

HIGHLIGHTS

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

GO OUT & SERVE

Outreach and service was abundant for Holy Trinity in December! Thank you to EVERYONE who helped support these organizations! See photos on page 6.



Holy Trinity is thrilled to welcome the following new members ... please be sure to introduce yourselves and extend a personal welcome!

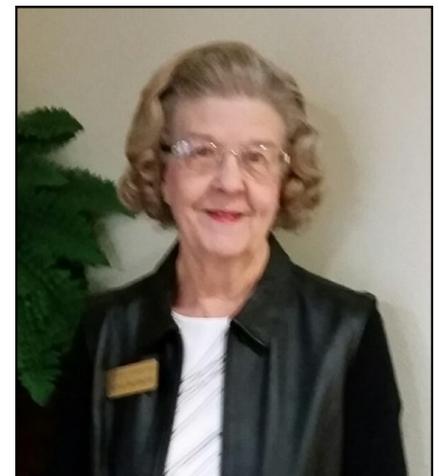
Deacon Ruth Anderson and Dr. Marshall Thomas

In addition to her obvious talents as a musician, Ruth has served as a music academy director and a Habitat for Humanity volunteer. She is a benefactor of arts, education, and animal care causes, and is looking forward to serving in a variety of ministries here at Holy Trinity and across the synod. Marshall's muse leads him towards the arts and organizational psychology as he seeks to serve at Holy Trinity and across the city. His experiences include working professionally as an artist, performer and consultant...and even a stint as a Mission Investment Fund liaison. Both approach their work with a duck's philosophy: Stay unruffled on the surface, but paddle like crazy underneath.



Sylvia Hackbarth

Sylvia Hackbarth moved to this area five months ago from Michigan to be closer to her son, Todd, and his wife Lisa. Daughter Gwen resides and works in Crystal Lake, Illinois. She is retired from the Department of Defense after 32 years of service. Assignments included Fort Sheridan IL, the Pentagon, the Army Corps of Engineers and a year-long Congressional Fellowship. As a volunteer, Sylvia has worked with other parents of disabled children, worked to establish a program and a facility to enable opportunities for independent living to young adults in suburban Chicago. She served as coordinator and participant in the operation of a 24-hour breast cancer hotline based in Washington DC, and joined with eight



Keeps on Shining By Pastor David Nevergall



A snippet from a conversation at the party following December’s Council meeting: “I don’t understand taking down the Christmas tree on December 26. The season is just beginning!” There was general agreement all around. Indeed. Is there anything sadder than a used evergreen, forlorn and tossed by the curb, awaiting pick-up?

Writer/theologian David Lose puts it this way: “Each year at just about this time, I wish Christmas would last a little longer. We give Easter seven weeks, Pentecost three times that much, and even Lent and Advent six and four Sundays apiece, but Christmas is only twelve short days. And, truth be told, because of the

shortness of our cultural attention span and the rise of New Year’s Eve as a significant holiday, Christmas barely gets a week of our attention before it is lost in the shuffle of resolutions and bills and all the rest.”

So perhaps, as a reminder, we need to hear again the words from John 1:5. “The light shines on in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.” I love the confident note of hope this verse sounds. One the one hand, it is the declaration of a state of fact: light is stronger than darkness. At the same time, it is also a promise: Even when it seems otherwise – and even the briefest scan of the headlines can make it seem otherwise – still the light continues to shine and the darkness has neither overcome it nor even understood it.

And here’s the real good news in all this: These verses remind us that Christmas isn’t just a season, it’s a way of life. Christmas isn’t over when we reach Epiphany or when we flip the page on the calendar. It is only newly launched once again. While the season may pass, the hope and life it promises are just beginning.

Christmas reminds us of God’s decision to become one of us, to take on our lot and our life that we might have hope, and to share our mortal life that we might enjoy God’s eternal life. This is not merely a season or celebration. It is a promise that invites our active participation every day of the year. God’s condescension to becoming one of us glorifies our mortal, human flesh and the endeavors we pursue...no matter how tainted and rendered incomplete by sin they are. Christmas is a reminder that our lives matter to God. Our welfare is of tremendous importance to the Almighty. There is no worry too small, no challenge too great, that God is not eager to share it with us. Indeed, God is eager to equip and empower us to share our worries and challenges, as well as our joys and hopes, with each other.

And because of God’s decision to come to us in a form we recognize, we are empowered...we are enabled to reach out to those around us with the same abundant and recognizable grace. It’s that realization that fuels the mission we share...inviting, embracing, and loving the world God already loves... opening ourselves to a deeper fellowship with each other and with those brothers and sisters whom we just getting to know.

So it is that the light keeps on shining in the darkness. So it is that the season lingers, renewed in the acts of love and mercy that are our way of life together. You can put out the tree. But you can’t put out the light. It just keeps on shining...thanks be to God. †

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
- Financial Secretary, Rick Kimble
- Communications Coordinator, Beth Hensley
- Youth Leader, Carole Bader
- Maintenance Coordinator, Peter Calvin
- Sexton, Don Santangelo

Groups & Activities

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| Acolyte Coordinator | Ethan Scheck |
| Altar Guild | Donna Carroll |
| Archives | Ricki Ethington |
| 150 Year Celebration | Sandy DeLuca |
| Communion Assistants | Shirley Keller |
| Council President | Sandy DeLuca |
| Either Side of 40 Gang | Rotating Leaders |
| Friendly Visitors | Care Team/Phyllis Martin |
| HTLC Praise Troupe | Carole Bader |
| Family Promise | Gregg Loesch |
| Library | Dean & Pat Keller |
| 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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About the Organ

By Lesli Eisenhart & Dan Seiberling,
Chairs, Worship & Music Ministry Team

The organ at Holy Trinity is a source of pride for our congregation and the community. The beauty of the instrument is unmatched. We have a huge legacy in this instrument. The original organ was dedicated in 1914, over one hundred years ago. Many pipes from the original are still in use today. It was purchased from the Moeller Organ Company by F. A. Seiberling in memory of his parents, John F. and Catherine L. Seiberling, founding members of the church. The organ served well through the years. In the mid 1980's Berghaus Organ Builders added many enhancements with new ranks of pipes. This work brought the organ to its present state.

Early in 2016, issues began to arise. The Worship and Music team together with members of the Property team launched an investigation into these problems. Three different organ builders were invited to do an in-depth study of the situation and return with recommendations and corresponding costs for repair and improvements. The teams had narrowed the field of responses and were nearing a final conclusion. About this time our "new" Director of Music Ruth Anderson came on board. Ironically as she was moving in, lightning struck the church, causing further damage to the organ.

At its November meeting, Council heard a recommendation from Worship and Music that Holy Trinity enter into a contract with Leek Pipe Organ Company located in Berea, Ohio. This project will be completed in two phases. Phase One, funded from the Organ Maintenance Fund, will commence in January, 2017. This involves updates to the console bringing it into the latest in organ technology. Funding from the Organ Special Maintenance Fund is supplemented by a bequest from the estate of one of our members who dearly loved the organ. This phase is to be completed by Holy Week. Phase Two which involves work with the pipes and corresponding operation will begin once additional funding is raised; watch for further information for this effort as 2017 unfolds.

Because of the rapid decline, we have had to suspend the operation of the instrument earlier than anticipated. In its place Worship and Music together with Council have procured a substitute instrument to support our worship together. Should you have questions or need further information, please speak with any member of the Worship and Music Team. We will keep you informed of the progress. †



FAMILY PROMISE

of Summit County

By Gregg Loesch, Chair, Outreach & Social Concerns Ministry Team

During the week of October 16th we hosted four families here at Trinity, a total of 14 guests, six adults and eight children. We had a great week hosting and got to know all of the families. It was also a busy week with kids getting ready for school in the mornings. Even though it was fall, it felt like summer to our guests who enjoyed our outdoor playground area during the pleasant evenings.

There is good news in the network: a donation was recently given to Family Promise of Summit County by Herb and Toookie Mullen of Wadsworth, who are the FP coordinators at partner host church Grace United Church of Christ in Norton. They gave to FPSC a covered trailer for hauling all sixteen beds and the hitch for the FP van to pull the trailer. Their generosity will help the operation of the network every Sunday when beds are transported from one host church to the next host church. Trinity is helping with the cost to place decals on the trailer.

The Bible in the gospel of Luke, 14:13, [Jesus says] "But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind." Our cooks and servers practice this passage each evening we host, because every dinner we have the opportunity to serve turns into a banquet of warm food and caring fellowship with our guests. It really does.

I want to recognize the special volunteers who helped during the busy hosting week possible. At the beginning of the week **Peter Calvin** helped us move the beds into the guests' rooms. **Marla Wood Kay** fitted the beds with sheets and blankets. Our van driver through the week was Velma's friend **Dennis Ingram**. Cooking and serving dinners through the week were **Doris and Don Santangelo, Debbi Schramm** and **Sue and Dan Detwiler**; **Linda Vowles** and her daughter **Kathy Wolverton** and her daughters **Emily** and **Sarah**; **Pam Marko** and **Marsha Asente** and her daughter **Mandy Mormino** and daughters; **Sally and Norm Richenbacher** and **Pat and Dean Keller**; **Rachel Nunez** and **Amanda Archbold**; and **Lynn Kane**. We want to thank our evening hosts **Dennis Dick, Marla Wood Kay, and Sally and Norm Richenbacher**; and **Ruth Anderson and Marshall Thomas**. Staying with our guests overnight were **Karen and Pr. Dave Nevergall**; **Elizabeth and Ernie Liska**; **Lora Breyley**; and **Jacinto Nunez**. At the end of the week helping haul the beds, deliver the van, and launder the sheets were **Mike Ameling, Laura Scheck, and Karen Nevergall**. I also want to thank our sextons **Peter, Herman, and Don** for keeping our guests' rooms and the kitchen clean.

Our next hosting week will start **Sunday, January 15th and go through the 22nd**. If you would like to help us by serving as a shopper, cook, morning and afternoon van driver, or helping with guest room set-up or other duty, please sign up on our bulletin board in the office hallway. †

The Youth Connect

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

- Sunday, January 15— Lunch & Devo’s in Room 202 (7th-12th grades)

UPCOMING FUNDRAISERS

- Begins January 8 — Change for Houston (see below for more details)
- Sunday, February 12 — Annual Chili Cook-Off (see below for more details)

HAPPENINGS

- February 19-20 — President’s Day Visit to Jacob’s Porch & Wittenburg Retreat (9th-12th grades)
- Week of June 18 — Mission Akron (7th-12th grades)
- Week of July 2 — Mission Logan (8th-12th grades)

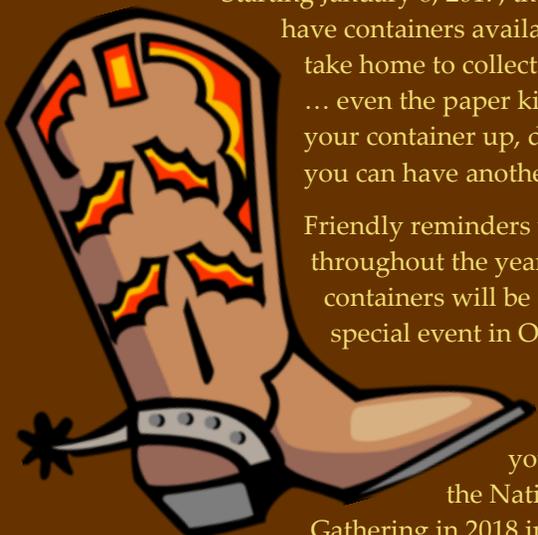
Change for Houston

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!

Starting January 8, 2017, the youth will 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! †



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'?



Gregg Loesch with Kazia Bethel (l) and Camdynn Stevens.

SEASON OF ADVENT: Family activities were held every Sunday during the Advent season. **BELOW:** Laura Scheck (l) is placing white paint on Carole Bader's hand so she can make a hand imprint on a blue snowflake. **AT BOTTOM:** Children line-up to collect supplies to do a special Advent activity. Adults (from far right) are Morgan Bader, Marla Wood Kay, Carole Bader and Amanda Archbold.



Christmas Lock-In Fun for the Youth!



Pictured is Carole Bader (far left) with youth 7th through 12th grades.

RIGHT: What Does this Button Do? Director of Music Ministries Ruth Anderson takes some time to show Andrew and Martin Kay how the new, temporary organ works. There sure are a lot of buttons that need to be pushed!



The Advent Wreath (photo taken by Debbie Spencer).



Pastor David leading a Children's Sermon with Luke Nagle.

MISSION @WORK

Look all the outreach and service we did ... all in the name of the Lord!

RIGHT: Thank You TTTs for All Your Hard Work! They assembled 16 food baskets to give to needy children and families in the Robinson CLC neighborhood to ensure they had enough food for over winter break. Thanks to Dave's Supermarket for their support, too!



Pictured (clockwise): Fletcher Carroll, Joan Kull, Judy Coffman, Pat McRowe and Donna Carroll.



ABOVE: Cars and Dolls and Monkeys, Oh My! Thank you to everyone who donated a new toy at the Annual Holy Trinity Christmas Luncheon. All toys were donated to OPEN M.



LEFT: What a Way to Share the Good News! Holy Trinity members hosted a special Family Movie Night for Robinson CLC families. Despite the bitter cold that evening, a great time was had by nearly 50 parents and children in attendance!



RIGHT: Socks Galore! Thank you to everyone who donated boys and girls socks which were donated to OPEN M, one of Holy Trinity's partner agencies.

GRANOLA BAR MISSION ACCOMPLISHED!

Holy Trinity more than topped its goal to provide 200 boxes of granola bars to the 2016 OPEN M Holiday Food Box Program. The congregation brought in 70 boxes of granola bars, and with \$500 from the Outreach & Social Concerns Ministry Team, we purchased an additional 168 boxes for a total of **238 boxes!** Outreach & Social Concerns thanks everyone who donated boxes of granola bars. Because of you, this food will help needy local families have a nice Christmas. †

RIGHT: Feminine Products Distributed to Local Groups Nearly \$800 worth of feminine hygiene products were distributed to Access, Inc., Hope & Healing (Battered Women's Shelter), and Harvest Home, thanks to the generosity of many people in our community.



Marla Wood Kay delivers items to various agencies.



Men on a Mission

Saturday, January 14 & 28, 8:30 a.m. | Room 202

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, January 20, 10:30 a.m. | Scharf Library

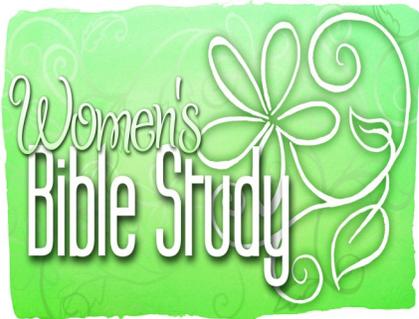
If you are a stamper, a scrapbooker, or someone who enjoys doing crafts ... please join us!! The Trinity Stampers gather each month (*September through May*) to hand-make greeting cards for those members who are home bound. Come be a part of the fun and fellowship! †



Altar Guild

Friday, January 20, 12 p.m. | Room 202

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



Women's Bible Study

Saturday, January 21, 9 a.m.

The group will meet at the home of Staci Melvin, 1217 Heather Lane, Cuyahoga Falls. Co-hostess is Diane Chambers. The discussion will be based on the Bible Study in the January-February issue of Gather, "No other gospel." If you do not subscribe to the magazine please call Velma Pomrenke at (330) 864-6866. All are welcome to join the group and share in good fellowship and wide ranging discussion. †



Holy Trinity Book Club

Sunday, January 22 following the Annual Meeting

The group will be reading *Prayers for Sale* by Sandra Dallas. Join us in the Scharf Library for lunch and good conversation. Contact Amy Indorf or Diane Chambers for more information. †



Trinitarians

Friday, January 27, 1 p.m. | Chapel Lounge

The program will be by Pastor David Nevergall whose topic will be 'Martin Luther—500 Hundred Years.' All members and friends of Holy Trinity are invited. Devotions will be given by Pastor David and refreshments will be served by Norm and Sally Richenbacher. †

LESSONS & CAROLS—What a wonderful concert, which was attended by nearly 200 people!! Kudos to Director of Music Ministries Ruth Anderson, the members of Trinity Choir, Brass and Bells and everyone who helped plan and host such a fantastic event!

RIGHT: The Choir processes in for the concert.

BELOW: Members of the Trinity Brass.



CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES: **RIGHT:** Pastor reads the Christmas Story to children at the Family Christmas Eve service. **BELOW:** More than 150 people attended The Christmas Eve Candlelight Worship Service where they sang 'Silent Night' as candles were lit.



Photo taken by Karen Nevergall.

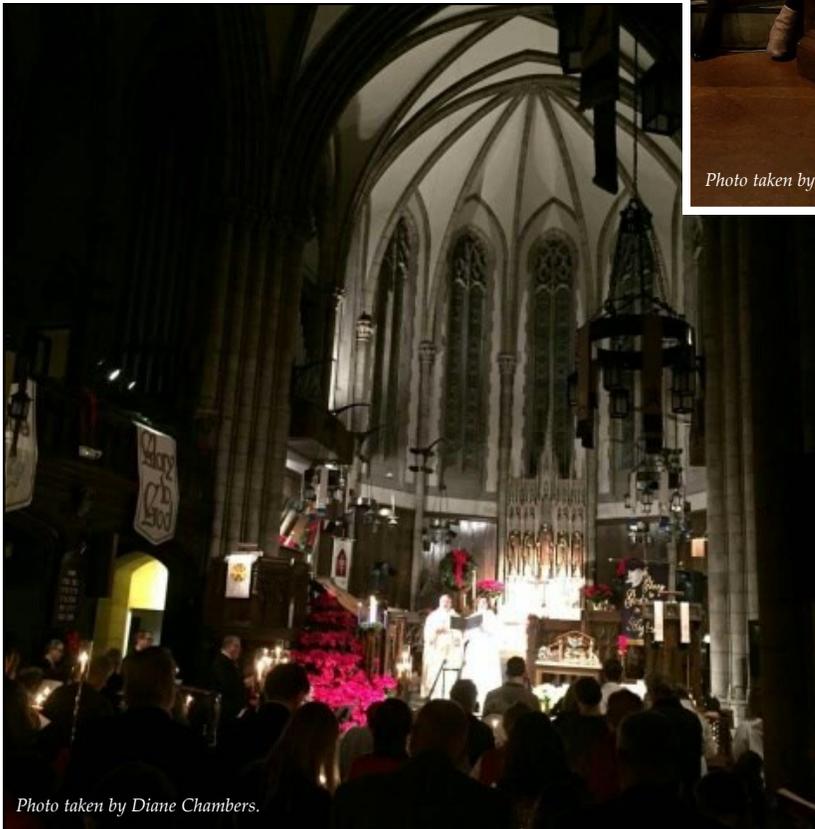


Photo taken by Diane Chambers.

RIGHT: Gloria Woodford (l) and Donna Carroll greeted families in the office lobby area before the Christmas Eve Candlelight Service.



Holy Trinity Annual Christmas Luncheon



A local choral group sang at the luncheon.



Norm and Sally Richenbacher (left) with Velma Pomrenke.



Stan and Phyllis Martin.



From left: Marla Wood Kay, Stephanie Hilton and Gloria Woodford.

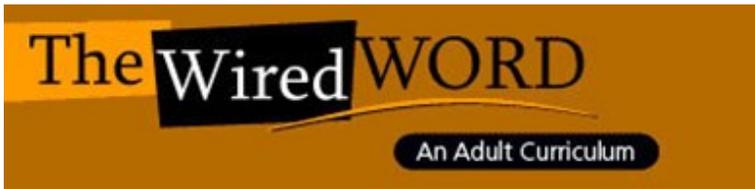


Karl Stutz and Pat McRowe.

Sunday School – January 2017

- January 1** NO CLASS (One Worship Service @ 9:30 a.m.)
- January 8** Age 2 – K in the Nursery
1st – 12th Grade – Youth Room
Baptism of Jesus & Renewing our own
Baptismal Promises
- January 15** Age 2 – K in the Nursery
1st – 12th Grade – Youth Room
Seeing & Telling who Jesus Is
- January 22** NO CLASS (One Worship Service @ 9:30 a.m.)
Annual Congregational Meeting
(Nursery Available)
- January 29** Age 2 – 6th Grade, WHIRL CLASSROOM –
Regular Schedule; Opening Assembly
@ 9:45 a.m. in Fellowship Hall
Jesus Teaches about Prayer, Matthew 6: 5-15

7th – 12th Grade, “The Me I Want to Be:
Becoming God’s Best Version of You”



Discuss a current event to be analyzed in a biblical context each week and make lessons and discussions more relevant to modern Christian living.

- ◆ **January 1**—NO CLASS (One Worship Service @ 9:30 a.m.)
- ◆ **January 8**—The Wired Word
- ◆ **January 15**—The Wired Word
- ◆ **January 22**—NO CLASS (Annual Congregational Meeting)
- ◆ **January 29**—The Wired Word



Many thanks to “the next generation” for taking over the Advent/Christmas – Lent/Easter decorating. It was so nice to see so many involved. Everything looked beautiful and a good time was had by all!



Vacation Bible Camp at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church Kindergarten – 6th Grade

June 19-23, 2017

*(partnering with Lutheran Outdoor
Ministries of Ohio - LOMO)*

The Water of Life

“When you pass through the waters,
I will be with you.” Isaiah 43: 7

Day 1

“From the deep: Goodness and Gift”
Genesis 1: 1-21 (Creation Story)

Day 2

“In the River: Birth and Belonging”
Mark 1: 4-11 (Jesus’ Baptism)

Day 3

“At the Well: Enough for Everyone”
John 4: 3-29 (The Woman at the Well)

Day 4

“In the Pool: Seeing and Being the Light”
John 9: 1-11 (The Pool of Siloam)

Day 5

“By Still Waters: Resting in God”
Psalm 23



A cure for January 'blahs'

Once the holidays draw to a close, you may find yourself in a melancholy mood. Cast away those blues and join one of our musical ensembles at Holy Trinity. January is a great time to become a choir member – the music is new to everyone, and we are eager to begin a fresh season. Additional ensemble/choir members are always welcomed. For details, contact Ruth Anderson at the church office or speak with a choir member.

January is a great month to join a choir.

We start the year fresh, with new music for all.

Contact Ruth Anderson in the church office for further information.

Frances Ridley Havergal (1836-1879) enjoyed New Year's Day. It was a day of promise, looking forward in faith to God's blessing in the coming twelve months. She had such a positive spirit that when she entered a room, it was said she brought a "burst of sunshine."

One New Year's Eve, when Frances was twenty-three, she and her sister Maria sat together listening to the church bells. Maria said that her Bible verse for that year would be "As thy days, so shall thy strength be." Inspired by her sister's reading, Frances composed this poem: "As thy days thy strength shall be; this should be enough for thee. He who knows thy frame will spare burdens more that thou canst bear."

New Year's Day was also the source for this hymn, "Another Year Is Dawning," which Frances wrote on a card she was sending to a friend:

*Another year is dawning:
Dear Father, let it be,
In working or in waiting,
Another year with Thee;
Another year of progress,
Another year of praise,
Another year of proving
Thy presence all the days.*

*Another year of mercies,
Of faithfulness and grace;
Another year of gladness
In the shining of Thy face;
Another year of leaning
Upon Thy loving breast;
Another year of trusting,
Of quiet, happy rest.*

*Another year of service,
Of witness for Thy love;
Another year of training
For holier work above.
Another year is dawning:
Dear Father, let it be,
On earth or else in heaven,
Another year for Thee.*

Frances Havergal died when she was only forty-three. Even at the end of her life she remained steadfast in reminding Christians that "fresh glory" is just as important as fresh air and fresh water. We need to celebrate God's glorious mercies each new day as well as each new year. †

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Thank You, Music-Makers!

We are grateful to the many choristers, instrumentalists, vocalists, and family members who made offerings of time and talent during the Advent/Christmas seasons.

THANK YOU for enhancing our worship. A blessed New Year to you!

Prayer of the Month:



Please pray for those dealing with addiction. †

Environmental Tip

A good way to start the new year – buy or make a rain barrel to gather rain water for your garden and to wash your car.



BLOOD PRESSURES

will be taken on Sunday, January 8, 9:45-10:30 a.m. in the Parish Nurse Office, Room 201. †



Welcome New Members!

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others on a mission trip to Louisiana following hurricane Katrina. Church involvements have included serving on the church council and in various outreach activities including an annual weeklong housing the homeless effort as part of McRest (Macomb County Rotating Emergency Shelter Teams) in Michigan. Sylvia has been blessed her entire life by serving and being served as part of the *one, holy, catholic, and apostolic church*, and is prayerfully looking forward to new relationships at Holy Trinity.



Deborah Ickes

Deborah is a life-long Lutheran who is recently retired and moved back to Ohio after 38 years...most recently in Georgia. She has a daughter and granddaughter still in Georgia. She is a member of the Red Hat Society. Her past experience includes serving on

Stewardship, Worship and Building committees. She is looking forward to using her gifts as God is now leading her in this place.

Michael Jones, Katherine Kleinert & their son, Graham

Michael, Katherine, and Graham live in Highland Square and enjoy spending time outside, and with their families, cooking together and going on coffee dates. Michael is a Chef; Katherine works at a Chiropractic office; Graham is almost six months old.



Deaconess Marla and Steve Kay, Andrew, Martin and Gracie

With the Advent of Marla's work here at Holy Trinity, this fall has been a big adjustment for the Kay family. The boys, Andrew and Martin (age 4), are settled into their first year of preschool

and Sunday School. With Gracie who soon turns 2, they are having fun at the home where they are cared for when Deaconess Marla is working. Steve keeps busy as an engineer and manager at Bekaert in Orrville. With the warm fall, we've been able to get a lot done around our house in Wadsworth and are ready finally for snow.



Sarah Tiemann

Sarah Tiemann grew up in Hudson, Ohio. She has a BA in History and Secondary Education from Valparaiso University. After having taught in a high school classroom, she is in the final year of her master's degree work in Higher Education Administration at Baldwin Wallace, and will be pursuing a career on a college campus. And she will be getting married to Chris Larson this coming July. †



The next series of Membership Classes will be held during first quarter 2017. If you are interested in becoming a member of Holy Trinity or know someone who is, please contact Pastor David. †



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.

Do You Enjoy Baking?

Try making Communion Bread using this simple 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

- 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.

FALL HIKING SPREE

CONGRATULATIONS ... to those who completed the required number of trails and received their shield (or staff/shield)! They are: Ann Lawson, Pat McRowe, Karen Nevergall, Pastor David Nevergall, Rachel Núñez, Jacinto Núñez, Manny Núñez, Sally Richenbacher, Norm Richenbacher and Alexa Sandmann.
Keep on hiking!! †

Happy Birthday Betty!



Betty de Vries will celebrate her 95th birthday on January 19!! Betty participates in many activities and has won lots of money at bingo. She enjoys reading about the British Royals and watching reruns of Downton Abbey. And, the staff at the Life Care Center refer to her as 'Your Highness.' Please wish Betty a Happy Birthday by sending cards to: Betty de Vries, 127 S. Kenwood Street, Casper, Wyoming 82601-2725. †

Memorial Gifts

Organ Fund

In memory of **Sandra Perdicas**
David Erickson
John Frenz
Richard & Dorothy Shoemaker

In memory of **Lori Flemm**
John & Ruth Stefanik

Memorial Fund

In memory of **Sandra Perdicas**
Fred & Judy Rossetti

In memory of **Norb Weisend**
Betty de Vries



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

January 1 – Danielle McCarty
January 1 – Ruth Stefanik
January 1 – Nancy Stevens
January 3 – Diane Perrine
January 4 – Joseph Hancock
January 4 – Martin Woyen
January 5 – Thomas Deighan
January 6 – Kimberly Johnson
January 6 – Brennan Kane
January 6 – Isabella Merritt
January 6 – Michael Ruhlin
January 7 – Ron Nockengost
January 8 – Nancy Vesoulis
January 9 – Yvonne Sebastian
January 10 – James Feeman
January 10 – John Frenz
January 10 – Mia Nagle
January 11 – David Richmond
January 11 – Camella Worrell
January 12 – Russell Haas
January 13 – Thomas Hollingsworth
January 13 – Michael Izenour
January 13 – Bryan Jividen
January 14 – Edward Flemm
January 14 – Stan Martin
January 14 – Luke Nagle
January 14 – Sarah Tiemann
January 15 – Sonya Nagle
January 15 – Dick Willett
January 16 – Martha Thrall
January 17 – Robert Giebenrath
January 19 – Betty de Vries
January 20 – Heather Rountree
January 20 – Rich Williams
January 22 – Karen Doerrer
January 22 – Carol Seiberling
January 23 – Raymond Mason
January 23 – Jim Niskanen
January 25 – Laura Mattle
January 25 – Kenneth Porter
January 27 – Mark Hostetler
January 27 – Jack Samuelson
January 28 – Diane Chambers
January 29 – Gregg Loesch
January 29 – Bob Spannbaauer
January 29 – Mary Wallace
January 30 – Earl Greaser
January 30 – Katherine Kleinert
January 30 – Ella Mattle
January 31 – Judy Coffman
January 31 – Don Perrine

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.

January 2017 Worship Stewards

DATE	ACOLYTES/CRUCIFERS	READERS	COMMUNION ASSTS	SOUND
January 1 9:30 a.m.	Emma Seltzer (C) Ben Mormino	Tom Baumgardner	Carole Bader Diann Jenkins	Fred Spencer
January 8 8:30 & 11 a.m.	<u>8:30 a.m.</u> Beatrice Moxon <u>11 a.m.</u> Ethan Scheck (C) Camdynn Stevens	<u>8:30 a.m.</u> Tom Baumgardner <u>11 a.m.</u> Amanda Archbold	<u>8:30 a.m.</u> Pat Keller <u>11 a.m.</u> Shirley Keller Joan Derrig Diann Jenkins	<u>8:30 a.m.</u> Mike Ameling <u>11 a.m.</u> Joe Moxon
January 15 8:30 & 11 a.m.	<u>8:30 a.m.</u> Kristine Johnson <u>11 a.m.</u> Anna Scheck(C) Kazia Bethel	<u>8:30 a.m.</u> Pete Seltzer <u>11 a.m.</u> John Stefanik	<u>8:30 a.m.</u> Ron Nockengost <u>11 a.m.</u> Carole Bader Karen Nevergall Joan Derrig	<u>8:30 a.m.</u> Dennis Dick <u>11 a.m.</u> Bob Ethington
January 22 9:30 a.m.	Alex DeLuca (C) Abby Mormino	Bob Nagle	Fletcher Carroll Donna Carroll Emily Wolverton Cathy Wolverton	Lorin Sickafoose
January 29 8:30 & 11 a.m.	<u>8:30 a.m.</u> Emma Seltzer <u>11 a.m.</u> Ethan Scheck (C) Ben Mormino	<u>8:30 a.m.</u> Marsha Asente <u>11 a.m.</u> Dan Seiberling	<u>8:30 a.m.</u> <u>11 a.m.</u> Joan Derrig Shirley Keller	<u>8:30 a.m.</u> Lorin Sickafoose <u>11 a.m.</u> Bob Ethington

USHERS

<u>8:30 a.m.</u> Duane Aller Mike Ameling Bill Bulgrin Fletcher Carroll Donna Carroll Ron Nockengost Gary Radanof Fred Spencer <u>Karl Stutz</u> Gloria Woodford	<u>11 a.m.</u> <u>Gregg Loesch</u> Stan Martin Fred Rieman Rich Williams <i><u>Underlined name</u> indicates head usher.</i>
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altar CARE

Candles:
Marcy Nagy

Altar Care:
Sylvia Leddon
Sally Richenbacher

Flowers:
Sylvia Leddon & Marion Else



Communion Bread

Recipe is available at the Welcome Center

January 1 – Pat Keller
January 8 – Pat Keller
January 15 –
January 22 –
January 29 –

Sign-up sheet is at the Welcome Center.

January 2017 Calendar of Events

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 9:30 a.m. SINGLE Worship w/ communion No Middle Hour	2 Church office closed	3 5:30 p.m. Renaissance Team Meeting (CL) 7:15 p.m. Derbytown (FH)	4 9 a.m. TTTs 3 p.m. LINKS (FH)	5 9 a.m. Good Neighbors 3 p.m. LINKS (FH) 6:30 p.m. Trinity Bells 7:30 p.m. Trinity Choir	6	7 10 a.m. Steward- ship Meeting (CL)
8 8:30 & 11 a.m. Worship w/ Communion 9:45 a.m. Middle Hour	9 3 p.m. LINKS (FH) 7 p.m. Cabinet Meeting (CL)	10 3 p.m. LINKS (FH) 6:30 p.m. Worship and Music (Rm. 202) 7 p.m. Personnel Team Meeting (CL) 7:15 p.m. Derbytown (FH)	11 9 a.m. TTTs 3 p.m. LINKS (FH)	12 9 a.m. Good Neighbors 3 p.m. LINKS (FH) 6:30 p.m. Trinity Bells 7:30 p.m. Trinity Choir	13 3:30 p.m. Property Team Meeting (CL)	14 8:30 a.m. Men on A Mission (CL)
FAMILY PROMISE WEEK — Please sign-up on the Bulletin Board if you can help!						
15 8:30 & 11 a.m. Worship w/ Communion 9:45 a.m. Middle Hour 12:15 p.m. Youth Connect Lunch and Devo's (YR)	16 MARTIN KING JR. DAY—Church Office closed	17 6:30 p.m. Council Meeting (CL) 3 p.m. LINKS (FH)	18 9 a.m. TTTs 3 p.m. LINKS (FH)	19 3 p.m. LINKS (FH) 6:30 p.m. Trinity Bells 7:30 p.m. Trinity Choir	20 10:30 a.m. Trinity Stampers (SL) 12 p.m. Altar Guild (Rm. 202)	21 9 a.m. Women's Bible Study, Staci Melvin's Home
22 9:30 a.m. SINGLE Worship w/communion 11 a.m. Annual Congregation Meeting & Luncheon (FH) Trinity Book Club (following Meeting; SL)	23 3 p.m. LINKS (FH)	24 3 p.m. LINKS (FH)	25 9 a.m. TTTs 11 a.m.-3 p.m. Caregivers Workshop (FH) 3 p.m. LINKS (FH)	26 3 p.m. LINKS (FH) 6:30 p.m. Trinity Bells 7:30 p.m. Trinity Choir	27 1 p.m. Trinitarians Meeting (CL)	28 8:30 a.m. Men on A Mission (CL)
29 8:30 & 11 a.m. Worship w/ Communion 9:45 a.m. Middle Hour	30 3 p.m. LINKS (FH)	31 3 p.m. LINKS (FH)	<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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Council Update

The following topics were discussed and action taken at the December Council Meeting:

- ◆ Approved the TLC Endowment distribution for mission and outreach.
- ◆ Approved there be a single worship service on January 22, 2017 for the Annual Congregation Meeting.
- ◆ Approved the appointment of Elizabeth Liska to a three-year term to the Constitution Committee.
- ◆ Approved the appointment of Bob Nagle and Fred Rieman to a one-year term to the Mutual Ministry Team for Pastor David Nevergall.
- ◆ Approved the appointment of Alice Bouton and Amy Indorf to a one-year term to the Mutual Ministry Team for AIM Ruth Anderson.
- ◆ A Council/Cabinet/Staff Retreat will be held in February with the focus being on Ministry & Leadership Development. †

2017 Officers

Sandy DeLuca
President

Sonya Nagle
Vice President

Liz Anacki
Secretary

Bob Leddon
Treasurer

Join Us!

ANNUAL MEETING

Following a single worship service @ 9:30 a.m.

Sunday, January 22, 2017 Fellowship Hall

The congregation will review and vote on the 2017 annual budget ... you will hear a 'State of the Church' address ... you will view the new Mission @ Work web page ... you will receive a copy of Holy Trinity's NEW 'Report to the Community,' an overview of our outreach and service to the community ... and you will have an opportunity to ask questions. †

And there will be a delicious meal to be enjoyed by all!