



August 2019

Single Worship
Service All Summer!

HIGHLIGHTS

HOLY TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH *Praising. Loving. Serving in Jesus' name.*

GO OUT & SERVE



Packing Day For Students & Staff at Robinson CLC

Holy Trinity is once again 'adopting' Robinson CLC for the 2019-2020 school year! Our support will look a bit different, because United Way of Summit County has chosen Robinson CLC for their 'Stuff the Bus' campaign, which provides students with new backpacks filled with needed school supplies.

So instead, Holy Trinity will be assembling personal care kits for the students on Sunday, August 4. We will also pack teachers baskets on this date. In addition, United Way is also creating a Family Resource Center within the school, which will help provide assistance to families in the Robinson neighborhood. This will provide Holy Trinity with other opportunities to support the students and families!! †

Help Unpack and Sort Personal Care Items

Saturday, August 3, 10 a.m.-12 p.m.
Fellowship Hall

Help Pack Teacher Supplies & Personal Care Kits

Sunday, August 4, following worship
Fellowship Hall

Why Do I Serve?

"My understanding of Christianity, flawed as I am sure it is, tells me that God's intention for us is to live together in such a way that will create a kind of life modelled by Jesus, namely to love and serve God and each other."

Velma Pomrenke

"It is a privilege to serve 'The Body of Christ given for you' and a Joy to assist in all the other ways."

Frederica Cohen

"Just like every member of a family has responsibilities, it takes all of us helping a little to make things happen at HTLC, both internally and externally. I serve because that is what God intended, for us to serve God by serving one another."

Sonya Nagle

"The joy of volunteering is that I get to greet members and new members at Holy Trinity, and I love it."

Gloria Woodford

"Helping maintain the candles is significant to me since they symbolize the Light of God / Light of Christ, and I believe they are vital to our services."

Marcy Nagy

"Serving as an usher and communion assistant connects you with others. It cultivates genuine friendships. Knowing God is my desire to serve."

Fletcher Carroll

"Serving as a communion assistant and usher is a privilege and joy. I serve out of love for Christ, the church and my wonderful church family."

Donna Carroll

"A friend, Richard Johnston, now deceased, owner of Richard's Florist, told me about Holy Trinity. I dislike modern churches. Trinity, what an architectural marvel! The beauty of this cathedral kept me coming back, and then I started interacting with the parishioners ... a pleasant surprise. The warmth and congeniality you display makes me and others feel wanted. Now I have two more reasons for attending this marvelous faith-based cathedral."

Stephen C. White

How Is God Calling You to Lead?

Because the liturgy is (literally) “the work of the people,” leadership in the liturgy is not the exclusive provenance of the ordained. Since the beginning of the church, lay folks have led significant portions of worship. That tradition continues in our practice here at Holy Trinity with the inclusion of a choir/cantor and other musicians, lay readers, acolytes, ushers, communion assistants, and (our focus for this article) assisting ministers.

You’ve seen those who already serve in this way. Here’s what they do ...

- ✦ **Leadership of the Intercessory Prayers.** The assisting minister invites the prayer of the whole congregation. Pr. David or Vicar Debbie writes the prayers; you are free to edit them into your own words. On any given Sunday, we may also add names as offered from the congregation.
- ✦ **Leadership of the Offertory Prayer.** This transitional prayer, led by the assisting minister from a place near the altar, offers our gifts back to God as we prepare to receive Christ’s presence in the Eucharist.
- ✦ **Preparation for and distribution of the Meal.** Working alongside the pastor and with other communion ministers, the assisting minister distributes bread to those who come forward to be fed.
- ✦ **Leadership of the Post Communion Prayer.** The assisting minister gives voice to the thanksgiving of the congregation for the gift we have just received in Holy Communion.
- ✦ **The Dismissal.** The assisting minister sends the congregation to live out the Gospel we have celebrated. This is done immediately after the final hymn and prior to the postlude. †

“I’m going to be in church every Sunday, so while I’m there, I’m happy to do most anything that is needed. To me, this is a privilege to be asked to do something. For me this means:

Running the Sound System—I try to make the worship service an excellent experience for everyone. Ushering—it’s fun. Reading the Lessons—what an honor! Why wouldn’t everyone want to do this? Assisting with Communion—communion means more to me now. Assisting Minister—it’s a moving experience to sit next to the Pastor in worship. It’s a deeper, richer way to experience worship. This is, in my opinion, the best job in the church for a lay person.

Going to church isn’t about an hour on Sunday. It’s a six-hour commitment of time from beginning of preparation to return. For me, it’s the best hours of my week. ”

Mike Ameling

Holy Trinity Members Serve During Worship!



Above: Fletcher Carroll serving as an usher.

Left: Jennifer Keller serving as an acolyte.



From left: Frederica Cohen as Assisting Minister and Debbie Ickes and Donna Carroll serve as Communion Assistants.



Kristin Forbes serves

You Are Invited to Join the Celebration of the Love of Jesus Christ!

WHEN: EVERY SUNDAY

TIME: 8:30 OR 11 A.M.

WHERE: HOLY TRINITY LUTHERAN

As Lutherans, we are privileged to participate in our worship services. Martin Luther was adamant that all members of the congregation could connect directly with our Heavenly Father and serve Him. I guess Luther knew the "warm fuzzies" we get when we come together to do our Lord's work.

It is hard to express the joy of sharing the gift of salvation with you as an Assisting Communion Minister; being an acolyte or Crucifer; the thrill of delivering the Altar flowers and seeing the smile of a member of the congregation who is ill or no longer able to attend worship; or reading God's Word.

One thing to remember....."It takes a Congregation" to do it all. Each Sunday, there is need for Ushers, Assisting Ministers, Acolytes, Communion Assistants, Readers, Bread Makers, Crucifer and Communion Preparation....a total of 31 volunteers. Age is not a factor!! All ages, young and not as young, can fill any of the spots.

Please give this your prayful consideration and if you're not sure how you can help, contact Debbie Ickes, (678) 353-7444, or Marcy Nagy, (330) 858-4995. They will be in the Chapel Lounge following each worship service

during the month of August to answer questions and make sure you are on the list, or lists, you desire. May God Bless and Keep You! †

*"Church is a place
where you find yourself
surrounded by comfort, peace,
love and joy."*

Sally Richenbacher

Acolytes

Contact: Vicar Debbie Pinnegar
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Contact: Judy Eisenhart (scheduler)
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Communion Assistants

Contact: Debbie Ickes
(678) 353-7444

Contact: Marcy Nagy
(330) 858-4995

Sound System Monitors

Contact: Lorin Sickafoose (8:30 a.m. service)
(330) 408-7087

Contact: Joe Moxon (11 a.m. service)
(330) 869-6826

Take Me Out to the ... Liturgy



Pastor David

“Autumn is just around the corner, and church folks everywhere are gearing up for what they hope will be larger and larger crowds every Sunday morning. However, the ugly truth is that churches are seeing a significant decline in attendance. And not just one kind of church, but all churches.” Sounds too familiar...yes?

Actually, these words were originally written not about churches but about live sporting events. The author goes on to explain that Major League Baseball, the NBA, and NASCAR seem to have been hardest hit, but that every sport has experienced a decline...even the stalwart

National Football League. For a graphic look at the issue, check out Empty Seats Galore (@EmptySeatsPics) on Twitter.

But, you argue, churches are not sports teams. And you would be correct. Yet, in an increasingly secular world, both churches and sports teams are considered non-essential consumer goods. Yes there are loyalties to favorite teams/traditions, but the choice to engage is voluntary and made at the whim and current interests of the buying public. It may sting to hear it, but it's true: any privilege that the church enjoyed in a previous age to stay above the competitive fray is evaporating rapidly, especially among younger generations.

The author of the article on sports teams asks why this is happening. It occurs to me that the answers might provide clues to participation patterns that churches, including Holy Trinity, should consider.

Participation is expensive. Going to a game means getting out your wallet... seriously. According to the website Value Penguin, the average cost for a family of four to attend a Browns game during the upcoming season will be about \$430 for tickets, parking, food and drink. (Sorry. Souvenirs are extra.) To compare: Not many folks will spend \$430 going to church on Sunday, even if their offering is really generous. But full participation in the life of the faith community costs time and learning and effort that many folks are determining is just too high, or for which there is no space on the family's already crowded calendar.

A new way to play. Download mlb.com to your tablet or phone, and you can watch the Tribe anywhere and on your schedule. Television is a good option, too. The couch is comfortable. The refrigerator is close. The price is right. And the weather is never an issue, except during those pesky rain delays. Sports teams are learning that alternate ways for fans to participate are essential. Churches could learn this, too. Having a robust on-line presence will be more and more essential in the years ahead. But this is bigger than just having a cool website. There is a strategic issue here, too. Attendance at the Sunday morning service used to be the main gauge of congregational

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Holy Trinity's Staff

Senior Pastor, David Nevergall
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 Dir. of Congregational Ministries, VACANT
 Director of Music Ministries, Ruth Anderson
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Prayer Chain	Sally Richenbacher Wanda Clark
Renaissance Team	Bob Keener
Readers	Nan Riemenschneider
Robinson CLC	Sandy DeLuca
St. Bernard Hot Meals	Michael Wilson
Ushers	Gregg Loesch
Volunteers	VACANT
Women's Bible Study	Velma Pomrenke
Young Adults	VACANT

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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DLM

FOOD AND RESOURCES



July 27 was Deacon Marla Wood Kay's last day at DLM Food and Resources, and her time ended at Holy Trinity July 31. Darlene Anderson is the new DLM coordinator. She has a background in hotel management and has been a key partner from DLM's beginning two years ago. Deacon Marla will begin her Master of Divinity studies in September through a distance learning program at Wartburg Seminary. Please keep both Marla and Darlene in your prayers during this time of transition.

A blessing to so many families!!

To make this ministry happen, volunteers are needed. Just a few hours of your time can have a tremendous impact not only on the families but also YOU! See Darlene Anderson with questions. †

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

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

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

MISSION @WORK

Habitat for Humanity

Holy Trinity is once again helping to build a home for a local family through Habitat for Humanity. The home is located at 801 Valdes Avenue, Akron. The next work day is in September. If you are interested in helping, please see Gregg Loesch. †

Pictured right: Ben Ruhlin cutting wood at the Habitat home site.



QUESTION:

What do the Great Outdoors, Singing and Picnic Food Have in Common?

ANSWER:

Songfest 2019!

Come join the fun after worship on **Sunday, August 25** as we gather on Holy Trinity's lawn (under a tent, weather permitting) to sing favorite songs old and newer. An instrumental ensemble will lead us, and the Derbytown Chorus will also make a presentation.

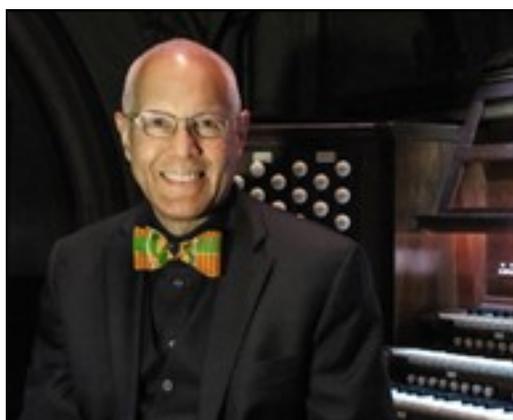
After the singing, enjoy favorite picnic foods – hotdogs, potato salad, chips, watermelon, lemonade and s'mores. Please sign up in the gathering space to help us plan for the meal.

This is a great time to introduce someone you know to Holy Trinity! †

ARTS @ HOLY TRINITY

2019-2020 Concert Series

36th Season



Organist David Hurd

*Sunday,
September
29, 4 p.m.*



David Hurd was named Composer of the year in 2010 by the American Guild of Organists. He is widely recognized as one of the foremost concert organists, sacred music composers, and church musicians in the United States, as well as for his innovative, enthralling and ever-evolving improvisation abilities. Now Organist and Choirmaster of the Church of St. Mary the Virgin in New York, he is a greatly sought-after composer of dozens of hymns, choral works and organ works.

Advent Procession of Lessons & Carols

*Featuring choirs and other musicians
from Holy Trinity & Faith Lutheran
Church, Fairlawn*

*Friday, December 6
7:30 p.m.*

Hear the powerful story of salvation—from Bible readings, choral anthems and congregational hymns—that moves us from darkness to light, Advent to Christmas. Music leaders include adult and youth vocal choirs, a brass ensemble, handbell choirs and instrumentalists.



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Boston Virtuosi* *Sunday, November 10, 7:30 p.m.*



Grammy Award-winning Claudio Ragazzi teams up with Boston Virtuosi members for this exciting concert. Boston Virtuosi, a musical ensemble comprised of Boston freelance musicians who are long-time colleagues and friends, is based in Boston's creative Fort Point Channel in the Seaport District. Members perform with the Boston Pops, Boston Ballet and other well-known performing arts organizations throughout New England. Boston Virtuosi is an eclectic, innovative ensemble. Their programming ranges from Haydn to World Music, to newly commissioned and multi-media works, and invariably circles back to serve the heart of their classical repertoire.

Nando Michelin also joins the ensemble for this concert, playing an

exciting blend of contemporary Tango, Jazz and South American music. Claudio and Nando both teach at the famous Berklee College of Music. Ragazzi won a Grammy Award in 2018 for his CD with famous jazz musician Pablo Zeigler.



The John Tate Trio*



Tuesday, February 25, 2020, 7 p.m.

Legendary saxophonist Tony Malaby (recently named one of Downbeat’s “80 Coolest Things in Jazz”) and drummer Charles Rumbach join established New York City jazz bassist and composer John Tate for an evening of intimate composed and improvised music.

This special performance will premiere multiple new compositions by Tate and is truly an evening not to be missed.



Prism Percussion*



Sunday, March 29, 2020, 4 p.m.

Divesh Karamchandani and Elizabeth Hall
Special Guest: Nicholas Pavkovic

In 2011, guest artist Pavkovic won the San Francisco Conservatory’s Highsmith Award for orchestral composition. He also serves as the director of the Ross McKee Foundation. He joins Prism Percussion, the dynamic San Francisco-based percussion duo that regularly performs works by underrepresented composers and demonstrates repertoire for a wide pallet of sounds available to percussionists. The duo’s presence on stage is “both musically and visually stunning,” affirms Jessica Balik of San Francisco Classical Voice. Their passion for percussion chamber music and for collaborating with composers and other musicians led them to create this duo, which fosters the creation of new works.

Organist Anthony Newman

Sunday, May 17, 2020, 4 p.m.

Stereo Review voted Newman’s original instrument recording of Beethoven’s Third Piano concerto as “Record of the Year.” Described by Wynton Marsalis as “The High Priest of Bach,” and by *Time Magazine* as “The High Priest of the Harpsichord,” Anthony Newman continues his 53-year career as America’s leading organist, harpsichordist and Bach specialist. One of the fathers of the historically informed performance movement in the United States, the award-winning Newman is known for his passionate, virtuoso performances of the keyboard works of J.S. Bach. Since 1968, he has challenged the slow, unvarying and reverential 19th century style of playing Bach’s music and has helped restore the original energy to the Baroque repertoire.



Doors open 30 minutes before all concerts.
Prizes are awarded at every reception.
Register upon arrival for a chance to win.

Join the Arts at Holy Trinity mailing list!

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Yes, I would like to receive invitations to the Meet-the-Artist Meals/Receptions.

Please place this in the offering plate or give to Deacon Ruth Anderson.



The stack of books found by several concerts indicates artists who will present an outreach program for local students. Our sincere thanks to the generous donors and in-kind contributors who help make these outreach opportunities and paired concerts possible. Visit our list of recognized underwriters, donors and sponsors at artsholytrinity.org.

* Concerts with an asterisk (*) include a limited-seating ‘Meet-the-Artist’ Patron Meal. For details and reserved meal tickets, please visit artsholytrinity.org.



Les Délices

Arts at Holy Trinity welcomes its artists-in-residence **Les Délices**, Cleveland's premier early music ensemble, for its second concert series in Akron. Known for their creative, original programming, Les Délices (pronounced *Lay day-lease*) is recognized as "an early music group with an avant-garde appetite," whose "concerts and recordings are journeys of discovery." (*New York Times*)

Friday, November 1, 2019 at 7:30 p.m.
Mozart & Beethoven Quintets—Rarely-heard masterpieces for fortepiano and woodwinds.

Thursday, January 16, 2020 at 7:30 p.m.
Lessons in Love—Hypnotic late-Medieval music from the world of the Romance of the Rose.

Friday, March 6, 2020 at 7:30 p.m.
Torchsongs Transformed—Innovative Baroque-Jazz fusion featuring soprano Hélène Brunet.

Thursday, April 23*, 2020 at 7:30 p.m.
Into the Labyrinth—Baroque music, live puppetry, and gorgeous visuals animate Aesop's Fables and the Countess D'Aulnoy's 17th-century feminist fairy tale *The White Cat*.

*Performance at the Akron Art Museum.

Ticket prices from \$5—\$40 available at www.lesdelices.org. For more information, email info@lesdelices.org or call (216) 302-8404.

Les Délices also presents a series of community engagement performances in partnership with Holy Trinity at Haven of Rest and at Robinson Community Learning Center.

Vicar's Vision

(still looking for a title)

"Help us, in the midst of things we cannot understand, to believe and trust in the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, and the resurrection to life everlasting."

I have led this petition several times in the last few weeks. You may be familiar with it. It is the last petition in the prayers of intercession for the funeral liturgy. This has been a season in which we have had the privilege to commend many of our members and loved ones to the mercy of God. Each time I have led this petition, I have taken time to meditate on it and what it means to be in the midst of things we cannot understand.

There is so much that we cannot understand. Death is a mystery and so is life. In a world where we are inundated with opinions on every side, our heads can be left spinning in confusion. If you are like me, you want to understand it all. I have a tendency to overthink everything and get bogged down in figuring out every possible solution or reaction.

The author of the book of Proverbs speaks to his son about a similar desire to make sense of his environment. He writes, "Trust in the LORD with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight" (Proverbs 3:5-6). How do we make sense of those things that are around us? We know where we are.

In the midst of any difficult or chaotic situation -- even death, we are also truly in the midst of the love of God in Christ Jesus. Often at funerals we will also hear the Apostle Paul's words in Romans 8. I learned these verses as a song as a child. After spraining my ankle as a kindergartner, my mother told me to sing a song to take my mind off the pain. I chose to sing that song. To this day, when the pain gets to be too much to bear or nothing around me seems to make sense, I remember the words of Romans 8:38-39 which says, "For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord."

We may not understand it, yet we are in the secure embrace of God. And it is enfolded in that love and grace that we are able to believe and trust in all the promises of that love realized in the mystery of Jesus Christ. For in Christ, we are made one with the communion of saints. In Christ, all of our sins are forgiven. No power on earth, not even death, has power over us for with Christ we will experience resurrection to life everlasting. When faced with the unknown, may we find comfort in that we can trust in the mystery of the love of God that holds us fast. †



Distractions Can Lead to Destruction: Lessons from Martha and Mary

Written by Jun Amparo, June 10, 2016

Distractions from spiritual growth are common. They come in various forms—material, emotional, relational, spiritual, etc.—and each one must be a source of concern to every Christian, as they all affect our spiritual journey in some way or the other. Oftentimes we find ourselves absorbed by those things that are less important. For instance, one may become less-focused on the main goal of nurturing faith when distracted by issues about jobs, bills, relationships, family concerns, etc.

To add to these, we have gadgets of modern life—television, mobile phones, and social media—constantly competing for our time and distracting our attention from major to minor concerns.

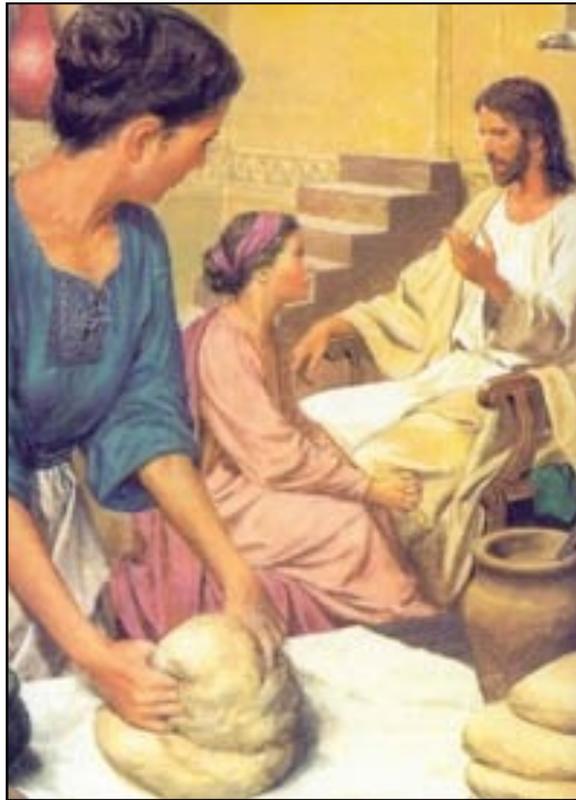
The Bible is full of stories where people were distracted from larger concerns only to worry about the lesser. The story of Mary and Martha is one great illustration as to how we may fail to focus on the significant in the face of lesser concerns.

Jesus in Martha's Home

Tired and hungry after a long journey from Jericho, Jesus and His disciples reached the little village of Bethany, and entered the home of His friends—Mary and Martha (Luke 10:38-41). The two sisters were indeed excited to welcome the guests.

Martha immediately set about caring for the needs of the weary. She got busy in the kitchen. Hospitality is something she had inherited from the customs of Abraham and the historic traditions of her forefathers, and it should be defined by love and extended in the very best of traditions. The table had to be set. Plates and goblets should be made ready. Preparation was almost done but there were always a few things to make the meal perfect.

She still had to slice some fruits, make some fresh salad, and give the final touches to the special meal under preparation. A dozen details needed to be attended. The guests couldn't be allowed to wait. Martha was alone in her mission of



hospitality, and her sister Mary was not anywhere in the kitchen.

When Martha did find her, she was “at the Lord’s feet listening to what he said” (Luke 10:39). Mary’s sole attention was focused on listening to His teachings.

Martha was deeply troubled and upset. How could Mary remain like that when there was so much to do in caring for the guests?

Tired and disappointed, she did not come to Mary but approached Jesus with a question that betrayed her anxiety: “Lord, don’t you care that my sister has left me to do the work by myself? Tell her to help me!” (Luke 10:40).

Martha’s query was legitimate. But Jesus’ answer must have come as a surprise to her. The Lord commended Mary over Martha. “Martha, Martha,” the Lord answered, “you are worried and upset about many things, but few things are needed—or indeed only one. Mary has chosen what is better and it will not be taken away from her.” (Luke 10:41, 42).

Between Martha and Mary

Between Martha’s anxiety for caring for the guests, good in itself, and Mary’s choice of sitting at the Master’s feet, Jesus showed the priority that should govern in life’s choices.

Martha was focusing on the less important. Sometimes distractions—that is, gravitation toward the less important—can become destructions.

For instance, the phone text message could distract one while driving and eventually lead to a destructive car accident. At school, students distracted with gadgets or mobile devices during instruction time find themselves in a disoriented and ineffective learning environment.

Digital media often poses a challenge for reflection and staying in focus with God, and often prayer and meditation become shallow and superficial. Time spent on social media may reduce the time available for worship, prayer, Bible study, and those activities that strengthen the soul.

In an age when society is preoccupied by concerns of consumerism and pressures of materialism, it is not surprising that worship and devotional life are at

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"God's work.
Our hands."
Sunday

SEPTEMBER
2019 8

**God's work.
Our hands.**

Sunday, September 8

9:30 a.m. Single Worship Service

11 a.m. Fellowship Brunch | 11:45 a.m. Service Opportunities

Hosted by the Youth & Education Ministry Team

LIFT (Living in Faith Together) Gathering

Be "A Cockeyed Optimist" about the weather and gather on the lawn at Blossom Music Center for *South Pacific* and the Cleveland Orchestra! Members of the Baldwin Wallace University Music Theatre Program and the Cleveland Orchestra will present a concert performance of Rogers and Hammerstein's beloved musical *South Pacific*.

Pack a picnic supper and make it "Some Enchanted Evening" with other Holy Trinity members and friends. We'll meet on the Blossom lawn on Saturday, August 24 at 6:30 p.m. and enjoy some "Happy Talk" before the show. (Concert starts at 8 p.m.)

So invite "A Wonderful Guy" or your "Honey Bun." Bring the kids or grandkids. Join us for what promises to be a fun evening of music and fellowship.

Lawn tickets through Holy Trinity LIFT are \$17.50 per person. 18 years old and under are free. For more information or to reserve your tickets, contact Rachel Núñez (330- 376-5154 or rnunez@holytrinityakron.org). If you have concerns about the cost but are interested in going, also contact Rachel. †





Katie Archbold serves breakfast treats to Marshall Thomas.



LIFT Event Held!

The first LIFT (Living in Faith Together) event—a Breakfast with Jesus—was held July 21 as part of the Worship+Plus series. LIFT is a program from GenOn Ministries, an intentional inter-generational ministry that “nurtures Christ-centered community by bringing together two or more generations in planned and purposeful setting where all are mutually invested.” This programming will be rolled out this fall, so look for more detailed information on future LIFT events. †

Worship

Worship+Plus is back!

There will be one Sunday liturgy at 9:30 a.m. each Sunday throughout the summer. This will continue through Sunday, September 8 (extended one more Sunday!). Along with a single worship service, **Worship+Plus** will offer a variety of opportunities to learn, serve, eat, and just generally have fun together. †

DATE	THEME
August 4 th	Robinson CLC Backpack Packing for Students & Teachers
August 11 th	Discipleship Focus
August 18 th	Discipleship Focus
August 25 th	SongFest 2019 & Picnic
September 1 st	Animate Practices – a video based study to introduce questions and spark conversation
September 8 th	EXTENDED WORSHIP+PLUS! “God’s work. Our hands.” Sunday

Special 150th Anniversary History Tidbits Shared



The authors of the 150th Anniversary history book, **Velma Pomrenke** and **Diane Chambers**, were the guest speakers at the Worship+Plus event on July 28 where they shared their insight about researching and writing the book. It took months and months of research along with digging through a room full of church archives (that sometimes took them down numerous rabbit holes). Some of the interesting facts and historical tidbits they discovered didn't make it into the book, so they were shared with the audience. The event concluded with a special book signing. If you would like a copy of the 150th Anniversary history book, please contact the church office. †

MISSION ACCOMPLISHED



The goal was to complete 150 service projects during our 150th Anniversary celebration year, and we exceeded that goal!!

If you can't remember all that we accomplished, no worries! Most of the projects were captured in pictures and are on the 150 sign that is displayed in the Room 202 hallway.

Thank you to EVERYONE who helped complete this lofty goal!! We did a lot of good for a lot of people!! †

Annual Usher's Picnic



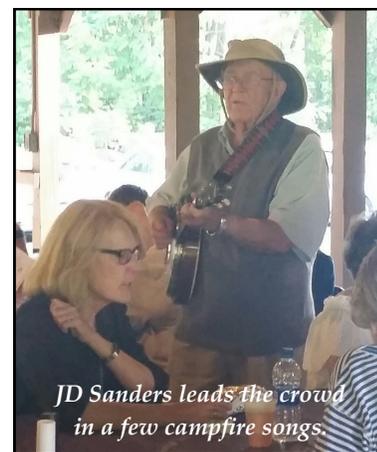
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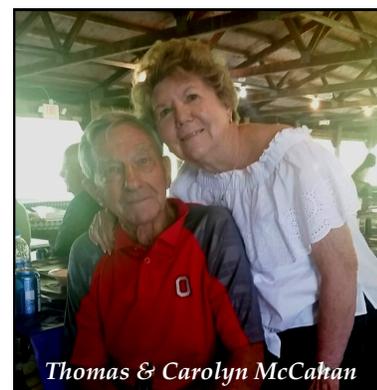
From left are Kathy and Dave Tiemann and Pastor Tom Baumgardner.



Pictured (l to r): Gloria Woodford, Joanne Aller, LJ Kimble and Joan Kull.



JD Sanders leads the crowd in a few campfire songs.



Thomas & Carolyn McCahan



Overseeing the buffet line is Gary Radanof.



Manning the grill are Mike Ameling and Dave Vowles.

Lessons from Martha & Mary

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risk. How often do we experience praying yet the mind is disconnected and interrupted? How often is the body in the church but the thoughts are on the shoe sale in the mall or on the designer bag on eBay?

How often do emails, texts, news flashes disrupt the daily reading of God's word? Have you been tempted to fiddle with your iPhone while the pulpit is streaming down God's message for that Sabbath service? The issue is simple and yet most damaging: even as the risk of disruption is at the fingertip, the risk of destruction is reaching out to your heart.

Making a Better Choice

The central issue is: Is it possible to serve Jesus yet being misguided? Martha thought she was doing the right thing. She was busy cooking, setting the table for an important meal, and was involved in meeting a specific need of the Master. She thought that she was serving the Lord.

But the idea of serving Jesus was so totally different from His perspective than from Martha's. She must have been surprised and possibly even disappointed when Jesus rebuked her telling, that she was "worried and upset about many things" (Luke 10:41).

She was too preoccupied with so many things and missed the most important. The peripheral and the marginal in her pushed aside the central and the crucial.

Ellen White makes the point well: "The 'one thing' that Martha needed was a calm, devotional spirit, a deeper anxiety for knowledge concerning the future, immortal life, and the graces necessary for spiritual advancement. She needed less anxiety for the things which pass away, and more for those things which endure forever. Jesus would teach His children to seize every opportunity of gaining that knowledge which will make them wise unto salvation.

The cause of Christ needs careful, energetic workers. There is a wide field for the Marthas, with their zeal in active religious work. But let them first sit with Mary at the feet of Jesus. Let diligence, promptness, and energy be sanctified by the grace of Christ; then the life will be an unconquerable power for good. †



Ron Nockengost with Gregg Loesch



Stan Martin & Sandy DeLuca

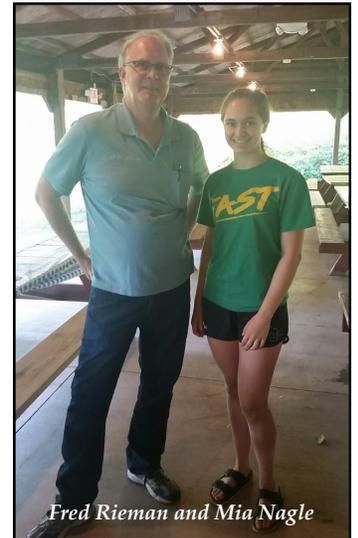


From left: Lorin Sickafoose and staff members Vince Simmons and Bruce Mansour.

It was absolutely perfect weather for the **Annual Usher's Picnic**, held July 24. And no Usher's Picnic would be complete without steaks being cooked to perfection along with baked potatoes, corn on the cob, a salad bar provided by Fred and Debbie Spencer and of course, pie for dessert. †



Donna Carroll and Joanne Aller have fun on the swings.



Fred Riemann and Mia Nagle

Rick Kimble Retires

After serving as the church's Financial Secretary for 10+ years, Rick Kimble retired at the end of May. Best wishes on an enjoyable retirement with LJ! †



A reception was held in Rick's honor.



Take Me Out to the ...

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vitality. That is no longer the case. More and more folks are finding their way into the life of the faith community by participating in acts of service and care for their community...values which even those with no faith commitments might well share. Those of us who are already here, by getting to know and by working alongside these new partners, will have the opportunity to share (in word and deed) why the mission of Christ is important.

Socially awkward. Stadium crowds are not always the nicest folks to spend three hours with. At the home games, we're mostly all cheering for the same team. But the guy on his fourth beer with a bad attitude and even worse language isn't something you want your five-year-old to experience. Likewise, churches that are gossipy, conflicted, and/or just plain unfriendly are not the kind of community that draws new folks to Jesus. And while we may not think that this is our problem, there is always the need to take seriously how welcoming we really are and to look for ways to improve.

Here's the bottom line: These are challenging times to be the church, especially if we insist on being the church of a bygone era. These are also times of great opportunity for the church if we are willing to behave in ways that resonate with folks who might have never considered the value of a faith commitment...either for themselves or for the community in which they live. Even better: God has stacked the odds in our favor. We have the best news that the world has ever heard...that there is mercy and hope and love and grace to be shared in abundance. We have the very presence of God's Holy and abiding Spirit to strengthen and encourage us. Christ feeds and nourishes us for this faithful work at every Sunday Eucharist. So we work smart and we witness well. Most of all, we trust that God's got this and that God's got us, even as God reaches through us to gather all into the new creation that is, in Christ, a whole new ballgame. †

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. And for that reason, we monitor statistics on attendance and giving to the church. They offer a glimpse into the health of our congregation and our engagement with the mission to which we are called.

Attendance: During June, 2019, average weekly worship attendance at Holy Trinity was 119. During June, 2018, our attendance was 136. Year-to-date we continue to be significantly below last year's attendance numbers. Please remember: Worship is fundamental to the strength of the community and vital for the mission we share. It is where God blesses us abundantly in the sharing of the Word and Holy Communion. You are missed when you are not here, and you are missing out on God's gifts to you. Thank you for making worship a priority in your life.

Financial Support: For the month of June, unrestricted giving to Holy Trinity totaled \$38,120. That's more than 16% better than we estimated, and helps significantly close the gap on overall giving for the year. Thank you to all who have made a commitment to financially support our work together. Your gifts, of course, are not simply about supporting a budget. They move forward our mission, making a positive impact on the Akron community and beyond.

If you are not a regular contributor, we invite you to take up that challenge. Choosing to give every week (or every month) helps establish a good habit. Even more: it becomes a regular reminder of God's goodness and generosity, and offers a tangible way to give thanks for that goodness. Something to consider: 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 Jim Minisall, our financial secretary, for more information about available options and/or to set it up.

Outreach: Our growing DLM Food and Resources ministry continues to reach a significant number of our neighbors in need. Through the first six months of the year, 398 separate families found the food, clothing, and other support they needed. That's 1380 persons served, 45% of whom were children. DLM is open the second and fourth Saturday of each month from 11:00am – 12:30pm. The ministry is also open on the Thursday evening after the second Saturday from 7:00 – 8:30pm. Volunteers (new and returning) are always welcome with training offered one hour before each opening. Contact DLM Coordinator Darlene Anderson (danderson@holyltrinityakron.org) for more information or to offer your help.

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. †



Men on a Mission

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

If you're a guy, you are welcome to join us. We're reading the book of Daniel, 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! †



Holy Trinity Book Club

Sunday, September 15, following late service | Scharf Library

The group will be discussing *Becoming* by Michelle Obama. Bring a bag lunch and join us for a lively discussion. Contact Amy Indorf or Diane Chambers for more information. †



Men's Lutheran Loafers

Men's Lutheran Loafers will resume its regular meetings in September.

NOTE: Due to road construction on Howe Avenue, the Men's Lutheran Loafers will meet at the Akron Family Restaurant located at 250 W. Market Street, Akron beginning in September. More information to come soon. †



Trinity Stampers

The Trinity Stampers will resume its regular meetings beginning in September. More information to come soon. †



Altar Guild

Altar Guild will resume its regular meetings in the fall beginning in September. More details to follow. †



Women's Bible Study

Women's Bible study will resume its regular meetings in the fall beginning Saturday, September 21. However, stay tuned for a possible summer service projects still in the planning stages. More details next month. †

Environmental Tip:

Did you know that Summit County Hazardous Waste site on Graham Road, near the St. Rt. 8 entrance, accepts cooking oil and pool chemicals? Check their site of more information at summitreworks.com. They are open Thursdays, 2-7 p.m. until September 26 (for Summit County residents only). They say the best time to avoid crowds is after 5 p.m. †

Prayer of the Month:

Pray that you can be a good listener and be aware and alert when you sense that someone has a need you can meet ... no matter how simple.



Blood Pressures will not be taken in August. If you would like your blood pressure checked, please see one of the Parish nurses. Blood pressure checks will resume Sunday, September 8 after worship. †



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 ingredients well. Cut in the butter, and work in thoroughly.

- 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.

Memorial Gifts

Family Promise Fund

In honor of **Gregg Loesch**
Velma Pomrenke

In honor of **Rick & LJ Kimble**

Velma Pomrenke

**SPREE
FOR ALL**

Congratulations to those who completed the required number of trails to earn their pin and lanyard (for first year hikers). They are: Ruth Anderson, Diane Chambers, Frederica Cohen, Debbie and Brian Pinnegar, Sally and Norm Richenbacher and Alexa Sandmann.



Dear Holy Trinity Members,

We just cannot thank you enough! Thank you so much for all that you do for the staff and students at Robinson CLC. We appreciate you all so very much. We couldn't do what we do without you!

Kelly & Lauren
Robinson CLC Teachers
Leadership 360 Advisors

Dear Friends in Christ,

Thank you for generously remembering my 25th anniversary of ordination. The years have gone quickly by from my perspective. Through them all, I am appreciative of the opportunities we have had for the past six of those years to serve Christ through the ministries of Holy Trinity. It is my prayer that God will bless us with many more years of faithful work together.

Peace in Christ,
Pr. David



August Birthdays

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

- August 2 - Ruth Rieman
- August 3 - Jacqueline Myers
- August 4 - Blin Scatterday
- August 4 - Catherine Wolverton
- August 5 - Richard Hoskins
- August 6 - Ian Rogers
- August 10 - Sylvia Leddon
- August 10 - Laura Snelson
- August 10 - P. Andrew Spaninger
- August 11 - Abigail Anacki
- August 11 - Evelyn Grady
- August 11 - Donald Spencer
- August 12 - Tina Haas
- August 12 - Bob Leddon
- August 14 - Tyler Rieman
- August 17 - Morgan Isenhardt
- August 17 - Beatrice Moxon
- August 17 - Donald Perrine III
- August 17 - Karen Snyder
- August 21 - Molly Phelps
- August 22 - Margo Krugger
- August 22 - Daniel Seiberling
- August 23 - Stephen White
- August 24 - Daniel Probert
- August 26 - Dana Eckert
- August 26 - Kathy Tiemann
- August 28 - David Lupo Jr.
- August 31 - Sarah Wolverton

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.

August 2019 Worship Stewards

DATE	ACOLYTES/CRUCIFERS	READERS	COMMUNION ASSTS	SOUND
August 4 @ 9:30 a.m.	TO BE ANNOUNCED	Gregg Loesch	Marcy Nagy Jack Harig	Fred Spencer
August 11 @ 9:30 a.m.	Ben Mormino Maddie Mormino	Amanda Archbold	TO BE ANNOUNCED	Mike Ameling
August 18 @ 9:30 a.m.	Maddie Mormino Abby Mormino	Mandy Mormino	Sandy DeLuca	Dennis Dick
August 25 @ 9:30 a.m.	Maddie Mormino Abby Mormino	Marsha Asente	Frederica Cohen Sandy DeLuca	Lorin Sickafoose

USHERS

Bill Bulgrin
Fletcher Carroll
Donna Carroll
Gregg Loesch
Ron Nockengost
Gary Radanof
Rich Williams
Gloria Woodford

Underlined name indicates head ushers.

altar CARE

Candles: Ruth Stefanik & Carol Seiberling

Flowers: Donna Carroll

Altar Care: Diann Jenkins

Communion:

August 4—Diann Jenkins
August 11—Diann Jenkins
August 18—Stephanie Black
August 25—Stephanie Black

Communion Bread

August Bakers

August 4—Connie Archbold
August 11—Stephen White
August 18—Nevergalls
August 25—Stephen White

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.

August 2019 Calendar of Events

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
 <p><i>Mission @ Work activities appear in bold. For more information, please contact the Church office at (330) 376-5154. Thank you!</i></p>				1 7 p.m. Archives Team Meeting (SL) 4:30 p.m. Girl Scouts (CL)	2	3 10 a.m. Stewardship Meeting (CL) 10 a.m. Sorting items for Packing Day for Robinson CLC (FH)
4 9:30 a.m. Worship w/ Eucharist 11 a.m. Worship+Plus – Packing Teacher Supplies & Personal Care Kits for Robinson CLC	5 11 a.m. Staff Meeting	6 5:30 p.m. Renaissance Team Meeting (SL) 7:15 p.m. Derbytowntown Chorus Rehearsal (FH)	7 9 a.m. TTTs	8 4:30 p.m. Girl Scouts (CL)	9	10 8:30 a.m. Men on A Mission (CL) 11 a.m. DLM Food & Resources Open (Rm. 100 & FH)
11 9:30 a.m. Worship w/ Eucharist 11 a.m. Worship+Plus 4 p.m. Warriors Journey Home (CL)	12 8:30 a.m. Endowment Meeting (SL) 11 a.m. Staff Meeting 6 p.m. Mutual Ministry Meeting (SL)	13 8 a.m. Endowment Meeting (SL) 10 a.m. Property Team Meeting (SL) 6:30 p.m. Worship & Music Team Meeting (Rm. 202) 7:15 p.m. Derbytowntown Chorus Rehearsal (FH)	14 9 a.m. TTTs 6 p.m. Personnel Team Meeting (CL)	15 6 p.m. Quilters (Rm. 202) 7 p.m. DLM Food & Resources Open for Project RISE (Rm. 100 & FH)	16	17
18 9:30 a.m. Worship w/ Eucharist 11 a.m. Worship+Plus	19 11 a.m. Staff Meeting	20 6 p.m. Council (CL) 7:15 p.m. Derbytowntown Chorus Rehearsal (FH)	21 9 a.m. TTTs	22	23	24 8:30 a.m. Men on A Mission (CL) 11 a.m. DLM Food & Resources Open (Rm. 100 & FH)
25 9:30 a.m. Worship w/ Eucharist 11 a.m. Worship+Plus – Songfest 2019 4 p.m. Warriors Journey Home (CL)	26 11 a.m. Staff Meeting 1 p.m. Delivering Supplies and Kits to Robinson CLC 5 p.m. Spiritual Direction (CL)	27 7:15 p.m. Derbytowntown Chorus Rehearsal (FH)	28 9 a.m. TTTs 6 p.m. Intern Committee Meeting (SL)	29 7:30 a.m. Welcome Back to School Rally at Robinson CLC	30	31

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Go Out & Serve ... at Robinson CLC



Welcome Back Rally

Please join us in welcoming back the students on their first day of school!

Thursday, August 29

7:30 a.m.

Robinson CLC

1156 Fourth Avenue, Akron

Members of Holy Trinity will greet the students, give them hi-5s, tell them to have a great year ... let them know we care!! It's early, but it will be well worth your time!! Please sign-up on the sheet at the Welcome Center. †



Backpack Distribution!

Please help distribute filled backpacks to the students at Robinson CLC!!

Wednesday, September 4, 9 a.m.

Filled backpacks are being provided by United Way's 'Stuff the Bus' Campaign, but Holy Trinity members are needed to help pass them out to students! If you can help, please sign-up on the sheet at the Welcome Center. †



Please help serve a meal at Robinson CLC's Open House!

Thursday, September 5

4-6 p.m.

Holy Trinity members are needed to help serve a meal of hot dogs, chips, drinks and cookies to more than 100 students and families members who are expected to attend!

And while you're at the Open House, be sure to stop by and see the new Family Resource Center!

If you can help, please sign-up on the sheet at the Welcome Center. †