

# HIGHLIGHTS

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

## GO OUT & SERVE



### REVISED

### HOSTING DATES!!

Holy Trinity is hosting Family Promise April 2-9. There are a wide variety of opportunities for you to serve!! Please look at the various assignments on the Family Promise bulletin board in the office hallway and sign-up! Gregg Loesch will follow-up with more detailed information. Holy Trinity has been a host site for Family Promise for more than 10 years. Please consider helping with this important outreach program. †



### Deadline Extended!!

Attendance is key to school success. To help with student attendance at Robinson CLC, the teachers are starting an Attendance Mentoring Program. And, Holy Trinity has been asked to provide prizes for students who improve their attendance.

Donations are needed of the following types of items: individual

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## 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** (April 9) 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 (April 13) and Good Friday (April 14) at **noon**.

**The Paschal Triduum**, the three Great Days of the Christian faith, begins on **Maundy Thursday** (April 13). 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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## Hitting the wall... *By Pastor David Nevergall*



It happened during a family vacation four years ago this spring. Nana and Papa got to mind Baby Caroline while her Daddy and Mommy went out for dinner. How wonderful! We had been enjoying each other's company all day...a long-awaited family vacation that included pool time and play time and beach time...great fun with one another and so much the sweeter since we don't get to see each other very often.

It had also been (for Baby Caroline, at least) a rather exhausting day. We got about two-thirds of the way through dinner when suddenly her world fell apart. There were tears...many, many tears...and great sobbing.

Neither food nor bottle nor a fresh diaper nor a prayer nor a song was able to stem the tide. She was simply worn out...had hit the wall. Nana (who is much better at these things than I) soothed her to the extent that she could be soothed, and then laid her in her bed. And in about two minutes, she was sound asleep...resting in that deep and confident way that babies seem to possess.

Babies (at least babies like Caroline) are so lucky. When they are done... when they have just had it with the world...they can cry. And someone who loves them will pick them up, hold them close, calm their fears and tuck them in. It doesn't matter where they fall apart. It might just as easily in the middle of Wal-mart as at the dinner table. The Mommies and Daddies and Nanans and Papas of the world understand. And they will scoop them up and hold them close and dry their tears.

Have you ever wanted to just sit at your desk and cry? Or stand at your place along the assembly line and weep? Has the world finally just overwhelmed you (or nearly overwhelmed you) in the middle of dinner...or at a meeting with the boss...or during the break between classes? And when you hit the wall, who is there to pat your cheeks and sing you a song and hold you close?

Most grown-ups, it seems to me, have become pretty adept at hiding what's really going on inside. And...you might argue...as well they should. It's probably inappropriate to fall apart every time somebody gives you the stink-eye. And yet, we need to recognize that, just like our little ones, we too have limits. At the end of the day, we too need strong arms in which to rest. Psalm 130 is one of my favorites precisely for this reason. The psalmist cries out as if from the grave...already feeling alone and separated from the One who saves...and yet acknowledging that "with the Lord there is steadfast love, and with him is great power to redeem."

Later in the Bible we see this born out in Christ Jesus who cries out on the cross, convinced that he has been forsaken. But the "One who saves" raises him to new life. I'm sensing a powerful word of hope here for you and me, too. When we have hit the wall...when we are worn out by the world and our own brokenness...when we have just simply had enough, still we are not alone. God...like a good Nana...embraces us, comforts us, soothes and calms and (yes) changes us, so that we might be refreshed for wherever life's journey leads us next. †

### Holy Trinity's Staff

Senior Pastor, David Nevergall  
 Director of Discipleship Ministries, Rachel Núñez  
 Dir. of Congregational Ministries, Marla Wood Kay  
 Director of Music Ministries, Ruth Anderson  
 Parish Secretary, Annmarie Demko  
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 Youth Leader, Carole Bader  
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Communion Assistants	Shirley Keller
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HTLC Praise Troupe	Carole Bader
Family Promise	Gregg Loesch
Library	Dean & Pat Keller
LINKS	Elizabeth Liska
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Parish Nurse Ministry	Sally Richenbacher
Prayer Chain	Sally Richenbacher Wanda Clark
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	Rachel Núñez

#### 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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Holy Trinity has been supporting the LINKS Boys & Girls After-School Academy for several years by serving as a host site and providing volunteer support. The program is coordinated by LINKS Community & Family Services and funded by various local agencies.

The LINKS Academy provides free after-school tutoring,

mentoring and supportive services to families with students who are struggling academically and who attend any one of three Akron Public Schools located in the University Park footprint: Robinson CLC, Mason CLC and Leggett CLC. The program focuses on identifying the inclusive needs of the at-risk child and his/her parents. Its main focus is to put in place a supplemental learning experience that not only focuses on academics, but also on behavior, individual counseling needs, leadership training, drill team experience and family supportive services. Each school year there are 20-30

students participating in the program. Currently, there are 24 children enrolled this semester.

The students have structured routines each afternoon at Holy Trinity that include homework and tutoring, physical activities, positive behaviors, snacks and a meal with a prayer. Volunteer tutors spend time helping them with homework to improve their math and reading skills. In addition, they teach them to



*Students line-up to participate in a drill exercise at the LINKS Academy.*

respect and be kind to each other in a disciplined manner. During the holiday season, all students enjoy a home-cooked Thanksgiving meal and at Christmas, they each receive gifts. And, at the end of the school year, students who have done well or improved their grades attend a 3-day camp at no cost that offers swimming, horseback riding, crafts, and much more.

Francel Parker, Pastor with Open Door Church, shared that parents are most appreciative of this program. "The kids are taking what they learn at LINKS and demonstrating it at home ... like praying at meal time. LINKS is a respectful, safe haven for children where they can get additional guidance, tutoring and support." †



## 'Artists Among Us' Art Exhibition April 2—May 7

Come and see the beautiful pieces of 'family-friendly' art done by the members and friends of Holy Trinity ... all will be on display in the remodeled Chapel Lounge.

Some of the pieces may be available for purchase and will have a price listed. Those pieces that are not available for purchase will be listed as 'NSF' (not for sale). If you are interested in purchasing a piece of art that is for sale, please check with the staff in the church office.

This is the inaugural art exhibition in the Chapel Lounge. Future exhibitions will be planned and calls for entries will be issued. Enjoy!! †



## Happy Easter to Our LINKS and Harvest Home Kids!

There are 24 precious children enrolled in the LINKS program this semester. There are about 20 children in residence with their moms at Harvest Home. How would you like to be part of a special Easter blessing for these children?

The idea is to assemble a small Easter gift for each child. Each gift bag will include candy, a cross, a coloring book, and a pair of socks. You can help by donating candy (individually-wrapped snack-sized items, please). Or you can donate pairs of children's socks (colorful for the girls; white athletic socks for the boys). You can also donate a bag of Easter grass. There is a marked "tub" across from

Room 202 to receive these items. Please bring them in no later than Sunday, April 9. We've purchased the gift bags and other items from the funds you gave via the recent Love Offering. The TTTs will assemble the gifts on April 12. Later that day, we'll be giving them to the children with our prayers for a blessed Easter. Thank you for your care for these precious little ones! †

# The Youth Connect

## YOUTH CONNECT (@ 12:15 p.m.)

- Sunday, April 23 — Lunch & Devo's + Mission Talk in Room 202 (8th-12th grades)

## AGAPE CLUB (@ 12:15 p.m. in the Youth Room)

- Sunday, April 2 — Lunch, activities and Praise Troupe (all school-age children welcome)

## YOUTH FUNDRAISERS

- Now thru October 2017 — Change for Houston (*see next page for more details*)
- March 1 thru April 16 — Honey Baked Ham Gift Cards for Easter (*see next page for more details*)
- April 22 — Easter Egging, 'egg' someone's home for only \$20 (*see next page for more details*)
- May 14 — Pancake Breakfast on Mother's Day (*see next page for more details*)

## HAPPENINGS

- Friday, April 6, 5-9 p.m. — Youth hosting dinner and serving as Evening Hosts for Family Promise; please let Carole know if you can assist
- Friday, April 21-22 — Youth Lock-In (6 p.m. Friday through 8 a.m. Saturday; 7th-12th grades); preparing and delivering eggs for the "egging" fundraiser.

Remember all the fun at the August 2015 Youth Lock-In???



# Here are Four Great Ways to Support the Youth!



## Honey Baked Ham Gift Cards for Easter!

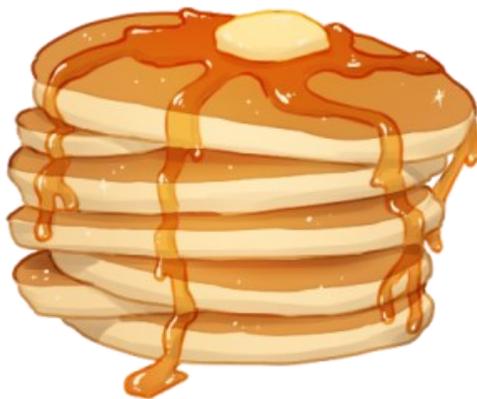
**March 1—April 16**

**Who doesn't love Honey Baked Ham?!** Honey Baked Ham gift cards are sold online and 20% of every purchase goes to the youth. The link to purchase the gift cards can be mailed to family and friends and posted on social media. Buyers can use their gift cards to purchase Honey Baked Ham products online or at local stores. The gift cards never expire. †



## 'EGG' Someone's Home for Easter!!

As a youth fundraiser, members and friends can pay \$20 to have houses of their friends and family 'egged.' Eleven plastic Easter eggs will be stuffed with candy and one will be left empty. These dozen eggs will be delivered to the homes of people who have been 'egged' and placed around their yard on Saturday, April 22. A note will be left for them that they have been 'egged' by the name of their friend or family member at Holy Trinity. They will be invited to enjoy the goodies in the stuffed eggs and to use the empty egg as a reminder of Christ's resurrection this Easter season. †



## Mother's Day Pancake Breakfast

**Sunday, May 14, Middle Hour**

**Ticket Pre-Sale:** Sunday, April 30 and May 7 and also at the door.

**Ticket Prices:** \$7 per adult; \$4 per child (age 12 & younger) - free under age 2; \$20 cap per family

Who doesn't love pancakes smothered in golden butter and sweet maple syrup?!! The youth will provide a delicious pancake breakfast to celebrate Mother's Day with congregation members and their guests. Let mom relax while the youth do all the cooking, serving and cleaning up. †



## Change for Houston

Everyone has loose change lying around the house ... in your car, at work, and even in the bottom of your purse. Why not give that loose change to the youth of Holy Trinity? Now, you can! The youth have containers available for you to take home to collect loose change ... even the paper kind! If you fill your container up, don't worry ... you can have another one! Friendly reminders will be given throughout the year. And, all containers will be collected at a special event in October. All change will help the youth to attend the National Youth Gathering in 2018 in Houston! †

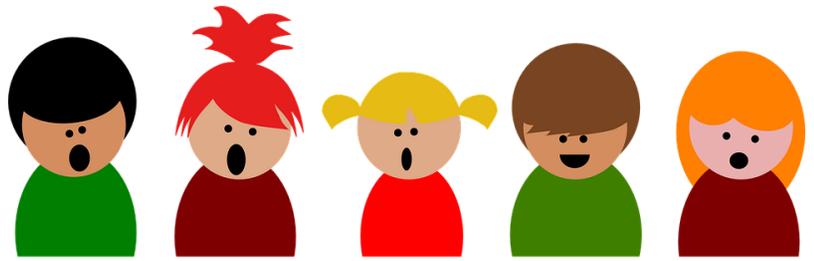


# Holy Week ... continued from front page

**Good Friday** (April 14) 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** (April 15) 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 16) 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. Thanks be to God! †



## What is This in My Bulletin?

Sometimes you may see instructions in Holy Trinity's worship bulletin regarding how we will sing a hymn. If you see the term "**unison**", it means we will all sing the tune or melody together. If you see the term "**harmony**", feel free to sing other notes that complement the tune. The harmony has entirely different notes and often creates a chord with the melody, creating a pleasing sound. Those who can sing in harmony listen to music in a different way, learning to take cues from the melody instead of singing in unison. If you prefer to sing the melody more often than not, feel free! †

*Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth; break forth into joyous song and sing praises.* (Psalm 98:4)

## Holy Trinity Acquires New Instruments and Music

Last month we purchased six Orff instruments (xylophones, metallophones and a glockenspiel), a bell tree, some percussion instruments, bell mallets and choral scores from Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd in Brooklyn, Ohio. (That parish recently closed its doors.) We received a wealth of resources for our worship and music life because of their generosity and the gifts to Holy Trinity's memorial fund. We also thank Linda Kempke for assisting in the acquisition of these treasures. Children and adults alike will benefit from these resources. *Soli Deo Gloria!* †



### EASTER LILIES

To decorate Holy Trinity for Easter Sunday, April 16  
Orders **MUST BE** received by Monday, April 10

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!*



### Men on a Mission

Saturday, April 8 & 22, 8:30 a.m. | Room 202

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! †



### Holy Trinity Book Club

Sunday, April 9 following the 11 a.m. service | Scharf Library

The group will discuss The Book of Love by Kathleen McGowan. Bring a brown bag lunch, and join the group in the Scharf Library for a lively discussion. Contact Amy Indorf or Diane Chambers for more information. †



### Trinity Stampers

Friday, April 21, 10:30 a.m. | Scharf Library

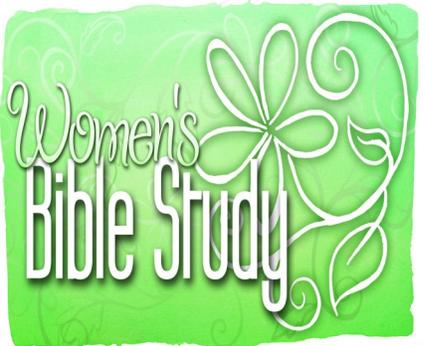
If you are a stamper, a scrapbooker, or someone who enjoys doing crafts ... please join us!! The Trinity Stampers gather each month (September through May) to hand-make greeting cards for those members who are home bound. Come be a part of the fun and fellowship! †



### Trinitarians

Friday, April 28, 1 p.m. | Chapel Lounge

Program information will be announced in the Yellow Pages. All members of Trinity are invited. Devotions will be given and refreshments provided. †



### Women's Bible Study

Saturday, April 29, 9 a.m. — CORRECTED DATE

Women's Bible Study will meet at the home of Betty Oberdorfer, 1469 Glenbeigh Circle, Barberton. The discussion will be based on Session3: Heirs of the Promise in the March issue of Gather and Session 4: For Freedom Christ has set us free in the April issue of Gather. If you do not subscribe to the magazine please call Velma (330-864-6866). All are welcome to join this fellowship. †



### Altar Guild

Friday, May 19, 12 p.m. | Room 202

There will be the usual luncheon ... please bring your favorite salad to share. Co-hostesses and devotions TBD. All are welcome! †



# Women's Lenten Retreat ... God is Love!!!

More than 40 women attended the annual Women's Lenten Retreat where the message was all about love.



*Robinson CLC teacher Karen Pruitt and her mother.*



*Linda Vowles and Donna Carroll.*



*Marla Wood Kay led the group in a guided meditative prayer.*



*LJ Kimble and friend, Jan von Spiegel.*



*Becky Adkins and Pat Keller.*

# What Have the Members of Holy Trinity Been Doing Lately??



*Pictured (from l): Frederica Cohen, Manny Núñez and Becky Adkins (along with Rachel and Jacinto Núñez) attended the Maple Syrup Festival on March 12 at Lutheran Memorial Camp. Pancakes, sweet treats and anything else you can put maple syrup on was enjoyed by everyone who attended.*



*Pastor David and Sandy DeLuca attended Akron Public School's Annual Appreciation Breakfast on March 23. This annual event recognizes those businesses, organizations, groups, churches, families and individuals who support the children attending APS.*



*Is it a bird or a plane?! Not! Everyone is looking at the Rose Window as part of a Children's Sermon led by Pastor David.*



## Mardi Gras Jazz Café

Nearly 80 people celebrated 'Fat Tuesday' at this year's Mardi Gras Jazz Café ... great food, jazz and fellowship!! And, who are these masked women?! Top photo: Frederica Cohen and Ruth Anderson; bottom right photo: Joan Baumgardner; bottom center photo: Ron Nockengost greeted everyone as they arrived; and bottom right photo: members of Joe Leaman & Friends played cool jazz throughout the evening. †



## Council Update

The following business items were discussed and action taken at the March Council meeting. *Council meetings are held the third Tuesday of each month and open to all members.*

It was approved to permanently hire Bruce Mansour as a part-time sexton.

The 2017-2018 Arts @ Holy Trinity Concert Series was approved. It will include the following:

- September 24—William Kuhlman, organist
- October 29—Quire Cleveland
- December 1—Advent Lessons & Carols with First Congregational Church
- February 11—Family Mardi Gras Jazz Café with Joe Leaman Trio
- February 13—Mardi Gras Jazz Café with Fred Hersch, pianist
- April 29—James David Christie, organist
- May 20—Chatham Baroque

It was approved to allow for the consumption of champagne at the Easter Vigil reception on April 15, 2017.

An additional \$14,325 was approved from the Organ Maintenance Dedicated Fund to pay for repairs originally included in Phase 2: a Solid State recorder\*, custom cabinets to house the circuit boards/panels and act as a HUB for each of the chambers, and installation of chamber circuit boards and COAX cable runs.

\*A Solid State recorder was not originally considered in the quote but has been added to allow for enhanced playback scenarios for teaching and performance.

*NOTE: The Organ Maintenance Dedicated Fund has been credited \$25,000 from the insurance company for the August 2016 storm damage lightning strike. †*

## 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. Through the first ten weeks of the year, average weekly worship attendance at Holy Trinity (Sunday morning and midweek services) was 176. That's up from an average of 165 per week during the same period last year...an increase of about 6%. Worship is fundamental to the strength of the community and mission we share. Thanks for making it a priority in your life.

Through the month of February, our undesignated giving in support of Holy Trinity's ministry was \$76,990, or about 4.2% above our budget expectation of \$73,865. Total income year to date was \$111,772. That's slightly higher than expected. Total expenditures were \$112,733...about 1.5% less than anticipated. Thank you for your faithfulness and generosity. Your offerings not only pay the day-to-day bills here; they extend God's love and grace through our mission work in this area and 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. †



## Holy Trinity's 150th Anniversary June 2018-June 2019

By now you will have heard of **Holy Trinity's 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration** from June 17, 2018 to June 23, 2019. Among the many events planned for that year is a history of the congregation to be completed by the end of 2017. It will be written by Diane Chambers, a professional writer, and Velma Pomrenke, an amateur writer. They hope to create a narrative of the highlights of the life of this congregation spanning those 150 years.

### Please help us with this task.

What does this congregation mean to you? What part has your family played in this congregation? What are your hopes for the future for this congregation? Do you have memories of events/people in this congregation? Please snail-mail or e-mail your remembrances to us: Diane at 591 Palisades, Akron, 44303, [chambers.phd@sbcglobal.net](mailto:chambers.phd@sbcglobal.net) or Velma at 1148 W. Market St., Apt. 216, Akron, 44313. [velma@uakron.edu](mailto:velma@uakron.edu). Pictures or other memorabilia are most welcome. †

**You are the history of Holy Trinity.  
Let's hear from you. Thanks.**

# MIDDLEHOUR

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## Children & Youth

We gather together at 9:45 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall for Singing, Prayer & Blessing before heading off to classes listed below.



**PreK/K: Toddler Room with Miss Pam**

**1<sup>st</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> Grade: Room 116 with Meghann Stevens and Laura Scheck**

April 2<sup>nd</sup> – The Greatest Commandment

April 9<sup>th</sup> – Luke's Holy Week

April 16<sup>th</sup> – EASTER BREAKFAST, Fellowship Hall

April 23<sup>rd</sup> – Thomas Believes

April 30<sup>th</sup> – The Great Commission

**7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> Grade: Room 103 with Pastor David Affirmation of Baptism**

April 2<sup>nd</sup> – NO CLASS MEETING

*(You are Welcome to join the High School Class in the Youth Room)*

April 9<sup>th</sup> – Vigil Stories

April 16<sup>th</sup> – EASTER BREAKFAST, Fellowship Hall

April 23<sup>rd</sup> – Faith in Life, Forgiveness

April 30<sup>th</sup> – Faith in Life, Love of Neighbor

**9<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> Grade: Youth Room with Carole Bader Faith Lens**

Weekly Bible studies that engage youth and young adults in connecting world events with the Bible, faith and everyday life. <http://blogs.elca.org/faithlens/>



# MISSION @WORK

Holy Trinity provided a meal for families at Robinson CLC who attended their 'Patterns & Pasta' Math Night on March 16. Approximately 30-40 people attended. Below (from left): Velma Pomrenke, Sylvia Leddon, Debbie Brent, Diane Chambers, Becky Adkins, Elizabeth Liska, Kathy Tiemann, Ernie Liska and Gregg Loesch. †



## Robinson CLC ... continued from front page

bags of snacks (Goldfish, pretzels, Cheetos, Doritos, etc.), individually wrapped Rice Crispy Treats, full-size candy bars (no peanuts, please), hair scrunchies, boxes of crayons, decorative pencils and erasers, or small toys. These items are needed by **Sunday, April 9** ... they can be placed in the bin in the 202 hallway.

*NOTE: The teachers will continue this program next school year, so any non-perishable items will be saved. †*



## Help Prepare a Meal for the Battered Women's Shelter

Holy Trinity will prepare a meal for the Battered Women's Shelter on Wednesday, May 31, 6:15 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Everyone is welcome to come be a part of this outreach project and enjoy fellowship together. Please sign-up at the Welcome Center.

## You Can Play a Part in the Easter Vigil!

Calling all young singers, instrumentalists, dancers, percussion players and bell ringers to celebrate Easter in a very special way!

The Easter Vigil is a very dramatic service with candlelight, processions to different spaces, great Biblical stories, and an exciting proclamation of Christ's resurrection. It is a marvelous time for young people to experience the fullness of God's redeeming acts throughout time. Children of all ages are invited to participate in as many ways as they feel comfortable. There are new instruments (xylophones, metallophones and a glockenspiel) to include in the worship experience ... and it would be great to have the children play an active part in this service.

The Easter Vigil is Saturday, April 15, 8 p.m. There are two rehearsals so everyone can prepare together:

**Sunday, April 2 @ 12:15-1:15 p.m.**

**Saturday, April 8 @ 9:30-10:30 a.m.**

*Participants must attend both services to ensure a cohesive and polished presentation.*

If you are interested in participating, please contact Ruth Anderson as soon as possible. †

## Interest Free College Loans

The Pierstorf Memorial College Loan Fund provides interest-free loans to Lutheran students who are or will be enrolled full time in a four-year undergraduate program at any accredited college or university. This year, the maximum interest-free loan is \$3,000 for the school year. For information, go to [www.pierstorf.org](http://www.pierstorf.org). Complete the 2017-2018 application by visiting the website starting April 15. The deadline for all applications is Friday, June 30. †



**Prayer of the Month:** Please pray for those individuals who are facing surgery. †



**Environmental Tip:** Are you 'Spring Cleaning' your medicine cabinet? Take time to check all medication for date of expiration. Discard those that have expired but be sure to do it safely. Keep them in their original containers but cross out your name and the name of the medication. Place them in a bag and take them to your Police Station where there should be a drop box for expired medication which will then be incinerated. Do not place them in the trash, run them down the drain or flush them down the toilet where they will contaminate the streams and ground water. †



**BLOOD PRESSURES** will be taken on Sunday, April 2, 9:45-10:30 a.m. in the Parish Nurse Office, Room 201. Health information will also be available. †



## FREE DAY OF CAMP AT HOLY TRINITY

**Sunday, April 30, 1-4p.m.**

LOMO is bringing camp to Holy Trinity.

Take a peek into camp life. Experience campfires, s'mores, camp games and songs.

There will be an opportunity to ask questions about camp, registration and what to expect. Come find out why thousands of people spend time at Lutheran Memorial Camp, Camp Mowana, Camp Luther and LOMO Outreach. †



## Families, Couples, Individuals WEEK 7 FAMILY CAMP AT CAMP LUTHER

*50% discount if you are new to camp!*

**July 23 – 29, 2017**

Join us for a week of rest and renewal for your entire family. Stay in a private cabin, enjoy family style meals, and strengthen your relationship with God and each other during daily Bible study. Compete in various games throughout the week including volleyball, softball, shuffleboard, Euchre and more. All ages will enjoy time in our craft cabin, archery range, swimming pool and private Lake Erie access.

Register online at  
[lomocamps.org/lutherfamilycamp](http://lomocamps.org/lutherfamilycamp)  
DISCOUNT CODE: Church7

If you have any questions, please contact Rachel Núñez at (330) 376-5154 or at [rnunez@holyltrinityakron.org](mailto:rnunez@holyltrinityakron.org). †

## Do You Enjoy Baking?

### 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

- 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.

### Directions:

- Combine the first four ingredients well. Cut in the butter, and work in thoroughly.

## MEMORIAL GIFTS

### *Organ Maintenance Fund*

In memory of **Dick Derrig**  
Mary Wicklund

John & Nan Riemenschneider

In memory of **Dwight Woodford**  
Mary Wicklund

In memory of **Gerald Wicklund**  
Mary Wicklund

### *Memorial Fund*

In memory of **Emil Pomrenke**  
Dick & Yvonne Sebastian

In memory of **Dick Derrig**  
Betty deVries



thank you

Dear Holy Trinity,

Thank you for making our math night a special one. We truly appreciate all that you have done for our students. We are blessed to have you be a part of our Robinson Family. Please pass on our appreciation and let everyone know that we are so thankful.

- Anthony Lane, Principal, Robinson CLC

### **Thank You for Supporting Major Holzapple's Battalion**

The Outreach/Social Concerns Team thanks all those members who have been bringing in snacks, socks, snacks, Keurig cups, candy, razors, batteries, and such for Major Holtzapple's battalion serving in Afghanistan. The troop really appreciated our thoughtfulness for all of the comfort items we send them that remind them of home. Major Holzapple's battalion recently returned stateside and has been replaced by another local group of soldiers. We would like to continue sending these guys stationed abroad a "we care" package containing snacks and sundries every so often. So if you would like to contribute, please place your donated items in the plastic box marked "Major Holtzapple" opposite Room 202. The Outreach/Social Concerns Team thanks you!



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

- April 2 – Zack Harris
- April 2 – Shirley Keller
- April 3 – Bob Ethington
- April 3 – Carol Greber
- April 4 – Joy Moxon
- April 4 – Fred Rieman
- April 7 – Adam Spannbauer
- April 9 – Marion Else
- April 9 – Reese Prudoff
- April 9 – Sarah Visher
- April 10 – Isla Mormino
- April 10 – Crystal Williams
- April 12 – Donna Carroll
- April 12 – Elizabeth Guran
- April 12 – Robert Wise
- April 13 – Phillip Seiberling
- April 13 – Madison Sharp
- April 13 – Ella Vowles
- April 14 – Debbie Spencer
- April 15 – Karen Butler
- April 15 – Pearl Kane
- April 15 – Brycen Stevens
- April 16 – Matthew Loesch
- April 16 – Brandon Spannbauer
- April 17 – John Kane, Jr.
- April 17 – Raymond Spannbauer
- April 18 – Donald Fair
- April 20 – Denise Schaffner
- April 21 – Betty Oberdorfer
- April 22 – Esther Dilley
- April 23 – Mike Ameling
- April 23 – J.D. Sanders
- April 25 – Daniel Bowman
- April 25 – Gloria Woodford
- April 27 – Alexandra Lupo
- April 28 – Tyler Coolbaugh
- April 28 – Margie Ranftl
- April 30 – Lorraine Fair
- April 30 – Phyllis Jividen
- April 30 – Jo Sanders
- April 30 – David Vowles

*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.*

# April 2017 Worship Stewards

DATE	ACOLYTES/CRUCIFERS	READERS	COMMUNION ASSTS	SOUND
<b>April 2</b> 8:30 & 11 a.m.	<u>8:30 a.m.</u> Kristine Johnson  <u>11 a.m.</u> Michael Wilson (C), Camdynn Stevens	<u>8:30 a.m.</u> Pete Seltzer  <u>11 a.m.</u> Velma Pomrenke	<u>8:30 a.m.</u> <u>ASSISTANTS NEEDED</u>  <u>11 a.m.</u> Frederica Cohen, Joan Amon, Becky Adkins	<u>8:30 a.m.</u> Fred Spencer  <u>11 a.m.</u> Joe Moxon
<b>April 9</b> 8:30 & 11 a.m.	<u>8:30 a.m.</u> Emma Seltzer (C), Luke Nagle, Mia Nagle  <u>11 a.m.</u> Linda Vowles (C), Ethan Scheck, Kazia Bethel	<u>8:30 a.m.</u> Cathy Wolverton  <u>11 a.m.</u> Karen Nevergall	<u>8:30 a.m.</u> Sandy DeLuca  <u>11 a.m.</u> Dan Seiberling, Alexa Sandmann	<u>8:30 a.m.</u> Mike Ameling  <u>11 a.m.</u> Bob Ethington
<b>April 13</b> 12 & 7 p.m.	<u>MAUNDY THURSDAY</u> 12 p.m. 7 p.m. Alex DeLuca, Kristine Johnson	<u>READER NEEDED</u> If you would like to serve, please call the Church office	<u>12 p.m.</u> <u>ASSISTANTS NEEDED</u>  <u>7 p.m.</u> Frederica Cohen	
<b>April 14</b> 12 & 7 p.m.	<u>GOOD FRIDAY</u>	<u>READER NEEDED</u> If you would like to serve, please call the Church office	<u>NO COMMUNION</u>	
<b>April 15</b> 8 p.m.	<u>EASTER VIGIL</u> Ethan Scheck (C), Anna Scheck, Emma Seltzer	<u>READER NEEDED</u> If you would like to serve, please call the Church office	<u>ASSISTANTS NEEDED</u> If you would like to serve, please call the Church office	
<b>April 16</b> 8:30 & 11 a.m.	<u>EASTER</u> <u>8:30 a.m.</u> — Emma Seltzer (C), Luke Nagle, Mia Nagle <u>11 a.m.</u> — Ethan Scheck (C), Anna Scheck, Ben Mormino	<u>8:30 a.m.</u> Lorin Sickafoose  <u>11 a.m.</u> Anna Scheck	<u>8:30 a.m.</u> Donna Carroll, Fletcher Carroll  <u>11 a.m.</u> Ernie Liska, Elizabeth Liska, Meghann Stevens, Becky Adkins	<u>8:30 a.m.</u> Dennis Dick  <u>11 a.m.</u> Michael Wilson
<b>April 23</b> 8:30 & 11 a.m.	<u>8:30 a.m.</u> Kristine Johnson  <u>11 a.m.</u> Anna Scheck (C), Camdynn Stevens	<u>8:30 a.m.</u> Mia Nagle  <u>11 a.m.</u> Ethan Scheck	<u>8:30 a.m.</u> Pat Keller, Sandy DeLuca  <u>11 a.m.</u> Dan Seiberling	<u>8:30 a.m.</u> Lorin Sickafoose  <u>11 a.m.</u> Bob Ethington
<b>April 30</b> 8:30 & 11 a.m.	<u>8:30 a.m.</u> Luke Nagle  <u>11 a.m.</u> Michael Wilson (C), Kazia Bethel	<u>8:30 a.m.</u> Bob Nagle  <u>11 a.m.</u> Cathy Snelson	<u>8:30 a.m.</u> Donna Carroll, Fletcher Carroll, Pat Keller  <u>11 a.m.</u> <u>ASSISTANTS NEEDED</u>	<u>8:30 a.m.</u> Lorin Sickafoose  <u>11 a.m.</u> Joe Moxon

## USHERS

<u>8:30 a.m.</u> Bill Bulgrin Fletcher Carroll Donna Carroll Bob Leddon <u>Ron Nockengost</u> Gary Radanof Karl Stutz Gloria Woodford	<u>11 a.m.</u> Gregg Loesch Larry Morton Pat McRowe <u>Rich Williams</u>
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*Underlined name indicates head usher.*

## altar CARE

**Candles:** Alice Bouton

**Altar Care:** Pat Keller & Jennifer Keller

**Flowers:** NO FLOWER DELIVERY



## Communion Bread

*Recipe and sign-up sheet are available at the Welcome Center*

April 2 — Logan Hunter  
April 9 — Jennifer Keller  
April 16 — OPEN  
April 23 — OPEN  
April 30 — OPEN

# April 2017 Calendar of Events

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						<b>1</b> 10 a.m. Stewardship Meeting (office)
<b>HOSTING FAMILY PROMISE THIS WEEK</b>						
<b>2</b> 8:30 & 11 a.m. Worship w/ Communion 9:45 a.m. Middle Hour 12:15 p.m. Youth Connect Agape Club & Praise Troupe (YR) 12:15 p.m. Easter Vigil Rehearsal	<b>3</b> <b>3 p.m. LINKS (FH)</b>	<b>4</b> <b>3 p.m. LINKS (FH)</b> 5:30 p.m. Renaissance Meeting (CL) 7:15 p.m. Derbytown (FH)	<b>5</b> <b>9 a.m. TTTs— packing recognition kits for Robinson CLC</b> 11 a.m. Soup Lunch & Bible Study (Rm. 202) <b>3 p.m. LINKS (FH)</b>	<b>6</b> <b>9 a.m. Good Neighbors</b> <b>3 p.m. LINKS (FH)</b> 6:30 p.m. Soup Supper & Lent Study (Rm. 202) 6:30 p.m. Trinity Bells 7:30 p.m. Trinity Choir	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> 8:30 a.m. Men on A Mission (CL) 9:30 a.m. Easter Vigil Rehearsal
<b>CELEBRATING HOLY WEEK - PASCHAL TRIDUUM</b>						
<b>9 PALM SUNDAY</b> 8:30 & 11 a.m. Worship w/ Communion 9:45 a.m. Middle Hour Holy Trinity Book Club, following 11 a.m. service (SL) 3 p.m. Warrior's Journey Home (CL)	<b>10</b> <b>3 p.m. LINKS (FH)</b>	<b>11</b> <b>3 p.m. LINKS (FH)</b> 5 p.m. Finance Team Meeting (CL) 7 p.m. Personnel Team Meeting (CL) 7:15 p.m. Derbytown (FH)	<b>12</b> <b>9 a.m. TTTs— packing Easter baskets for LINKS students</b> <b>3 p.m. LINKS (FH)</b>	<b>13</b> <b>9 a.m. Good Neighbors</b> 12 p.m. Maundy Thursday Worship Service (Sanc.) <b>3 p.m. LINKS (FH)</b> 6:30 p.m. Trinity Bells 7 p.m. Paschal Triduum Worship (Sanc.)	<b>14</b> 10:30 a.m. Trinity Stampers (SL) 12 p.m. Good Friday Worship Service (Sanc.) 3:30 p.m. Property Team Meeting (CL) 7 p.m. Paschal Triduum Worship (Sanc.)	<b>15</b> 8 p.m. Easter Vigil Worship Service (Sanc.)
<b>16 EASTER</b> 8:30 & 11 a.m. Worship w/ Communion 9:45 a.m. Easter Potluck Breakfast (FH) Youth—Lunch & Devos, following 11 a.m. service (YR)	<b>17</b> Office Closed	<b>18</b> 6 p.m. Council Meeting (CL) 7:15 p.m. Derbytown (FH)	<b>19</b> 9 a.m. TTTs	<b>20</b> <b>9 a.m. Good Neighbors</b> 6:30 p.m. Quilters (Rm. 202) 6:30 p.m. Trinity Bells 7:30 p.m. Trinity Choir	<b>21</b> 1 p.m. Trinitarians Meeting (CL) 6 p.m. Youth Lock- In begins (YR)	<b>22</b> 8:30 a.m. Men on A Mission (CL) 'Egging' People's Homes Youth Fundraiser
<b>OBSERVING NATIONAL VOLUNTEER WEEK—THANK YOU FOR ALL YOU DO!!</b>						
<b>23</b> 8:30 & 11 a.m. Worship w/ Communion 9:45 a.m. Middle Hour 12:15 p.m. Youth Connect Lunch & Devos (Rm. 202) 3 p.m. Warrior's Journey Home (CL)	<b>24</b> <b>3 p.m. LINKS (FH)</b>	<b>25</b> <b>3 p.m. LINKS (FH)</b> 7:15 p.m. Derbytown (FH)	<b>26</b> 9 a.m. TTTs <b>3 p.m. LINKS (FH)</b>	<b>27</b> <b>9 a.m. Good Neighbors</b> <b>3 p.m. LINKS (FH)</b> 6:30 p.m. Trinity Bells 7:30 p.m. Trinity Choir	<b>28</b> 1 p.m. Trinitarians (CL)	<b>29</b> 9 a.m. Women's Bible Study, home of Betty Oberdorfer
<b>30</b> 8:30 & 11 a.m. Worship w/ Communion 9:45 a.m. Middle Hour 1-4 P.M. LOMO Camp Day (FH/CL) 4 p.m. Arts @ Holy Trinity Concert (Sanc.)				<i>Mission @ Work activities appear in bold. For more information, please contact the Church office at (330) 376-5154. Thank you!</i>		

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# ARTS HOLY TRINITY



**Sunday,  
April 30,  
4 p.m.**  
**Holy Trinity  
Lutheran Church**  
50 N. Prospect  
Street, Akron

*Doors open 30 minutes prior.*

Join Holy Trinity in welcoming members of the Akron Symphony String Quartet for a Sunday afternoon performance. A freewill offering will be accepted.

Violinist Linda Johnston  
Violinist Aaron Mossburg  
Cellist Miles Richardson  
Violinist Sara Schaff

*The Akron Symphony  
Orchestra is operated  
by the Greater Akron  
Musical Association  
(GAMA).*



## Easter Sunday Potluck Breakfast

**Sunday, April 16, 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. †