

Trinity Talk

August 2018



A Word From The Shepherd

In order to have an excellent congregation, we need many in the congregation to help. Holy Trinity HAS an excellent congregation!

As I look out into the congregation every Sunday, almost every person sitting in the pews is involved somehow with the ministries of this congregation.

This month I want to really highlight the many people that make this congregation sing!

Let's start with those that make my job such a piece of cake!

the band and the singers and Kristy who have been so good and supportive.

Those that volunteer during services every week:

greeters, ushers, acolytes, power point operators and the assistants and readers, teachers for Kidz Time.

The Altar Guild and the person that puts the Hymn numbers up

The tellers who stay after to count our offering

Organizers of the volunteers by way of making up monthly volunteer schedules or recruiting others for things like Kidz Time or lawn mowing, etc

Those who hang around in between and after services to help

The after worship Coffee servers and the once a month Sunday Fellowship

sellers of the Gift Cards every week,

The ladies that make and sell greeting cards for the Retreat fund

Let's also add

the ladies and gentlemen Who make sure our community meals happen every other month like clockwork. We serve 50+ people every month now which is up from 20 something when I first came -- This is a GREAT ministry.

The folks that work weekly with the Food Pantry, picking up food from those organizations that donate it and dividing it up then delivering it to the Food Pantry and then working at the Pantry.

Our wonderful cooks in this congregation!! Whether for the Community Meal or for our own dinners and cookouts.

I want to also thank the people who make our yard look beautiful:

you pull weeds and mulch and you plant and mow massive amounts of grass!

Then there is the special projects people

who paint and do anything else that's required

Those that plan things for social gatherings with our church friends outside of church:

The Loving Lutheran Ladies Lunch that meets every month

And the "field trips" to see interesting places not too far from home.

And of course I want to thank the Church Council for leading this congregation!

It's an amazing fact that almost everybody in this congregation does something to actively help. Your resources and prayers are also most important.

Finally I want to thank the people who have given me extra help in getting around during my time of healing

Visiting shut-ins

doing little things to make it easier for me --Like greeting me at the door on Sunday mornings and helping me in,

Those that run little errands around the church or have reached out to do whatever is necessary to make my life easier

Pastor Carolyn

FOR THE GOOD OF THE CAUSE

Special thanks to Robin Brown, Lynn Koch, and Sue Ashworth who have served faithfully over many years.

Starting out my tenure as leader of our church council, I want to communicate and demonstrate a level of excellence that our God deserves and is entitled. In early July, our largest island in the parking lot was so overrun by weeds, roots and other growths that it took 40 hours to clear, and to mulch. The end result was something that our congregation could be proud, appreciate and humbly offer to God.

Last week, we finished painting "classroom alley" and the old narthex. We did it with a level of excellence and detail that our congregation could be proud, appreciate and humbly offer to God. Much appreciation and thanks goes to Jerry Sensel who volunteered two full days painting and one day cleaning all of the paint off of the floor that the rest of us dropped. Jerry also had the idea to replace the tile under the mail boxes and the desire to procure the tile and install it. Much appreciation and thanks to Paula Hudak who worked with a passion for excellence and not simply to get the job done. Also thanks to Kurt Hier, David Darling and Kristy Piper

In the coming weeks:

- We will have our Back to School rally. This ministry continues with a level of excellence that our congregation can be proud, appreciate and humbly offer to God.
- Community meal was also a great success. 60+ in attendance.
- We will be seal coating and striping the entire parking lot.

The simple fact is that keeping up this level of excellence takes time and money. Our church needs to achieve a weekly offering of \$3000.00 to cover the expense of our ministry. Over the summer, our attendance shrinks. Guess what else shrinks; our offering. As a community of faith, we have the means. We simply need to execute the plan.

Paul Hudak

THIS SUNDAY AUGUST 5TH

THE BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS

Pastor Carolyn will be blessing the backpacks that will be distributed at Thursday's Back To School Rally

PLEASE BRING YOUR BACKPACK TO BE BLESSED TOO!



IT'S THAT TIME AGAIN!

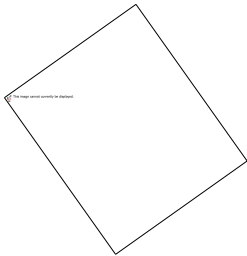


**Time to PACK the
Back Packs!!!**

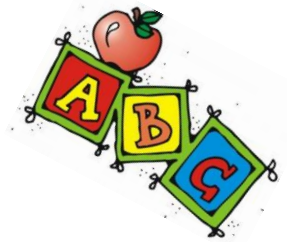
After the late service THIS Sunday August 5th.

**ALSO NEEDED
at 4pm THIS Sunday afternoon,**

**People to help unload the school supplies we are
receiving from the
Stuff the Bus Campaign**



**Back to School Rally
Thursday, August 9, 2018
from 5-7pm**



“Loving Lutheran Ladies Lunch”

All ladies are welcome to join.

We get-together on the third Thursday of the month, at various restaurants in the area. Besides having a great lunch, we talk together about many things and enjoy GREAT FELLOWSHIP!

The next lunch is Thursday, August 16th at 11:00am

Location to be announced soon. Please keep an eye and ear open!

Feel free to bring your friends, neighbors, or relatives. ALL are welcome!

We are The Loving Lutheran Ladies!

For more information call Karen Shepherd at 330-.225-8245

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Next COMMUNITY MEAL

**Saturday, September 15
from 5-6 PM.**

**Watch for a Signup sheet on
the Window in the Narthex**

VOLUNTEERS ARE ALWAYS APPRECIATED!!

For Cooking, Set up, serving, cleanup

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BRUNSWICK FOOD PANTRY

Hunger is happening next door. Hunger is happening right now.

How Much Need Exists in Brunswick?

Probably more than most people realize, so let's look at the numbers: from July 1, 2016 to June 30, 2017 we served 2,265 families. These families are made up of 7,014 individuals, of which 1,977 were children. We provided each person three meals a day for three days for a total of 63,126 meals served.

In 2017 we served 781 more people 7,029 more meals than in 2016.

Where is the Pantry Located?

Our address is:1255 North Carpenter Road Brunswick, OH 44212

We are located in the Brunswick Athletic Training facility. Our entrance is around the left at the back, look for our sign.

Contact Us: PHONE: 330-220-8299

EMAIL: contactus@brunswickfoodpantry.org

Hours: Every Tuesday from 6:00-7:00p & the 2nd Tues of the Month from 1:00-3:00p AND 6:00-7:00p



Celebrate 25!!!



Our 25th Annual Women’s Retreat “With Thankful Hearts” will be held September 29-30 at Camp Mowana. We invite you to join us as we celebrate 25 years of faith, fun, friendship and fellowship with our sisters in Christ! The cost is \$98.00 per person which includes lodging, meals and retreat packets.

For more information or registration forms, please contact Lynn Koch @ 330-273-4573!

Make Checks payable to HTLC.

Forms & payment due by Sunday, September 15th .

Hope to see you there!

The Retreat Planning Committee

An Ordination!!

To be held here at Holy Trinity!!

Our own Tim Kneuss

Saturday, September 15th

1:00pm

More information coming soon!!

“What a Bummer ---End of Summer!”

Church Picnic

Sunday, August 19th

11:30am



We provide –
Hot dogs, buns, chips and beverages.
And paper products

Please bring a potluck to share!
We hope to see all of you there!!

Church Worship will be held at normal times



Our Shut-ins

Please remember our church friends and their caregivers in your prayers: Each of our shut-ins have expressed delight whenever they receive a card or a visit from a Holy Trinity member. Drop a card in the mail to brighten their day!

Betty Behal

1221 Valley Parkway
Broadview Hts., OH 44147

Alice Doré (Robin Brown's sister)

407 Bronson St.
Medina, OH 4425

Phyllis Deeter

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

Pastor Terrie Ellwitz

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

Judy Lowe

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

Emily Oravec

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

John Oravec

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

Bernice Severson

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

Margaret Wood

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



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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. For the month of June we've profited

\$218.30 Thank you for your support!

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



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! Phase 2

Thank you to those who have been able to give. 

Pave the way campaign Phase 2 has a goal of hitting \$10,000 this year. So far for the year we have collected \$2,375.00! With half of the year gone we still have a ways to go! SO PLEASE consider donating what you can for the care and maintenance of your church home. Please help us in working through Phase 2 to "Pave the Way!!"

Attention Ladies:
LADIES RETREAT!
SEPT 29TH & 30TH
The Retreat Center at
Fleming Falls at
Camp Mowana
9am Sat until
2pm Sun
See Lynn Koch
330-273-4573

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



*Hearing,
Teaching and
Loving
Christ*

Fellowship Sunday



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



Worship Times

Traditional Worship 8:00am
Contemporary Worship 10:00am

**Holy Trinity Lutheran Church
1600 Pearl Road
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 next month will be Sept 2nd.



fel·low·ship (noun)

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

**The next Community Meal
is Sat. Sept 15th
from 5-6 PM.**

**Watch for a Signup sheet
hanging in the Narthex
VOLUNTEERS ALWAYS
APPRECIATED!!
Cooking, Set up,
serving, cleanup
Monetary donations welcome for
paper products, etc.**

Good News and Brews!

Thirsty for some fellowship and theological conversation?

Good News and Brews! Meets the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of the Month at the Corkscrew Saloon, 811 W. Liberty in Medina in one of the upper rooms at 7:00pm. Buy yourself a beverage or maybe dinner and sit and have some conversation with friends

Not required but helpful if you RSVP to Pastor Jim Watson, 330-591-1422

Upcoming Dates to remember and look forward to!

- Aug 5 FELLOWSHIP SUNDAY
BLESSING OF THE BACK PACKS--- for the Rally AND YOURS TOO!
– at each service--- bring your backpack to church!!
11:15am- Social Ministry –pack backpack
4:00pm Unload school supplies for us from “Stuff the Bus”
- Aug 6 10:15am Better Reflections
- Aug 8 7:00pm Praise Band
- Aug 9 5:00-7:00pm **Back to School Rally**
- Aug 13 10:15am Better Reflections
- Aug 14 1:00pm Brunswick Food Pantry
- Aug 15 7:00pm Praise Band
- Aug 16 11:00am Loving Lutheran Ladies Lunch – TBD
- Aug 18 9:00am Property
- Aug 19 PACK THE PANTRY
- Aug 20 Brunswick Schools Start
- Aug 22 7:00pm Praise Band
7:30pm Finance
- Aug 26 11:45am Social Ministry
- Aug 27 10:15am Better Reflections
7:00pm Church Council
- Aug 29 7:00pm Praise Band
- Aug 29&30 Harmony Preschool—meet the teacher (daytime)
- Sep 9 GOD’S WORK. OUR HANDS.
- Sep 29&30-Ladies Retreat – 9a Sat- 2p Sun.
 --The Retreat Center at Fleming Falls, Camp Mowana
- Oct 28 REFORMATION SUNDAY/Confirmation Day

Holy Trinity is looking for creative ways to keep our ministry going.
Please prayerfully consider naming Holy Trinity in your will.

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

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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.

2018 Medina County Annual CROP Walk

Meet August 16 at 7:00pm for a Recruiter' Meeting

Medina United Methodist Church to discuss arrangements and other particulars.

Materials will be passed out with information for Congregations

October 14 -- 1:30pm gather in Medina's Public Square and in downtown Wadsworth to begin the walk. It is a two mile route along the streets of town.

For nearly 50 years, CROP Walks hae been an important part of Church World Service caring for people in need. Last year, the Medina County CROP Walk raised more than \$5,000 to support numerous programs though Church World Service including:

Feeding Medina County, Medin

Medina County Salvations Army

Medina Community Services Food Distribution

And Local food pantries.

For more information on the walk contact Pastor James Ellison, Pastor of Litchfield United Church of Christ at 330-591-7627 or PastorJames512@gmail.com

For more info on CROP go to <https://www.crophungerwalk.org/>

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Lutheran Oktoberfest

Lutheran Oktoberfest is coming September 22nd in the Metroparks!! In addition to the traditional bands, food and drink (read Biergarten), there will be plenty of other entertainment. The popular Dunk the Pastor will make a return appearance. For the kids, and kids at heart, there will be face painters, balloon twisters and a construction area with Lego Blocks!

Join us September 22nd from noon to 10 at the Big Creek Reservation of the Metroparks (Tiedeman and Memphis). For more information go to www.hofbrauhauscleveland.com/Oktober.

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