

HOLY TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH
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July/August 2026

***Vacation Bible School
July 20-24
9am-Noon***



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Summer Office Hours:
Closed Monday
Tuesday 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*

Newsletter Deadline

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

You can also 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 – Family Life
Center

**Holy Communion at
both services

9:30 am –
Mary-Joseph Class

No Children's Sunday
School or Marantha
Class at this time

Worship in July

Sunday, July 5

Zechariah 9:9-12
Psalm 145:8-14
Romans 7:15-25a
Luke 10:1-11, 16-20

Sunday, July 19

Isaiah 44:6-8
Psalm 86:11-17
Romans 8:12-25
Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

Sunday, July 12

Isaiah 55:10-13
Psalm 65:9-13
Romans 8:1-11
Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

Sunday, July 26

1 Kings 3:5-12
Psalm 119:129-136
Romans 8:26-39
Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52



Worship in August

Sunday, August 2

Isaiah 55:1-5
Psalm 145: 8-9, 14-21
Romans 9:1-5
Matthew 14:13-21

Sunday, August 16

Isaiah 56:1, 6-8
Psalm 67
Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32
Matthew 15:21-28

Sunday, August 9

1 Kings 19:9-18
Psalm 85:8-13
Romans 10:5-15
Matthew 14:22-33

Sunday, August 23

Isaiah 51:1-6
Psalm 138
Romans 12:1-8
Matthew 16:13-20



Sunday, August 30

Jeremiah 15:15-21
Psalm 26:1-8
Romans 12:9-21
Matthew 16:21-28

JULY: Stewardship and Freedom

In Christ, stewardship is not an obligation imposed upon us but a response to God's grace. We give, serve, and share because we have first received God's abundant love.

Paul writes, "For freedom Christ has set us free" (Galatians 5:1, NRSVue). He continues, "Through love become enslaved to one another" (Galatians 5:13, NRSVue).

Christian freedom is not self-centered independence. It is freedom to love and serve. Stewardship flows from this freedom. We are liberated from fear, scarcity, and the need to earn God's favor. Instead, we are free to be generous.

When we trust God's provision, we can hold our possessions more loosely. We become willing to share resources, support ministry, and help those in need.

This month, reflect on how stewardship can be an expression of joyful freedom rather than duty. Ask God to help you recognize opportunities to serve others with generosity and grace.

Because Christ has set us free, we are free to give ourselves away in love.

AUGUST: Stewardship of Community

God created us for community. We are not meant to live the Christian life alone. Stewardship includes investing in the life of the congregation and supporting one another in faith.

The early church devoted itself to fellowship, prayer, worship, and sharing resources (Acts 2:42–47, NRSVue). Their generosity strengthened the community and provided a powerful witness to the world.

Today, congregations continue this ministry through worship, education, outreach, care ministries, and fellowship. Every act of participation contributes to the health of the body of Christ.

Stewardship of community means showing up, sharing gifts, supporting ministries, and encouraging one another. It means recognizing that our congregation is not simply a place we attend but a community to which we belong.

This summer, consider how you might deepen your involvement. Attend a fellowship event, volunteer for a ministry team, or invite someone new into the life of the church.

Together, we reflect the love of Christ and strengthen one another for service in the world.

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK



Dear friends,

I once had a friend who told me that, since her children took the summer off school, they could take the summer off church. No matter how I challenged her, she was adamant that she was not going to get her high-school aged children up for Sunday morning worship when school was not in session.

Too often we think of summer as "time off" and it is. We go at a different pace. We spend time with children and grandchildren. We travel. We gather with friends and family.

But summer is also a season of faith. Ecclesiastes tells us that there is a season and a time for everything. And that time is very important. Time with family and friends. Time to recuperate and rejuvenate. Time to be outdoors, play sports, travel. These are all important moments.

Summer provides opportunities to notice God's presence in new and different ways. In fellowship as we prepare for Vacation Bible School and the children who will experience the love of Jesus, perhaps for the very first time. In nature as we enjoy summer walks, picnics in the park, trips to the water, or just sitting outside absorbing the summer sun. In moments of rest. In community as we begin preparations for *God's Work Our Hands* projects and Rally Day.

In Mark 6:31 we read: **"Then, because so many people were coming and going that they did not even have a chance to eat, he said to them, 'Come with me by yourselves to a quiet place and get some rest.'"**

In the midst of the busyness of the summer, be sure to take some time for spiritual rest for your soul. Summer is still a season of faith as we gather for worship and fellowship, read our Bibles and pray.

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The good news is that God doesn't take a vacation and God also loves to go on vacation *with* you! So find some quiet time here and there and simply rest in God's presence.

Blessings on your journey!

Peace, *Pastor Juli*



SAVE THE DATE!

Sunday, November 15th, we will be celebrating our 220th Anniversary with a Homecoming.

Please invite family and friends to join us for a worship celebration as we welcome Bishop Laura Barbins, give thanks for the past, and look forward to the future. If you would like to be part of the planning team, please contact Pastor Juli.

Election of Council Officers & Committee Assignments

President: Sarah Kebert
Vice-President: Dominic Bower
Secretary: Jay Moody

Committee Liaisons:

Christian Education: Jay Moody
Property: Paul Feaser
Evangelism: Ralph Reisinger
Finance: Dominic Bower
Social Ministry: Linda Leckie-Ewing
Stewardship: Dominic Bower
Worship and Music: Sarah Kebert
Youth: Jay Moody
Care Team: Cindy Hower
Personnel: Ralph Reisinger

Snowball Mountain Challenge

Vacation Bible School
July 20-24 9am-Noon



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)

We encourage you to register online on our website, Facebook, or the following link. <https://forms.gle/wJZWxea31agmmEQn8>



A BIG THANK YOU to all those who brought items for the sale and those who purchased items; to ALL the volunteer workers; to our youth who were a great help; to the volunteers working the concession stand during the sale.

We had a very busy week, with volunteers working every day, tagging and sorting items. We also had volunteers & Scouts setting up, tearing down, and using their trucks to deliver items to the church and then remove the unsold items to Goodwill, Refuge of Hope, and Habitat Restore.

With the help of the Thrivent Action Team Project, money provided to us to help pay for the supplies, our Garage Sale earned \$3202. Proceeds will benefit the Youth 2027 ELCA Gathering Fund.

There are so many areas that you are needed....Think about volunteering for next year's Garage Sale!



JULY FOCUS:

HTLC VBS

Children the ages of 3 years to having completed grade 5 are invited to attend this fun filled week. Each year a daily offering is taken to support the mission project chosen for that year. The contact person is Linda Ramsell.

We need your participation in making this another successful event. Watch the Sunday bulletins and Trinity Trumpet for detailed information.



AUGUST FOCUS:

OASIS OUTREACH OPPORTUNITY, INC.

Oasis Outreach is located in Akron. OASIS provides for both the urban youth and for the adults who come to help. When you learn to communicate and solve problems together, generational, economical, and cultural tensions are alleviated through creative play and worship together.

If you would like more information on this organization their web page is www.oasisakron.org. To contribute, please make checks payable to Holy Trinity and write "Oasis Outreach" in the memo.



2026 Budget Update

	INCOME	EXPENSES	REMAINDER
MAY	\$43,675.78	\$30,259.37	\$13,416.41
YEAR TO DATE	\$158,922.34	\$185,600.02	(\$26,677.68)

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

GOD'S WORK. OUR HANDS. is the ELCA mission project Sunday. This year it will be on September 13.

We will be providing personal care kits again this year for Lutheran World Relief. These kits are distributed in refugee camps where there has been war, natural disasters, famine, etc. The kits consist of 1 darker colored bath towel, 1 metal nail clipper, 1 toothbrush, 1 large comb and 2 bars of soap. Many of the items can be found at dollar stores and some folks buy 2 or more kits worth of items.

Everyone at Holy Trinity of all ages and abilities can take part. Pick up a kit's worth of items (or more) and bring them in during the summer. There will be a collection box. We hope that you will plan to participate and collect the items needed over these summer weeks. Watch the Sunday bulletins for more information.

UNITED IN MINISTRY ENDOWMENT FUND

As announced at the semi-annual congregational meeting, HTLC is running a campaign for our endowment fund that was created within the ELCA Foundation. Earnings from this endowment fund will be distributed to our community through grant applications to help local non-profits. A generous donor has agreed to match the first \$500k in donations through Sunday, November 15.

Any questions regarding how to give can be directed to members of the endowment committee: Chad Sinkovich, Dominic Bower, Linda Allende, and Mark Husted.



SATURDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY

We will meet on July 4 and August 1 at 10:00 AM in the Library. We will continue *"He Chose the Nails"*. Join us for coffee and fellowship as we learn more about the Holy Spirit!

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

We will meet on Wednesdays, July 1 and August 5 at 10:00am in the library. Bring your Bible. We look forward to seeing you!



We will meet on Mondays, July 13 and August 10 at 7:00pm in the conference room. In July, we will discuss the first 8 chapters of Acts. We look forward to seeing you!

AUGUST SENIOR ACTIVITY (open to everyone)

The Senior Activity would like to invite the whole church to an Anti-Scam presentation given by Detective Danielle Paciorek on Saturday, August 29 at Noon in the FLC.

Please sign-up on the bulletin board in the main hall by Sunday, August 23. Watch for more details in upcoming bulletins.



Thank you for the love & support I & my family received. Thank you to the kitchen crew for the luncheon. It was fantastic & my family was impressed.

Pastor Juli, words cannot be enough for all the love you have shown us. *God Bless – Carole Amatangelo*

Sunday School needs your help!

We are looking for teachers, assistants, and subs for various age groups with our youth Sunday School classes.

****Teachers** prepare and lead the lessons and activities for a class.

****Assistants** are extra adults/hands in the classroom, being present to help the teacher or the students as needed.

****Subs** are called upon to be a teacher or an assistant on a Sunday that the "regulars" are not going to be there.

If you are willing to help out in any of these roles, please contact Jeanette Cover or Pastor Juli. Thank You!

If you missed the other picture days, you can still get your picture taken on Wednesday, July 8. See the sign up sheets at the Welcome Center.



BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

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

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS!!!

8/02 - Deborah Beeler

8/05 - Joanne Murray

8/09 - Julie Grasse

8/10 - Cindy Hower

8/11 - Brianna Bower

8/13 - Marilyn Quickel

Rose Ickes

Bill Vesely

8/14 - Jayne Stevenson

Kerri Leon

8/15 - Teagan Woolf

8/17 - Ray Fast

8/20 - Debbie Faber



8/23 - Mary Ann Rodgers

8/23 - Mary Ann Rodgers

8/24 - Cora Jones

8/25 - Amanda Beck

Nicholas Leon

8/29 - Barry Mitchell

8/30 - Kathy Gottshall

8/31 - Gretchen Leckie-Ewing

AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES!!!

8/07 - Howard & Trudi VanOrman

8/08 - Bob & Becky Hartenstein

8/11 - Larry & Gretchen Cox

8/14 - Dave & Julie Grasse

8/16 - Todd & Kathy Gottshall



STAMPING GROUP

We will not meet in July and August.

Our next meeting will be Monday, September at 6:30pm at Holy Trinity. The cost is \$3.



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JULY BIRTHDAYS!!!

7/04 - Earl Hickman

7/05 - Alycia Sparkman

7/07 - Ed Miller

7/09 - Linda Allende

7/12 - Mark Husted

Jon Woolf

7/17 - Shelly Carley

Jeanette Cover

Lydia Slater

7/21 - Peg Mitchell



Have a Cool Birthday

7/22 - Linda Ramsell

7/25 - Nancy Harmon

7/26 - Anna Prince

7/27 - Larry Cox

Phil Thompson

7/29 - Jolene Moody

JULY ANNIVERSARIES!!!

7/03 - John & Carolyn Perlog

7/06 - Larry & Marnie Groves

7/10 - Jason & Melissa Slatzer

7/14 - Tim & Darlene Bailis

7/15 - Greg & Jean Ann Long

7/16 - Ralph & Judy Reisinger

7/27 - Ron & Debbie Faber



CROCHET/KNITTING GROUP



We will meet on the following Thursdays from 5:30-7:00pm in the Library.

July 9 & 23
August 6 & 20



GIFT CARDS AVAILABLE IN THE OFFICE

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

Stop in the office for any last-minute gifts & help support Holy Trinity's ministries.



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 Wednesday & Friday at Noon downstairs
- NAMI (National Alliance of Mental Illness) – Support Group – every Tuesday from 6:30-8:30pm
- P2P (Peer to Peer) – Education Class sponsored by NAMI – 8-week course – class begins Thursday, Oct. 1 – Nov. 19 from 6:00-8:00pm
- Basics - Education Class sponsored by NAMI – 6-week course – class begins Wednesday, Oct. 14 – Nov. 18 from 6:00-8:00pm

TOP TEN BENEFITS TO SINGING IN THE CHOIR



1. It beats going to the gym! Choir improves health releases feel good hormones.
2. Music exercises your brain.
3. Improves your breathing, posture and muscle tension. Less visits to the chiropractor.
4. Keeps your immune system healthy.
5. You meet new friends and expand your social circle.
6. You get to look out and check out everyone sitting in the pews.
7. The pastor won't see you if you "rest your eyes" during the sermon.
8. Good excuse to get out of the house on Wednesday evenings for practice.
9. You'll sound better when singing in the shower or your car.
10. What a wonderful and meaningful way to praise God!

See Robin Whitacre, our Choir Director, to join now!



HANDBELLS

Have you been wanting to try your hand at playing handbells.....well now is your chance!!!

We invite anyone who might be interested in playing handbells to **join us at our rehearsal on July 26 at 11:30am**. No experience needed or required. ALL are welcome.

SASSY SCISSORS

We will NOT meet in July.

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

JULY WORSHIP SERVERS

Date	Service Time	Lector	Comm. Assistant/Acolytes	Sound/Live Stream/Slides
July 5	8:30 AM	Jan Whitacre	Carolyn Perlog Teagan Woolf	Sound: Jolene Moody Stream: Sharon & Renee Gaul
	10:30 AM	Linda Ramsell	Joanne Murray	Wade & Karen Lautzenheiser
July 12	8:30 AM	Don Carley	Carolyn Perlog	Sound: Jolene Moody Stream: Sharon & Renee Gaul
	10:30 AM	Kari Sparkman	Pastor Don Rice, Jr.	Laurie Soliday
July 19	8:30 AM	Linda Allende	Mark Himes Reuben Woolf	Sound: Jolene Moody Stream: Sharon & Renee Gaul
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July 26	8:30 AM	Robin Whitacre	Ken Groves Teagan Woolf	Sound: Jolene Moody Stream: Sharon & Renee Gaul
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AUGUST WORSHIP SERVERS

Date	Service Time	Lector	Comm. Assistant/Acolytes	Sound/Live Stream/Slides
August 2	8:30 AM	Trudi VanOrman	Howard VanOrman Mary Feaser	Sound: Ken Groves Stream: Deanna Woolf
	10:30 AM	Linda Ramsell	Joanne Murray Eliza Halvorson	Wade & Karen Lautzenheiser
August 9	8:30 AM	Darlene Bailis	Tim Bailis Teagan Woolf	Sound: Ken Groves Stream: Deanna Woolf
	10:30 AM	Gretchen Leckie-Ewing	Linda Ramsell Anneliese Halvorson	Laurie Soliday
August 16	8:30 AM	Linda Allende	Larry Robenstine Reuben Woolf	Sound: Ken Groves Stream: Deanna Woolf
	10:30 AM	Anneliese Halvorson	Pastor Don Rice, Jr. Eliza Halvorson	Matt Halvorson
August 23	8:30 AM	Jan Whitacre	Paul Feaser Mary Feaser	Sound: Ken Groves Stream: Deanna Woolf
	10:30 AM	Kari Sparkman	Linda Ramsell	Wade & Karen Lautzenheiser
August 30	8:30 AM	Carolyn Perlog	Mark Himes Teagan Woolf	Sound: Ken Groves Stream: Deanna Woolf
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5 8:30 W/CM 10:30 CPS/CM	6 CHURCH CLOSED  10:00am-2:00pm VBS Workshop	7 11:00am-1:00pm Urban Ark 6:30-8:30 p.m. Peer Conn. Group	8 10:00am-2:00pm VBS Workshop	9 4:00-5:30 p.m. Urban Ark 5:30-7:00p.m. Crochet/Knitting	10 10:00am-2:00pm VBS Workshop Noon AA Meeting	11
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19 8:30 W 10:30 CPS Setup FLC for VBS	20 9:00am-Noon VBS 7:00-8:30 p.m. Boy Scouts	21 9:00am-Noon - VBS 11:00am-1:00pm Urban Ark 6:30-8:30 p.m. Peer Conn. Group	22 9:00am-Noon VBS	23 9:00am-Noon - VBS 4:00-5:30 p.m. Urban Ark 5:30-7:00p.m. Crochet/Knitting	24 9:00am-Noon VBS Noon AA Meeting	25
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30 8:30 W/CM 10:30 CPS/CM	31 7:00-8:30 p.m. Boy Scouts					