



March 2017

# HIGHLIGHTS

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

## GO OUT & SERVE



Easter is coming ... Easter is coming! That means Holy Trinity will once again provide filled Easter baskets for the students involved with the LINKS Academy.

In late-March and early-April, Love Offerings will be designated to support this activity. The contributions collected will be used to purchase the needed supplies, and the TTTs will assemble the baskets so they

can be given to the students prior to Easter. *Please give generously!*

LINKS Academy is an after-school program for

students who attend Mason, Robinson and Leggett CLCs. It is coordinated by Open Door Church and currently serves 25-30 students. Holy Trinity has been supporting the LINKS Academy and the important work they do for more than five years. Thank you in advance! †



**Holy Trinity continues its support of the students, families and staff at Robinson CLC. Learn how YOU can help with these efforts ... see page 11. †**

# Lent



## A Season of Spiritual Reflection and Preparation

**MID-WEEK OPPORTUNITY:** The raising of Lazarus. Triumphal entry. Jesus washes the disciples' feet. The last supper. Betrayal and arrest. Crucifixion.

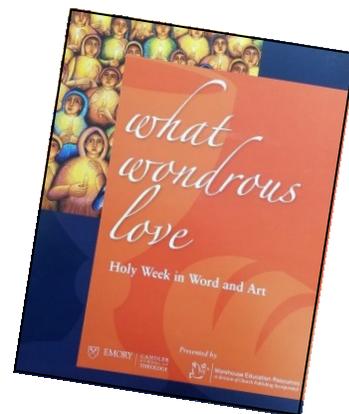
This year's Lent study explores these incidents from the last week of Jesus' ministry through Holy Scripture and the artwork of John August Swanson.

**Join Pr. David at 11 a.m. Wednesday or 6:30 p.m.**

**Thursday as we are re-introduced to these stories.**

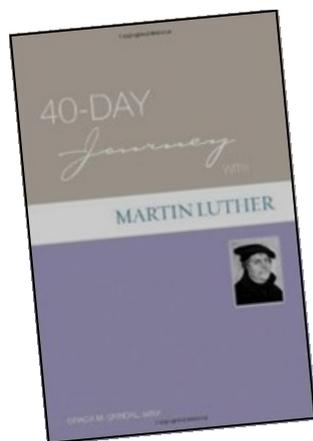
Each session includes a video presentation featuring teachers from the Candler School of Theology, Bible reading, and our conversation. We'll have soup and bread to share, too. (Sign up in the lobby if you'd like to donate either of these.)

Join us as we discover again what wondrous love is ours in Christ Jesus.



**ADULT FORUM:** *This book is an invitation to explore your own spirituality under the guidance of one of the most powerful Christian voices of the last millennium. Martin*

*Luther, paramount leader of the Protestant Reformation in the sixteenth century. This book is an invitation to spend forty days with Luther on a journey that will give you much to think about, much to pray about, and much to do on the road to radical discipleship.*



### THE APOSTLE'S CREED

We will take a closer look together at **The Apostle's Creed** in **Adult Forum during Lent at 10 a.m. in Room 202**, using excerpts from this book. (Journey Days 18, 19, 20, 21, 22 & 23) Copies of the book are available for purchase (\$5) in the church office or by contacting

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## What if ... *By Pastor David Nevergall*



The fact that last year's presidential campaign was nasty and divisive likely didn't catch anyone by surprise. The trend toward incivility in our public discourse was pretty well established even before the primaries, and it continued unabated right up to Election Day. What may have caught some of us off-guard, however, is the degree to which this manner of social engagement has continued. "Gotcha," snark and nasty are the rule especially on the news shows, talk radio, and social media, but also in far too many face-to-face conversations I've been part of. My concern is that this has become the new normal for social intercourse. But might this not also be an opportunity?

What if we committed ourselves as a

congregation to being formed around Luther's explanation of the 8<sup>th</sup> Commandment? For those who may not remember: "We are to fear and love God, so that we do not tell lies about our neighbors, slander or betray them, or destroy their reputations. Instead we are to come to their defense, speak well of them, and interpret everything they do in the best possible light."

What if we committed ourselves as a congregation to being a fellowship formed around Paul's sage advice to the Ephesians (4:14-16)? "We must no longer be children, tossed to and fro and blown about by every wind of doctrine, by people's trickery, by their craftiness in deceitful scheming. But speaking the truth in love, we must grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ..."

What if we committed ourselves as a congregation to being a fellowship formed around Jesus' Sermon on the Mount (Matthew 5-7)...grounding our every action in the good news that God's expansive blessing holds open a new world of love, mercy, and possibility, and that glimpses of that new world can be seen already in the worship and work we share here at Holy Trinity.

That, my friends, will have an impact. No...it doesn't change God's gracious commitment to us in the death and resurrection of Jesus. But it does change us by reforming the way we determine to dream and plan and work together. It changes us by easing our fears of the future as we take seriously the fact that God already holds that future steadfast. It frees our tongues to lead with praise of God and encouragement for one another. It focuses us on the mission we share instead of the anxieties that threaten to hijack us emotionally and spiritually. And it bears witness to a hurting world that it is possible to be truthful and joyful and gracious and faithful all at the same time.

So...think for a moment about who you need to talk to because you just don't seem to understand each other; connect up with them. Watch for the newly expanded calendar for Mission@Work events, and commit to being part of those projects and programs that call out your God-given gifts. Explore ways to deepen your own spiritual walk, be that by participating in Bible study or helping organize a ministry or lending your financial support. If you don't know your neighbor in worship or at lunch or around the meeting table, start the introductions. Make a commitment to kindness, patience, and forbearance in your dealings with the folks you meet at work and play every day. For the most part, these are little things. Oh, but what a difference they make.

Of course, we won't...we can't do this perfectly. But the Holy Spirit at work in us will be shaping and directing us every step of the way. Christ himself has shown us that the usual, death-dealing ways of doing business in this world don't have the last word. Already alive in him, we bear the great privilege of doing something different, something counter-cultural, something healing and helpful for the world around us. And what if we started right now? †

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#### 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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"During our crisis, it was peaceful to come to a church and feel protected."

- SINGLE MOTHER, AGE 26

**Next Hosting: April 9-16**



By Gregg Loesch, Outreach & Social Concerns Ministry Team

# FAMILY PROMISE

of Summit County

I'd like to share with you the great statistics that tout the success of our local Family Promise network here in Summit County. In 2016, the FPSC network served a total of 37 families. The families stayed in the network an average of 35 days. The success rate of the families placed into homes was 89 percent! Several programs have been added to the network: health education and a mobile check-up unit; household money management class; a no-interest loan program; and a mentoring program for families. And case managers keep in touch with every family for one year after they leave the network.

Our recent host week began January 15<sup>th</sup>, when we welcomed three families: three moms with a total of seven children ages two months to 13 years. Since there were so many kids, we had fun with all of the families, especially at meal times. During our host week one family exited the network to live in their own home. Within a month after this past hosting, the other two hosted families moved into their own homes also. It was our pleasure to help them make that happen!

We have awesome volunteers who gave their time and talents to make our hosting week successful. Helping us move the beds upstairs into the guest rooms was **Ethan Scheck** and **Peter Calvin**. Our van drivers through the week were **Dan Detwiler** and Velma's friend **Dennis Ingram**. Cooking and serving dinners through the week were **Doris and Don Santangelo**; **Debi Schramm** and **Sue and Dan Detwiler**; **Linda Vowles** and her daughter **Kathy Wolverton** and her daughter **Emily**; **Lynn Kane** and **Debbie Brent**; **Pat and Dean Keller**; **Debbie and Fred Spencer**; and **Velma Pomrenke**. We want to thank our evening hosts **Doris and Don Santangelo**; **Sylvia and Bob Leddon**; **Dennis Dick**; **Karen and Pr. Dave Nevergall**; **Bob Nagle**; and **Velma Pomrenke**. Hosting our guests overnight were **Elizabeth and Ernie Liska**; **Jacinto Nunez**; and **Karen and Pr. Dave Nevergall**. At the end of the week hauling beds, delivering the van, laundering the sheets were **David Vowles** and **Laura Scheck**. Our grocery shoppers were **Sandy DeLuca** and **Debi Schramm**. I also want to thank

our sextons **Bruce** and **Don** for keeping our guests' rooms and the kitchen clean.

**Please consider helping with this important program. Volunteers are most needed to serve as morning and afternoon van drivers and evening hosts.**

- **Morning Van Drivers** pick-up the children and families at the church at approximately 7:30 a.m. They drop-off children at school and then take the parents (and non-school-age children) to the Family Promise Center.
- **Afternoon Van Drivers** pick-up the children and families at 5 p.m. and bring them back to Holy Trinity for dinner.
- **NOTE:** *Volunteers drive the Family Promise vans and do not need any special driver's license. You will need to provide a copy of your license for the Family Promise Program, and you are covered under their vehicle insurance.*
- **Evening Hosts** serve onsite 7-9 p.m. each evening to be available if needed by the families and to handle any problems or issues that may arise. Hosts can interact with the families, and are welcome to bring craft to do or game to play with any children who are staying as guests.

Descriptions for these and all other volunteer opportunities and the sign-up schedule can be found on the bulletin board in the office hallway. **Thank you for serving!** †



# The Youth Connect

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

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

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

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

## YOUTH FUNDRAISERS

- **Now thru October 2017**—Change for Houston (*see below for more details*)
- **March 1 thru April 16** — Honey Baked Ham Gift Cards for Easter (*see below for more details*)
- **April 22**—Easter Egging, 'egg' someone's home for only \$20 (*see page 11 for more details*)

## HAPPENINGS

- **Friday, April 21** — Youth Lock-In (8th-12th grades) - *please see Miss Carole 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! †



### 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. †



**THANK YOU**



**JAKE**



**KIM**



**SAM**



**MORGAN**



**PICCOLLAGE**



## Maple Syrup Festival

**March 12, 11 a.m. - 4 p.m.**  
**Lutheran Memorial Camp**

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, visit [lomocamps.org](http://lomocamps.org).

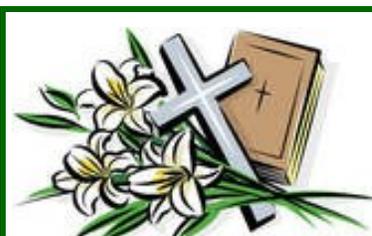
**NOTE: A group from Holy Trinity will be going to this festival. If you're interested, contact Rachel Nunez at (330) 376-5154.**



## Dave & Kathy Tiemann



Dave & Kathy Tiemann, who live in Hudson, celebrated their membership to Holy Trinity on February 26. Dave grew up in Rochester, New York, and Kathy in Aurora, Ohio. They have three grown children, Matt, Sarah and Ben, who by the end of summer will all be living in Chicago! We are all graduates of Valparaiso University. Dave has worked for PNC Bank for 37 years, and Kathy is a retired nurse who currently volunteers at both Hudson and Akron schools. Their greatest enjoyment has been traveling with their children. They are looking forward to getting to know the members of Holy Trinity's congregation, and participating in many of the activities offered here, especially the service and community outreach programs. †



## ORDER YOUR 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 \_\_\_\_\_

Please 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!*

## Join Us for "Tea with Tara!"

Holy Trinity will open its doors on Saturday, March 4, 9 a.m. for the next community meeting hosted by City of Akron Ward 5 Councilwoman Tara Mosley Samples. You are invited to join the discussion with other community leaders, business owners, residents and other concerned citizens. It is open and free to the public.

This is a great opportunity for Holy Trinity to continue its active involvement and engagement in the local community. †





## Men on a Mission

**Saturday, March 11 & 25, 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! †



## Trinity Stampers

**Friday, March 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! †



## 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! †



## Trinitarians

**Friday, March 24, 1 p.m. | Chapel Lounge**

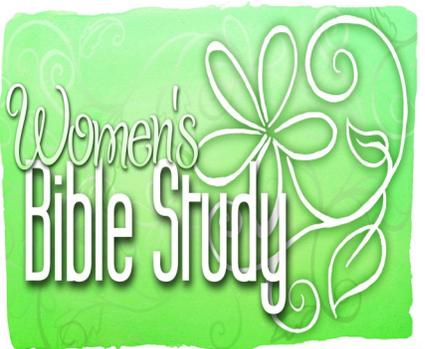
Pastor Betty Hazleton will present the program, "Katie Luther --- wife of Martin Luther." All members of Trinity are invited. Devotions will be given and refreshments provided. †



## 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. †



## Women's Bible Study

**Saturday, April 8, 9 a.m.**

The Women's Bible Study will meet at the home of Betty Oberdorfer, 1469 Glenbreigh Circle, Barberton, 44203. The discussion will be based on the Bible Study in the March-April issue of *Gather* magazine; topic to be included in the April issue. 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.* †

# The Chili Cook-Off



**THE CHILI COOK-OFF WAS A HUGE SUCCESS!** Nearly \$350 was raised, which is enough to send one child to camp.

**ABOVE:** Members line up to sample 13 different types of chili ... thank you to everyone who donated.

**ABOVE RIGHT:** And this year's 'Chili Masters' are Pastor David Nevergall (l), first place; Sandy DeLuca, second place; and Pete Seltzer, third place.

**RIGHT:** Joan Derrig (l) with Ruth and Fred Rieman enjoy bowls of chili.



**LEFT: MUSIC ANYONE?!** James Gates plays the trombone as part of a Sunday worship service.

**RIGHT: BEING NEIGHBORLY!** Thank you to everyone who contributed diapers, wipes, pull-ups and diaper cream to benefit the Battered Women's Shelter of Summit & Medina Counties Center for Hope & Healing. Marla Wood Kay (not pictured) with Ruth Anderson (l) and Carole Bader delivered everything to our neighbor up the road.



# Luther Preaches through Music

By Deacon Ruth Anderson, Director of Music Ministry

People know Martin Luther best as the father of the Protestant Reformation, but his musical gifts often get overlooked. He wrote over thirty hymns and composed music for many of them. He once said, "I wish to compose sacred hymns so that the Word of God may dwell among the people also by means of songs." Writing hymns served as an extension of Luther's passion to preach the message of God's gracious forgiveness to prince and ploughman alike.

Although Luther was born into a poor mining community in 1483, his intelligence and his father's hard work earned him a university education. After beginning a law career at Erfurt University, he suddenly left his studies to enter a nearby Augustinian monastery. Luther soon became painfully aware of his guilt before God but could find no relief from his despair. In time, he went to teach at the university in Wittenberg, where he discovered in Scripture that God had a perfect solution for his guilt – gracious forgiveness through Jesus Christ. This discovery freed Luther from the depths of his despair and became the driving force in the ensuing Reformation.

Psalms 51 and 130 serve as the basis of Luther's Lenten hymn, "From Deepest Woe I Cry to Thee":

1 From depths of woe I cry to Thee,  
In trial and tribulation;  
Bend down Thy gracious ear to me,  
Lord, hear my supplication.  
If Thou rememb' rest ev'ry sin,  
Who then could heaven ever win  
Or stand before Thy presence?

2 Thy love and grace alone avail  
To blot out my transgression;  
The best and holiest deeds must fail  
To break sin's dread oppression.  
Before Thee none can boasting stand,  
But all must fear Thy strict demand  
And live alone by mercy.

3 Therefore my hope is in the Lord  
And not in mine own merit;  
It rests upon His faithful Word  
To them of contrite spirit  
That He is merciful and just:  
This is my comfort and my trust.  
His help I wait with patience.

4 And though it tarry through the night  
And till the morning waken,  
My heart shall never doubt His might  
Nor count itself forsaken.  
O Israel, trust in God your Lord.  
Born of the Spirit and the Word,  
Now wait for His appearing.

5 Though great our sins, yet greater still  
Is God's abundant favor;  
His hand of mercy never will  
Abandon us, nor waver.  
Our shepherd good and true is He,  
Who will at last His Israel free  
From all their sin and sorrow.

May God bless our Lenten journey, as we speak and sing the message of His gracious forgiveness. †

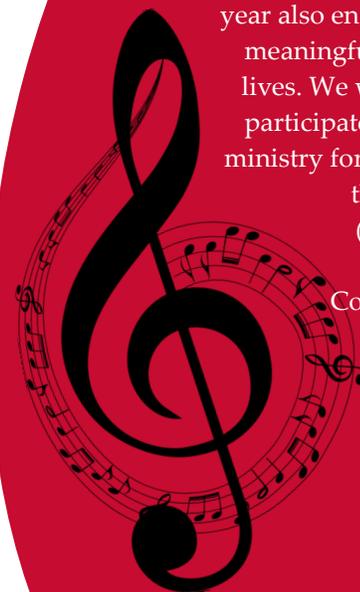
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## Try a new Lenten discipline

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.



## Need a Ride?

*Interfaith Caregivers  
provides 'door-through-door'  
transportation*



Those that request our ride-share service are not appropriate for other transportation:

- ◆ Our riders may be frail, or need personal support
- ◆ They may need a friendly face to alleviate anxiety
- ◆ Many need help getting their coats on or off
- ◆ Some need help getting in and out of the vehicle
- ◆ Others need help bringing packages into their home

Is that you? Do you need a ride to medical appointments? Need help getting groceries? Please call, we would like to help you.

Riders' requests will be posted and scheduled through our newly-acquired **RideScheduler™** software. Volunteer Drivers choose assignments that work best for their schedule. Mileage reimbursement is available for transports to/from medical appointments. †



## VOLUNTEER DRIVERS WANTED!

If you're interested in volunteering for this important program, please call Interfaith Caregivers at (330) 922-1900. Call today!

## Adult Forum Lenten Study ... continued from front page

Rachel Núñez, Director of Discipleship Ministries. You do not need a copy of the book to attend Adult Forum discussions.

- ◆ March 5<sup>th</sup> The First Article: On Creation
- ◆ March 12<sup>th</sup> The First Article: What does this mean?
- ◆ March 19<sup>th</sup> The Second Article: On Redemption
- ◆ March 26<sup>th</sup> The Second Article: What does this mean?
- ◆ April 2<sup>nd</sup> The Third Article: On Being Made Holy
- ◆ April 9<sup>th</sup> The Third Article: What does this mean?

**MIDDLEHOUR**  
explore belong grow serve

## 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 Elizabeth Liska & Sonya Nagle**

March 5<sup>th</sup> – The Good Samaritan

March 12<sup>th</sup> – The Prodigal Son

March 19<sup>th</sup> – The Parable of the Sower

March 26<sup>th</sup> – Jesus, the Good Shepherd

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

March 5<sup>th</sup> – Vigil Stories 1

March 12<sup>th</sup> – No Class Meeting

*(you are invited to join the High School Youth in the Youth Room)*

March 19<sup>th</sup> – No Class Meeting

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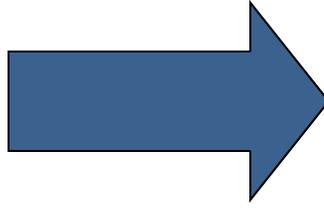
March 26<sup>th</sup> – Vigil Stories 2

### 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



## Here's How YOU Can Make a Difference at Robinson CLC!

As you read in the February Highlights, Robinson CLC is located in one of the poorest neighborhoods in the City of Akron. Holy Trinity 'adopted' Robinson CLC this school year to help provide much needed support to the students, families and teachers. Though the school year is more than half over, there a couple of upcoming opportunities (below) where you can help the children attending Robinson Community Learning Center and their families. It is such a privilege to serve this neighborhood in this way and show the children and families the love of Jesus Christ. Come and serve!



Who doesn't love MATH? NOT! To help students improve their math skills, Robinson CLC will host their annual Math Night, titled 'Patterns and Pasta,' on March 16.

And, Holy Trinity is

going to provide a Spaghetti Dinner for everyone!

**Volunteers are needed at the school at 3:30 p.m.** to help with the following: set-up the buffet, drink and dessert areas; unload the food and place the items on the buffet or in the warmers in the kitchen; clean-up the entire area by washing the tables, doing the dishes and sweeping the floors. If you're not able to volunteer but still want to help, **COOKIES ARE NEEDED!** If you wish to donate cookies for this event, please place them in Room 202 by Noon on March 16. *Thank you in advance for helping with this activity!* †

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 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 March 19 ... 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.* †



**Donations Needed for**

**Attendance**

**Mentoring Program**



## '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. †



## Make Your Support Electronic



Do you shop on-line? Pay bills on-line? Skype or Facetime with your family and friends on-line? Have you considered giving on-line, too?

Holy Trinity offers the "Simply Giving" program from Thrivent Financial. It's an

easy, no-cost way of making regular contributions to the work we share. Those gifts come directly from your bank account or credit card. You decide how much to give and how often to give it. And you can easily modify the amount or frequency of giving as you need to. There is a simple form which Financial Secretary Rick Kimble can provide for you. Email him at [rkimble@holyltrinityakron.org](mailto:rkimble@holyltrinityakron.org). Or call him at 330-376-5154. Thanks! †

## 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. For the month of January, average weekly worship attendance at Holy Trinity (Sunday morning and midweek services) was 129. That's about 17% lower than the same time last year. The major factor in that difference? The first Sunday of the year was New Year's Day. Not many of us were in church that morning.

Through the end of January, our undesignated giving in support of Holy Trinity's ministry was \$45,560, or about 5.9% above our budget expectation of \$43,002. Total income for the month was \$62,543.91; expenditures were \$55,668. That's a solid start to the new year.

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. Regular, weekly participation in worship is a significant way of giving thanks to God as well as receiving spiritual refreshment for ourselves. So join us...this and every week...as the work of Christ's Church goes on. †



**Prayer of the Month:** Please pray for children who are living in turmoil and those who have been abandoned. †



**Environmental Tip:** Don't put hazardous materials in the trash. Save paints, pesticides and yard or household chemical substances as well as waste oil, batteries and other similar materials for a household hazardous waste collection day or the opening of



**BLOOD PRESSURES** will be taken on Sunday, March 5, 9:45-10:30 a.m. in the Parish Nurse Office, Room 201. Health information will also be available. †



## 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.**



### **Organ Maintenance Fund**

In memory of **Dick Derrig**  
Dave & Linda Vowles  
Larry & Sophia Morton

### **Organ Recital Fund**

In memory of **Sandra Perdicas**  
Bob & Sylvia Leddon

### **Extraordinary Building Fund**

In memory of **Dwight Woodford**  
Bob & Sylvia Leddon

### **General Fund**

In memory of **Dwight Woodford**  
Pat McRowe

### **Memorial Garden**

In memory of **Dick Derrig**  
Karl Stutz

### **Stained Glass Fund**

In memory of **Dwight Woodford**  
Robert & Marion Spannbauer  
Duane & Joanne Aller

In memory of **Dick Derrig**  
Robert & Marion Spannbauer  
Donna & Fletcher Carroll  
Bob & Sylvia Leddon  
Tom & Alice Bouton

### **Memorial Fund**

In memory of **Dick Derrig**  
Dick & Yvonne Sebastian  
Don & Rosanne Wight  
Karen Snyder  
Ruth Hervol  
Trinitarians  
Mary Eagle

In memory of **Sandra Perdicas**  
Karen Snyder

In memory of **Emil Pomrenke**  
Janet Anderson

In memory of **Dwight Woodford**  
Paul & Liz Anacki



### **March Birthdays**

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

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

*If you want to include your birthday in a future issue of the Highlights, please contact  
Annamarie 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

- 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.

# March 2017 Worship Stewards

DATE	ACOLYTES/CRUCIFERS	READERS	COMMUNION ASSTS	SOUND
<b>March 5</b> 8:30 & 11 a.m.	<u>8:30 a.m.</u> Luke Nagle	<u>8:30 a.m.</u> Sylvia Leddon	<u>8:30 a.m.</u> Gloria Woodford, Pat Keller	<u>8:30 a.m.</u> Lorin Sickafoose
	<u>11 a.m.</u> Ethan Scheck (C) Kazia Bethel	<u>11 a.m.</u> Jacinto Nunez	<u>11 a.m.</u> Liz Anacki, Paul Anacki, Joan Derrig	<u>11 a.m.</u> Michael Wilson
<b>March 12</b> 8:30 & 11 a.m.	<u>8:30 a.m.</u> Kristine Johnson	<u>8:30 a.m.</u> Bob Leddon	<u>8:30 a.m.</u> Sandy DeLuca, Pat Keller	<u>8:30 a.m.</u> Mike Ameling
	<u>11 a.m.</u> Anna Scheck (C) Camdynn Stevens	<u>11 a.m.</u> Rachel Nunez	<u>11 a.m.</u> Dan Seiberling, Lesli Eisenhart	<u>11 a.m.</u> Bob Ethington
<b>March 19</b> 8:30 & 11 a.m.	<u>8:30 a.m.</u> Emma Seltzer	<u>8:30 a.m.</u> Fletcher Carroll	<u>8:30 a.m.</u> Gloria Woodford	<u>8:30 a.m.</u> Dennis Dick
	<u>11 a.m.</u> Michael Wilson (C) Abby Mormino Ben Mormino	<u>11 a.m.</u> Manny Nunez	<u>11 a.m.</u> Joan Derrig	<u>11 a.m.</u> Joe Moxon
<b>March 26</b> 8:30 & 11 a.m.	<u>8:30 a.m.</u> Mia Nagle	<u>8:30 a.m.</u> Donna Carroll	<u>8:30 a.m.</u> Sandy DeLuca, Emily Wolverton, Cathy Wolverton	<u>8:30 a.m.</u> Lorin Sickafoose
	<u>11 a.m.</u> Beatrice Moxon (C) Kazia Bethel	<u>11 a.m.</u> Ann Lawson	<u>11 a.m.</u> Dan Seiberling, Joan Derrig	<u>11 a.m.</u> Michael Wilson

Communion Assistants needed at both services ... please consider serving!

## 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
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*Underlined name indicates head usher.*

## altar CARE

**Candles:** Lynn Kane  
**Altar Care:** Linda Vowles & Cathy Wolverton  
**Flowers:** NO FLOWER DELIVERY  
**Communion:**

<u>8:30 a.m. Service</u> Mar. 5 Pat Keller & Jennifer Keller Mar. 12 Nan Riemenschneider & Sally Richenbacher Mar. 19 Lynn Kane & Marsha Asente Mar. 26 Nan Riemenschneider & Marsha Asente	<u>11 a.m. Service</u> Mar. 5 Sophia Morton & Carol Seiberling Mar. 12 Sophia Morton & Carol Seiberling Mar. 19 Marion Else & Pat McRowe Mar. 26 Marion Else & Pat McRowe
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## Communion Bread

*Recipe is available at the Welcome Center*

March 5 — Pat Keller  
 March 12 — Karen Nevergall  
 March 19 — OPEN  
 March 26 — OPEN

*Sign-up sheet is at the Welcome Center.*

# March 2017 Calendar of Events

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
 <p><i>Mission @ Work activities appear in bold. For more information, please contact the Church office at (330) 376-5154. Thank you!</i></p>			<b>1</b> <u>ASH WEDNESDAY</u> 9 a.m. TTTs 11 a.m. Soup Lunch & Bible Study (Rm. 202) 12:15 p.m. Ash Wednesday Worship (Sanc.) <b>3 p.m. LINKS (FH)</b> 7 p.m. Ash Wednesday Service (Sanc.)	<b>2</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>3</b>	<b>4</b> <b>9 a.m. 'Tea with Tara' Community Meeting (CL)</b> 10 a.m. Stewardship Meeting (office)
<b>5</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)	<b>6</b> <b>3 p.m. LINKS (FH)</b>	<b>7</b> <b>3 p.m. LINKS (FH)</b> 5:30 p.m. Renaissance Meeting (CL) 7:15 p.m. Derbytown (FH)	<b>8</b> 9 a.m. TTTs 11 a.m. Soup Lunch & Bible Study (Rm. 202) <b>3 p.m. LINKS (FH)</b>	<b>9</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>10</b> 3:30 p.m. Property Team Meeting (CL)	<b>11</b> 8:30 a.m. Men on A Mission (CL)
<b>12</b> 8:30 & 11 a.m. Worship w/ Communion 9:45 a.m. Middle Hour 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Maple Syrup Festival, LOMO 3 p.m. Warrior's Journey Home (CL)	<b>13</b> <b>3 p.m. LINKS (FH)</b> 7 p.m. Cabinet Meeting (CL)	<b>14</b> <b>3 p.m. LINKS (FH)</b> 5 p.m. Finance Team Meeting (CL) 6:30 p.m. Worship & Music Team Meeting (Rm. 202) 7 p.m. Personnel Team Meeting (CL) 7:15 p.m. Derbytown (FH)	<b>15</b> 9 a.m. TTTs 11 a.m. Soup Lunch & Bible Study (Rm. 202) <b>3 p.m. LINKS (FH)</b>	<b>16</b> <b>9 a.m. Good Neighbors</b> <b>3 p.m. LINKS (FH)</b> <b>3:30 p.m. Serving Spaghetti Dinner at Robinson CLC</b> 6:30 p.m. Soup Supper & Lent Study (Rm. 202) 6:30 p.m. Quilters (CL) 6:30 p.m. Trinity Bells 7:30 p.m. Trinity Choir	<b>17</b> 10:30 a.m. Trinity Stampers (SL) 12 p.m. Altar Guild (Rm. 202) 	<b>18</b> 9 a.m. Women's Lenten Retreat (CL)
<b>19</b> 8:30 & 11 a.m. Worship w/ Communion 9:45 a.m. Middle Hour Youth—Lunch & Devos, following 11 a.m. service (YR)	<b>20</b> <b>3 p.m. LINKS (FH)</b>	<b>21</b> <b>3 p.m. LINKS (FH)</b> 6 p.m. Council Meeting (CL) 7:15 p.m. Derbytown (FH)	<b>22</b> 9 a.m. TTTs 11 a.m. Soup Lunch & Bible Study (Rm. 202) <b>3 p.m. LINKS (FH)</b>	<b>23</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>24</b> 1 p.m. Trinitarians Meeting (CL)	<b>25</b> 8:30 a.m. Men on A Mission (CL)
<b>26</b> 8:30 & 11 a.m. Worship w/ Communion 9:45 a.m. Middle Hour 3 p.m. Warrior's Journey Home (CL)	<b>27</b> <b>3 p.m. LINKS (FH)</b>	<b>28</b> <b>3 p.m. LINKS (FH)</b> 7 p.m. AAIC 'Spring into Hope' Concert 7:15 p.m. Derbytown (FH)	<b>29</b> 9 a.m. TTTs 11 a.m. Soup Lunch & Bible Study (Rm. 202) <b>3 p.m. LINKS (FH)</b>	<b>30</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>31</b>	

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# Women's Lenten Retreat

Saturday, March 18  
Chapel Lounge

**Cost: \$5 each**



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

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  
Annamarie in the church office at 330-376-5154.

Akron Area Interfaith Council  
presents

## Spring Into Hope

Featuring the 2017 AAIC Harmony  
Chorus and Gospel Wonders

Tuesday, March 28, 7-9 p.m.

**Our Lady of the Elms**

1375 W. Market Street, Akron

**Cost: \$5 per person**

To register, call (330) 666-2287

Spring into Hope is an award celebration  
honoring South Street Ministries and  
interfaith evening of songs and personal  
stories focused on Hope and Unity through  
Spirituality and Faith.