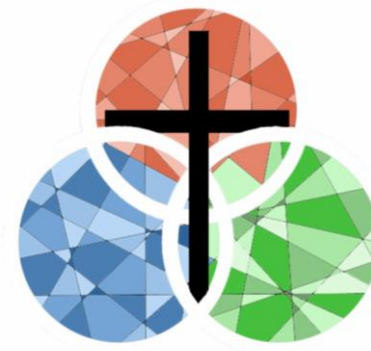


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May 2026



Congregational Meeting
Sunday, May 17
9:30am - Family Life Center

Holy Trinity Lutheran Church

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

Holy Trinity Staff:

Pastor: Juli Lejman-Guy
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 & Live streamed
(link will be e-mailed)

**bulletins will be e-mailed & snail mailed

10:30 am – Sanctuary

**Holy Communion at both services

9:30 am – Sunday School

Snowball Mountain Challenge

Vacation Bible School
July 20-24, 2026



Kids will become Challengers, gearing up for frosty games, snowy surprises, and hands-on lessons about resilience and faith. Guided daily by Ollie the Arctic Seal, who is reporting on the events, Challengers aren't just playing games; they learn to draw strength from their faith through powerful stories of courage and hope. With a unique winter games theme filled with snowboards and ski lifts and solid theology at its core, this VBS delivers joy and meaning in equal measure, teaching kids that *"I can do all things through him who strengthens me."* (Philippians 4:13, NRSV)



CHECK OUT THE HUGE VARIETY OF AVAILABLE GIFT CARDS

\$10: Taco Bell, Arby's, Panera, Subway, Chipotle, Bob Evans, Sonic, Dairy Queen, Target, Bath & Body, Cracker Barrel, BW3, Applebee's, Burger King, Papa John's, Domino's, Pizza Hut, McDonald's, Red Lobster, Dunkin', KFC; **\$25:** Dunkin', Red Robin, Blaze, Chili's, Bob Evans, Giant Eagle, Panda Express, Jimmy John's, Olive Garden, Wendy's, Starbucks, Chipotle, Outback, Cracker Barrel, McDonald's, Texas Roadhouse, Meijer, Marathon, Speedway, Kohl's, Walgreens, Home Depot, Michael's, Target, TJ Maxx/Home Goods, Bath & Body, Visa; **\$50:** Visa



Thank you to all who helped move Food Storage boxes out of the nursery to the back classroom. Your time and kindness are appreciated.
Sincerely, Susan Thompson

WORSHIP IN MAY

Sunday, May 3 – Easter 5

Acts 7:55-60
Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16
1 Peter 2:2-10
John 14:1-14

Sunday, May 10 – Easter 6

Acts 17:22-31
Psalm 66:8-20
1 Peter 3:13-22
John 14:15-21



Sunday, May 17 – Easter 7

Acts 1:6-14
Psalm 68:1-10, 32-35
1 Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11
John 17:1-11

Sunday, May 24 – Pentecost

Acts 2:1-21
Psalm 104:24-34, 35b
1 Corinthians 12:3b-13
John 20:19-23

Sunday, May 31 – Holy Trinity

Genesis 1:1-2:4a
Psalm 8
2 Corinthians 13:11-13
Matthew 28:16-20

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
5/09 – Debra Kennell
5/14 – Sarah Kebert
5/16 – Linda Leckie-Ewing
5/17 – Carla Ohman
5/20 – Rachel Suffecool



5/24 – 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

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK



On Sunday, May 24, the Church celebrates Pentecost—often called the “birthday of the Church.” This holy day, coming fifty days after Easter, commemorates the outpouring of the Holy Spirit upon the disciples, as recorded in Acts 2.

Scripture tells us: “*When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place... and all of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages*” (Acts 2:1–4, NRSV). The imagery is vivid—wind, fire, and voices speaking across barriers. What begins as confusion becomes understanding. What begins as fear becomes bold proclamation.

Pentecost is not simply an event we remember; it is a reality we continue to live. The Spirit that filled those first followers is the same Spirit active in the Church today—guiding, equipping, and sending us into the world. Acts 2 marks a turning point: the moment when a small, uncertain group became a Spirit-empowered community with a mission.

For us at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, Pentecost invites reflection on how the Holy Spirit is still at work among us. Where do we see new life emerging? Where is God calling us to speak words of hope, reconciliation, and grace in ways others can truly hear? The miracle of Pentecost is not only that people spoke in different languages—it is that people understood one another. In a world often marked by division, this remains a powerful witness.

Pentecost also reminds us that the Church is not built on human strength or strategy alone. It is born and sustained by the Spirit. As Martin Luther wrote in his explanation of the Third Article of the Creed, “I believe that I cannot by my own understanding or effort believe in Jesus Christ... but the Holy Spirit has called me through the gospel.” This confession grounds us in grace and sends us outward in faith.

As we gather for worship on May 24, you are invited to wear red—the color of fire and the Spirit—and to come with open hearts. Pray for renewal. Listen for the Spirit’s movement. And be ready to be sent. Because Pentecost is not the end of the story—it is the beginning.



MONEY WALL ENVELOPE FUNDRAISER FOR HABITAT HOMES

As our HTLC community comes together to support the building of new Habitat homes, this fundraiser offers everyone a way to participate—no matter your budget—while directly helping families achieve safe, affordable housing.

The concept is easy. You will find the display wall filled with envelopes, each labeled with a dollar amount—\$1 to \$100. Participants choose an envelope that fits their ability to give, place that amount inside, and return it in the offering plate. As envelopes disappear from the wall, what remains is more than empty space—it's visible proof of a community stepping up for one another.

Every dollar raised through the Money Wall goes toward building Habitat homes for families in need. These homes provide more than just shelter—they create stability, security, and a foundation for brighter futures. Children have a quiet place to study. Parents gain peace of mind knowing their housing is affordable. Families can begin to build equity and invest in their futures.

Most importantly, this fundraiser keeps the focus where it belongs: on the families whose lives will be changed. Each envelope taken is a step closer to handing over keys, opening doors, and welcoming someone home.

We invite you to take an envelope, give what you can, and be part of something bigger than yourself. Together, envelope by envelope, we can build hope, one home at a time.

SASSY SCISSORS

The Sassy Scissors will meet on the following days:

Monday, May 11 & Thursday, May 14 – 10am-2pm

Monday, June 1 & Thursday, June 4 – 10am-2pm

We will NOT meet in July due to Vacation Bible School.



WEDNESDAY MORNING MEN'S BIBLE STUDY

We meet on Wednesday mornings from 9:00 - 10:00 at the church. We will be beginning a new study from Augsburg Fortress "*From Beginning To End – Studies in Revelation*". Our Bible study moves 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.

SATURDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY

We will meet on Saturday, May 2 at 10:00 AM in the library. We will continue our series by Max Lucado called "*He Chose the Nails*". Please join us...all are welcome!

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

We will meet on Wednesday, May 6 at 10:00am in the library. Bring your Bible. We look forward to seeing you!



We will meet on Monday, May 11 at 7:00pm at Holy Trinity. We will complete our study of the Gospel of Mark (Chapters 13-16). Bring your Bible, snacks and drinks. All are welcome!!!

Holy Trinity is looking for people to provide music in June, July, and August. If you or someone you know would be willing to share your talents at 8:30am worship, please sign your name by the available date you would like on the board in the choir room. If you need accompaniment, please mark on the board or tell Robin Whitacre.





Stark County Hunger Walk

Date of Walk: Sunday, May 3, 2026

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, **make checks payable to Akron-Canton Regional Foodbank**. Envelopes need to be returned the day of the walk. **100% of all donations go directly to the Foodbank.**

This is an event for ALL ages. This will be the Youth Activity for May. *****Walkers are encouraged to wear their GOLD “God’s Work Our Hands” t-shirt.**



CROCHET/KNITTING GROUP



We will meet on Thursdays, May 14 & 28 from 5:30-7:00pm in the Conference Room.

STAMPING GROUP

We will meet on Monday, May 4 at 6:30pm at Holy Trinity. The cost is \$3.



COUNCIL NOTES

April 14, 2026

Devotions were based on Isaiah 58:11 which reminds us that the Lord will guide us always, He will satisfy our needs in a sun-scorched land and will strengthen our frame. We will be like a well-watered garden, like a spring whose waters never fail. This verse is especially pertinent during Spring gardening when perennials require attention and maintenance, but the end result brings joy. Christian life is like that. We must cooperate with Jesus, the Master Gardener, as He makes all the work worthwhile. God promises us that He will guide, satisfy, strengthen, and refresh us, as long as we obey His word.

Thanks to all HTLC members who embrace Christian life, who obey His word, and who spread joy by selflessly giving of their time, talents and resources to so many worthwhile projects. The “Sunday Undies” project was generously supported and all items have been delivered to Refuge of Hope. The “Adopt a Plot” project has been launched and most of the plots have been claimed.

Your continued support will be appreciated for HTLC’s goal of raising \$5,000 by June 1st for the two Habitat for Humanity faith builds. On Sunday, May 3rd, Courtney from Habitat will be with us for worship and to provide the sermon, and a special fund-raising project will be announced at that time. Work dates at the Habitat construction building on Raff Road have been scheduled for Thursday, June 11 and Saturday, June 27 (8:15 AM to Noon on both dates); please sign up on the bulletin board.

In closing, Administrative Professionals Day is celebrated on April 22, and Council expressed sincere gratitude to Stacy Lake for all she does to assist Pastor Juli and every church member and initiative. She’s a superhero without a cape, a true gift to HTLC, and we pray for God’s blessings upon her.

REMINDER: Our Semi-Annual Congregational Meeting will be held in the Family Life Center on **Sunday, May 17 at 9:30 AM (immediately following the 8:30 AM service).**

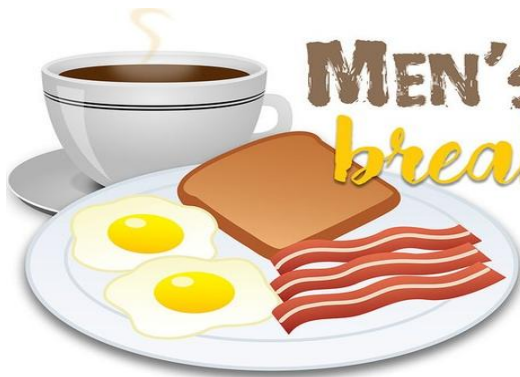
There are several items of importance so please make every effort to



2026 Budget Update

	INCOME	EXPENSES	REMAINDER
MARCH	\$30,357.17	\$29,115.13	\$1,242.04
YEAR TO DATE	\$78,604.16	\$105,044.28	(\$26,440.12)

\$36,300 (monthly amount needed to meet 2026 expenses of \$435,700)
Thank you for your faithful support of our many ministries!



MEN'S breakfast

Saturday, May 9
8:30am – FLC
Sign up on the
bulletin board



Sunday, May 17 – 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.



GERANIUMS FOR PENTECOST SUNDAY



Order your Geraniums by Sunday, May 10 to adorn our Sanctuary and then planted to beautify our church grounds. Put your completed form and payment (\$5.50 each) in the box on the Welcome Center.



HTLC's annual garage sale will be Saturday, June 13 from 8am-2pm. Items for the sale may be dropped off Monday, June 8 thru Thursday, June 11 from 9am-3pm, and the evenings of Wednesday, June 10 and Thursday, June 11 from 5-7pm. **We will NOT accept any items dropped off Friday or Saturday.**

We do NOT accept large appliances, TVs, upholstered furniture, computers, or mattresses.

We still need youth & adult volunteers to help sort & price every day.

If you have questions, please contact Laurie Soliday (330-284-5502) or catch her before the 10:30 am Sunday service.

There will be a Garage Sale meeting on Wednesday, May 6 at 9:00am in the Library.

Thank You for supporting this Holy Trinity Fundraiser!



JUNE FOCUS: Habitat for Humanity

We build strength, stability, self-reliance, and shelter.

Holy Trinity is signed up to help with two dates for the Habitat Homes in June. Both dates we will meet at:

Habitat building
1400 Raff Rd SW
Canton, Ohio

Thursday, June 11
Stain Trim (8 volunteers)
8:15 am - 12:00 pm
Age requirement: 16+

Saturday, June 29
Finish tables (4 volunteers)
8:15 am - 12:00 pm
Age requirement: 16+


There are sign up sheets on the bulletin board in the main hall. You will also need to fill out a Habitat Volunteer Information sheet located on the Welcome Center.

To contribute, make checks payable to Holy Trinity and mark "Habitat for Humanity" in the memo.

MAY WORSHIP SERVERS

Date	Service Time	Lector	Communion Assistant/Acolyte	Sound/Live Stream/Slides
May 3	8:30 AM	Don Carley	Mark Himes Teagan Woolf	Sound: Darlene Fast Stream: Crystal Fast
	10:30 AM	Anneliese Halvorson	Linda Ramsell Eliza Halvorson	Matt Halvorson
May 10	8:30 AM	Robin Whitacre	Paul Feaser Mary Feaser	Sound: Darlene Fast Stream: Crystal Fast
	10:30 AM	Kari Sparkman	Joanne Murray Oliver Halvorson	Jay Moody
May 17	8:30 AM	Larry Robenstine	Carolyn Perlog Reuben Woolf	Sound: Darlene Fast Stream: Crystal Fast
	10:30 AM	Pastor Don Rice, Jr.	Linda Ramsell Annaliese Halvorson	Laurie Soliday
May 24	8:30 AM	Jan Whitacre	Ken Groves Teagan Woolf	Sound: Darlene Fast Stream: Crystal Fast
	10:30 AM	Linda Ramsell	Pastor Don Rice, Jr. No Acolyte	Jay Moody
May 31	8:30 AM	Carolyn Perlog	Paul Feaser Mary Feaser	Sound: Darlene Fast Stream: Crystal Fast
	10:30 AM	Gretchen Leckie-Ewing	Joanne Murray No Acolyte	Wade & Karen Lautzenheiser

MAY 2026

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1 Noon AA Meeting	2 10:00 a.m. Bible Study
3 8:30 W/CM 9:30 Sunday School 10:30 CPS/CM 2:00 pm Stark Hunger Walk Registration – Youth Activity	4 6:30 p.m. Stamping Group 7:00-8:30 p.m. Family Support Group 7:00-8:30 p.m. Boy Scouts	5 11:00am-1:00pm Urban Ark 6:30-8:30 p.m. Peer Conn. Group ELECTION DAY	6 9:00 a.m. Garage Sale Meeting 9:00-10:00 a.m. Men's Bible Study 10:00 a.m. Women's Bible Study 7:00 p.m. Choir Practice	7 4:00-5:30 p.m. Urban Ark	8 Noon AA Meeting	9 8:30 a.m. Men's Breakfast
10 8:30 W/CM 9:30 Sunday School 10:30 CPS/CM Happy Mother's Day	11 10:00am-2:00pm Sassy Scissors 7:00 p.m. Bibles & Brews 7:00-8:30 p.m. Boy Scouts	12 11:00am-1:00pm Urban Ark 6:30-8:30 p.m. Peer Conn. Group	13 9:00-10:00 a.m. Men's Bible Study 7:00 p.m. Choir Practice	14 10:00am-2:00pm Sassy Scissors 4:00-5:30 p.m. Urban Ark 5:30-7:00p.m. Crochet/Knitting	15 Noon AA Meeting	16
17 8:30 W/CM 9:30 Sunday School 10:30 CPS/CM 9:30 Congregational Meeting - FLC	18 6:30 p.m. Council Meeting 7:00-8:30 p.m. Family Support Group 7:00-8:30 p.m. Boy Scouts	19 11:00am-1:00pm Urban Ark 6:30-8:30 p.m. Peer Conn. Group	20 9:00-10:00 a.m. Men's Bible Study 7:00 p.m. Choir Practice	21 4:00-5:30 p.m. Urban Ark	22 Noon AA Meeting	23
24 8:30 W/CM 9:30 Sunday School 10:30 CPS/CM Pentecost	25 CHURCH CLOSED <i>Memorial Day</i> 	26 11:00am-1:00pm Urban Ark 6:30-8:30 p.m. Peer Conn. Group	27 7:00 p.m. Choir Practice	28 4:00-5:30 p.m. Urban Ark 5:30-7:00p.m. Crochet/Knitting	29 Noon AA Meeting	30
31 8:30 W/CM 9:30 Sunday School 10:30 CPS/CM Graduate Recognition		