

HOLY TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH
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*TRINITY
TRUMPET*

February 2025

**ONE SERVICE
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 16
9:00AM**

followed by

**MEET
and
GREET**

Holy Trinity Lutheran Church

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Office Hours:
Monday through Friday
7:30am-3:30 pm

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,

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



My most heartfelt thanks to all of you who are Holy Trinity Lutheran Church for you loving, gracious and generous Christmas gift. I am grateful and thankful to and for all of you. Thank you ever so very much.
Pastor Barbara

The women of Kappa Phi would like to thank you for the use of your church building for our Fall Get-together. It was a perfect venue with kitchen, sleeping, and meeting space. You have helped us become closer to God and stronger as a sisterhood.
In His love, Judy Chan, Treasurer

HTLC family,
Thank you for your cards, gifts, love and support this Christmas season. It is my honor to serve you, and I appreciate your recognition.
Love and blessings, Pam Miller

Thank you for your generous donation of \$2,727.57 to Habitat for Humanity this past year. When the need for affordable housing is greater than ever, your gift of support helps us build with more families right here in our local community.
With sincere gratitude, Beth Lechner, CEO

Thank you for your generous donation of \$1045 to help support the programs of A Community Christmas. This year we were able to help over 3,000 Stark County residents have a merrier Christmas. We are truly grateful for your continued support.
Sincerely, Susan Hill, Community Christmas

SASSY SCISSORS

We will meet on Monday, February 10 & Thursday, February 13 from 10am-2pm. All are welcome!





2024 Budget Update

	INCOME	EXPENSES	REMAINDER
DECEMBER	\$50,404.18	\$40,765.58	\$9,638.60
YEAR TO DATE	\$416,278.28	\$387,170.05	\$29,108.23

***This includes FDC repair per Fire Marshall (special donation)

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



Men's Breakfast Fellowship

**Saturday, February 8
8:30 a.m.**

Bring a friend!

Join the men of Holy Trinity for breakfast, spiritual conversation, and prayer. See the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board.



CROCHET/KNITTING GROUP



We will meet on Thursday, February 6 and Thursday, February 20 from 5:30-7:00pm in the Conference Room.

STAMPING GROUP

We will meet on Monday, February 3 at 6:30pm at Holy Trinity. The cost is \$3.



FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK



In Luke 9:28-36 we read the account of the transfiguration of Jesus, how on that mountaintop with his disciples, Peter, James and John, Jesus shone with the glory of God and his appearance changed and radiated the glory that was in him and was him as the Son of God.

Understandably, in the presence of the glory of heaven the disciples wanted to preserve that fleeting yet impactful moment. And after hearing God's voice declaring Jesus as God's Son, God's Chosen and the hearing the command, "Listen to him!" and seeing Jesus again in the familiar way he was, they kept silent and kept what they had seen and experienced within themselves, probably because no one would've believed them.

Not only was Jesus' appearance changed that day in that moment, but it symbolized the change that Jesus came to make known and embodied. In him, all things change – broken lives are made whole through forgiveness, the lame walk, the blind see, the deaf hear, and what is dead is given new life.

The lives of the disciples were forever changed when they encountered Jesus. The lives of so many were changed by their encounter with Jesus. Our lives are changed when we encounter Jesus. Oh, there were a few who met Jesus and couldn't embrace the new life he offered to them. One had to go home to his family, another had to bury his father, and yet another couldn't give up his wealth. They clung to the old, the familiar, to that which they thought gave them security but in the end, would only fade away, rot, rust, be stolen or die. They gave up on the fullness of life in Christ and the riches of the blessings living in him brings.

How often we cling to the old and familiar, unsure of the new and its uncertainty. How we resist change even though it leads to new life, to a fullness and richness. We tend to stick with the tried and true. Yet, Jesus, invites us into a newness of life, into change that brings goodness.

I am reminded of this as Holy Trinity Lutheran Church prepares to call a new pastor.

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Jesus never called all who followed him into a comfortable or familiar life. Yes, there is comfort in Christ and his love, but as his disciples, we are often called out of our comfort zones to serve him in the world and in our community. He reaches out his hand to us and invites us to step forth in faith not certainty, to share and use the gifts we've been given even when we're unsure of our gifts, to trust him that he will be with us, to lean on his strength, and to enter into the new life he offers. In order to grow, in order to live the fullness of our faith, we need to embrace change. The things we so long for in our lives and in our life together as a community of faith mean that there will be change. Change is a constant in life and the changes Christ our Lord makes are for our well-being, for goodness, for abundant life and joy.

So, as we await the calling of a new pastor, may we trust that though there may be change, we can embrace its newness, and freshness. May we trust that though there will be change, we can step into serving in new ways and ministering afresh with one another and in the community of Canton.

May the glory which shone forth from Jesus on that mountaintop, also shine forth from us, and when the time comes, in your relationship with your new pastor. May we be examples of embracing change and the newness of life that it brings. May we trust our Lord who leads us ever into goodness and abundant life through the changes HE brings.

Serving with you through this interim time and through the changes God brings, Pastor B

WORSHIP IN FEBRUARY

February 2 – 4 Epiphany

Jeremiah 1:4-10
Psalm 71:1-6
1 Corinthians 13:1-13
Luke 4:21-30



February 9 – 5 Epiphany

Isaiah 6:1-8
Psalm 138
1 Corinthians 15:1-11
Luke 5:1-11

February 16 – 6 Epiphany

Jeremiah 17:5-10
Psalm 1
1 Corinthians 15:12-20
Luke 6:17-26

February 23 – 7 Epiphany

Genesis 43:3-11, 15
Psalm 37:1-11, 39-40
1 Corinthians 15:35-38, 42-50
Luke 6:27-38

ONE SERVICE

Sunday, February 16
9:00am



WE HAVE A CANDIDATE!

Thank you for remaining faithful and trusting in the process over the past year and a half as we journeyed together through the process to secure a Call Pastor. We're so grateful that the Holy Spirit has led us to exactly where we're supposed to be.

All members will soon receive a letter sharing this good news and notification of a **SPECIAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING on SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 16 with ONE service at 9 AM, followed by a Meet and Greet with the Candidate and the Call Vote.**

In compliance with Synod guidelines, information about the Candidate can't be shared until that time due to the fact that they are currently serving at another church that will not be notified of the Candidate's departure until after our Call Vote is confirmed.

Call Committee Chairman Larry Robenstine expressed that, "We are very excited about this candidate--a perfect fit for our congregation!" We encourage all members to be present on **SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 16** (as noted above). Thanks be to God for all our blessings.

Looking ahead

Wednesday, March 5 – Ash Wednesday
Sunday, March 9 - Daylight Savings Begins
Sunday, April 13 – Palm Sunday
Thursday, April 17 – Maundy Thursday
Friday, April 18 - Good Friday
Sunday, April 20 – Easter



BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

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



2/01 - Shirley Cavender
Melissa Slatzer
Owen Slatzer
2/07 - Carolyn Perlog
2/10 - Gary Sepanik
2/11 - Jan Whitacre
Rebecca Lewis
Jerry Snyder
2/12 - Jim Shepherd
Tim Hart
Sandy Coleman
2/14 - Jacob Wedekamm

2/15 - Karla Dyess
2/16 - Sharon Duffie
2/18 - Carolyn Hunter
Mary Feaser
2/19 - Jill Horn
2/21 - Jean Pitocco
Ron Slagle
2/22 - Becky Hartenstein
2/23 - Marlene Webb
2/25 - Pamela Miller
2/26 - Sandy Suggett
Penny Buckridge

forever & always

2/6 - Ralph & Rose Ickes

2/14 - Jim & Shirley Love



SAVE THE DATE: Vacation Bible School
July 14-18, 2025



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". 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

We will not meet in February. We will resume on Saturday, March 1 at 10:00 AM in the library. We will continue our video series "You Are Never Alone". Please join us...all are welcome!

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

We will meet on Wednesday, February 5 at 10:00am in the library. We will continue our study using "Understanding Temptation". This study will use a study guide and our study Bibles. We look forward to seeing you!



We will meet on Monday, February 10 at 7:00pm at New Berlin Brewing Company. In honor of Valentine's Day, we will study a love story - the book of Ruth. Join us for good food and good discussion!

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



FEBRUARY FOCUS: URBAN ARK



Urban Ark appreciates your donations of clothing and food but are also in need of **personal hygiene items**: toothpaste, toothbrushes, toilet paper, shampoo/conditioner, deodorant, lotion, sanitary pads, disposable razors, shaving cream, body wash/bar soap, Q-Tip's, and cotton balls. There is also a need for dish soap, laundry soap and cleaning products. Urban Ark is always in need of plastic bags. Please put all donations in the Urban Ark bin in the main hall.

Monetary donations may also be made to help purchase food. To contribute, make checks payable to Holy Trinity Lutheran Church and mark "Urban Ark" on the memo line and put in the offering plate or turn into the office.

SENIOR ACTIVITY

(60 years and over)



Join us for a **VALENTINE'S DAY LUNCHEON** on Saturday, February 15 at Noon in the Family Life Center. Lunch and beverages will be provided. Activity to be announced. Please sign up on the bulletin board in the main hallway by Sunday, February 9. *(Include your phone number in case of cancellation due to inclement weather.)*

Thrivent Choice Dollars®

Grant funding from Thrivent Financial through its Thrivent Choice® program can help support organizations you care about. Eligible Thrivent Financial members who have been designated Choice Dollars have until **March 31, 2025**, to direct any remaining 2024 Choice Dollars. Don't let them expire.

Help support your home congregation or favorite charity. Go to Thrivent.com/thriventchoice or call 800-847-4836 and say "Thrivent Choice" after the prompt.



COUNCIL NOTES - January 14, 2025

With the beginning of a new year, it's good to reflect on the past year. . .while also looking forward to the new year, with gratitude for the abundant blessings with which God continues to bless us. Over the past year as we have worked through the steps to find our new Call Pastor, we have encouraged all members of HTLC to remain faithful and trusting in the process. At times, we might have felt like we don't know how to pray or have trouble getting our thoughts together. And so, it seemed appropriate to open our first Council meeting of 2025 with devotions based on Romans 8:26 which reminds us that the Holy Spirit knows what is in our hearts even when we don't have words for it, and we can know with certainty that the Holy Spirit continues to guide us to exactly where we're supposed to be.

We have been joined on this journey by Pastor Mitch Phillips, Assistant to the Bishop for Leadership, Northeastern Ohio Synod, ELCA. He has provided tremendous support and guidance to assure our adherence to the Synod guidelines that have been developed to help congregations navigate the process. He continues to be such a blessing.

And there are so many others to whom we want to express gratitude for their devotion and selfless service to HTLC:

- Pastor Barbara Bartholomew who has been a guiding light as our Interim Pastor throughout 2024 and has committed to stay with us until our new Call Pastor is in place.
- Administrative Assistant Stacy Lake and Custodian Julie MacKim who both work so hard to assure that HTLC remains a welcoming place of worship.
- Linda Shaheen, Robin Whitacre, Jolene Moody and all members of the Choir and Praise Team who provide beautiful music and are forgiving of those of us who can't carry a tune but love to lift our voices in praise! And Jeanette Cover and the handbells team.
- Our lectors and communion assistants, as well as our slides, sound and livestream team.
- Members who do so much in ways that are often behind the scenes, such as Altar Guild, "the ladies and gents of the kitchen", Sassy Scissors, Crochet/Knitting Group, Bibles and Brews, Bible study leaders, Sunday School teachers, Stamping Group, Hunger Walk, Garage Sale, Vacation Bible School, Urban Ark, Mary-Martha Circle, and others.
- ALL HTLC members who support and/or lead the various areas of ministry by generously offering their time, talents and resources, and who share the love of God within the church and throughout their daily lives.

**SO THANKFUL FOR ALL OF OUR BLESSINGS. . .
WISHING YOU A YEAR OVERFLOWING WITH LOVE, FAITH AND PEACE**

FEBRUARY WORSHIP SERVERS

Date	Service Time	Lector	Comm. Assistant	Sound/Live Stream/Slides
February 2	8:30 AM	Jan Whitacre	Larry Robenstine	Sound: Bruce Patterson Stream: Deanna Woolf
	10:00 AM	Kari Sparkman	Joanne Murray	Matt Halvorson
February 9	8:30 AM	David Ross	Mark Himes	Sound: Bruce Patterson Stream: Deanna Woolf
	10:00 AM	Linda Ramsell	Linda Ramsell	Laurie Soliday
February 16	9:00 AM	Barb Turner	Paul Feaser	Sound: Bruce Patterson Stream: Deanna Woolf
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February 23	8:30 AM	Carolyn Perlog	Ken Groves	Sound: Bruce Patterson Stream: Deanna Woolf
	10:00 AM	Gretchen Leckie-Ewing	Joanne Murray	Chad Sinkovich

FEBRUARY 2025

SUNDAY

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY



1

2

8:30 W/CM
10:00 Sunday School
10:00 CPS/CM

3

6:30 p.m.
Stamping Group

4

11:00am-1:00pm
Urban Ark
6:30-8:30 p.m.
Peer Conn. Group

5

9:00-10:00 a.m.
Men's Bible Study
10:00 a.m.
Women's Bible Study
7:00 p.m.
Choir Practice

6

4:00-5:30 p.m.
Urban Ark
5:30-7:00 p.m.
Crochet/Knitting
7:00-8:00 p.m.
Boy & Cub Scouts

7

Noon
AA Meeting

8

8:30 a.m.
Men's Breakfast

9

8:30 W/CM
10:00 Sunday School
10:00 CPS/CM

10

10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
Sassy Scissors
7:00 p.m.
Bibles & Brews

11

11:00am-1:00pm
Urban Ark
6:30 p.m. Council
Meeting
6:30-8:30 p.m.
Peer Conn. Group

12

9:00-10:00 a.m.
Men's Bible Study
7:00 p.m.
Choir Practice

13

10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
Sassy Scissors
4:00-5:30 p.m.
Urban Ark
7:00-8:00 p.m.
Boy & Cub Scouts

14

Noon
AA Meeting

15

Noon
Senior Activity
Valentine's Day Lunch

16

ONE SERVICE
9:00 W/CM
MEET & GREET
CALL VOTE

17

CHURCH CLOSED



18

11:00am-1:00pm
Urban Ark
6:30-8:30 p.m.
Peer Conn. Group

19

9:00-10:00 a.m.
Men's Bible Study
7:00 p.m.
Choir Practice

20

4:00-5:30 p.m.
Urban Ark
5:30-7:00 p.m.
Crochet/Knitting
7:00-8:00 p.m.
Boy & Cub Scouts

21

Noon
AA Meeting

22

Noon-9:00 p.m.
Scouts Blue & Gold
Dinner - FLC

23

8:30 W/CM
10:00 Sunday School
10:00 CPS/CM

24

11:00am-1:00pm
Urban Ark
6:30-8:30 p.m.
Peer Conn. Group

26

9:00-10:00 a.m.
Men's Bible Study
7:00 p.m.
Choir Practice

27

4:00-5:30 p.m.
Urban Ark
7:00-9:00 p.m.
Boy & Cub Scouts

28

Noon
AA Meeting