



Holy Trinity
Lutheran Church

Engaged by Grace.
WEEKLY

Ministry Announcements for the week of July 27 – August 3, 2025

Our Sunday Schedule

8:00 am – First English Breakfast Ministry
8:30 am – Morning Prayer with Communion
10:00 am – Worship in-person and online at www.engagedbygrace.org
4:00 pm – Gotha Handbell Choir Concert

New Ministry Opportunities

Welcome to the Gotha Handbell Choir!

The St. Augustine Lutheran Church Handbell Choir from Gotha, Germany will present a concert at Holy Trinity on **Sunday, July 27 at 4:00 pm.**

As a reminder, 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 here in the USA. While East Germany was still walled off from western countries, arrangements were made for a bell choir from Dayton, Ohio to play a bell choir concert for a congregation in Gotha. Having “neglected” to bring their bells home with them, the Dayton choir was instrumental in establishing Gotha’s renowned bell choir of its own.

Intro to Holy Trinity Luncheon

Are you interested in learning more about our church? An Introduction to Holy Trinity luncheon will be held **Sunday, August 10 at 11:15 am** following 10:00 worship. This gathering is designed to help interested people learn more about the ministry of our congregation and the encounters with God’s grace that we share. Those interested in membership will be received as new members at a later date. If you have questions in the meantime, please contact Pastor Steve Wachtman at steve.wachtman@engagedbygrace.org or Director of Equipping Ministers Laura Hudson at laura.hudson@engagedbygrace.org. Hope to see you on the 10th!

American Red Cross Blood Drive

In partnership with the American Red Cross, Holy Trinity’s next blood drive will be **Thursday, July 31 from 9:00am – 2:00pm.** You can make an appointment by calling 1-800-REDCROSS or online at www.redcrossblood.org/give. Thank you for considering giving the gift of life.

July – Disability Pride Month

July is Disability Pride month and Holy Trinity along with Red Oak Family Foundation sponsored a Diversability zone for the Upper Arlington Fourth of July Parade. Participants in the parade were encouraged to reduce the volume of their entry in the parade by 50%. The reduced volume is important to people with autism and other neurological conditions.

People living with disabilities are very diverse as illustrated by the Disability Pride Flag shown below.

- The faded black background honors people with disabilities who have lost their lives due to systemic neglect, violence, or lack of access to proper care.
- The diagonal stripe represents how people living with disabilities cut across all communities, identities, and experiences.
- The design is a powerful example of how accessibility and representation can go hand in hand.



The flag is a good reminder that there is always more to learn under the surface and that we should always stay curious and delve deeper! Remember that all are welcome at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church.

Nurturing Faith Event

Parents are warmly invited to a special event hosted by the Age-to-Age Initiative and sponsored by Capital University and Peace Lutheran Church.

An Evening with Meredith Miller

Author of Woven: Nurturing a Faith Your Kid Doesn't Have to Heal From

Wednesday, July 30, 6:00–7:30 pm at the Rusty Bucket, Gahanna

Meredith Miller is a nationally respected voice in children's ministry and faith formation. With over 20 years of experience as a pastor, writer, and parent, she brings practical and hopeful insight for those who care about the spiritual lives of young people. Parents, educators, youth ministry leaders are invited to this opportunity to reflect on how we cultivate resilient, life-giving faith in children and students today.

Highlights include:

- Childcare available at Peace Lutheran Church (Gahanna)
- Additional food and beverages available for purchase
- An engaging, faith-centered conversation relevant to your work and witness
- Appetizers provided by HopeWood Outdoors

Space is limited – [please register early!](#)

Stewardship Corner

In discussing tithing, giving ten percent of our incomes, the question that is often asked is, "Should my giving be based on my gross or net income?" Proverbs 3:9 will help us answer that question: "Honor the Lord with your wealth, with the first-fruits of all your crops." Based on this as well as other verses, we can understand that the tithe should be based on our gross incomes. The reference to "your wealth" implies that we need to honor God with all that we have. For more information about stewardship, please contact Max Buban at maxmbuban82@gmail.com.

News of Invite Ministries

New Prayer Concerns:

The family of Carolyn Wachtman, Pastor Steve's mother, who died on July 14
Family will receive friends Thursday, July 31 from 4-7 pm at Epiphany Lutheran Church in Pickerington
where the funeral will be held on Friday, August 1 at 2:00 pm.

Prayers for Our Members:

Christine Buehner, recovering from knee replacement surgery
Nicole Clark, recovering from back surgery
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
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, dealing with the result of neck surgery
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
Darvin 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
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
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.

Altar Flowers

Altar flowers beautify our worship space and are a lovely way to acknowledge special events or remember loved ones. There are currently many openings for altar flower memorials and dedications in the coming months. You can sign up at the flower table next to the Info Center in the Gathering space or by contacting the church office at 614-486-9433 or laura.hudson@engagedbygrace.org. Checks, electronic drafts, or credit card payments can be made payable to Holy Trinity with “flowers” noted in the memo line. The cost is \$35.

News of Empower Ministries

Habitat for Humanity News

The Northwest Partners Habitat house at 1493 Arlington Ave. is slightly ahead of schedule so the next couple volunteer workdays have been canceled until the drywall is finished and the parking pad is poured. A revised schedule will be shared when work resumes in early August. Everyone’s welcome to come out and join the fun at that time! No experience required! Contact Benson Ross with any questions at detailsdetails96@gmail.com.

St. James Lutheran Annual Brats and Crafts Festival

St. James Lutheran Church, located at 5660 Trabue Road, will hold its 41st annual Brats and Crafts Festival **Friday, August 1 - Sunday, August 3**. The festival features authentic German food with home-made desserts, a beer wagon, as well as an arts and crafts fair, music, games and a German worship service on Sunday. All proceeds from the festival are distributed to local charitable organizations in the Central Ohio area. Everyone is invited to attend! For more information, please contact Tracy Hennes, Secretary, at 614-878-5158 or at stjames@ohiostjames.com.

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.

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Monday 6:30 pm – BSA Troop 555

Tuesday No Events Scheduled

Wednesday 10:15 am – Preacher's Bible Study
 7:00 pm – Church Council

Thursday 9:00 am – Red Cross Blood Drive

Friday No Events Scheduled

Saturday No Events Scheduled

Sunday, August 3, 2025

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

Holy Trinity Schedule of Worship Servers – July & August 2025

Date	Time	Welcome Center	Assisting Minister	Lay Reader	Ushers	Communion Assistants	Livestream	Bread Bakers	Communion Team
July 27	10:00 am		Tim Hudson	Tim Hudson	Dan Perry Skip Duncan Doug Myser	Deb Bickford Peter Ward	Noah Fox	Debbie Cochran	Suellen Sharp Nancy Riley
Aug. 3	10:00 am		Peg Steele	Keith Townsend	Ron Benedick AC Cochran	Herb Maxwell Janet Maxwell	Ben Kaffenberger	Becky Warnement	Kathy Higbee Marie Tanner
Aug. 10	10:00 am	Benson Ross	Ron Benedick	Ben Kaffenberger	Dan Perry Skip Duncan	Don Larson Karen Larson	Ben Fox		Chris Grabenstatter Janette MacConnell Kris Kochheiser
Aug. 17	10:00 am		Elli Cucksey	Beth Myser	Dan Perry Doug Myser Skip Duncan	Nancy Riley	Matt Fox	Suellen Sharp	Joanne Duncan Terri Michael

Sunday Worship Texts

Sunday, July 27 – John 8:13-20; Revelation 1:4-8 **Greetings and 1st Vision**

Sunday, August 3 – John 17:1-5; Revelation 4:1-11 **The Elders and the Four Living Creatures**

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)

For mobile giving options, scan code below with your phone's camera or go to <http://www.engagedbygrace.org/offering>



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Holy Trinity Ministry in Action



Holy Trinity members, Sikhona staff and friends created a signboard as a resource and information center for the community.



Sikhona Partnership Exchange!
Join my circle by scanning the QR Code above

Scan the QR code above for more photos.



Members of Holy Trinity and the Sikhona partnership posed for a photo following a shared worship service in Kitengala, Kenya on July 13.

Scan the QR code above for more photos of their service mission trip and safari experience.

Mark your calendars for the evening of **Sunday, August 24** when the participants from Holy Trinity will share pictures and stories of some of the many things they experienced while on their pilgrimage.