



Holy Trinity
Lutheran Church

Engaged by Grace.

WEEKLY

Ministry Announcements for the week of June 29 – July 6, 2025

Our Sunday Schedule

8:30 am – Morning Prayer with Communion
10:00 am – Worship in-person and online at www.engagedbygrace.org
11:00 am – VBS Kickoff Lunch

New Ministry Opportunities

VBS Kickoff – Sunday, June 29

Everyone's invited to gather for this year's Vacation Bible School kickoff event on Sunday, June 29. The theme of the day is "Love One Another". Following worship, there will be hot dogs, s'mores and opportunities to chat around a "campfire" as well as other activities and crafts in Grace Hall. Even if you're not available for VBS during the week, we hope you'll join us for the fun on June 29. For more information, please contact Director of Faith Formation Noelle Fox at noelle.fox@engagedbygrace.org.

Vacation Bible School: June 30 - July 3, 2025

Summer is here and it's almost time for VBS! Vacation Bible School at Holy Trinity will be a fabulous time of singing, learning, and fun! We hope your child(ren) will join us for a week of Vacation Bible School where we will "Live It Out" and learn to love as Jesus loved. VBS at Holy Trinity is **Monday, June 30 through Thursday, July 3** from 9:00-11:30am. [Registration for children ages 3 through those entering 5th grade can be found here](#) or at the reception window at church.

July 4th Parade and Hospitality

Holy Trinity helps show support of the Upper Arlington community by welcoming neighbors during the annual 4th of July parade, providing cold water and tasty treats to parade goers. Following the parade, Minister of Music Joshua Brodbeck will present a brief organ concert. Invite your friends and family to attend! As always, the parade and concert are free and open to the public. If you would like to contribute home-baked or store-bought goodies for the parade hospitality, please sign up at the Collection & Signup Corner in the Gathering Place. Treats should be dropped off in the church kitchen no later than **8:30 am on Friday, July 4.**

Holy Trinity will once again be partnering with the Upper Arlington Civic Association to provide the "Diversability Zone" during the parade. People with autism and other considerations sensitive to loud noises can sit with care givers while the parade participants modulate their sound to 50% volume. UACA will provide a tent to identify the space on the front lawn and Holy Trinity will provide parking and hospitality. (Other areas of the lawn will be available to the general public but it should be noted the volume of the parade participants will be at a lower level than in other locations.). Hope to see you on the 4th!

Shoe Collection for VBS

New and gently used shoes are needed for this year's Vacation Bible School service project. Everyone is invited to participate. All shoes collected will be sent to Soles4Souls, a nonprofit organization dedicated to fighting poverty by creating opportunities to support people as they lift themselves and their families out of poverty. Please place any shoe donations in the boxes in the Gathering Space from now through Sunday, June 29. For more info, please visit www.soles4souls.org or reach out to Noelle Fox if you have questions.

Summer Night Music in Upper Arlington with the Columbus Symphony Orchestra Thursday, July 10 at 7:00 pm at Holy Trinity

Join CSO Assistant Conductor Elias Miller for the Summer Night Music series as he leads the Columbus Symphony in an exciting program inspired by birds. Contemporary composer Sam Wu's *Eagle Huntress* calls on the sounds of traditional Mongolian music to tell the story of a fearless girl determined to forge her own path. Haydn's charming Symphony No. 83 is known as *La poule* — listen for the sounds of the hen that inspired this fanciful nickname. Tchaikovsky's warm and lush *Serenade for Strings*, a perennial favorite, is the perfect way to round out a summer evening of invigorating music.

The Summer Night Music Neighborhood Concert Series brings classical music to central Ohio communities and provides a relaxed setting for sharing symphonic music with friends and neighbors. The price is \$30/adults and \$10/children (inclusive of fees). Tickets can be purchased in advance or at the door.

Seeking Overnight Hosts for Gotha Handbell Choir

The Gotha (Germany) Handbell Choir is planning their 6th tour of Ohio this summer, and once again, Holy Trinity has been invited to host. Dates for hosting are **Saturday, July 26 and Sunday, July 27.**

The Gotha Handbell Choir was at the heart of the ministry partnership between the Lutheran Church of the North in Germany and the Southern Ohio Synod in the USA. While East Germany was still walled off from western countries, arrangements were made for a bell choir from Dayton to play a concert for a congregation in Gotha. Having “neglected” to bring their bells home with them, the Dayton choir was instrumental in establishing a renowned bell choir of their own in Gotha. The group will be traveling with 18 people for which we are seeking two overnight accommodations, two breakfasts, and either lunch or dinner on Sunday (to be determined once we decide on the concert time for that day). To serve as a host, sign up online here or at the ministry signup table. For questions or more information, please see Josh Brodbeck or Pastor Steve.

LSS Produce Drive

Due to state budget cuts, our partners at Lutheran Social Services will not have as much produce available to distribute during the month of July. Help is needed to ensure the people served still have access to healthy food. The most-needed items are: bags of potatoes, salad kits, bags of grapes, and carrots. Items can be dropped off at the food pantry located at 1460 S. Champion Ave for distribution on Tuesdays in July. For more information, contact Ben Powers at bpowers@lssnetworkofhope.org or 614-429-5528.

Support the Sikhona Mission Trip July 9-21, 2025

In July, 18 members of the Barrett, Burton, Roth, Sharp, Warnement, and Wachtman families will travel to Kenya for a partnership exchange with [Sikhona Rescue Centre](https://www.sikhonarescuecentre.com/) (<https://www.sikhonarescuecentre.com/>), which supports women and children impacted by gender-based violence (GBV). In addition to serving at their shelter and sustainable farm where care is provided, the group will undertake a lasting service project: the construction of a **Community Signboard** in Kitengela, Kenya. Decorated with tiles and recycled glass similar to the project shown at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XpBESrxmvQc> the signboard will:

- Provide a safe, public location for Sikhona's online GPS registration
- Help educate community members on local support services, including Sikhona's programs
- Create a central, safe & free space for community-led action

How You Can Support:

Decorate a Tile

- Visit the workstation in the Gathering Space
- Create a tile with your name and/or message of hope
- We'll transport your tile to Kenya for the signboard



Make a Donation (Goal: \$2,000)

- Scan the QR code above or click the following link for the [Sikhona Partnership Exchange](https://engagedbygrace.org/give) website
- Give online at <https://engagedbygrace.org/give> (select "Signboard Project")
- Write a check to Holy Trinity or contribute cash marked for "Signboard Project"

This project deepens Holy Trinity's four-year relationship with Sikhona, and your support can make a meaningful difference. You can learn more on the flyer available at the Welcome Center in the Gathering Space. For other questions or ideas, feel free to contact anyone among the traveling families. The group will be commissioned during worship on Sunday, July 6.

Stewardship Corner

God loves both the rich and the poor. However, it is difficult for the rich to love the Lord because they can so easily become absorbed in the things they possess. Jesus warned that wealth can be highly dangerous. He told how difficult it was for the rich to be saved when He said, *"How hard it is for the rich to enter the kingdom of God!"* (Luke 18:24-25). God doesn't condemn wealth. The warning is about the attitude that an abundance of money and possessions can cause. Paul wrote, *"For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil. Some people, eager for money, have wandered from the faith and pierced themselves with many griefs"* (1 Timothy 6:10). For more info about stewardship, contact Max Buban at maxmbuban82@gmail.com.

News of Invite Ministries

New Prayer Concerns:

The family of Darrel Richards, Drew Richards' father, who died recently

Prayers for Our Members:

Gail Svendsen, at home, recovering from a respiratory illness

Shirley Boyd, at home, recovering from a fall

Sue Ferguson, at home, recovering from a fall

Nicole Carothers, recovering from a back procedure

Rob Setterlin, battling an infection

Brian Barrett, recovering from knee surgery

Floradelle Pfahl, at Ganzhorn Suites

Josh Hudson, deployed to the Middle East with the USS Sterett

Prayers for Our Family and Friends:

Chuck Jentes, Jill Banicki's father, hospitalized with a serious infection

Joe Berkemer, Matt Berkemer's uncle, undergoing chemotherapy

Phyllis Bliss, friend of Holy Trinity, undergoing kidney dialysis twice/week

Wayne Engel, Shirley Boyd's cousin, struggling with cancer

James Gildea, Shirley Boyd's friend, recovering from a fall that fractured vertebra in his neck

Betty Mak, Shirley Boyd's friend, undergoing daily home dialysis

Pom, Na Brown's friend, who recently suffered a stroke

Violet, Carolyn and Clyde Cramer's neighbor's 8-year-old granddaughter, diagnosed with leukemia

Joe Stone, Genie Craven's son-in-law, recovering from neck surgery

Dottie and Dale Anderson, Joanne and Skip Duncan's friends, dealing with Alzheimer's

Tim Curry, Bev Farrell's brother and JoAnn Curry's brother-in-law, struggling with Parkinson's

Melissa, Sue Ferguson's daughter, diagnosed with colon cancer

Alan Greiner, Barb Keller's brother, dealing with multiple serious medical issues
 Rodney Larson, Don Larson's brother, diagnosed with cancer
 Darwin Williams, Chase Leibold's coworker, undergoing chemotherapy for cancer
 Nate Poole, Janet Maxwell's friend, following a severe neck injury resulting in paralysis
 Darlene Madden, Janet Maxwell's friend, diagnosed with cancer
 Chris Stewart, Janet Maxwell's friend, diagnosed with cancer
 Maggie Carr Miller, Janet Maxwell's friend, diagnosed with cancer
 Squire Aschinger, John & Judy McKittrick's nephew, diagnosed with cancer
 Julianna Nemeth, Mary Nemeth's daughter, recovering from brain surgery
 Lucas, Susan Poling-Jones and Tony Jones' nephew, recovering from seizures and a brain bleed
 Megan, Susan Poling-Jones' friend, recently diagnosed with Parkinson's Disease
 Heidi McCarthy, Susan Poling-Jones' friend and mother of a newborn child, undergoing chemotherapy
 Stephanie Gotemoeller, Susan Poling-Jones' friend, undergoing radiation following breast cancer surgery
 Ben Souders, Susan Poling-Jones' friend's son, diagnosed with bipolar disorder
 Terry and Pam Reed, Dave Reed's parents, struggling with complications of Terry's Parkinson's Disease
 Jim, Miriam Ringquist's friend
 Kristin, Miriam Ringquist's niece, dealing with mental health issues
 Deanne Niedziela, Amy Schueler's former college roommate, badly injured by a falling tree limb in Costa Rica
 Lois Rozenquist, Susan Setterlin's friend, battling non-operable lung cancer
 Sheila Gretar, Susan Setterlin's sister, recently diagnosed with cancer
 Leia Kaufman, Suellen Sharp's cousin, in the ICU at Riverside
 Caitlyn Carey, Matt & Suellen Sharp's sister-in-law, diagnosed with cancer
 Amy Lavoie, Becky Warnement's cousin, battling a recurrence of lung cancer
 Those affected by the global pandemic, natural disasters, the Armed forces, victims of terror, and all those on the margins of society most vulnerable to unrest, oppression and exploitation.

News of Empower Ministries

Empowerment Shelf – July 2025

by Elizabeth Sammons with love from Neighbor-to-Neighbor

Into the Uncut Grass, *The Last Children of Mill Creek*, and *Asian American Histories of the United States* are books of note. This literature intends to expand our awareness, theology and/or acceptance of diverse viewpoints. We in Neighbor to Neighbor hope you'll discover how these writings from various generations embrace what it means to be human and to walk in spirit. ...

Into the Uncut Grass by Noah, Trevor

A story for all ages from the biracial South African comedian, this story explores the dimensions of living and adventure.

The Last Children of Mill Creek by Gibson, Vivian

Mill Creek Valley was a segregated working-class neighborhood of St. Louis that was razed in 1959 to build a highway, an act of racism disguised under urban renewal as "progress." This book chronicles the everyday lived experiences of Gibson's large family—her seven siblings, her crafty, college-educated mother, and her hard-working father—and the friends, shop owners, church ladies, teachers, and others who made Mill Creek into a warm, tight-knit African-American community.

Asian American Histories of the United States by Choy, Catherine Ceniza

This book presents nearly 200 years of Asian migration, labor, and community formation in the US. Read about the lived experiences and diverse voices of immigrants, refugees, US-born Asian Americans, multiracial Americans, and workers from industries spanning agriculture to healthcare.

Habitat for Humanity News

The Northwest Partners Habitat house at 1493 Arlington Ave. in Linden is moving right along! All are welcome to help on Thursday mornings and Saturdays, come out and join the fun! No experience necessary! Contact Benson Ross with any questions at detailsdetails96@gmail.com.

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 11:00 am – VBS Kickoff and Lunch

Monday 9:00 am – VBS “Live It Out”
 6:30 pm – BSA Troop 555

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 10:15 am – Preacher’s Bible Study

Thursday 9:00 am – VBS “Live It Out”
 12:30 pm – LSS Food Pantry

Friday **July 4th Parade and Hospitality**
Church Offices Closed

Saturday No Events Scheduled

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 10:00 am – Worship in-person and online at www.engagedbygrace.org

Holy Trinity Schedule of Worship Servers – June & July 2025

Date	Time	Welcome Center	Assisting Minister	Lay Reader	Ushers	Communion Assistants	Livestream	Bread Bakers	Communion Team
June 29	10:00 am		Tim Hudson	Mary Jane Neiman	Tom Wuichet Tim Stock	Nancy Riley Elli Cucksey	Tim Rice	Chris Grabenstatter	Chris Grabenstatter Janette MacConnell Kris Kochheiser
July 6	10:00 am	Barb & Bob Campbell	Elli Cucksey	Debbie Cochran	Chris Pryor Adam Wagenbach Peter Ward	Herb Maxwell Janet Maxwell	Matt Sharp		Kathy Higbee Marie Tanner
July 13	10:00 am		Keith Townsend	Lynn Anderson	Dan Perry AC Cochran	Karen Larson Don Larson	Ben Kaffenberger	Chris Burton	Joanne Duncan Terri Michael
July 20	10:00 am	Benson Ross	Peg Steele	Beth Myser	Mark Abell Doug Myser Benson Ross	AC Cochran Jody Passafume	Jared Forts		Nancy VanFossen Madeleine Guggenaster Lynn Anderson

Sunday Worship Texts

Sunday, June 29 – John 5:31-38; Jeremiah 36:1-8, 21-23, 27-31. **Testimony About Jesus**
 Sunday, July 6 – John 16:7-15; Jeremiah 29:1, 4-14 **Letter to the Exiles**

The Holy Trinity Staff:

Pastor: Steve Wachtman (steve.wachtman@engagedbygrace.org)
 Preschool: Molly Capuano and Jackie Newlon (directorhtcdp@gmail.com)
 Administrator: Laura Hudson (laura.hudson@engagedbygrace.org)
 Minister of Music: Joshua Brodbeck (joshua.brodbeck@engagedbygrace.org)
 Director of Faith Formation: Noelle Fox (noelle.fox@engagedbygrace.org)

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