

HTLC Weekly News

October 1, 2026



The HTLC Youth Group dinner at Sup Dog!

News & Upcoming Events

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Please note Pastor Katie and Deacon Holly are out of office Monday, Oct. 5 through Wednesday, Oct. 7th for NC Synod Fall Convocation. Pastor Will is out of office Monday, Oct. 5th through Friday, Oct. 9th for Theology Beer Camp in Kansas City.

Worship & Music



Note: we're keeping an eye on the weather. If it's raining, we'll stay at Holy Trinity for outdoor worship. Either way, there will be no Sunday School this Sunday!

Joint Taizé service with UPC!

On Tuesday, October 13 we will be hosting a joint Taizé with University Presbyterian Church in our sanctuary at 7:30pm. Come for a 30 minute service of singing and meditation.



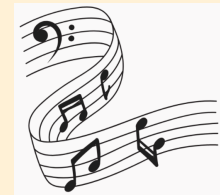
Altar Flowers

Please consider providing Altar Flowers for these remaining 2026 dates: October 18, November 8 or 29 and December 6 or 13. You may provide your own flowers, or your order can be placed with University Florist who will deliver two vases to the church at a cost of \$125 and will bill you directly. Sundays may also be shared.

Sign up using [this link](#).

Lessons and Carols Opportunity

Do you love to sing Christmas music? Have you wanted to join the choir for Lessons and Carols but cannot attend Wednesday rehearsals? Here is the opportunity for you! If you are interested in singing with the choir for Lessons and Carols, fill out [this form](#) to let Megan know you are interested. If you have any questions, contact Megan. All are welcome!



Outreach & Fellowship



PeeWee Homes update

Thank you to everyone who has participated in our collaboration with PeeWee Homes. Many of the gifts have already been returned! There is still time to participate. There are a few gifts still on the poster. If you are interested in participating but not interested in shopping, please consider making a donation to the "mattress fund" for two of the residents who are in need of a new mattress. Please return items by Sunday, October 4th. Questions, contact LindaVarblow@gmail.com.

IFC donation requests

Here are the current food donation requests from IFC:

- Ramen
- Pasta Sauce
- Kidney Beans
- Pinto Beans

As always, there are baskets at both entrances to the Sanctuary. Sincere thanks to everyone who drops off food or personal care products!





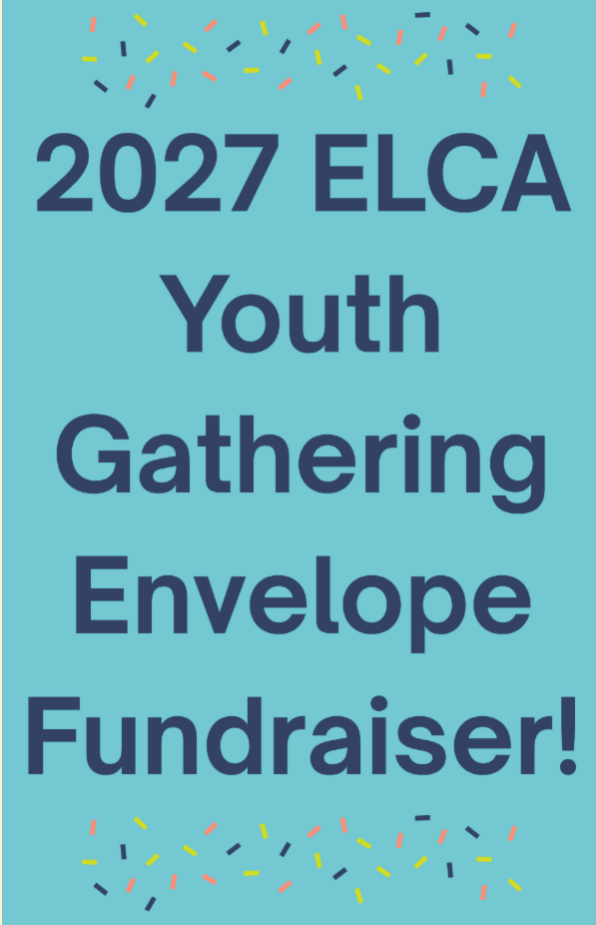
Luther's Café Sign Ups

Luther's Cafe is in need of volunteers- please click the button below! Please consider signing up to host.



[Sign Up Here](#)

Faith Formation



2027 ELCA Youth Gathering Envelope Fundraiser!

2027 ELCA
YOUTH GATHERING



IMAGINE more

On Sept. 27-Oct. 18, you are invited to take an envelope from the ELCA Youth Gathering display in the narthex. Each envelope has a number on it that indicates how much money you are willing to contribute to help support our trip to Minneapolis in June of 2027. If all 200 envelopes are returned, we will raise \$20,100! Cost of the trip is approximately \$1600 per person and we may have 23 of us going! Please return by Sunday, Oct. 18th. Feel free to take more than one envelope! We will always accept online gifts as well, marked ELCA Youth Gathering. Thank you so much for your generosity and support of our youth ministry!

Sunday School Classes

For more information on Sunday School classes that are happening, [click here!](#)

SUNDAY SCHOOL



Our Ancient, Sacred Text Questions Us

What is truth? Where are the nine? And who do you say that I am? The Adult Forum has scheduled a one time class on October 11th between services at 9:45am downstairs in the Ministry Center, entitled: "Our Ancient, Sacred Text Questions Us!" We'll look at some of the 2,500 questions contained on the Bible's pages. We'll vote on the top ten. Questions open us! Questions lead us to more than answers! "Where were you when I laid the foundation of the earth?" "Where is your brother Abel?" and so on... We look forward to seeing you there!

New Member Class

Do you want to learn more about Holy Trinity and Lutheran Campus Ministry? Do you want to get more involved with our mission and ministries? Do you want to become an official member?



**New
Member
Class!**

Pastor Will is leading a New Member Class during the Sunday School hour, 9:45-10:45 AM in the conference room in the Ministry Center Sundays October 18th, 25th and November 1st. To sign up for the class or for more information about the class contact Pastor Will at prwill@holytrinitychapelhill.org



North Carolina Synod
ELCA

Your Voice Matters in the North Carolina Synod!

After listening to 37 focus groups across the synod, the North Carolina Synod Strategic Planning Team continues the listening process with a synod-wide survey. With your help, we are discerning how the Holy Spirit is calling us into the future and what it will take to follow that call.

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Lutheran Campus Ministry



Campus Ministry Moment

LCM had a fantastic time in fellowship at our Faith by Firelight event with Triangle LCM. We look forward to our first God at the Movies later this semester. (written by Owen Runge '27)

Finance

Finishing the Year with Gratitude and Faithful Hearts

As the end of the year approaches, we give thanks for the many ways God has blessed our congregation and our ministry together. If you have made a giving intention for this year, we encourage you to prayerfully fulfill it as you are able. Your faithful generosity enables HTLC and LCM to continue sharing our love of God and

serving our neighbors. As Scripture reminds us, "Each should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver." (2 Corinthians 9:7)



This link, [GIVE to HTLC](#), will connect you to the church website, where you will find convenient ways to give using Text, Venmo, or our Online Portal.

Celebrations

MANDILYNN STILES

Scholarship made possible by the Earl Melvin Sletten Fund for Leaders Scholarship Endowment Fund

Synod: North Carolina

Attending: Lutheran Theological Southern Seminary

Mentor: Deacon Holly Shipley, Minister of Discipleship, Holy Trinity Lutheran Church and Lutheran Campus Ministry, Chapel Hill, N.C.

A guiding Bible verse: Romans 12:2-8

What most excites you about starting seminary? *I look forward to being a part of a new community gathered to learn and to stretch and to be filled up and then sent out into the world as bearers of Christ's love and compassion in action.*



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Community News

Growing thru Grief

Growing Thru Grief

Growing thru Grief meets every Tuesday from 4-6 PM at St. Paul's Lutheran Church. Meetings are open to all, free, and no pre-registration is necessary.

- Oct 6: "The Complicated Emotions of Grief" (Margaret Albert)
- Oct 13: "Anger" (Bill Dahl)
- Oct 20: "Engaging with Your Grief Narrative" (William Holloman)
- Oct 27: "When Words Aren't Enough: Grief, Healing, and the Arts" (Sarah Woodard)

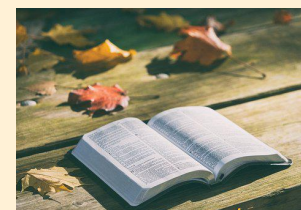
Sunday's Lessons

Scripture Readings:

Genesis 1:1—2:4a

Psalms 148

John 1:1-5



For Peace Among Nations

Gracious God, grant peace among nations. Cleanse from our own hearts the seeds of strife: greed and envy, harsh misunderstandings and ill will, fear and desire for revenge. Make us quick to welcome ventures in cooperation among the peoples of the world, so that there may be woven the fabric of a common good too strong to be torn by the evil hands of war. In the time of opportunity, make us be diligent; and in the time of peril, let not our courage fail; through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen. —

Additional Prayers, ELW p.76



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