Holy Trinity Lutheran Church
Lutheran Campus Ministry
Chapel Hill, NC

HTLC Weekly News

November 19, 2026



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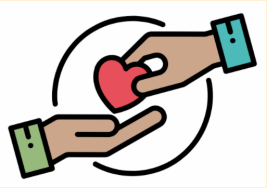
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Stewardship and Finance

Stewardship Sunday Intention Cards



Thank you all for a great Stewardship Sunday! Thank you for filling out your Financial Intention Cards (physical and online) as well as your Spiritual Disciplines on your note cards. It's not too late to turn them in! **Please turn them in ASAP**…

To access our confidential online Intention Card, **click here**.



Congregational Meeting, Dec. 6th

Save the date for a congregational meeting on Dec. 6th in between services at 9:45am! We will be voting on the 2027 church budget and new Council members (see below for bios).

Q&A Sessions, Nov. 22nd and 29th

There will be two Q&A sessions about the 2027 Ministry Plan and Budget with Council President Aaron Brown on Nov. 22nd and 29th in the Conference Room at 9:45am, between worship services. A link to the budget is in Sunday's email.



Craig Carbrey lives in Chapel Hill and he and his family have been members at HTLC for over 20 years. He is an architect and works on a wide variety of projects for institutional clients. In his spare time Craig enjoys traveling, hiking, and golfing.



Emily Evans has lived in Chapel Hill since 2003. After receiving her PhD in Physics from UNC-Chapel Hill in 2008, she joined the faculty at Elon University where she is a Professor in the Department of Physics and Astronomy. Emily, her wife Beth, and their two teenage daughters have

been attending HTLC since 2024 and are active participants in several ministries including worship and music, life group, and youth group.

Faith Formation

Deacon Holly's Sabbatical, Nov. 29- Feb 28



Every 7 years our full time ministers are eligible to enjoy a sabbatical time of rest, renewal, and reflection. Next year is Deacon Holly's turn. Due to the ELCA Youth Gathering next summer, her sabbatical will start at the beginning of the new church year: Advent (Nov. 29th).



Deacon Intern, Abby Miss

While Deacon Holly is on sabbatical from Nov 30-Feb 28, LCM student Abby Miss will be handling communications that Deacon Holly regularly handles, such as family emails, youth emails, and fellowship events. Abby will work five hours a week during Holly's sabbatical (off for Christmas break). She will begin her work the first week of December. If you need to contact Abby please use this email: **deaconintern@holytrinitychapelhill.org**.

Sunday School Classes



For more information on Sunday School classes that are happening, **click here!**



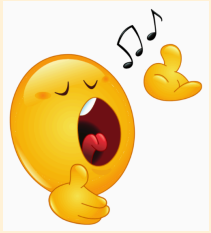
"Let me tell you a story"

Join the Adult Forum on Nov. 22nd when Pastor Gretchen Ritola will lead us in a discussion about how the predecessors of the Hebrew people who gave us the ancient oral tradition that was eventually recorded in Genesis were storytellers. When someone would ask "why" or "how" they gave a response that went far deeper than simply relating the objective facts as they understood them at the time. Their response was ***"let me tell you a story."*** Their understanding of storytelling was sharing ultimate truths that shape us at the deepest human level, going beyond time and location. In Genesis 2:4-25 we experience a story that tells us at the deepest level who we are and what makes us who we are – a story that explores our connections to God, to the land, to vegetation and creatures, and to each other. It is a story that gives us a foundation for how we live life together as human beings with a God-given identity and purpose. This study of Genesis 2:4-25 will be a dialog on what this means for each of us.

Worship and Music



Lessons and Carols Choir



Rehearsals for those interested in joining the choir for Lessons and Carols will be at 2pm on Sundays, November 22, 29, and December 13. Meet in the choir room. There is still time to join if you are interested!



Christmas Poinsettias and LWR Donations

This year's Christmas Poinsettias can be purchased at $15 per plant. In lieu of plants, donations may be made to Lutheran World Relief in honor or memory of a loved one. Acknowledgments will appear in the Christmas Eve bulletin. Poinsettias will be available for pick up after Christmas Eve Services. To complete the recognition form **click here**.

Please note that once completing that form, you will be directed to on-line giving for payment of flowers or for LWR donations. The deadline for signing up is Wednesday, December 16, 2026.

Bereavement Team: Volunteers Needed

The Bereavement Team is looking for more volunteers. This team helps with funerals (includes set-up, ushering, and communion assistant when needed) and receptions. If you are interested in being a part of this team or have questions, contact Vicki Koontz at 919-357-3645.



Outreach and Fellowship



The Giving Tree is Back!

Each year Holy Trinity sponsors holiday gifts for 10 Orange County children in need. Requested items include bicycles, toys, games, clothing, and grocery gift cards. To participate, visit the Christmas tree in the narthex any Sunday in November. Each tag on the tree lists a specific item. Choose a tag, sign it out, and return your unwrapped gift **no later than Sunday, December 6**. If you attend church online but would still like to participate, contact **Sarah Zink**.

OWLs Christmas Luncheon



You are invited to join the Older Wiser Lutherans for a Christmas Luncheon on Thursday, December 10th at 11:30 AM in the Reception Hall at Church. Enjoy Holiday Fun and Fellowship! Hosts Susan & Bill Andrews will provide a "Costco catered" lunch.

No need to bring anything but yourself! **Please sign up** by Monday December 7th to be sure there is enough food for everyone.



IFC: "Stuff the Market!"

For the rest of this year, IFC is looking for both the usual items for food donations, but also to "Stuff the Market!" That means food for holiday tables. (still, shelf stable, unopened, unexpired)

So think about donating: cranberry sauce, canned sweet potatoes, baking mixes, canned pumpkin, stuffing, mashed potato mix, gravy (not in glass jars), chicken broth, cream of chicken or mushroom soup. What else comes to mind?

Check out the Fall schedule for our Young Adult Group, Gather on the Hill!



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

Lutheran Campus Ministry



Campus Ministry Moment

Last weekend, we had LCM Homecoming! It was a joyful time meeting new people and reuniting with others. This week, we celebrated LCM Thanksgiving!! We ate great food and had great fellowship. On Sunday, we are excited to be there to celebrate Holly Stowe's ('27) baptism. We are so excited for her as she takes this next step in her faith journey. Additionally, we are looking forward to a restful Thanksgiving break in the coming week.

Exam Snack Table



It's the most wonderful time of the year (sort of)... Final exams! Help our LCM students finish the semester strong by bringing a snack to the campus center from November 29 through December 11. Reach out to Pastor Katie (prkatie@holytrinitychapelhill.org) with any questions, and thanks for contributing!



LCM Dinner Sign Ups

With the end of one semester, comes the beginning of another! We're in need of folks to provide dinner for about 30 LCM students each Wednesday night of the Spring 2027 semester. Find more information and sign up **using this link**!

Community News



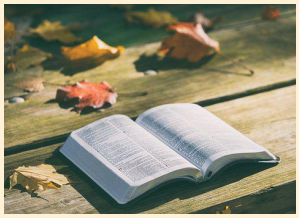
Growing thru Grief

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.

- Nov. 24, "It's Okay to Not be Okay" (Sharon Walker)

Sunday's Lessons

Scripture Readings:



Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24
God will shepherd Israel
Psalm 95:1-7a
We are the people of God’s pasture and the sheep of God’s hand. (Ps. 95:7)
Ephesians 1:15-23
The reign of Christ
Matthew 25:31-46
The coming of the Son of Man; the separation of sheep and goats

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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