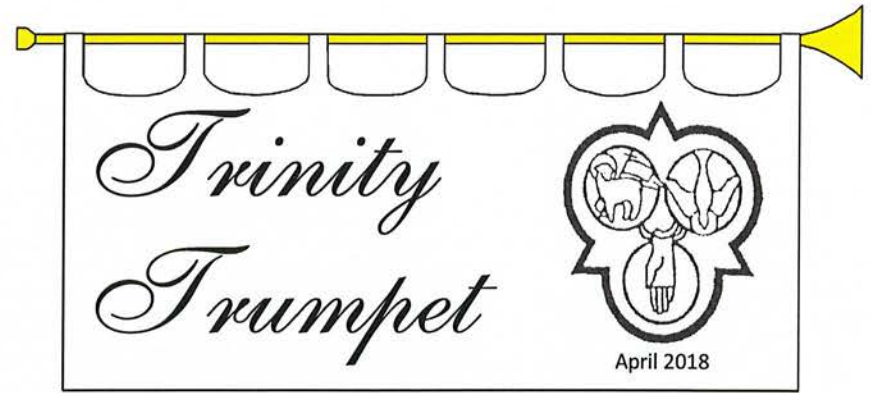


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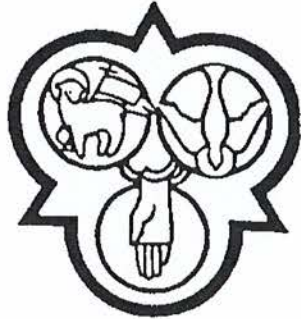
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Nursery Coordinator: Beth Binius

Mission Statement

Holy Trinity Lutheran Church exists to:

HEAL – Through Word and Sacrament,
TEACH – Through Word and Deed,
LOVE – Through being Sent to Serve,
In **CHRIST JESUS**

SERVERS FOR APRIL

READERS

8:00 – April 1 – Sharon Sterling-Elhage April 8 – Elaine Hayes
April 15 – Jan Whitacre April 22 – Linda Allende April 29 – Kitty Burgett
9:15 – April 1 – Linda Ramsell April 8 – Evan Leckie-Ewing
April 15 – Karen Lautzenheiser April 22 – Cindy Aikens
April 29 – Gretchen Leckie-Ewing
10:30 – April 1 – Larry Robenstine April 8 – Kris Gibson
April 15 – Tracy Mattson April 22 – Don Carley April 29 – Darlene Bailis

ALTAR GUILD

Marlene Webb, Pam Miller, Leanne Hinkel

USHERS

8:00 – April 1 & 22 – Jess Hanft, Howard VanOrman
April 8 & 29 – Frank Towns, Earl Blazer
April 15 – Gary Jones, Sharon Sterling-Elhage
9:15 – April 1 – Kevin & Debbie Beck
April 8 – Sharon Duffie, Debra Kennell
April 15 – Wade & Karen Lautzenheiser
April 22 – Craig & Ann Godwin
April 29 – Debra Kennell, Laurie Soliday
10:30 – April 1 - Bruce & Marcia Patterson, Sandy Dodd, Roger Mahaffey
April 8, 15, 22 & 29 - Bruce & Marcia Patterson



GREETERS

7:45 – April 1 – Bob & Judy Kromer April 8 – Paul & Susan Feaser
April 15 – Marlene Webb, Gloria Lipster
April 22 – Frank & Pam Towns April 29 – Mark & Alice Himes
8:45 – April 1 – Marilyn Cooper, Laurie Soliday
April 8 – Joyce Hunt, Joanne Murray
April 15 & 29 – Wade & Karen Lautzenheiser
April 22 – Joyce Hunt, Teddie Wyss
10:00 – April 1 – Marcia Patterson, Cheryl Sepanik
April 8 – Lois Trauger, Sandy Dodd April 15 – Davis & Ashley Raff
April 22 – Mark & Janice Husted April 29 – Brent & Tracy Mattson

COMMUNION ASSISTANTS

8:00 – April 1, 15 & 29 – Carolyn Perlog, Dave Wilkinson, Sharon Sterling-Elhage
April 8 & 22 – Paul Feaser, Mark Himes, Marlene Webb
9:15 – April 1, 15 & 29 – Linda Ramsell, Joanne Murray
April 8 – Sharon Duffie, Jean Pitocco
April 22 – Sharon Duffie, Jean Pitocco, Jacob Godwin
10:30 – April 1 – Don Carley, Tracy Mattson, Tim Bailis, Zeth Boord
April 8 & 22 – Carole Amatangelo, Roger Mahaffey, Brent Mattson,
Ken Groves
April 15 & 29 – Don Carley, Larry Robenstine, Tim Bailis, Zeth Boord

WORSHIP IN APRIL

April 1 - Easter Sunday

Acts 10:34-43

1 Corinthians 15:1-11

Mark 16:1-8

April 8 - Easter 2

Acts 4:32-35

1 John 1:1 - 2:2

John 20:19-31

Psalm 133



April 15 - Easter 3

Acts 3:12-19

1 John 3:1-7

Luke 24:36b-48

Psalm 4

April 22 - Easter 4

Acts 4:5-12

1 John 3:16-24

John 10:11-18

Psalm 23

April 29 - Easter 5

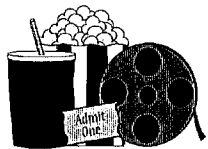
Acts 8:26-40

1 John 4:7-21

John 15:1-8

Psalm 22:25-31

During the Easter season, stories from Acts of the early church give us insight and encouragement, as we seek to be a community of disciples today. John and Luke invite us to experience the risen Christ as he encounters us.



Senior Activity Lunch & Movie

Saturday, April 28th - NOON - Join us in the Family Life Center for a movie and lunch. Lunch will be provided. Sign up on the bulletin board by the main doors.

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

Dear Friends in Christ,

Following the disciplines of Lent and the intensity of our worship and devotion during Holy Week, the season of Easter, together with the beginning of spring offers an opportunity for joy and renewal. While every season has a beauty all its own, I believe that spring is my favorite time of the year. The morning sun, singing birds, spring bulbs, the smell of freshly cut grass, baseball, renewed outdoor activity all signal a change in mood. I hope that you will also experience a renewal during this season.

In worship, we will be encountered by the risen Christ, appearing to his disciples, renewing their spirit and their mission, as he makes all things new. I encourage you to enter into worship during these weeks of Easter, expecting to be renewed in an encounter with the risen Christ. Further, I invite to watch for opportunities to encounter those around you, as you share with them the joy and love of the risen Christ. May your witness and service renew them, and bring them hope for each new day.

As most of you know, God has placed in my heart a passion and commitment to Christian Unity. The days of April 16-19 will be a time of renewal for me, as I gather with equally committed disciples from all over the country, and even other parts of the world, at the National Workshop for Christian Unity in Silver Spring, Maryland. These occasions have become an opportunity for me to make new acquaintances, renew existing friendships, and be inspired to renew my commitment to the church mission to unity. The theme this year is *God's Power Nurturing Communities of Witness and Dialogue*. I hope to share my learning with you in a variety of ways, and to invite you into this exciting dimension of the church's mission.

The month of April will also be a time for us to prepare for the Community Hunger Walk, which is held in North Canton on Sunday, May 6. We are all invited to participate in this outreach to our community's hungry sisters and brothers, by walking on May 6 and generously contributing monetary gifts to this ministry. We have had significant response in participation and gifts in past years; and I challenge us all to exceed our participation this year. Together with our friends throughout the community, we can make a difference! Watch bulletin boards, bulletin "tidbits", displays in the gathering area, and the HTLC web site for information.

As we are renewed, we are called and inspired by the risen Christ to bring renewal and hope to others. May God bless us for such a life this spring and Easter!

In the Spirit of the risen Christ,
Pastor Mark



SASSY SCISSORS

The Sassy Scissors will meet this month on Monday, April 9th from 3 -7pm and Thursday, April 12th from 10am - 2pm. Work will continue on the Lutheran World Relief quilts. If you like to serve others and enjoy the fellowship of your sisters in Christ, this is your chance! Pack a little meal for yourself and join us! We'll gladly welcome you, offer free on-the-job training, and even provide a delicious dessert!

For anyone interested in knowing the final destination of our quilts, a recent check online to the LWR website revealed that our last shipment of boxes has not yet left the warehouse. Only time will tell where our quilts will one day go! We'll keep you posted!

WEDNESDAY MORNING MEN'S BIBLE STUDY

The men's weekly Bible Study meets weekly on Wednesdays from 9-10am in the Conference Room. We are studying *"The Gospel of Luke"*, which invites us to explore the story of Jesus and his mission as God's Chosen One, the Messiah. We value the experience and comments of all group members to make the sessions interesting.

SATURDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY

The Saturday Morning Bible Study will meet Saturday, April 7th, at 10:00 am in Luther Hall. We will continue looking into the *Book of Concord*. All are welcome!

CHRISTCARE BIBLE STUDY

Christcare Bible Study will meet on Thursday, April 12th at 7:00pm in the Conference Room. The format for each meeting includes: Scripture reading, prayer, sharing, and the study and discussion of topics that are of interest to Christians. All are welcome!

COUNCIL NOTES

(March 13, 2018 meeting)



The meeting began with devotions and prayer, centering on the theme of light and darkness in the Gospel of John, Chapter 1.

We will investigate the condition of the roof on a portion of the sanctuary and the parsonage, an exterior door in the basement, and the flow of water in the basement during heavy rains.

Meetings to discuss plans for Vacation Bible School will be held during the morning of Sunday, April 8.

Council will review our congregation's *"Safe Sanctuary"* and *"Child Protection Guidelines"*.

The Community Hunger Walk is Sunday, May 6. We will bless all walkers and gifts during worship that morning. Coordinators for the Garage Sale will invite youth members to assist that day and during the week of preparation. Urban Ark is requesting paper and plastic bags. Urban Ark contributions total \$505.00, to date.

Youth are preparing for Explore the Bible (Elizabeth Mattson) and First Communion (Trey Davis, Brianna Dodd, Crystal Fast, Elizabeth Mattson, Lilly Sedon). These celebrations will take place on Palm Sunday, March 25.

Council will seek a person to assist Judy Keevil with the coordination of the Care Team.

We are continuing to receive quotes for a new telephone system. Our current system is out-dated and experiencing problems that cannot be repaired.

A nominating task force was appointed to seek nominees for church council. The congregational meeting to elect new council members is Sunday, May 20.

Council will recruit two voting members (one male, one female) for the Northeastern Ohio Synod Assembly.

Pastor Mark reported a number of recent new worshipers, to whom he will give spiritual attention, while seeking to know them better.

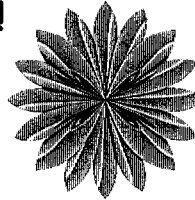
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The meeting adjourned to the sanctuary for prayer.

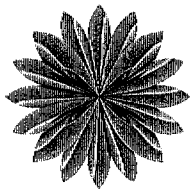
BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

Please contact the church office at 330-492-0072 if we have missed your birthday, anniversary, or have the incorrect date.

APRIL BIRTHDAYS!!!



- 4/05 - Bethany Cox
- 4/06 - Alexandra Cox
- 4/09 - Evan Slatzer
- 4/10 - Ron Schaedler
- 4/11 - Ray Shammo, Janeen Williams, James Tamulewicz
- 4/12 - Judy Kromer
- 4/14 - Margo Daniels
- 4/16 - Cindy Hale, Joe Strobelt, Chase Dudley
- 4/17 - Isaac Dudley
- 4/19 - Wendell Horn
- 4/20 - Denise Fudge
- 4/23 - Ralph Buckridge
- 4/24 - Tim Bailis, Laurie Horn
- 4/25 - Hunter Martinak, Christine Walton
- 4/26 - Linda Shier
- 4/27 - Craig Godwin
- 4/28 - Valane Messerly
- 4/29 - Elaine Jensen
- 4/30 - Karen Robenstine, Janice Husted



APRIL ANNIVERSARIES!!!

- 4/07 - Tim & Dawn Hart
- 4/16 - Joe & Valerie Fleming
- 4/29 - Chuck & Vicky DeGraff, Ken & Stephanie Groves



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

"ROLLING RIVER RAMPAGE"

Our Vacation Bible School adventure will be "Rolling River Rampage". It is the week of June 25th-29th from 9am to Noon at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church.

"Rolling River Rampage" invites children on a white-water rafting adventure to experience the ride of a lifetime with God! Along the river, children discover that life with God is an adventure full of wonder and surprise, and that they can trust God to be with them through anything.

We are still in need of volunteers. Please sign up on the sheet on the bulletin board by the main hallway or contact Linda Ramsell. **There will also be two VBS meetings on Sunday, April 8th after the 9:15 & 10:30am service in the conference room.**

Explore the Bible and First Communion

Two youth celebrations central to the discipleship ministry at Holy Trinity are *Explore the Bible* and *First Communion Preparation*. On Sunday, March 25 Elizabeth Mattson received her *Spark Bible* following instruction by Linda Ramsell. Trey Davis, Brianna Dodd, Crystal Fast, Elizabeth Mattson, and Lilly Sedon will celebrate their First Communion, as they come to the Lord's Table. They were led by Pastor Mark, using Lutheran curriculum, *Fed and Forgiven*.

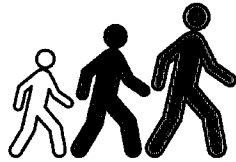
We rejoice with these youth members and their families, as they continue to grow in Christ.



AROUND THE CONGREGATION

We give thanks for the life of Ray Moore, who in his death was commended to God's mercy on March 18, 2018.

**FEED THE NEED
Stark Hunger Walk**



This walk benefits all the food distribution sites in the Stark County area who rely on the Akron-Canton Regional Food Bank for the groceries that they give to those in need. All monies raised will go to the Akron Canton Regional Food Bank. You can make a difference by walking, donating food and/or volunteering. To participate, see the literature at the Welcome Center and the sign on the bulletin board. Holy Trinity will be collecting food to be taken to the Walk. If you would like to make soup for the Post-Walk Interfaith Soup Social after the Walk or volunteer for other areas, contact Cheryl Sepanik at 330-768-7496 for details. After you register, all walkers should meet in the Community Room at Community Christian Church for a HTLC group picture. When you turn in your envelope during registration, please make sure Holy Trinity's name and address and your signature are on the envelope. Thank you for your support.

This is a Kid-friendly, Pet-friendly Inter-faith Walk

Date of Walk: Sunday, May 6, 2018 at 3:00 pm.

Starting location: Community Christian Church, 210 N. Main St, North Canton

Registration begins: 2:00 pm

Post-Walk Activity: The Interfaith Soup Social held inside the spacious hall at Community Christian Church is one of the most important parts of the afternoon.



Our annual garage sale will be Saturday, June 9th from 8:00am-2:00pm. This is our biggest fundraiser of the year and we need your help! Many volunteers are needed. Look for the signup sheets on the bulletin board at the end of April. We are applying to Thrivent's Action Team program to help fund the cost of food & supplies for the Garage Sale. All proceeds benefit the Youth Fund for the ELCA National Gathering.

Items for the sale may be dropped off Monday, June 4th thru Friday, June 8th from 9am-3pm, & one evening on Wednesday, June 6th from 5-7pm. We will accept small electronic items that are working. If you have large items (furniture) that need picked up, please make arrangements with Howard VanOrman at 330-492-7985. **We will NOT accept TVs', large appliances, computers or any items on the day of the sale (Saturday).** If you are unable to drop off your items during the times and dates listed, please call Pam Miller at 330-492-7979 to set a time and date for you to take to her Pole barn. We will see that the items are taken to the sale.

New this year will be a Plant & Garden section. Please bring any unneeded plants (in pots) and garden items during drop off times. We also are in need of baby and small children's cloths, etc. *Thank You for supporting this Holy Trinity Fund Raiser!*



*Men's Breakfast Fellowship
Saturday, April 14 - 8:30 a.m.*

The men of Holy Trinity are invited to enjoy a delicious home-cooked breakfast, with fellowship, prayer, and spiritual enrichment.

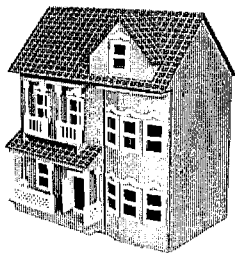
Please see the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board, and bring a friend.

Chefs for April are Phil Thompson and Roger Mahaffey.

VOLUNTEERS FOR URBAN ARK

We are in need of volunteers to work a few hours on Tuesdays. The hours will depend on the positions you volunteer for. The kitchen is 9-11AM. Distribution of food is Noon - 2PM. If you are an early riser they need stronger help to go to the Food Bank with a group that meets at 7AM and are back to Urban Ark at around 9AM. When you volunteer you are not needed for every Tuesday. Call Gary Sepanik at 330-617-2776.

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY DOLLHOUSE UPDATE



Kara Durbin of Habitat for Humanity recently phoned to personally thank our congregation for its generous \$3,292.00 donation. This gift included the proceeds from the sale of the Sassy Scissors' doll house project. Kara expressed her appreciation for our congregation's creative support in helping a family in our community achieve home ownership. She noted that our donation will be used to preserve a home acquired by Habitat for a local family of four. Work on this home began on Thursday, March 15th and is scheduled to be completed by the middle of May.

Eugene, a retired Vietnam veteran, and his wife, Carlina, a homemaker, look forward to moving to this safe, decent, and affordable home with their two grandchildren, Jerry (6) and Sariah (4). Their present rental home has water damage due to unrepaired leaks in the water meter, roof, and plumbing. The rental is infested with mice, and the one bathroom in the house, located in a room that was added on, is now pulling away from the original structure. The first floor windows are nailed shut and cannot be opened during hot summer days. Electricity in the neighborhood frequently goes off for hours on end, resulting in the loss of their refrigerated food. Mobility issues make it impossible for Gene and Carolina to use either of the two upstairs bedrooms. They sleep in the living room, and their grandchildren climb the unlit stairway to their rooms upstairs. Jerry recently tested positive for lead in his blood, no doubt the result of the home's poor condition. Sariah has been diagnosed with autism.

Despite these challenges, Eugene and Carlina are committed to doing what is necessary to have a safe, decent home for their family. In the weeks ahead, they will spend hundreds of hours working on Habitat worksites, at ReStore, and in House2Home education classes to prepare to become first time home owners. "Having clean, affordable housing, and room for our family to move around freely will give us such peace of mind," Carlina said. "We are so ready for that!"



2018 BUDGET UPDATE

	INCOME	EXPENSES	REMAINDER
FEBRUARY	\$28,334.13	\$31,800.45	(\$3,466.32)
YEAR TO DATE	\$53,190.86	\$59,865.50	(\$6,674.64)

***MONTHLY BUDGET \$31,442 (This is the amount needed each month in order to meet the anticipated 2018 expenses of \$377,297)

Please remember these groups meet at Holy Trinity:

- AA – Every Friday at Noon in the Library
- NAMI (National Alliance of Mental Illness) – Support Group – every 1st & 3rd Wednesday from 6:00-7:30pm
- F2F (Family to Family) – Education Class sponsored by NAMI – 12 week course – next class begins Thursday, Sept. 6-Nov. 15 from 6:00-8:30pm
- P2P (Peer to Peer) – Education Class sponsored by NAMI – 12 week course – next class begins Thursday, April 5-June 7 from 5:00-8:30pm
- Basics - Education Class sponsored by NAMI – 6 week course – next class begins Wednesday, Sept. 12-Oct. 17 from 5:30-9:00pm

Confirmation Ministry

The Greatest Prayer

Sunday, April 8 – 6:00 p.m.
Sunday, April 22 – 6:00 p.m.

We continue learning to pray together, with Jesus as our Teacher and the Lord's Prayer as our model.

The evening includes snacks and games following our learning time.

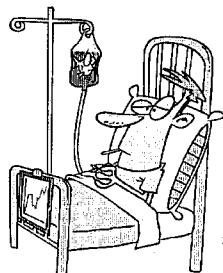
Ways to help support Ministries of HTLC:

Gift Cards - Purchase cards for birthdays, anniversaries, holidays, as well as for your own weekly purchases and we get a percentage of every sale.

Sunday Newspaper - Buy your Sunday Repository at Holy Trinity for \$2 each and we keep \$1.

Pastor Mark Will Attend the National Workshop on Christian Unity

The National Workshop on Christian Unity is an annual event for leaders and servants in the church to learn about living and promoting Christian unity. This year's workshop will be April 16-19 in Silver Spring Maryland. The theme this year is *God's Power Nurturing Communities of Witness and Dialogue*. Please pray for the Spirit to preside over the workshop and inspire the leaders and participants.



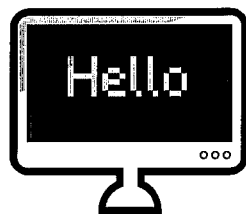
HOSPITALIZATIONS

Due to privacy laws, hospitals do not inform churches or pastors of admissions without the patient's permission. Even with patient permission the message is often not shared. If you or a loved one is hospitalized and wish to be visited or added to the prayer requests, please contact the church office at 330-492-0072.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

Sunday, May 20 – 10:00 a.m.
Family Life Center

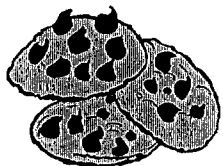
We will gather in the Family Life Center for the purpose of electing members to serve on our congregation council. We will install and surround those elected on this day with prayer, as well as all the members of our council.



Have you visited our **NEW WEBSITE** recently? Well, you need to visit it again. We have added links to the histories of Bethel and of Martin Luther churches and a more detailed history of Holy Trinity. You will find these links in the "About Us" section of our new website: <http://holytrinitycanton.org>.

Those nominated will come from prayerful consideration, seeking the leading of God's Spirit.

COFFEE HOUR COOKIES



Attention all bakers & buyers - we are always in need of cookies for the Sunday morning coffee hour. If you would be willing to make some yummy cookies....please put them in the freezer in the Family Life Center kitchen. Thank you!!!!

MARY-MARTHA CIRCLE

We will meet Thursday, April 5th at 10:00am in the Conference Room. Sandy Dodd will be the facilitator. Margo Daniels & Valane Messerly will be the hostesses. Please sign up. All women are welcome!




STAMPING GROUP is Monday, April 2nd at 7:00pm at Holy Trinity. You need no experience and you don't need to bring anything with you except \$3.00 to help cover the cost of supplies. Cheryl McClure will be leading this month.



April

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 8:00 W / CM NO Sunday schl 9:15 CPS / CM 10:30 W / CM 8:30-10 Breakfast Happy Easter	2 7:00 - 8:30 p.m. Boy Scouts 7:00 p.m. Stamping Group	3	4 9:00-10:00 a.m. Men's Bible Study 6:00-7:30 p.m. NAMM 7:00 p.m. Choir practice	5 10:00 a.m. Mary-Martha Circle 5:00-8:30 p.m. P2P 6:45 p.m. Urban Ark 7:00-8:00 p.m. Cub Scouts	6 Noon AA Meeting	7 10:00am-Noon Bible Study
8 8:00 W / CM 9:15 CPS / CM VBS Meeting 9:15 Sunday schl 10:30 W / CM VBS Meeting 6:00 Confirmation	9 3:00-7:00 p.m. Sassy Scissors 7:00 - 8:30 p.m. Boy Scouts	10 7:00 p.m. Council Meeting	11 9:00-10:00 a.m. Men's Bible Study 7:00 p.m. Choir practice	12 5:00-8:30 p.m. P2P 7:00-8:00 p.m. Cub Scouts 7:00 p.m. ChristCare Bible Study	13 Noon AA Meeting	14 8:30 am. Men's Breakfast
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