



## Holy Trinity Lutheran Church

### *TIDINGS*

September 2022

## Our Worship & Christian Education Times

Sunday Mornings

9am : Sunday school

10am : Worship Service Communion 1st  
& 3rd Sundays

Contemporary Worship

2nd & 4th Tuesdays @7pm Featuring  
Voices That Reign

Thanksgiving Service

Tuesday Nov. 22nd @6:30pm

**Special Services offered throughout  
the holiday seasons. Please check our  
FB or website for times and dates.**

FB: Holy Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church,  
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Website: [holytrinityelc.org](http://holytrinityelc.org)





## Pastor's Peace

Dear Friends in Christ,

For many of us, our summer breaks are coming to a close as we enter this end of August.

As we look ahead toward September, this month tends to bring many changes: children return to school, young adults go off to college, and the church returns to its full ministry through worship and Christian education. This is especially true for us at Holy Trinity as our faith community transitions to our fall schedule on Sunday, September 11.

On Sunday, September 11, we'll celebrate Rally Day, the beginning of our church school year. Children of all ages are welcome to attend classes from 9:00–10:00 AM, and they're invited to bring their backpacks to worship for a special blessing. This will certainly be a day of much excitement as we catch up with one another after these past summer months! We will also be setting up our Confirmation and Holy Communion Classes. I hope that everyone will be a part of our Worship, Education, and Fellowship.

As we all settle into our new daily routines and schedules, it's my hope that Holy Trinity can be a faith-filled place of support and community. May God bless us all throughout this season of transition, and may the Holy Spirit be present among us in our ministry.

See you in Church,  
Pastor Russell Haab+



All students and teachers are invited to bring their Backpacks, School bags, Book bags, Briefcases, Lap top carriers, and other carriers for a Blessing on Sunday, September 11, as we prepare for the School year ahead.



An introductory meeting for parents and students of Confirmation age will be held following worship on Rally Sunday, September 11. We will have information about classes and schedules. Join us that day for the Rally and Worship as well!



We will soon be holding classes for those young people who desire to receive Holy Communion. Watch the announcements in the bulletin, the church website, and Sunday School.

## Council Communication



Blessings Friends,

What a summer we have had. We are so excited to be welcoming the BT pre-k program, under the direction of KidzSpace, to our building. Such a wonderful blessing to have the school children back during the week.

Council members have had to put in many volunteer hours these past couple of years to make sure our building remained open. Special thanks for your dedication during this interesting time in our world. But we are not finished yet... we need you.

There is much more to do. While we are open, our battle to overcome the setbacks the church has experienced throughout the pandemic are far from over. Many churches have had to close the doors, we do not want to join that list. Please be in prayer about how you can help. We are facing the challenge of getting people back to in person worship.

Please consider volunteering by joining a committee, by volunteering time to help with church upkeep, by sharing your talents and by making a pledge to be faithful in your personal offering.

We are also looking for new council members ! Please consider taking a one year term! We meet on the 3rd Monday of the month @7pm.

We can do all things through Christ....

In Peace Your Church Council



## God's Work Our Hands

"God's work. Our hands."

This day is an opportunity to celebrate who we are as the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America – one church, freed in Christ to serve and love our neighbor.

Service activities offer an opportunity for us to explore one of our most basic convictions as Lutherans: that all of life in Jesus Christ, every act of service, in every daily calling, in every corner of life flows freely from a living, daring confidence in God's grace.

This is Christ's church.

There is a place for you here. We are the church that shares a living, daring confidence in God's grace. Liberated by our faith, we embrace you as a whole person--questions, complexities and all. Join us as we do God's work in Christ's name for the life of the world.



Do you enjoy doing things to help others, then this is the committee for you. Our social ministry group is looking for new members, if you are interested please see Lynn Immendorf for how you can help.

Social Ministry will continue to collect food items for the St. Luke's food pantry. You can bring in your non-perishable items every Sunday.

## Sunday School



We are excited to be welcoming back the Sunday school children, Sept 11 @9.00am.

We offer classes for all ages. If you have any questions about our classes please reach out to Laura Poethke at [poetfam@comcast.net](mailto:poetfam@comcast.net)

Children's Sunday School at Holy Trinity uses the Bold Transformational Faith program produced jointly by Cross Road Camp and Retreat Center & Luther Crest Bible Camp. The interactive weekly lessons follow the ELCA lectionary readings. Sunday School begins at 9AM and dismisses in time for worship attendance at 10AM. Parents are always welcome to participate



Do you love to sing.....then consider joining our choir. We are looking for people to sing solos, duets, etc. You do not need to be able to read music to sing in the choir. If you are interested please sign up on the board at the church, speak to Michelle Foster or Amber Johnson, or email the church office at [secretary@holytrinityelc.org](mailto:secretary@holytrinityelc.org)

## Youth Group



WE are looking forward to rebuilding our Youth program starting in October. The pandemic affected these ministries and it is time to get our Young Christians back.

If you have a youth 6th-12th grade that would be interested in participating in Youth group, please come out to our Youth planning meeting on Sunday, October 9th @6:30pm.

**Consider joining our Youth Ministry Team as one of our adult leaders. It is such a wonderful opportunity to help our young Christians learn and grow in their faith .**

If you have any questions please reach out to Bonnie Mazza  
[Youth@holytrinityelc.org](mailto:Youth@holytrinityelc.org)







November 5th,  
10am-3pm

If you are looking for that special Christmas gift, shopping for your self or for holiday décor then this is where you should be on Saturday, Nov 5th. Our craft show features only homemade crafters from all over the area.

## Fall Women's Retreat

hosted by Cross Roads Camp & Retreat  
Center

Led by Laurie Matarazzo and Dale Selover  
In person: October 21-23, 2022  
Virtual: October 21



***Jesus wonders how his followers understand him. He knows that how we "name" him is at the heart of our relationship with him and with others. Come and hear Jesus' query yet again. Hear it as an invitation to an ever deeper faith in him.***

In person retreat programming begins at 7 pm on Friday and concludes on Sunday by 11 am after a closing worship service. The virtual programming will be Friday from 10 am – 3 pm.

Out of love for our community and in response to the current pandemic, we have established the following protocols for the in-person Women's Retreats: participants must be vaccinated and show proof of vaccination as well as negative results from a COVID test taken within 72 hours of the event date.

## Rally for Cross Roads

Is an annual fundraising event helping  
To keep camp affordable for all.

The 2022 event will combine a run/walk race with an afternoon of activities. Join us on-site at Cross Roads on Saturday, October 1 for the race and festivities or participate in the 2K or 5K races from home.

**Participate On-Site:** Race in the 2K or 5K at camp or cheer on the runners.

8:00 – 9:00 a.m. Registration  
9:15 a.m. Opening Prayer  
9:30 a.m. 2K/5K Begins  
12 p.m. Lunch  
1 p.m. Worship Service  
1:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m. Volleyball and Other Outdoor Activities!  
3:30 p.m. Awards Ceremony

People of all ages are invited to attend, but participants under 18 must be accompanied by an adult.

Contact Helen at [helen@crossroadsretreat.com](mailto:helen@crossroadsretreat.com) with questions about the on-site event.

**Participate At Home:** Do you live too far away to be at camp on October 1?

Join the fundraising fun by competing in the Virtual 2K or 5K!

### Set A Fundraising Goal:

**\$250** pays a staff member's salary for one week of work!

**\$100** is the cost for one participant at a weekend retreat!

**\$50** provides meals for one camper for one week of camp! [crossroadsretreat.com/rally-for-cross-roads](https://crossroadsretreat.com/rally-for-cross-roads)



## Meet Our Music Ministry



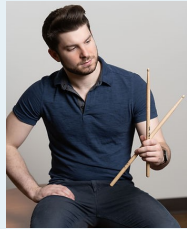
**Michelle Foster**  
Music Director

Michelle Foster is proud to be the music director and contemporary worship band leader at Holy Trinity, the church she grew up in! Michelle is a full-time singer/pianist/producer and is currently touring Sweet Seasons: A Celebration of the Music and Life of Carole King. Michelle holds a B.S. in Biology from Fairleigh Dickinson University

**Jairo Campo**  
Guitar Musician  
Voices That Reign



Jairo Campo is a musician from North Plainfield New Jersey who plays music all around the tristate area. Jairo studied nutritional sciences at Rutgers University, but never let his gift and love of music be unshared, thus making "Voices That Reign" the perfect place for him to praise God and share the talents God has given him.



**Liam McGeary**  
Drummer  
Voices That Reign

Liam McGeary is a Musician, Educator, & Performer. He studied Jazz, Theatre, & Music Education at Mason Gross School of the Arts at Rutgers University. He's played venues such as Count Basie Theatre, NJ State Theatre, NJPAC, Paper Mill Playhouse, and Webster Hall NYC. Liam has worked as a pit/studio musician, arranger, music director, and actor around the country. He currently teaches music and theatre in North Brunswick public schools. He's very grateful to Holy Trinity and loves playing with the amazingly kind and immensely talented VTR band.

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