m.
Fellowship Hall**

We ask everyone to bring a dish to share, especially breakfast casseroles, fruit salads, baked goods, donuts, cereals ... any brunch food your family enjoys. We will have many guests who may not bring something, so if you can help with an extra casserole or box of muffins, we will be able to offer a feast for all who come. There is a sign-up in the Welcome Center to help us with our planning. †