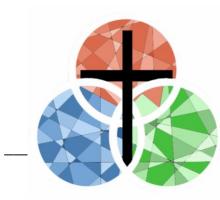
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Congregational Meeting Sunday, May 19 9:30am - Family Life Center

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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* Please turn in your articles for the Trinity Trumpet by the third Sunday of every month.

E-mail your articles to htlc.canton@gmail.com

Sunday Morning Schedule

8:30 am – Sanctuary & Livestreamed (link will be e-mailed)

**bulletins will be e-mailed & snail mailed to those that do not have email

10:00 am – Family Life Center

**Holy Communion at both services

10:00 am – Sunday School

SAVE THE DATE: CAMP FIRELIGHT

Vacation Bible School July 22-26, 2024

This year's VBS will be the week of July 22-26 and the theme is



"Camp Firelight -A Summer Camp Adventure with God". Join firsttime camp Counselor Sam and Lumen, "Lu," for a summer adventure at Camp Firelight. Campers accompany Counselor Sam and Lu during each assembly session and learn to face their fears while trusting in God. With the help of Lu, and the Camp Counselor Guidebook, Counselor Sam and the Campers explore timeless Bible stories showing how Old and New Testament Campers trusted God, faced their fears, and went on to do great things in God's name.



CHECK OUT THE HUGE VARIETY OF AVAILABLE GIFT CARDS

\$10: Taco Bell, Panera Bread, Domino's, Dunkin', Target, Burger King, Chipotle,

Dairy Queen, Arby's, Walmart, Pizza Hut, Bath & Body, Papa John's, Starbucks, McDonald's, Cracker Barrel, BW3, Subway, Applebee's, Red Lobster; **\$25:** Texas Roadhouse, Bob Evans, Red Robin, Starbucks, TJ Maxx/Home Goods, Home Depot, Lowe's, Chilis, TGIF, Target, Arby's, Chipotle, Meijer, Walmart, Joann, Rite Aid, Walgreens, Speedway, Sheetz, Big Lots, Menard's, Michael's, Giant Eagle, American Express, Visa; **\$50:** Visa. **Stop in and help support Holy Trinity's ministries.**

SASSY SCISSORS

We will meet on Monday, May 6 from 12-4pm & Thursday, May 9 from 10am-2pm. All are welcome!

WORSHIP IN MAY

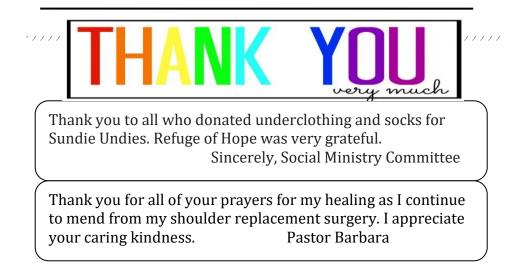
Sunday, May 5 – Easter 6	Sunday, May 12 – Easter 7
Acts 10:44-48	Acts 1:15-17, 21-26
Psalm 98	Psalm 1
1 John 5:1-6 📃 🚽	1 John 5:9-13
John 15:9-17 🛛 😽	John 17:6-19
Sunday, May 19	Sunday, May 26
Day of Pentecost	The Holy Trinity
Acts 2:1-21	Isaiah 6:1-8
Psalm 104:24-34, 35b	Psalm 29
Romans 8:22-27	Romans 8:12-17
John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15	John 3:1-17

PENTECOST SUNDAY May 19th --- 8:30 am and 10 am

Join us as we celebrate the gift of God's Holy Spirit to empower the church and build up the body of Christ. We invite you to wear something RED this Pentecost. Red symbolizes the fire, energy and passion of the Holy Spirit.

TRINITY SUNDAY - May 26th 8:30 am and 10:00 am

We celebrate our Triune God – Father, Son and Holy Spirit





"And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit..." (Acts 2:2-4)

Pentecost is the longest season of the church year lasting from the celebration of Pentecost to Christ the King Sunday in November. (the last Sunday of the church year and the last Sunday before the start of Advent) This season is often called, "ordinary time," although there is nothing ordinary for those Jesus sends out into the world. There is nothing ordinary about the breath of God breathed into us which brings healing and moves us toward wholeness and community. There is nothing ordinary about the fire of the Holy Spirit which inflames our hearts with passion and inspires (to breathe into) our daily life and walk of faith. Pentecost brings irrepressible life to us and to the community of faith known as the church. We grow into and become more fully the church during this season.

In the wind and fire of Pentecost, the Spirit came among the disciples infusing life and charging them with a mission. "Now they were to go out into the world as apostles, a title which means, "those sent out."

"Jesus' followers were filled with burning passion and joy as they dashed out" into the world telling the good news of Jesus Christ and the most amazing love of God. "The Spirit filled their hearts with holy abundance and has sent them out to love as Christ loves."

All followers of Christ are part of God's creative and redemptive unfolding through our faith in Jesus Christ and by the power of the Holy Spirit. "We come to know the Spirit as our source of excitement, confidence, connectedness and insight. And we realize that, like the original apostles, we are receiving the Spirit so the transforming power of Christ will be revealed. Christ sends us out to share, to heal, and to build true community."

The theme is one of being *sent out;* strengthened, encouraged, overflowing with joy and enthusiasm to share the good news of our Lord Jesus Christ. How willing are we to go out, go forth, to be sent out into our community of Canton, into the world?

Fired, fueled and powered by the Holy Spirit, we find and discover ways to live the Christ-life together that transforms lives. That is our focus during

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these many weeks of Pentecost, to build a true Christ-life community which transforms not only our lives, but the lives of all to whom we bring that faith community.

May the Holy Spirit make us willing to be sent out into the world. May the Holy Spirit inspire the living of our Christ-life together. May the Holy Spirit make us able to share the amazing love and grace of Christ Jesus with all.

Watch for and be an active part in the opportunities (like the Hunger Walk, Garage Sale and VBS) God places before us to share the transforming love of Christ with others during this season of Pentecost. Let us all reach out into the world filled with the holy abundance of the Spirit to love as Christ loves.

Blessed to be living and serving the Christ-life together with you, Pastor Barbara

(all quotes from; *Living the Christ Life,* by Louise Mangan and Nancy Wyse with Lori Farr, ©2001, Wood Lake Books, Inc., BC Canada)

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

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

MAY BIRTHDAYS!!

5/02 - Marcia Patterson 5/04 - Susan Dick 5/09 - Debra Kennell 5/14 - Sarah Kebert 5/16 - Linda Leckie-Ewing 5/17 - Carla Ohman 5/20 - Rachel Suffecool



5/24 - Judy Keevil Davis Raff 5/29 - Zander Glover



MAY ANNIVERSARIES!!!

5/09 - Frank & Pam Towns 5/13 - Dave & Peggy Wilkinson 5/26 - Bob & Barb Kraus 5/28 - Jon & Deanna Woolf

STAMPING GROUP



We will meet on Monday, May 6 at 6:30pm at Holy Trinity. The cost is \$5.00.



WEDNESDAY MORNING MEN'S BIBLE STUDY

We gather every Wednesday morning from 9:00-10:00am at the church and will be studying from the Augsburg Fortress <u>Books of Faith</u> *"James"*. Our Bible Study encourages meaningful discussion on how Christ's teachings impact our daily lives. We move at an easy, relaxed pace and all men are welcome. If you are free on Wednesday mornings, we would be honored to have you join us, and encourage you to bring a friend.

SATURDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY

We will meet on Saturday, May 4 at 10:00 AM in the Library. We will begin a new study where we'll join Max Lucado on an inspirational journey as we follow the footsteps of our Savior through the Holy Land. Hope you can join us!



AROUND THE CONGREGATION

We give thanks for the life of Diane Bauman, who in her death was commended to the mercy of God on March 29, 2024.



GERANIUMS FOR PENTECOST SUNDAY



Order your Geraniums by Sunday, May 5 to adorn our Sanctuary & Family Life Center and then planted to beautify our church grounds. Put your completed form and payment (\$5.20 each) in the box on the table by the Welcome Center.



Stark County Hunger Walk

Hunger affects 1 in 7 people in our communities. 1 out of 6 area children lack regular access to food. Help us **STOMP OUT HUNGER** one step at a time.

Date of Walk: Sunday, May 5, 2024

Starting location: Community Christian Church, North Canton

2:00 pm – Registration

3:00 pm – Start of approximately 2.1 mile walk

Afterwards: Hot Soup Social

To contribute, please make checks payable to Holy Trinity and write *"Stark Hunger Walk"* in the memo or donate through Vanco on our website. **100% of all donations go directly to the FoodBank.**



IN HONOR OF MOTHERS: Things you'd never hear a mother say:

"Just leave all the lights on. It makes the house look more cheery."

- "Let me smell that shirt. Okay, it's good for another week."
- "I understand. I used to skip school a lot, too."
- "If Joe's Mom says it's okay, that's good enough for me."
- "I don't have a Kleenex with me. Just use your sleeve."
- "You can keep that stray dog, dear. I'll be happy to feed and walk him every day."

God bless our Moms! (from The Joyful Noiseletter)

COUNCIL NOTES April 9, 2024

Devotions were based on a book titled *"Not the Way It's Supposed to Be"* by Cornelius Plantinga, Jr. The theme is based on the concept of "shalom" as found in the writings of the Hebrew prophets. In the Bible, shalom means universal flourishing, wholeness, delight, and peace – a state of affairs that inspires joyful wonder as its Creator and Savior opens doors and welcomes the creatures in whom He delights. *Shalom is the way things ought to be*.

Linda Allende, Brianna Bower and Linda Ramsell will represent HTLC on May 4 at the Project Isaiah 43 conference -- a Northeastern Ohio Synod project focused on conversations as we think together about the future of Lutheran Christianity. The "harvest" from the conference will be shared with all congregations and will inform the continuation of these conversations at the Synod Assembly on June 1 at the John S. Knight Center in Akron where HTLC will be represented by Linda Allende.

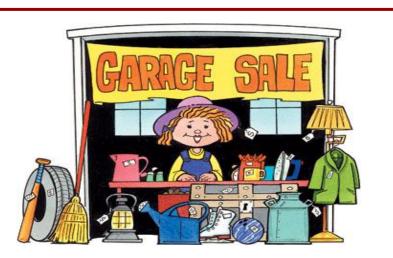
Our social media efforts continue with the hopes that our Facebook ads will draw people to watch our services online and/or join us at worship. Our Holy Week posts drew 249 engagements (likes/shares/comments) with an audience of 1,746 people. We continue to offer a welcoming environment through the warmth of our members, as well as the loving care of our facilities with regular upkeep and improvements such as the recently installed handrails in the sanctuary, repair of our amazing organ, replacement of all fire sprinklers, and installation of two new commodes in the women's restroom.

The Call Committee, chaired by Larry Robenstine, is currently in the process of completing the Ministry Site Profile, a document needed in order to finalize the process to officially post the "job offer" for a Call Pastor. They are pleased with the progress to date and will continue to move through the process with efficiency and diligence. Please continue to offer your prayers and remain faithful and trusting that the Holy Spirit is guiding us through this journey to exactly where we're supposed to be.

We continue to be blessed by the gift of our Interim Pastor Barbara Bartholomew who has had a positive impact on our congregation. She will miss two Sundays with us due to shoulder surgery, but we have Supply Pastors confirmed so please continue to join us each Sunday during her absence. And please keep Pastor Barbara in your prayers for a successful surgery and speedy recovery.

IMPORTANT REMINDER: Congregational Semi-Annual Meeting on **Sunday**, **May 19**, in the Family Life Center **immediately following the conclusion of the first service**. The meeting will be brief, and all members are encouraged to attend.

Now may the Lord of shalom himself give you shalom always in all ways. The Lord be with all of you. (<u>2 Thessalonians 3:16</u>)



The HTLC annual garage sale will be Saturday, June 8 from 8:00am - 2:00pm. Proceeds from this year's sale will benefit Oasis Outreach in Akron and Habit for Humanity.

We need your help. The garage sale is our biggest fundraiser of the year and requires many helping hands to make it run smoothly and efficiently. Even if you only have a few hours to spare, please consider helping. Signup sheets are on the bulletin board. We need helpers for Sale Day, as well as for the days leading up to June 8. We're also asking for cookie donations for Sale Day – drop off your yummy treats during setup hours, June 3 – June 7.

Items for the sale can be dropped off June 3 - June 6, from 9am - 3pm in the Family Life Center. Friday dropped off hours are from 9am - Noon. Wednesday items can also be dropped off from 5 – 7pm. As you spring clean, please set aside items you plan to get rid of. We sell clothing, household items, small appliances, kitchen items, plants, toys, books – just about anything except TVs, large appliances, upholstered furniture and mattresses.

If you have questions, please contact Laurie Soliday (330-284-5502) or catch her before the 10 am Sunday service.

There will be no **YOUTH SUNDAY SCHOOL** on Sunday, May 19. We will have our end of the year celebration Sunday, May 26.



2024 Budget Update

	INCOME	EXPENSES	REMAINDER
MARCH	\$29,298.30	\$29,815.86	(\$517.56)
YEAR TO DATE	\$69,907.45	\$96,860.41	(\$26,952.96)

***Expenses include sprinkler system service, repair and replacement mandated by the Fire Inspector and sanctuary handrails.

\$33,801 (monthly amount needed to meet 2024 expenses of \$405,630) Thank you for your faithful support of our many ministries!





Sunday, May 19 – 9:30 a.m. Family Life Center

The purpose of this meeting will be to elect members to serve on the congregational council. All active confirmed members are encouraged to attend. The prayers of all God's people

are powerful when lifted in unison. See you on May 19 at 9:30am. These three persons are nominated by the congregational council for a 3-year term: Ralph Reisinger, Paul Feaser, and Sarah Kebert. ***Installation of council members will follow the meeting.

MAY WORSHIP SERVERS

Date	Service Time	Lector	Comm. Assistant	Sound/Live Stream/Slides
May 5	8:30 AM	Darlene Bailis	Tim Bailis	Sound: Ken Groves Stream: Deanna Woolf
	10:00 AM	Laurie Soliday	Linda Ramsell	Chad Sinkovich
May 12	8:30 AM	David Ross	Mark Himes	Sound: Ken Groves Stream: Deanna Woolf
	10:00 AM	Linda Ramsell	Joanne Murray	Matt Halvorson
May 19	8:30 AM	Jan Whitacre	Carolyn Perlog	Sound: Ken Groves Stream: Deanna Woolf
	10:00 AM	Kari Sparkman	Linda Ramsell	Laurie Soliday
May 26	8:30 AM	Trudi VanOrman	Howard VanOrman	Sound: Ken Groves Stream: Deanna Woolf
	10:00 AM	Kari Sparkman	Joanne Murray	Matt Halvorson

MAY 2024

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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		9:00-10:00 a.m. Men's Bible Study	4:00-5:30 p.m. Urban Ark	Noon AA Meeting	10:00 a.m. Bible Study
		7:00 p.m. Choir Practice	7:00-8:30 p.m. Boy Scouts		10:00 a.m. Project Isaiah 43 Zion, North Canton
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Noon – 4:00 p.m. Sassy Scissors	11:00am-1:00pm Urban Ark	9:00-10:00 a.m. Men's Bible Study	10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. Sassy Scissors	Noon AA Meeting	8:30 a.m. Men's Breakfast
6:30 p.m. Stamping Group	6:30-8:30 p.m. Peer Conn. Group	7:00 p.m. Choir Practice	4:00-5:30 p.m. Urban Ark		
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