

Trinity Talk

October 2017



A Word From The Shepherd

Often when I do a leadership workshop for congregations around the synod, one of the first things I do is an exercise that asks the question:

“What is the purpose of the church?” Over the years there have been many and varied answers:

The church is a place to worship God

The church should take care of the members

The church should teach children

While these are all answers, the gospels would have us examine other roles:

The church needs to reach out to give the love of Christ to a hurting world.

The church should feed people who are hungry

The church should proclaim God’s love for all people

The church should be a place where love, forgiveness, and reconciliation are practiced.

I am always happy to help plan ‘God’s work. Our hands’. when ELCA Lutherans from across our country gather to serve the community.

This year was no exception! Holy Trinity had a terrific turn out for the luncheon, to pack meals, to work on the car wash and to sing at Plum Creek. 15,000 meals were packed, cars were washed, music brought the love of God and many smiles. Good job...thank you!

As your interim pastor, I am always delighted when we find new and greater ways to serve God in the world. Do you have any new ideas? I’d love to hear them.

Pastor Carolyn

Pastor Carolyn’s contact information: email: cjwaggs@aol.com Or cell # 216 403 8779

HTLC Women's Retreat!

Some of our Ladies from the church will be going on retreat Oct 7th & 8th.

Lord, We ask for guidance and wisdom for the leaders of the retreat.
Help the retreat participants engage in meaningful discussion, allowing them to grow richer in spirit and come home renewed and refreshed. Fill them with Your grace, in Jesus' name. Amen

BISHOP'S GATHERING

Bishop Abraham Allende will meet with area Lutherans on Saturday, November 4 from 9:00am – 12:00N. There will be a choice of workshops to attend and all are welcome! I'd love to have a large group from Holy Trinity attend. The gathering is at Grace Lutheran Church in Wadsworth and we car pool if necessary. Some council members are attending but these gatherings are open to everyone,

Please let the church office or Pastor Carolyn know if you would like to go.

ATTENTION CONFIRMANDS

and Confirmation age Kids:

Confirmation Workshop returns November 4th---- 1:30pm-3:30pm----

BRING YOUR "STUFF"

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The Elevator is still out of order.

Progress is being made---

Parts have been ordered by the elevator company

It will still take a couple weeks or so.

Thank you for your patience!

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A WONDERFUL OPPORTUNITY!

ARE YOU INTERESTED IN TECHNOLOGY? Wonder how we can better use that in our congregation?

DO YOU WISH YOU KNEW HOW TO TELL PEOPLE ABOUT JESUS?
Of course not! If you are like most of us, you don't have the words

HOW DO YOU SEE JESUS AT WORK IN THE WORLD?
How to recognize God Sightings.

IF ANY OF THE ABOVE TOPICS ARE OF INTEREST PLEASE JOIN
PASTOR CAROLYN AND ATTEND A BISHOP'S GATHERING ON
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 4 from 9:00am – 12:00Noon

Grace Lutheran Church Wadsworth. We'd like a big group to attend and those who come can choose two of the three workshops offered. We need to register by October 25 so please let Pastor Carolyn or the church office know.

ALL ARE WELCOME!

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**The Next
Community Meal
Saturday November 18th ----5-6 PM
Menu:
Thanksgiving Dinner!
Watch for the sign-up sheet to be posted**

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The Medina Cluster meets for discussion, fellowship, food & beverage on the 1st & 3rd Tuesday of the month at 7:00pm. Good News & Brews: the Corkscrew Saloon, 811 W Liberty St., Medina. -- Everyone is welcome!!
NOTE: be aware that there are a few steps leading up into the restaurant so unfortunately it is not completely handicap accessible

Below is a message from Pastor Jim from Zion Lutheran, Valley City, explaining the subject of the Oct 3rd Good News & Brews:

Hello all, once again we're getting close to time for Good News & Brews, a chance to talk (and eat and/or drink) together about important things. ALL are welcome! We meet at 7pm on the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of each month, at the Corkscrew Saloon, 811 W Liberty St in Medina.

For the October 3 gathering, our topic will be Community Needs. Barb Woodard of St Matthew pointed out the "On the Table" conversations on that day, sponsored by the Akron Community Foundation. It turns out that some of those conversations will be happening in Medina as well. See below (keep scrolling down, past my message) for a message from Pam Miller of the Medina Diversity Project. You can contact her at pmiller450@zoominternet.net if you'd like to be part of one of the conversations earlier in the day.

When we meet at 7pm for Good News & Brews, we're hoping that people in each of our cluster congregations who are focused on Outreach can come and share past/present/future stories of how we see the needs in our community, what we are already addressing, where we might be able to work together, and where we might sense God calling us to pay attention to some unmet needs. This may be the beginning of an ongoing conversation about our shared presence in the community.

The Corkscrew has asked us to help them plan, by giving them an estimate of how many will be coming. If you can RSVP to me or Jackie Wolff (jjwolffpack@zoominternet.net) by this Sunday, October 1, we'll be sure to save a place for you!

Thank you, hope to see you next Tuesday,
Peace, Jim

Pastor Jim Watson, Zion Lutheran Valley City
(330) 483-3873 church, (330) 591-1422 cell
www.zionvc.org

As mentioned in the above letter from Pastor Jim (Zion Lutheran):

From Pam Miller, Medina Diversity Project

Hello:

I'd like to invite you to take part in "On the Table, Greater Akron," an initiative of the Akron Community Foundation. The Medina Diversity Project and OutSupport are hosting four conversations, on Tuesday, October 3rd, at Unity Church of Medina, 787 Lafayette Rd. (the 4th building at the rear of the Williams-on-the-Lake complex):

9-10:30 AM

11:30 AM to 1 PM (brown bag lunch)

5-6:30 PM

7:30-9 PM

Light refreshments will be available.

"On the Table" is designed to bring people together to discuss ideas of importance in our community. Because several organizations in Medina County are affiliated with the Akron Community Foundation, including the Medina County Women's Endowment Fund and the Medina Community Fund, it's important for our Medina County voices to be heard. Participants will engage in open conversations, sharing their thoughts and concerns about our community. They will be asked to look at positive aspects of the community as well as to identify areas of need. It is hoped that bringing people together this way will engender new ideas that can make all our communities stronger, safer and more dynamic.

Registration by September 28th is strongly suggested. Let me know if you'd like to attend.

Sign up for any of the sessions and be part of this exciting community-wide initiative!

Pam Miller

330-697-4937

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"Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves, not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interests of the others."

Philippians 2:3-4

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Celebrating the 500th Anniversary of the Reformation



I cannot and will not recant anything, for to go against conscience is neither right nor safe. Here I stand, I can do no other, so help me God. Amen.

Martin Luther

Read more at: <https://www.brainyquote.com/quotes/quotes/m/martinluth403720.html>

Synod-Wide Reformation Hymn-Fest And Sing A-Long

WHEN: Sunday, October 22 4:00 p.m.

WHERE: Faith Lutheran Church
2726 W. Market St. Fairlawn, OH
330-836-8811



WHAT ELSE: Join Bishop Abraham Allende for this special event which will be followed by a time for refreshment and fellowship.

Other Reformation events at

<http://htlc.org/Reformation500.htm>

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Our Shut-ins

Each of our shut-ins have expressed delight whenever they receive a card or visit from a Holy Trinity member. Drop a card in the mail to brighten their day!

Judy Lowe

c/o Life Care Center
2400 Columbia Rd
Medina, OH 44256

John Oravec

396 Lakewood Ave
Brunswick, OH 44212

Emily Oravec

c/o Willowood Care Center of Brunswick
1186 Hadcock Rd
Brunswick, OH 44212

Margaret Wood

c/o Pontchartrain Health Ctr
P.O. Box 338
Mandeville, LA 70470-0338

Pastor Terrie Ellwitz

c/o Plum Creek
891 Marks Rd
Brunswick, OH 44212

Bernice Severson

c/o Elmcroft Assisted Living
1046 N. Jefferson St. #204
Medina, OH 44256

Phyllis Deeter

c/o Pearlview Rehab Wellness Center
4426 Homestead Dr
Brunswick, OH 44212

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BENEFIT HORSELESS HORSE SHOW SUNDAY, OCTOBER 1st 2017

Pull on your boots, saddle up & mosey on into the corral
for a few games then put on your feed bag
for Hot Dogs, chips and other delicious tidbits to graze upon.
All this fun and fellowship after both services!

Ribbons for submitting a sponsorship

A complete sponsorship---\$15.00

Two sponsorships --- \$25.00

Funds received go to Board of Property to offset current expenses
ie Parking Lot pay back and Elevator repairs

Please see flyer with all the information on page 13

Gift Card Program



There is a long list of Gift Cards that are available by special order, along with the regular list of cards. Special orders take about two weeks to process but include about 75 companies.

The profit from these cards is used to purchase items for property that are not covered in the budget. The gift card order forms are available on our website (www.htlc.org) or in the Welcome Center near the entrance of the sanctuary. So far for the month of September we've profited **157.09** Thank you for your support!

The Contact for the gift card ministry is John Wallaart 330-273-3758 if you have any questions

BENEFIT HORSELESS HORSE SHOW

SUNDAY,
OCTOBER 1st

After
the 8 & 10am
services

Pastor's Blog.....

Check out Pastor Carolyn's blog! As part of her call at Faith, Fairlawn, Pastor Carolyn does a short essay every week or so.....and you can read them too!



Simply go to Holy Trinity's website- www.htlc.org There is a link just below her photo on the main page. You will find her most current offering as well as an entire list of past essays

PARKING LOT Pave the Way Campaign! UPDATES

As you may have noticed our parking lot has been repaired and resurfaced BUT it is NOT totally paid for! We still need more funds to finish paying for the job that has been done SO PLEASE consider donating what you can So far we have raised \$18,000, but we still need more. See the donation poster at church and also come to the "Horseless Horse Show" October 1st!

please consider donating extra every month for the care and maintenance of your church home. Please help us in working towards the next step to get our parking lot paid!!

The Mission of Holy Trinity Lutheran Church
is to use our gifts to serve God by:



*Hearing,
Teaching and
Loving
Christ*



**Invite your friends and
neighbors to join you every
Sunday for Worship.**



Worship Times

Traditional Worship 8:00am
Contemporary Worship 10:00am
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Holy Trinity Lutheran Church
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Brunswick OH 44212
330-225-4148

Interim Pastor: The Rev. Carolyn Wagar Hier
Phone: 216-403-8779
e-mail: cjwaggs@aol.com

Office Hours: Mon thru Thurs
10:00am- 2:30pm
e-mail: office@htlc.org
<http://www.htlc.org>

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/226604414289/>

Fellowship Sunday



Fellowship next month will be on
November 5th
Please bring a dish to share



fel·low·ship (*noun*)

1. friendly association, especially with
people who share one's interests.

Our Next Community Meal
is Sat. November 18th
from 5-6 PM.

THANKSGIVING DINNER!
Watch for the signup sheet on
the Narthex Windows to see
where you are needed!
VOLUNTEERS ALWAYS
APPRECIATED!!
Cooking, Set up,
serving, cleanup

Upcoming Dates to remember and look forward to!:

- Oct 1 HORSELESS HORSE SHOW & FELLOWSHIP SUNDAY**
Oct 2 10:15am Better Reflections
Oct 3 7:00pm Good News & Brews Corkscrew Saloon,
811 W Liberty St., Medina
Oct 4 7:00pm Praise Band
Oct 7-8 Annual Women's Retreat at Camp Mowana
Oct 9 10:15am Better Reflections
Oct 11 7:00pm Praise Band
Oct 12/13 NEOEA (no School/Brunswick)
Oct 15 11:15a Social Ministry
Oct 16 10:15am Better Reflections
Oct 17 7:00pm Good News & Brews Corkscrew Saloon,
811 W Liberty St., Medina
Oct 18 7:00pm Praise Band
7:30pm Finance
Oct 21 9:00am Property
Oct 22 4:00pm Synod's Reformation Hymn Fest @Faith, Fairlawn
Oct 23 10:15am Better Reflections
7:00pm Church Council
Nov 4 9:00am-12N Bishop's Gathering, Grace Luth, Wadsworth
1:30pm Confirmation workshop
Nov 7 7:00pm Good News & Brews Corkscrew Saloon,
811 W Liberty St., Medina
Nov 18 9:00am Property
5:00-6:00pm Community Meal
Nov 19 THANKS & GIVING SUNDAY
11:15am Social Ministry

**"Life without GOD is like an unsharpened pencil
- no point!"**

IT'S ALL ABOUT PRAYER ~

Many opportunities to pray at Holy Trinity

PRAYER CHAIN~To get prayers on our electronic prayer chain, please contact Robin Brown: rbrown177@neo.rr.com Or Lynn Koch:

mlpkoch@roadrunner.com

For prayer emergencies call Lynn at 330-273-4573

PRAYER SHAWLS ~ If you have someone who needs the comfort of a prayer shawl, please contact Pastor Carolyn cjwaggs@aol.com or leave a message at the church office 330-225-4148

If you like to knit or crochet we need your help! We can provide patterns, instruction, or even yarn. Contact Pastor Carolyn

PRAYER LETTERS ~ This ministry is for people in times of grave challenge or great joy– either our members or folks beyond our walls. When we have those situations, there will be a letter to sign and you will know on Sunday morning.

PRAYER JOURNAL ~ Check out our new “prayer podium” in the welcome center. On it you will find a prayer journal where you can write a *brief* description of a prayer need. Others will read, see & pray

Thrivent Financial Associate Advisors: www.thrivent.com

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Congregational Advocates Continue Their Important Job - They will continue to be liaisons between Thrivent and congregations to help get the word out on Thrivent information and important updates. **Tom Thiffault (330-483-5991)** is the Congregational Advocate for Holy Trinity.

Action Teams - Last year Thrivent introduced the new concept of “Action Teams” to our area. Thrivent invites eligible Thrivent members to lead a team of people, an Action Team, to make an immediate impact to benefit a non-profit/individual/or a family in need. A grant of up to \$250 is available for activities that are fund-raisers, educational events or hands-on service. The funds are not to be used as a gift! Benefit members are eligible to lead two action teams per year and Associate members can lead one action team per year. It is easy to apply at thrivent.com/actionteam. If you have not been on the Thrivent site before, you will need to register for access.

Holy Trinity Lutheran Church White Pages

TYPE OF BUSINESS/INTEREST	NAME	DESCRIPTION	CONTACT
BASKETS	Lynn Koch	Variety of personalized and hand-made baskets	330-273-4573
DARLING GREETINGS, INC	Rhonda & David Darling	Greeting Cards & Business Stationary	216-299-5675 (cell) darlinggreetings@aol.com
LORDZ CONTRACTING, LLC SKIDSTER FOR HIRE	Gail Goodall	Any dirt moved, stone, grading, Landscaping Work, Tree Work, Certified Arborist	216-403-3161
MARY KAY COSMETICS	Rhonda Darling	Skin Care & Cosmetic Products	216-299-5675 (cell) rdarling@marykay.com www.marykay.com/rdarling
NOTARY	Jan Moll	No charge for church members	330-225-6307
OLDE SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION & REMODELING	Marty Marcellino	Basement/kitchen/bath remodels, custom fireplace remodels & mantles, custom bars, exterior stone decor, patio/screen/entry/interior doors (guaranteed lower install rate than the local home improvement store), many other remodeling-related projects. 18 years exp union master-carpenter	330-421-9780
STAMPIN' UP	Robin Brown, Independent Demonstrator	Schedule your workshop, specializing in handmade greeting cards and scrapbook layouts.	330-723-2890 or 330-241-2909 http://robinbrown.stampinup.net
TUPPERWARE	Rebecca T. Nester Consultant	Tupperware is the leading marketer of products to include storage and serving solutions for the kitchen and home	216-759-9220 Beck44111@yahoo.com Website: rebeccatnester.my.tupperware.com

If you own a business and would like to advertise in the Holy Trinity White Pages, please email or call the church office. office@htlc.org or 330-225-4148



**HOLY TRINITY EVANGELICAL
LUTHERAN CHURCH
BENEFIT HORSELESS HORSE SHOW
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 1st, 2017**



2017 has brought some changes to our Benefit Horse show. Due to circumstances beyond the control of the owner of Achin' Acres Farm, and Holy Trinity, we will be unable to hold a "live horse show" this year! Since this show has become an annual fundraiser for the Board of Property, we are again asking for your help. We are looking for your continued support this year by asking for sponsorship of a HORSELESS HORSE SHOW. There will be no riders to compete in over 40 classes and no points will be awarded but we will still have a good time by having a horse show like atmosphere on October 1st, between services and after the late service. Snacks and refreshments will be available that day.

We will have some ribbons available for anyone who submits a sponsorship. A complete sponsorship costs \$15 and will be used in one of two ways. The first way is to pay ourselves back for the funds we borrowed from our investments to pay for the parking lot repair. The second way is to help fund the repair of our elevator which is integral to our worship and fellowship experiences. If you are able to provide additional sponsorship funds there is a discount of two sponsorships for \$25. We will provide list of sponsors for everyone to see so please print your name(s) exactly as you would like them to appear on that list.

Please join us the day of the "show" and help the board of property and your church.

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I (we) would like to help Holy Trinity Lutheran Church Benefit Horse Show with a sponsorship of:

_____ \$15 One- full Sponsorship
_____ \$25 Two-full Sponsorships
_____ Other (ANY AMOUNT IS
HELPFUL)



For more information contact David Darling 216-551-0812 or email dadarling1011@aol.com any Board of Property member, or Robin Brown 330-723-2890, weblady@htlc.org .

Please enclose your check payable to Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, 1600 Pearl Road, Brunswick OH 44212. Sponsorships should be in by September 24th for your name to appear in the show program.

Print your Name(s) EXACTLY as you would like it to appear on the sponsor list.