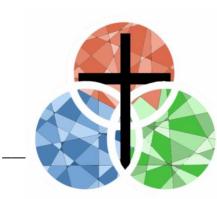
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Holy Trinity Lutheran Church

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Holy Trinity Staff:

Interim Pastor: Barbara Bartholomew Choir Director: Robin Whitacre Praise Team Leader: Jolene Moody Secretary: Stacy Lake Custodian: Julie MacKim

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

OCTOBER FOCUS MINISTRY: HONOR HOME

Honor Home provides transitional housing for male and female homeless veterans. Some of the females may also have children. Honor Home has an Intensive Outpatient Program that provides a healthy, sober, and safe environment while the veteran works on their recovery. There are currently three homes housing these individuals. The program assists with case management, connections to the VA, and Veterans Service Commission.

The items needed are: under clothing for men & women (undershirts, sports bras, underwear, socks), deodorant, lotion, shampoo & conditioner, bar soap or body wash, toothbrushes & toothpaste (**NO mouthwash please**), razors & shaving cream, and hand sanitizer. Collection boxes will be in the main hall (next to the food boxes) labeled HONOR HOME.



SASSY SCISSORS

We will meet the following days in October:

Sunday, October 13 Quilt/Little Dress Dedication Sunday

Monday, October 14 – 10AM-2PM Box Quilts & Little Dresses

Little Dresses will be shipped & quilts delivered to Evangelical Lutheran Church in Seville, OH

> <u>Thursday, October 17 – 10AM-2PM</u> Sassy Scissors

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

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

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS!!!

- 10/06 Bev Mason
- 10/12 Susan Thompson
- 10/14 Dennis Jensen
- 10/16 Crystal Fast
- Greg Long 10/17 - Ruth Harman
- HAPPY BIRTHDAY YOU
- Dominic Bower 10/19 - Cheryl McClure
- 10/20 Larry Robenstine Eliza Halvorson
- 10/23 Roger McClure

10/25 - Don Carley 10/28 - Colin Sedon 10/29 - Dave Grasse 10/31 - Ashley Raff

OCTOBER ANNIVERSARIES!!!



10/05 – Richard & Cathy Shankel 10/10 – Ed & Valane Messerly 10/24 – Ian & Jessica Slater 10/27 – Brent & Tracy Mattson



AROUND THE CONGREGATION

We give thanks for the life of Beverly Girard, who in her death was commended to the mercy of God on August 16, 2024.

Let's surprise **Ruth Harman** with a **CARD SHOWER** for her 100th birthday on October 17. Please send cards to: Ruth Harman 2550 Cleveland Ave NW #319 Canton, OH 44709



"You shall not delay to make offerings from the fullness of your harvest and from the outflow of your presses....The choicest of the first fruits of your ground you shall bring into the house of the Lord your God." *Exodus 22:29, 23:19*

Getting my garden ready for winter was more work this year due to all the weeds that grew since I didn't plant any tomatoes or herbs on account of my shoulder replacement. But, when I lay the garden to rest for the winter, after I put down a layer of Sweet Peat, I plant my garlic for next year. So I share with you the Parable of the Garlic.

The first year I planted garlic, I kept the biggest and best garlic for us to use and planted the smaller ones. The next year, I had smaller garlic and only one large knob of garlic. My garlic harvest was so disappointing.

I learned that to have a good garlic harvest, one must plant the biggest and best knobs of garlic. So that is what I have been doing ever since and have been rewarded with lots of good and large garlic over the years.

All of which has reminded me of these verses in Exodus – of giving to God the first fruits of the harvest, offering to God first, the best of what we have been given, earned, or grown. When we do that, rather than withholding, or offering only a meager left-over, we are truly rewarded greatly. All too often, we give to God our second or third best and merely what is left-over from all the bills that we are responsible for covering. We give more as an afterthought, "Oh yeah, and here's a little something for you, God, to use for your kingdom."

What difference would it make in our lives, in our life together as a community of faith, as the Body of Christ in the world, if we offered a portion of our money to God right off the top, from the beginning and then doled out the rest to pay the bills, and giving of our time, talent and ourselves to God through weekly worship, regular prayer time, as well as engaging in a mission project and then doing all that we do the rest of the week or month?

I noticed the first time when I had to give back and plant the biggest and best garlic, that I was none too happy about it. Its size and beauty tempted me to keep it, cook with it and use it for ourselves. It was with much reluctance that I offered it back. I came to find out that the smaller knobs of garlic lasted long enough, tasted great and gave me plenty to use. I

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discovered that the harvest next year was far more than I would've imagined – big, wonderful knobs of garlic! It came back to me ten-fold and then some! What joy there was in the harvest! Now, it's easy to pick out the biggest and best and offer it back for I know the garlic harvest will be plentiful and good. But first I had to break through my selfishness, resist temptation, and offer willingly and gladly rather than resentfully or reluctantly.

I believe God taught me a lesson about stewardship using garlic! God uses whatever means to reach us and teach us.

As the harvest ripens and is gathered, may we be reminded of our stewardship and learn the lessons of God – to offer the first and best of what we have been blessed with to God and for God's work, and we will find that we have plenty and more than enough to cover the bills, time enough to still do the things we want, that our skills and talents are made even better. There will be an abundance and overflowing in our lives that we will not know unless we offer to God the first and best of ourselves and our lives.

I encourage you in this harvest season, to reflect on your stewardship and what you are offering to God, to build up the kingdom of God here and now, especially in this interim time as you prepare for new pastoral leadership. I encourage you to offer the first and best of what you have been blessed with and see the blessings flow and overflow in your lives and in our life together as God's own. You will not be disappointed nor come short.

> May blessings flow through our stewardship by offering God our first and best! Pastor B

Looking ahead

Sunday, Nov. 3 - Daylight Savings Time Ends Sunday, Nov. 10 - Veterans Lunch Thursday, Nov. 28 - Thanksgiving Sunday, Dec. 1 - Advent Begins Sunday, Dec. 24 - Christmas Eve - 4:30 & 7:00pm Sunday, Dec. 29 - One Service - 9:00am



STAMPING GROUP

We will meet on Monday, October 7 at 6:30pm at Holy Trinity. The cost is \$3.00.





CHECK OUT THE GIFT CARDS AVAILABLE IN THE OFFICE

\$10: Taco Bell, Panera Bread, Dunkin', Target, Burger King, Arby's, Walmart,

Pizza Hut, Bath & Body, Papa John's, Starbucks, McDonald's, Cracker Barrel, BW3, Applebee's, Red Lobster; **\$25:** Amazon, Texas Roadhouse, Bob Evans, Red Robin, Starbucks, TJ Maxx/Home Goods, Home Depot, Lowe's, Target, Chipotle, Meijer, Joann, Walgreens, Sheetz, Big Lots, Menard's, Michael's, Giant Eagle, American Express, Visa; **\$50:** Visa

ALTAR FLOWERS & CANDLE CHART

Next year's charts are now posted on the bulletin board by the Library. The cost for the altar flowers is **\$40 for one vase or \$80 for both vases** and are designed by Dougherty's in Louisville. The cost of the sanctuary candle is \$3.50, and it burns all week. Please sign your name on the chart next to the date you would like and the office will contact you for more information. On the flower chart, please put a number 1 or 2 next to your name to indicate how many vases you would like. If you are not attending services, you can either call the office or email for available dates. Please make checks payable to Holy Trinity and mark "flowers" or "candle" in the memo.



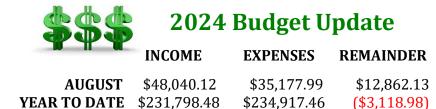
Holy Trinity Lutheran Church exists to **HEAL** through word and sacrament, **TEACH** through word and deed, and **LOVE** through being sent to serve in **CHRIST** Jesus. We all embrace that mission through our words and deeds as together we serve our church and our community. Council acknowledges and sincerely appreciates the variety of ways in which you so selflessly give of your time, talents, and resources – thank you! We pray that you will continue to support and participate in the many initiatives and opportunities already available, or coming soon:

- A **"Fall Clean-Up Party"** will be planned, and members can volunteer to help with raking, picking up weeds, etc. so that we maintain the beauty of our property.
- Moving forward into Spring, we hope to institute an "Adopt a Plot" program where individuals and/or families can adopt a plot of our property and assume responsibility for maintaining it.
- Our "Food Box" continues to be widely utilized as the need in our community continues to grow. Susie Thompson spearheads this area of ministry, and she's looking for volunteers to build a team that will maintain and stock the Food Box. If you're interested, please reach out to her or call her at 330.323.4693.
- Linda Allende is hosting a new **"Bibles and Brew"** group that meets at the New Berlin Brewing Company. Join them on Monday, October 14 at 7 PM when they will be discussing the Sermon on the Mount (BYOB bring your own Bible!).
- We will hold a special collection in October for the "Veterans Administration Honor Home".

Before we know it, the temperatures will drop and snowflakes will fall, so it's not too early to remind you of our Christmas holiday worship schedule, and we look forward to worshipping with you at these services:

- **Sunday, December 22**: regular Advent services at 8:30 AM in the Sanctuary and 10:00 AM in the Family Life Center
- **Christmas Eve on Tuesday, December 24:** 4:30 PM in the Family Life Center and 7:00 PM in the Sanctuary
- (Note: Christmas Day on Wednesday, December 25: <u>no</u> services since Christmas does not fall on a Sunday.)

In closing, we want to share with you the theme of our September meeting devotions, which reminded us to be who we are, to live with God in the gospel, and to know who we are in Christ. God is good, all the time!



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

***Expenses include stripping & waxing the FLC & Kitchen floors with a portion coming from Capital Campaign; final payment for Security System coming from UBS



Join us for breakfast, spiritual conversation, and prayer. Bruce Patterson will be the chef. Bring a friend! Sign up on the bulletin board.



We will meet on Monday, October 14 at 7:00pm at New Berlin Brewing Company. We will be discussing the *Sermon on the Mount* as it is found in Matthew (chapters 5,6,7). Any questions, contact Linda Allende at 419-496-1821 or linda.gotthardt@gmail.com.

Look forward to seeing you and BYOB (Bring your own Bible).

WORSHIP IN OCTOBER

Sunday, Oct. 6

Genesis 2:18-24 Psalm 8 Hebrews 1:1-4; 2:5-12 Mark 10:2-16

Sunday, Oct. 13

Amos 5:6-7, 10-15 Psalm 90:12-17 Hebrews 4:12-16 Mark 10:17-31



Sunday, Oct. 20

Isaiah 53:4-12 Psalm 91:9-16 Hebrews5:1-10 Mark 10:35-45

Sunday, Oct. 27

Reformation Sunday

Jeremiah 31:7-9 Psalm 126 Hebrews 7:23-28 Mark 10:46-52

Looking Ahead to November:

Sunday, November 3 – All Saints Sunday (Daylight Savings time ends – Fall back)

Sunday, November 24 – Christ the King (Last Sunday before Advent)

Sunday, December 1 – First Sunday of Advent

Thrivent Choice Dollars[®]

Grant funding from Thrivent Financial through its Thrivent Choice[®] program can help support organizations you care about. Don't let designated Choice Dollars expire this year.

Eligible Thrivent Financial members are designated Choice Dollars that they can direct to enrolled charities. Help support your home congregation or favorite charity. Go to Thrivent.com/thriventchoice to learn more and find program terms and conditions. Or call 800-847-4836 and say "*Thrivent Choice*" after the prompt.





Thank you to our members for all the donations needed to make personal hygiene kits for "God's Work Our Hands". Also, thank you to all who helped to make the hygiene kits on September 8 and to the kitchen crew for providing the delicious food. We made 150 kits and 9 boxes will be shipped to Lutheran World Relief. *Sincerely, Council Social Committee*

MANY THANKS

to Susan Thompson for organizing God's Work, Our Hands project. We assembled 150 kits for Lutheran World Relief!

to Marilyn for organizing lunch and the ice cream social with so many wonderful toppings.

Thanks to all who helped in the kitchen, to those who helped Susan by cutting string, and preparing all the items to assemble, to all who took part in God's Work, Our Hands, even the children who ran completed kits to over to the boxes. So many lives will be blessed and comforted by our time and our hands.

Pastor Barbara



REFORMATION SUNDAY October 27

Celebrated at 8:30 and 10:00 a.m.

On the Sunday commemorating the Reformation of the church we celebrate the heart of our faith – the good news of God's saving grace in Jesus Christ – which frees us from sin and guilt, so we may serve one another and the world. We also give thanks for the ongoing reform and renewal of the church today. We pray that the Holy Spirit will unite all believers in their witness and service to the world, and heal all divisions that continue to fracture the church of Jesus Christ.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

This Ministry will begin on Sunday, October 20. Brochures and shoeboxes will be available that Sunday on a table by the bulletin boards in the main hall. Please refer to the brochure for items that can and cannot be sent.

Shoeboxes can be for a boy or girl (ages 2-4, 5-9, or 10-14) and you can fill as many as you would like.

All shoeboxes (with a \$10 donation per box or pay online) must be returned to Holy Trinity by Sunday, November 17.

What a wonderful way to show God's love for others and a perfect gift in honor of Jesus' birthday!





On **Sunday, October 6**, denominations across the globe will be celebrating Holy Communion and our oneness and unity in Christ Jesus our Lord. Though our language, customs and bread may differ, we are all one in Christ.

We will be offering different breads for communion this Sunday instead of wafers to join ourselves with our brothers and sisters in faith throughout the world. Gluten-free wafers will still be available.



WEDNESDAY MORNING MEN'S BIBLE STUDY

We gather on Wednesday mornings from 9:00-10:00 at the church. We will be using a study guide based on writings in *"Matthew"* entitled *"Matthew – Heaven On Earth"*. Who does not want a heaven on earth or for love to come first in a cruel and broken world? This is the core meaning of Jesus' most important words in the Gospel of Matthew, describing for us the importance of love, so that *"the kingdom of heaven has come near"* (Matthew 4:17). That means we do not have to wait to experience heaven until after we die. This study delves deeper into what it means for heaven to come to earth: studying Jesus' words, his way of life, and the manner in which he loved. Discover how we are the change agents Jesus is calling forth to make the Kingdom of heaven a reality on earth! Our Bible study moves at an easy, relaxed pace. All men are welcome. If you are free on Wednesday mornings, we would be honored to have you join us.

SATURDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY

The Saturday Morning Bible Study will meet on October 5 at 10:00AM in the Library. We will be starting a new study on the *Gospel of John*. We will learn from Max Lucado about our loving, miracle-working God whose presence and power are closer than we think. Please join us!



WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY (formerly Mary-Martha Circle)

We will meet on Wednesday, October 2 at 9:00am in the library. We will be studying *"Growing in Wisdom and Faith"* by Elizabeth George. This study will run through '24-'25 season and not only use a study guide but also our study Bibles. We look forward to seeing you!



CROCHET/KNITTING GROUP

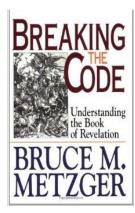


Would you be interested in getting

together with fellow crochet/knitters and creating handmade masterpieces for various organizations? Well then.... look no further!

We will meet from 5:30-7:00pm in the Conference Room. Here are the dates for the rest of 2024:

We are currently making hats & scarves for winter for Refuge of Hope. If you already know how to knit or crochet that's fabulous! Our hope is that the experienced crafters could also share their knowledge with those that would like to learn.



FALL ADULT BIBLE STUDY

Pastor Barbara's fall bible study on *"Breaking the Code – Understanding the Book of Revelation"* continues to meet in the library on **Wednesdays at 6pm and Thursdays at 10am.** This study will run through the end of October and it is chockfull of God's message to us.

HOSPITALIZATIONS

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



Please remember these groups meet at Holy Trinity:

- AA Every Friday at Noon downstairs
- NAMI (National Alliance of Mental Illness) Support Group every Tuesday from 6:30-8:30pm
- F2F (Family to Family) Education Class sponsored by NAMI – 8-week course – class begins Tuesday, Oct. 15 – Dec. 3 from 6:00-8:30pm
- P2P (Peer to Peer) Education Class sponsored by NAMI 8week course – class begins Thursday, Oct. 17–Dec. 12 from 6:00-8:00pm
- Basics Education Class sponsored by NAMI 6-week course class begins Wednesday, Oct. 28 – Dec. 6 from 6:00-8:00pm



All Saints Day is Sunday, November 3, celebrates the baptized people of God, living and dead, who are the body of Christ, the communion of saints. We will remember those members of our congregation who have died since our last All Saints celebration.

If you would like to have loved ones remembered, please call the church office by Friday, Oct. 25.

Diane Bauman Beverly Girard Jocelyn Huctwith Judith Kromer Roger Mahaffey Diane Snyder

Dolores Waters

October 3, 17, and 31 November 14 December 12

OCTOBER WORSHIP SERVERS

Date	Service Time	Lector Comm. Assistant		Sound/Live Stream/Slides	
October 8:30 AM 6		Barb Turner	Barb Turner Carolyn Perlog		
	10:00 AM	Linda Ramsell	Joanne Murray	Chad Sinkovich	
October 13	8:30 AM	Jan Whitacre Paul Feaser		Sound: Darlene Fast Stream: Crystal Fast	
	10:00 AM	Cindy Aikens	Linda Ramsell	Matt Halvorson	
October 20	8:30 AM	David Ross	Larry Robenstine	Sound: Darlene Fast Stream: Crystal Fast	
	10:00 AM	Kari Sparkman	Joanne Murray	Laurie Soliday	
October 27	8:30 AM	Don Carley	Ken Groves	Sound: Darlene Fast Stream: Crystal Fast	
	10:00 AM	Laurie Soliday	Linda Ramsell	Matt Halvorson	

OCTOBER 2024

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1	2	3	4	5
		11:00am-1:00pm Urban Ark 6:30-8:30 p.m. Peer Conn. Group	9:00-10:00 a.m. Men's Bible Study 9:00 a.m. Women's Bible Study 6:00pm Revelation Study 7:00 p.m. Choir Practice	10:00am Revelation Study 4:00-5:30 p.m. Urban Ark 5:30-7:00p.m. Crochet/Knitting 7:00-8:00 p.m. Boy & Cub Scouts	Noon AA Meeting	10:00 a.m. Bible Study
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