



February 2017

HIGHLIGHTS

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

GO OUT & SERVE



Help with Meals

The Battered Women's Shelter Center for Hope and Healing will 'officially' open in mid-February. Approximately 90-100 adults and children will move into their new facility located on E. Market Street. However, their kitchen will not be complete until early summer, which means they have no way of preparing meals for their guests. So, they have called upon groups, organizations and churches in the community to help provide meals.

This is a fantastic way for Holy Trinity to 'show-off' our culinary talents and serve one of our neighbors down the street!

At the writing of this article, not all the details were finalized. So, please look for more information in the Yellow Pages and Mid-Week Word. This will be a great opportunity for you to serve!

In addition, the Battered Women's Shelter is also in need of new crib sheets, bath towel sets, paper towels, and personal care items for women and children. If you wish to donate, please place your items in the bin in the Room 202 hallway. †

Your Mid-Week 'Pick-Me-Up'

Join us on Wednesday and Thursday for worship and prayer

Holy Trinity has revised the mid-week schedule. The changes are offered in the hopes of expanding opportunities for a variety of folks to participate in Bible study and worship at times that better fit busy schedules.



The new Wednesday schedule includes:

- ◆ **Bible study is at 11 a.m.** This mid-day offering makes it possible for those who do not wish to drive at night to participate. "Run the Race" is a five-week look at the book of Hebrews, chapters 11 and 12; Rachel Núñez is the facilitator.
- ◆ **Word and Sacrament worship is at 12:15 p.m.** This 20-minute, spoken service provides a worship opportunity for those unable to attend on Sunday, as well as for those working in the downtown area.
- ◆ **Lunch following is at the discretion of those attending.** Perhaps it's a trip to a local restaurant or sharing brown bag lunches around tables in Room 202.

The new Thursday schedule includes:

- ◆ **Evening Prayer worship is at 6 p.m.** ... a 20-minute service of Scripture, prayer, song and silence that ends the work day and opens us to other evening activities.
- ◆ **Bible study is at 6:30 p.m.** An evening opportunity to explore "Run the Race" ... our study of the book of Hebrews, chapters 11 and 12.
- ◆ **Trinity Bells rehearsal, is also at 6:30 p.m.** Ringers of all ages and skill levels are invited to join us as we prepare for regular participation in Sunday morning worship.
- ◆ **Trinity Choir rehearsal is at 7:30 p.m.** High school and adult singers join forces to lead liturgy and offer anthems and other special music at Sunday morning worship.

We encourage you to join us, and to share the news of these new opportunities with your friends and neighbors. We will also be promoting them via our website, Facebook page, in Midweek Word and by posting flyers in the downtown area. Thanks for reaching out to others with the good news of Christ that is ours to celebrate and share! †

Free to ... *By Pastor David Nevergall*



The doctor's wife said, "If it were in my hands I would really take vengeance on my adversaries. Why does God spare them so?" The doctor replied, "If God were to do everything with his might, where would that leave his wisdom and his goodness? Accordingly he overlooks many things so that his wisdom and goodness may become known in our weakness. It will turn out well." – Martin Luther, "Table Talk, No. 5059: Why God Sometimes Winks at Wrong," June 11, 1540.

If there is a single most popular complaint that folks have about God's management of the cosmos, it seems to be this: "Why doesn't God just step in and stop this (*war, storm, murder, hunger, poverty – insert the tragedy du jour here*)?" I'm thinking that there is a two-part answer to this question.

The first part of that answer is also a question: "What are you doing to help alleviate the situation?" This response assumes, of course, that we have both the responsibility and the resources for appropriate intervention...something I'm convinced we usually do possess, even if it seems small in comparison to the problem at hand. For example, we may not be able to keep a dam from bursting or a warlord from stealing food meant for refugees. But we can help clean up the mess and provide needed shelter and supplies for folks whose homes have been inundated. We can provide more food to replace what was stolen. We can work with other governments and organizations to bring dictators to justice. We can even choose to go and stand alongside the persecuted. It's fundamental to our baptism: All of us are called; all of us are gifted; all of us have some means of response.

But exercising those means requires a hearty acceptance of the second part of this answer: God has given us the power to choose...the ability to freely respond to the world around us in ways that reflect God's own reconciling love for us. This power is fundamental to the nature of our humanity...to what it means to be made in the image of God. I would concede that fully exercising the human will in accordance with God's will is not possible. Simul justus et peccator rings true. Nor will it prevent earthquakes or bad government in a creation that, also broken, cries out in its bondage to decay. But we are not without recourse while we "await the freedom of the glory of the children of God." (Thanks, Paul.) We have the joyful knowledge of a new creation...already manifest in Jesus' resurrection, already seen in the first fruits of the Spirit's work in the world and in us.

Faith tells us that this is true. And because we can trust this truth about God's dogged intent for the reconciliation of all things, we have the freedom to act already...anticipating that day when the vision of God becomes at last the life of the world.

Which means, of course, that when we ask why God won't just step in and change things, we must recognize that God has, does and will continue to do

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Holy Trinity's Staff

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HTLC Praise Troupe	Carole Bader
Family Promise	Gregg Loesch
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LINKS	Elizabeth Liska
Memorial Garden	Judy Samuelson
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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Let's Learn About Robinson

CLC



Look on
page 9 for more
information about
our next outreach
at Robinson
CLC!

The Robinson Community Learning Center opened on August 27, 2008.

About the school:

- ◆ The teachers have an average of 16 years of experience.
- ◆ 69% hold a master's degree or higher.
- ◆ The staff includes specialized reading intervention teachers, Title 1 tutors, and an Intervention Assistance Team.
- ◆ Staff work closely with parent and community volunteers.
- ◆ Robinson CLC facilities include more than 200 computers.

About the programs:

- ◆ Robinson Reads Reading Program
- ◆ Boy Scouts
- ◆ BUG Club (Students Bringing Up Grades)
- ◆ Choices/Girl Scouts
- ◆ Extended-day enrichment and intervention programs
- ◆ Family Nights
- ◆ Grandparents' Day
- ◆ Morning and afternoon preschool and Pre-K for 3-5 year olds
- ◆ OhioReads Program
- ◆ Title 1 school-wide programs

History of Robinson CLC

Robinson Community Learning Center is named in honor of Henry Robinson, a banker, civic leader and pioneer manufacturer of clay products, as well as one of the original benefactors of Akron City Hospital. The original school building was built in 1912. It was remodeled several times, and additional land was later purchased to enlarge the playground. The school was closed in 1979, but reopened in 1980. The groundbreaking for the new Robinson CLC building took place on March 2, 2007. The dedication ceremony was held on September 4, 2008 and classes started in new building on August 27, 2008. †

East Akron Neighborhood Demographics

- Size: **3.441 square miles**
- Number of females: **6,473**
Female average age: **35 years**
- Number of males: **5,314**
Male average age: **33**
- Median Household Income: **\$29,457**
- Percentage living below poverty line:
East Akron—34.7% Akron—26.0%
- Percentage of people in K-12:
East Akron—27.2% Akron 15.1%
- Percentage of people that speak English not well or not at all:
East Akron—3.8% Akron: 1.6%
- Percentage of single mother household:
East Akron 30.8% Akron 20.7%
- Percentage of married couples with children:
East Akron 8.5% Akron 17.3%
- There are **2,391 homes in East Akron that were built before 1939.**
- Nearly **50% of East Akron residents have less than a high school education (this does include children).**

Information from www.city-data.com/neighborhood

The Youth Connect

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

- **Sunday, February 19** — Lunch & Devo's + Mission Talk in Room 202 (8th-12th grades)

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

- **Sunday, February 5** — Lunch, activities and Praise Troupe (all school-age children welcome)

UPCOMING FUNDRAISERS

- **Sunday, February 12** — Annual Chili Cook-Off (*see below for more details*)

HAPPENINGS

- **February 19-20** — President's Day Visit to Jacob's Porch, The Ohio State University Retreat (9th-12th grades)
- **Week of June 18** — Mission Akron (7th-12th grades) - *See page 6 for more details*
- **Week of July 2** — Mission Logan (8th-12th grades) - *See page 6 for more details*

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! †



Youth Fundraiser

Sunday, February 12

Following second worship service

Bring in your 'secret recipe' chili to share ...
spicy or fire hot. Everyone will vote
with \$1, \$5 or even \$10 for their favorite!

Who will be crowned this year's 'Chili Master'? †



Youth leader Carole Bader and her husband, Dale attended the recent ELCA Youth Ministry Network Retreat in Kentucky where they met with and exchanged ideas on how to better engage the youth in outreach and service, help them grow their spiritual faith and teach them to have a deeper relationship with the Lord. Pictured (from right) is Dale and Carole with other Retreat attendees. †



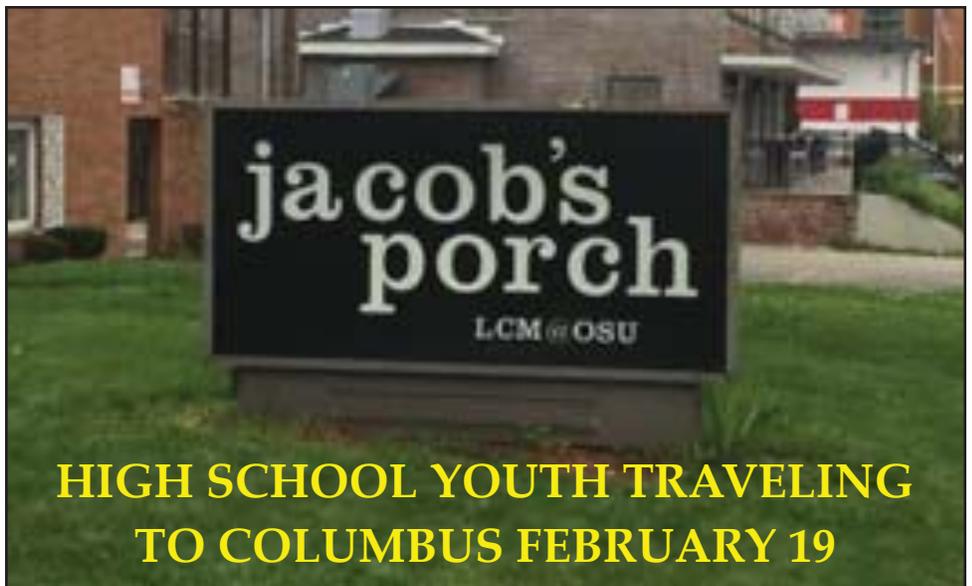
Honey Baked Ham Gift Cards for Easter!!



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. †



HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH TRAVELING TO COLUMBUS FEBRUARY 19

The High School Youth will be traveling to Columbus to take a tour, eat dinner with staff & students, and worship at Jacob's Porch.

Jacob's Porch is the Lutheran Campus Ministry at Ohio State University. Jacob's Porch is a community of students from the Columbus area interested in going after the life and questions of faith. "We believe in creating space for people to wrestle with the life and matters of faith rather than trying to provide definitive answers. We believe that the closer you get to God the more ambiguous, the more 'gray' faith can become. This is a good thing for the less we know the more we must depend on grace and God for our salvation as opposed to works or knowledge." †

For more information go to: <https://www.jacobsporch.com/>

Youth Connect Mission 2017



Mission Akron

June 18-23

Mission Logan, WV

July 2-8

Deadline to register for teams is February 12th.

Make summer count. Connect teenagers to God, each other and communities through life-changing Christ-centered mission weeks.

Contact Carole Bader to register or for more information (330) 256.3749.



March 12, 2017 | 11 a.m. - 4 p.m. | Lutheran Memorial

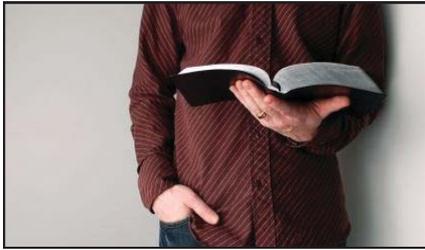
Treat yourself to a day filled with maple syrup, all you can eat pancakes, maple infused sausage as well as live music performed by a local band. You can purchase donuts that are cooked over an open fire, sassafras tea and Real Maple Syrup. Purchase home baked goods or take a stroll around camp.

Hop on a hay ride to the sugar shack and learn about the Maple Syrup evaporation process. You can also choose to relax and enjoy a conversation around the fire and connect with new and old friends.

This annual tradition is a fun and welcoming family and community festival themed in maple syrup.

Funds are raised at the festival for summer camperships and awareness of what camp has to offer.

For more information and for additional opportunities with LOMO, visit www.lomocamps.org. †



Men on a Mission

Saturday, February 11 & 25, 8:30 a.m. | Chapel Lounge

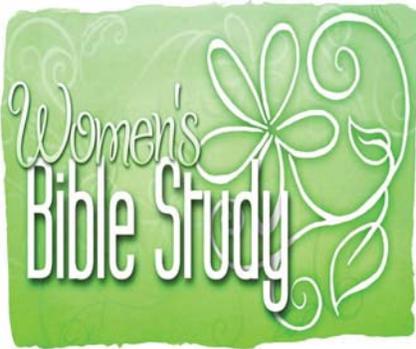
If you're a guy, you are welcome to join us. We're reading Second Samuel, eating donuts, drinking coffee and praying together ... generally figuring out what it means to be a man of faith. We meet the second and fourth Saturday of each month. This is good stuff ... come and be a part of it! †



Trinity Stampers

Friday, February 17, 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! †



Women's Bible Study

Saturday, February 18, 9 a.m.

The group will meet at the home of Diane Chambers, 591 Palisades, Akron. Co-hostess is Velma Pomrenke. The discussion will be based on the Bible Study in the January-February issue of Gather magazine – Session 2: "Children of God through faith." If you do not subscribe to the magazine, please call Velma (330-864-6866). All are welcome to join this fellowship. *NOTE: On March 18, members of the Women's Bible Study will attend the Women's Lenten Retreat. Next study will be in April.* †



Holy Trinity Book Club

Sunday, February 19 following the 11 a.m. service | Scharf Lib.

The group will be discussing *The Storied Life of A.J. Fikry* by Gabrielle Zevin. All are invited to bring a brown bag lunch and join us for the discussion. Contact Amy Indorf or Diane Chambers for more information. †



Trinitarians

Friday, February 24, 1 p.m. | Chapel Lounge

Though Christmas just ended and most everyone has put away their decorations, guest speaker Nadine Clar will talk on "Decorating the White House for Christmas 2015." All members of Trinity are invited. Devotions will be given and refreshments provided. †



Altar Guild

Friday, March 17, 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! †

2017 Annual Congregation Meeting

The Annual Meeting was held January 22. Something new that was included was a special opening sing-a-long. Pictured (from left) is James Gates, who led the sing-a-long; Manny Núñez, Ethan Scheck, Katie Archbold, Rachel Núñez, Anna Scheck, Mia Nagle and Luke Nagle.



Approximately 80 members attended the Annual Congregation Meeting. In addition to reviewing and approving the budget, Council President Sandy DeLuca gave a 'State of the Church' address that included a photographic PowerPoint of all the outreach and service projects that were completed in 2016 ... and there were plenty of them! Pictured above (from left) Valerie Clark, Lorin Sickafoose and Diann Jenkins.



Members participated in the newly added opening sign-a-long at the Annual Congregation Meeting.



Great fellowship was had by all following the Annual Meeting! Pictured (from left): Jacinto Núñez, Rachel Núñez, Rich Williams, Bob Leddon, Lesli Eisenhart, Gregg Loesch and David Erickson.

Enjoying a delicious meal from Leach's Catering were Elizabeth Liska, Ernie Liska (sitting, left) and Stan Martin.

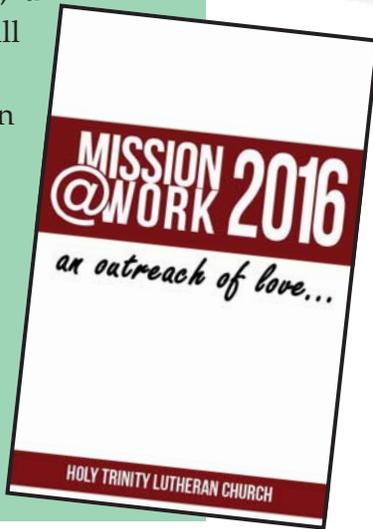


2016 Annual Reports

The 2016 Annual Report was distributed at the Annual Congregation meeting held January 22. If you were unable to attend, but would like to receive a copy, please contact the Church office at (330) 376-5154.

Report to the Community

Holy Trinity has produced its first 'Report to the Community,' a pamphlet that highlights all the great outreach and service work we've done in the community over the past year. This piece will be distributed throughout the year to our partner agencies, local governmental officials, community organizations as well as to members and visitors.



Volunteers Needed: Meal Prep and Service @ Robinson Math Night

Who doesn't love MATH? NOT! To help students improve their math skills, Robinson CLC will host their annual **Math Night on March 16**. And, Holy Trinity is going to provide a home-cooked meal for everyone!

Your help will be needed with providing and preparing a spaghetti dinner for the students, their parents and the staff. Everything will be prepared at Holy Trinity and transported to Robinson for the event. Here are ways you can help with this important activity: shop for all the supplies, prepare the food, transport everything to the school, set-up and serve the food and clean-up afterwards.

Look for a **sign-up sheet** at the Welcome Center later this month and more information in the March Highlights. †

Community Focused Issues

The Akron Community Foundation hosted it's quarterly Community Focused Issues Session on January 25 which concentrated on education and highlighted four local agencies and the services they offer that support Akron Public Schools (APS). The four agencies included Junior Achievement, Project GRAD, Greenleaf Family Center and Global Ties Akron. Each agency gave an overview of their services that directly impact the lives of children attending APS. We learned of several outreach programs, such as Bridge to Kindergarten, SPARK, Life Link and Strengthening Families ... programs that Holy Trinity could possibly support or integrate in our efforts with LINKS Academy and Robinson CLC. The next quarterly session will be in April with a focus on Arts and Culture. If you are interested in attending, please see pastor or Sandy. †



Pastor David and Sandy DeLuca recently attended the Education Focused Community Issues Session hosted by the Akron Community Foundation.

Prayer of the Month:



Please pray for unity in our country. †

Environmental Tip

Are you recycling metal hangers at your local cleaners? They are happy to have them. 2017 big calendars are always appreciated at the Long Term Care facilities and your empty Oatmeal containers at Day Care.



BLOOD PRESSURES

will be taken on Sunday, February 5, 9:45-10:30 a.m. in the Parish Nurse Office, Room 201. †





Servant Saturday

When: Saturday, February 11 @ 8:45 a.m.

Where: Meet at Faith Lutheran Church
2726 W. Market Street, Akron

What:

Have breakfast and a brief orientation and partner with another adult to go into the community to provide simple household tasks or repairs.

What else: We are partnering with Interfaith Caregivers who will provide the orientation and the locations.

What else: There are two shifts for workers 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. and 12:30 p.m. – 2:30 p.m. Sign up for one or both. We will provide a boxed lunch for those working both shifts.

Families are welcome to participate but youth must be accompanied by a parent.

RSVP Strongly Encouraged!
Pastor Carolyn cjwaggs@aol.com
216-403-8779 †



Interfaith Caregivers Program

MIDDLEHOUR

explore belong grow serve

Adult Forum @ 10 a.m. in Room 202

Applying the Bible to current events from the weekly news headlines



Children & Youth

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



Age 3 – K, Toddler Room with Miss Pam
1st – 3rd, Room 102 with Mandy Mormino
4th – 6th, Room 116 with Gregg Loesch

February 5th – Jesus Heals a Paralyzed Man
February 12th – Jesus Calms the Storm
February 19th – The Widow's Offering
February 26th – The Transfiguration

7th & 8th Grade, Room 103 with Pastor David

Affirmation of Baptism

February 5th – The Lord's Prayer
February 12th – The Lord's Prayer
February 19th – The Lord's Prayer

9th – 12th Grade, Youth Room with Miss Carole

"For we are God's masterpiece. He has created us anew in Christ Jesus, so we can do the good things he planned for us long ago." Ephesians 2: 10



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/>

Words of Wisdom from Carl

By Deacon Ruth Anderson, AIM, Director of Music Ministry

"I am especially grateful for the gift of hymns, because the experience of singing a hymn so often seems to transcend the boundaries of the few minutes it actually takes to sing one. In considering this phenomenon, I like to say that hymns are 'bigger on the inside than the outside.' Singing a deeply engaging hymn opens up spiritual and emotional space in a way that few other experiences can equal. With a new hymn that engagement may be enhanced by the sheer delight of discovery – the first encounter with words that express something you might have thought about but had never articulated or the unexpected pleasure of a musical phrase that is somehow both haunting and fresh. With a familiar hymn the cords of memory draw you back to all the other times you have sung it, both ordinary occasions and perhaps one or two poignant moments of special significance, so that the 'now' and the 'thens' interweave in ways beyond your control. There are also the almost-forgotten hymns that can sneak up on you: especially dangerous are the hymns you thought had no great value or charm, and then you find yourself singing them with new appreciation or even affection."

"In many ways hymns are like people. They can have distinct personalities, or they can seem unremarkable and not very memorable. Some are hospitable; others seem to dare you to like them. Sometimes they are briefer than you'd hope for;

sometimes they continue past more than one good stopping place. They seldom seem to have the same effect on everyone in a group. Some improve after more encounters; others make you wonder what you saw in them in the first place."

"Yet in almost every case you seem to emerge from the singing of a hymn somewhere different from the place where you entered it. In the best instances that change is positive and strengthening. The late dean of my seminary, Urban T. Holmes III, used to say that the most helpful way to appreciate the complexity of the Greek term *metanoia* is not just in its usual one-word English translation 'conversion' but the fuller expression such as 'God's gift of space to turn around in.' I think much the same thing can be said of hymns, which may help to explain some of their power."

In difficult times twixt triumphant times, some of us need to sing songs of lament; others hymns of hope and joy, and still others hymns of comfort and reassurance. We gratefully acknowledge a great cloud of witnesses purposed to provide us with powerful hymns as we find help to pray, witness, thank, praise, ask, and cry out. May we all be moved to *metanoia* as we worship using great hymns of faith. †

Carl Daw is an American Episcopal priest, hymnwriter, and Curator of Hymnological Collections and Adjunct Professor of Hymnology at Boston University School of Theology. He served the Hymn Society in the United States and Canada as Executive Director from 1996-2009, becoming a Fellow of the organization in 2007.



Organ Restoration

Follow the Leeks Company as they help to restore the organ!

Log into our website (holytrinityakron.org) and scroll all the way down to the bottom of the page. Click on the Organ Photo and be prepared to be amazed at the progress made on this beautiful instrument. Once in the area, you will be asked if you would like to receive email updates. Sign up to have updates sent directly to your personal email account. Enjoy!





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

By now you will have heard of **Holy Trinity's 150th 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 or Velma at 1148 W. Market St., Apt. 216, Akron, 44313. velma@uakron.edu. Pictures or other memorabilia are most welcome. †

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

Unloose the Birds

By Deacon Ruth Anderson, AIM, Director of Music Ministry

"How can I consider adding another 'activity' in my week?" could be the question one asks when invited to sing or ring in a choir. I offer you a faithful question to ponder: "What other opportunity do we have to express our deepest emotions, to nurture healthy patterns of discipline and stewardship, to proclaim the Word of God, and to inspire others to live faithful, holy lives?"

Participating in a choir can do all of that, and more. Pastor David calls us to be fervent in prayer and in study of the scriptures. "Those who sing pray twice" is a well-known phrase, packed with wisdom. Anthems and service music led by the choir frequently quote Bible passages. I often find myself easily recalling scripture and liturgy when I remember a musical setting connected with it. The bond between word and music is very strong, and lasts a lifetime. Sister Therese Lentfoehr expresses this better in a poem:

*Since out of darkness, out of pain and wrong
is precedence for song -
Lean to the Voice above all human voices
calling all singers to unloose the birds
that sing in the heart, and let them soar and trace
bright rhythms of words
of that felicitous utterance which is grace.
Quicken the spent soul starting
at some new grief;
make a sweet cry
of the sharp, breathless parting,
and all men sorrow by.
Prepare the heart to brave the little shock
that lifts the spirit to a lyric shape;
drain golden vintage from the bitter grape,
and honey from the rock.*

Open your heart and listen for the Spirit's leading. Pray for those among us who 'unloose the birds that sing in the heart.' Rejoice in whatever gifts God gives you, and make a joyful noise to the Lord!

Our choirs are looking for new members. Is God calling you to make this commitment:
- for God? - for our parish? - for you?

Try a new Lenten discipline

Some Christians give up certain things as part of a Lenten discipline. This penitential time in our church year also encourages us to add meaningful ministries to our lives.

We welcome singers to participate in Trinity Choir's ministry for the Lenten season through Easter Day (March 1-April 16).

Contact Deacon Ruth at the church office for details. †

Memorial Gifts

Organ Maintenance Fund

In memory of **Dwight Woodford**

Judy Samuelson

Dave & Linda Vowles

Jim Hofbauer

Sophia & Larry Morton

Tom & Joan Baumgardner

Dick & Yvonne Sebastian

John & Nan Riemenschneider

In memory of **Lori Flemm**

Dan & Carol Seiberling

In memory of **Norb Weisend**

Dave & Linda Vowles

In memory of **Dylan Ethington**

Jim Hofbauer

TLC Endowment

In memory of **Dwight Woodford**

Gary Radanof

Pastor's Fund

In memory of **Dwight Woodford**

Trinity Ushers Association

Arts @ Trinity Fund

In memory of **Dwight Woodford**

Trinity Ushers Association

Stained Glass Fund

In memory of **Dwight Woodford**

Betty Oberdorfer

Joan Kull

Dean & Patricia Keller

Donna & Fletcher Carroll

John Wilkinson

Pr. Landis & Judy Coffman

Ruth Hervol

Jan Parry

Richard & Mary DeBerry

In memory of **Dylan Ethington**

Donna & Fletcher Carroll

Memorial Fund

In memory of **Dwight Woodford**

Janice Clawson

Norm & Sally Richenbacher

In memory of **George Bornman**

William Westover

Memorial Garden

In memory of **Norb Weisend**

Gary Radanof

In memory of **Dwight Woodford**

The Lunch Bunch



February Birthdays

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

February 1 – Leslie Snowball

February 2 – Joan Baumgardner

February 2 – James Wilson

February 3 – Harriet Moxon

February 4 – Ella Haas

February 5 – Andy Ethington

February 5 – Bryce Lakins

February 5 – Elizabeth Peterson

February 6 – Ava Izenour

February 6 – Elleen Lease

February 6 – Rachel Núñez

February 9 – Arlin Greber

February 9 – Michelle Izenour

February 9 – Abigail Mormino

February 10 – Bonita Boatright

February 11 – Jacki Hancock

February 11 – Mary Ann Sholtis

February 12 – Suzanne Mann

February 13 – Logan Black

February 14 – Harrison Lauf

February 14 – Benjamin Ruhlin

February 17 – Jennifer Keller

February 17 – John Weygrandt

February 18 – Denise Broadwater

February 18 – Susan Detwiler

February 18 – Kristopher Jones

February 19 – Sally Richenbacher

February 19 – Mark Stefanik

February 22 – Iva Johnson

February 23 – Kurtis Stevens

February 23 – Beverly Trevathan

February 26 – Emma Seltzer

February 27 – Jennifer Bush

February 28 – Amanda Archbold

February 28 – Stefanie Sattely

If you want to include your birthday in a future issue of the Highlights, please contact Annmari Demko at (330) 376-5154.

NOTE: This list only includes known birthdays.

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

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.

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just that...to step in through the lives of all those holy ones who discover that their call and gift is nothing less than to live in the freedom of God's intent for us and for the world. Why else would we host LINKS students or Family Promise? What other reason could there be for building relationships with families at Robinson and community leaders and ministry partners across the city? God is at work, sisters and brothers, through you and me and others in this world...partners all, even if we haven't met yet. Together in Christ, we are free to love, to work, to forgive and be forgiven...free to live as witnesses to the grace that is ours. Thanks be to God! †

February 2017 Worship Stewards

DATE	ACOLYTES/CRUCIFERS	READERS	COMMUNION ASSTS	SOUND
February 5 8:30 & 11 a.m.	<u>8:30 a.m.</u> Kristine Johnson	<u>8:30 a.m.</u> Mike Ameling	<u>8:30 a.m.</u> <u>COMMUNION ASSISTANTS</u> <u>NEEDED</u>	<u>8:30 a.m.</u> Fred Spencer
	<u>11 a.m.</u> Anna Scheck (C) Ben Mormino	<u>11 a.m.</u> Laverne Mansour	<u>11 a.m.</u> Dan Seiberling <u>COMMUNION ASSISTANTS</u> <u>NEEDED</u>	<u>11 a.m.</u> Joe Moxon
February 12 8:30 & 11 a.m.	<u>8:30 a.m.</u> Luke Nagle	<u>8:30 a.m.</u> Lorin Sickafoose	<u>8:30 a.m.</u> <u>COMMUNION ASSISTANTS</u> <u>NEEDED</u>	<u>8:30 a.m.</u> Mike Ameling
	<u>11 a.m.</u> Beatrice Moxon (C) Camdynn Stevens	<u>11 a.m.</u> Gregg Loesch	<u>11 a.m.</u> Joan Derrig <u>COMMUNION ASSISTANTS</u> <u>NEEDED</u>	<u>11 a.m.</u> Michael Wilson
February 19 8:30 & 11 a.m.	<u>8:30 a.m.</u> Mia Nagle	<u>8:30 a.m.</u> Alice Bouton	<u>8:30 a.m.</u> Liz Anacki, Paul Anacki, Bob Nagle & Sonya Nagle	<u>8:30 a.m.</u> Dennis Dick
	<u>11 a.m.</u> Michael Wilson (C) Kazia Bethel	<u>11 a.m.</u> Amy Indorf	<u>11 a.m.</u> Dan Seiberling Alexa Sandmann <u>COMMUNION ASSISTANTS</u> <u>NEEDED</u>	<u>11 a.m.</u> Bob Ethington
February 26 8:30 & 11 a.m.	<u>8:30 a.m.</u> Emma Seltzer	<u>8:30 a.m.</u> Sally Rickenbacher	<u>8:30 a.m.</u> Sandy DeLuca, Emily Wolverton & Linda Vowles	<u>8:30 a.m.</u> Lorin Sickafoose
	<u>11 a.m.</u> Ethan Scheck (C) Abby Mormino	<u>11 a.m.</u> Diann Jenkins	<u>11 a.m.</u> Joan Derrig <u>COMMUNION ASSISTANTS</u> <u>NEEDED</u>	<u>11 a.m.</u> Joe Moxon

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<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 Pat McRowe Larry Morton <u>Rich Williams</u>
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Underlined name indicates head usher.

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Candles: Marcy Nagy & Joan Kull
Altar Care: Marcy Nagy
Flowers: Elizabeth Liska
Communion:

<u>8:30 a.m. Service</u> Feb. 5 Linda Vowles & Cathy Wolverton Feb. 12 Lynne Kane & Sally Rickenbacher Feb. 19 Sally & Norm Rickenbacher Feb. 26 Nan Riemenschneider & Sally Rickenbacher	<u>11 a.m. Service</u> Feb. 5 Ernie & Elizabeth Liska Feb. 12 Ernie & Elizabeth Liska Feb. 19 Marion Else & Pat McRowe Feb. 26 Marion Else & Pat McRowe
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Communion Bread

Recipe is available at the Welcome Center

February 5 — Pat Keller
 February 12 — Pat Keller
 February 19 — OPEN
 February 26 — OPEN

Sign-up sheet is at the Welcome Center.

February 2017 Calendar of Events

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 9 a.m. TTTs 11 a.m. Bible Study (CL) 12:15 p.m. Word & Sacrament (Sanc.) 3 p.m. LINKS (FH)	2 9 a.m. Good Neighbors 3 p.m. LINKS (FH) 6 p.m. Evening Prayer (Sanc.) 6:30 p.m. Bible Study (Room 202) 6:30 p.m. Trinity Bells 7:30 p.m. Trinity Choir	3	4 10 a.m. Stewardship Meeting (Church Office)
5 8:30 & 11 a.m. Worship w/ Communion 9:45 a.m. Middle Hour 12:15 p.m. Youth Connect Agape Club & Praise Troupe and Agape Closet (YR)	6 3 p.m. LINKS (FH)	7 3 p.m. LINKS (FH) 6 p.m. Renaissance Meeting (CL) 7:15 p.m. Derbytown (FH)	8 9 a.m. TTTs 11 a.m. Bible Study (CL) 12:15 p.m. Word & Sacrament (Sanc.) 3 p.m. LINKS (FH)	9 9 a.m. Good Neighbors 3 p.m. LINKS (FH) 6 p.m. Evening Prayer (Sanc.) 6:30 p.m. Bible Study (Room 202) 6:30 p.m. Trinity Bells 7:30 p.m. Trinity Choir	10 3:30 p.m. Property Team Meeting (CL)	11 8:30 a.m. Men on A Mission (CL) 8:45 a.m. Servant Saturday (see pg. 10 for details)
12 8:30 & 11 a.m. Worship w/ Communion 9:45 a.m. Middle Hour Chili Cook-Off, following 11 a.m. service (Rm. 202) 3 p.m. Warrior's Journey Home (CL)	13 3 p.m. LINKS (FH)	14 3 p.m. LINKS (FH) 5 p.m. Finance Team Meeting (Church Office) 7 p.m. Personnel Team Meeting (CL) 7:15 p.m. Derbytown (FH)	15 9 a.m. TTTs 11 a.m. Bible Study (CL) 12:15 p.m. Word & Sacrament (Sanc.) 3 p.m. LINKS (FH)	16 9 a.m. Good Neighbors 3 p.m. LINKS (FH) 6 p.m. Evening Prayer (Sanc.) 6:30 p.m. Bible Study (Room 202) 6:30 p.m. Trinity Bells 7:30 p.m. Trinity Choir	17 10:30 a.m. Trinity Stampers (SL)	18 9 a.m. Women's Bible Study, Diane Chamber's Home
19 8:30 & 11 a.m. Worship w/ Communion 9:45 a.m. Middle Hour Trinity Book Club, following 11 a.m. service (SL) Youth—Lunch & Devos, following 11 a.m. service (YR) Youth travel to Jacob's Porch, OSU, Columbus	20 3 p.m. LINKS (FH)	21 3 p.m. LINKS (FH) 6 p.m. Council Meeting (CL) 7:15 p.m. Derbytown (FH)	22 9 a.m. TTTs 11 a.m. Bible Study (CL) 12:15 p.m. Word & Sacrament (Sanc.) 3 p.m. LINKS (FH)	23 9 a.m. Good Neighbors 3 p.m. LINKS (FH) 6 p.m. Evening Prayer (Sanc.) 6:30 p.m. Bible Study (Room 202) 6:30 p.m. Trinity Bells 7:30 p.m. Trinity Choir	24 1 p.m. Trinitarians Meeting (CL)	25 8:30 a.m. Men on A Mission (CL) 8 p.m. STLF Students Overnight stay (FH)
26 8:30 & 11 a.m. Worship w/ Communion 9:45 a.m. Middle Hour 3 p.m. Warrior's Journey Home (CL)	27 3 p.m. LINKS (FH)	28 3 p.m. LINKS (FH) 6:30 p.m. Mardi Gras Jazz Café (FH) 7:15 p.m. Derbytown (Sanc.)	<p><i>Mission @ Work activities appear in bold. For more information, please contact the Church office at (330) 376-5154. Thank you!</i></p>			



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Join us for an evening of great New Orleans-inspired desserts and cool jazz of Joe Leaman & friends.

**Tickets are
\$20 per person**

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Women's Lenten Retreat

Saturday, March 18
Chapel Lounge

Cost: \$5 each

Coffee Hour: 9 to 9:30 a.m.
Program: 9:30 a.m. to 12 p.m.
Soup Luncheon: 12 to 1 p.m.

Reservation can be made following the 8:30 and 11 a.m. services on February 26, March 5, 12 or call Annmarie in the church office at 330-376-5154.



**Program presented
by Marla Wood Kay
and Rachel Núñez.**