Holy Trinity Lutheran Church
Lutheran Campus Ministry
Chapel Hill, NC

HTLC Weekly News

November 5, 2026



The HTLC Youth making communion bread!

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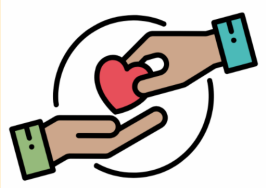
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Stewardship and Finance



Stewardship Sunday, Nov. 8th

This Sunday is Stewardship Sunday! To read an electronic copy of the letter that was sent in the mail this week, **click here**.

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

Faith Formation

Mutual Ministry Update for Deacon Holly's Sabbatical



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). Here are a few highlights of her plans:

December: Deacon Holly had previously planned a Viking ocean cruise vacation from Barcelona to Rome the first week of December. She plans to spend the holidays in WV with her sister and her husband. **January:** Holly plans to attend two conferences: The ELCA Youth Ministry Extravaganza in Minneapolis to attend workshops that focus on youth and children (the first 3rd of life). Then that same week, she will fly to Portland, Oregon for the Association of Partners in Christian Educators (APCE) event where she will attend workshops focusing on the last third of life. It's kind of an Alpha & Omega Sabbatical! While attending conferences doesn't seem too sabbatical like, Holly is grateful for the opportunity because she couldn't normally afford the time or costs to go to both of these events. **February:** Holly plans to go to Vermont (yes, Minneapolis, Oregon & Vermont in the winter!) to visit her cousin who is a pastor. She will worship at his First Congregational Church in Manchester for Ash Wednesday.

In her down time, Holly hopes to read quite a few books, work some jigsaw puzzles, hang out at some coffee shops, and spend time with her beagle, Millie.

Deacon Holly – we wish you safe passage on the water, calm weather during your travels, and joyful encounters with family and friends!

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!**

A Lutheran Look at Flannery O'Connor

In November, the Adult Forum class will host a 3-week class entitled: "A Lutheran Look at Flannery O'Connor." This highly controversial, misunderstood, and often absurd Catholic southern writer has been widely accepted as one of the most gifted, Christ-centered narrative artists of the 20th century. Her novels and short stories have garnered voluminous response since her death in 1964: books, articles, writings, opinions, followings, criticisms, etc. And we Lutherans at HTLC will join in the parade November 8 and 15, including a needed caution at class one. Two of her offerings to read in preparation: "A Good Man is Hard to Find" and "Revelation."

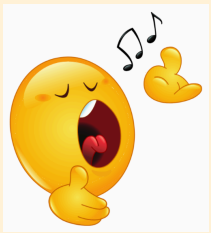
Worship and Music



Capital Area Handbell Festival

The handbell ensemble will be participating in the Capital Area Handbell Festival hosted by the Raleigh Ringers with A LOT of ringers from the region. You are invited to come for the mass ringing concert November 7th at 4:00pm at the NC State Fairgrounds.

Lessons and Carols Choir



Rehearsals for those interested in joining the choir for Lessons and Carols will be at 2pm on Sundays, November 15, 22, 29, and December 13. Meet in the choir room. There is still time to join if you are interested!

Transgender Day of Remembrance Worship Service at CTK in Cary



You're invited to join Bishop Emily Hartner at a worship service to honor Transgender Day of Remembrance and read aloud the names of our trans siblings who have died in the past year. The service will be Wednesday, Nov. 18th at 6:30pm in the Sanctuary at Christ the King Lutheran Church in Cary (600 Walnut St, Cary, NC 27511). For more information about TDOR, **click here**.

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

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

LCM celebrated Halloween by dressing up, carving pumpkins, and bobbing for apples. This week, we are having a lock-in on Saturday at the campus center! It will be super fun and we look forward to spending more time together. (written by Elgin Fuller '30)

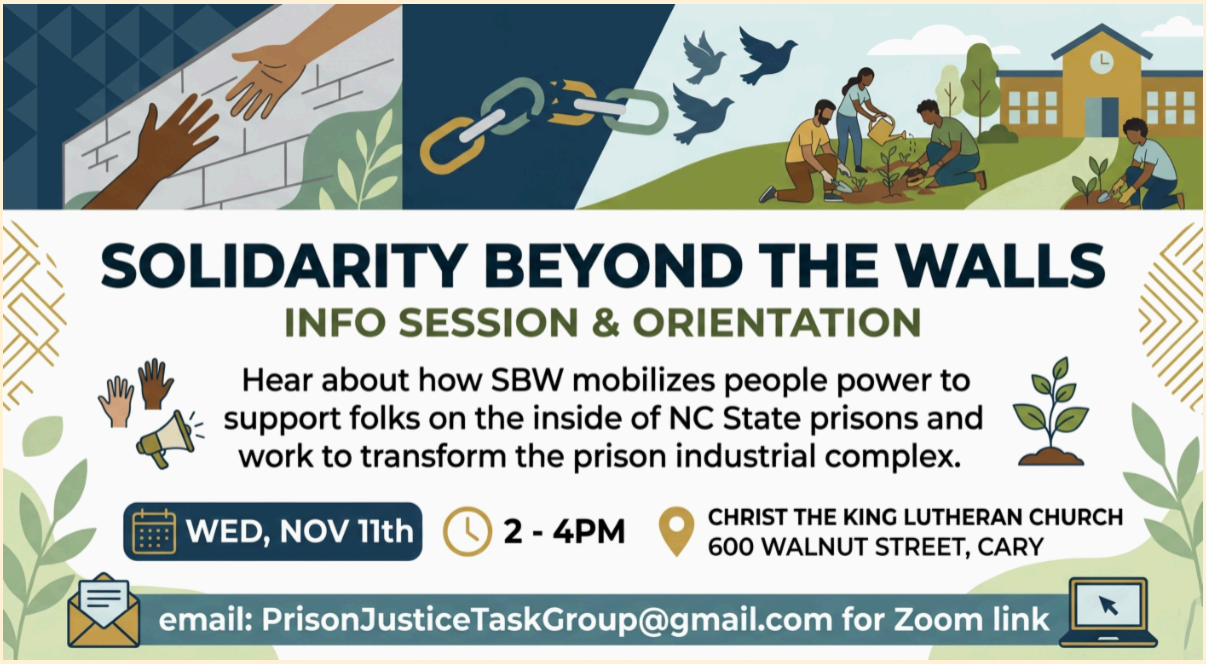
To read all about what LCM has been up to this fall, as well as see amazing pictures, **click here for the Fall 2026 Bell Tower**!

Community News

In Person Centering Prayer Gathering Information



The Chapel of the Cross, 304 E. Franklin St.
November 7, 2026, 9:00 AM – 11:30 AM
Centering Prayer is a receptive method of Christian silent prayer which deepens our relationship with God, the Indwelling Presence. If you long for a deeper relationship with God, if you are attracted to silence, or if you want to experience the fruit of the Holy Spirit in your daily life in new ways, please join us for an in person Centering Prayer gathering. This gathering will include time for fellowship, a brief introduction to the method of Centering Prayer, two silent prayer sessions and Lectio Divina. All are welcome, and no prior experience is needed. Please contact Eric Eisenstein at eric.eisenstein@duke.edu for more information.


SOLIDARITY BEYOND THE WALLS
INFO SESSION & ORIENTATION
Hear about how SBW mobilizes people power to support folks on the inside of NC State prisons and work to transform the prison industrial complex.
WED, NOV 11th
2 - 4PM
CHRIST THE KING LUTHERAN CHURCH
600 WALNUT STREET, CARY
email: PrisonJusticeTaskGroup@gmail.com for Zoom link


AN EARLY THANKSGIVING GATHERING
A Table of Gratitude
Join us at the Divan Center. Sharing a meal, giving thanks, and celebrating the gift of community.
DATE
Thursday, November 12, 2026
TIME
6:00 PM
PLACE
1076 W Chatham Street, Cary
Please RSVP by November 6
RSVP
HOSTED BY
Divan Center

The Racial and Social Justice Ministry Team invites you to attend...



The Furniture Project

Urgent Need!!!



After working with the Chapel Hill Police Crisis Center and Chapel Hill Firemen, The Furniture Project was able to provide most of the needed furniture to a mother with 6 children. All was lost in a house fire. Now we need to replenish our storage. We have 2 families that will be moving into permanent housing shortly.

Our most needed household items are:

- Metal Bed frames – queen, double, twin
- Newer stainless mattress sets – queen, double, twin
- Bedroom furniture – small dressers, nightstands
- Coffee tables and end tables
- Kitchenette tables & chairs
- Small appliances – microwaves
- Light weight gently used sofas, loveseats, armchairs, recliners (we do not accept sofabeds)
- Lamps – floor lamps or table lamps
- TV stands

THE FURNITURE PROJECT
919-612-2759

If you have a pickup truck, please consider donating some time to help distribute and meet these wonderful people.

There is a great need as Chapel Hill's poverty rate is higher than Durham's poverty rate! Please pass along this information to neighbors and friends who may be able to help The Furniture Project. Thank you.

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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.

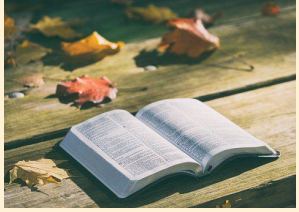
- Nov. 10, "Beauty Will Save Us: Finding Hope Through the Contemplative Arts" (Timothy Auman)
- Nov. 17, "Grieving Through the Holidays" (Duke Hospice Bereavement Services) *special remembrance program*
- Nov. 24, "It's Okay to Not be Okay" (Sharon Walker)

Sunday's Lessons

Scripture Readings:

Amos 5:18-24
Let justice roll down like waters

Psalm 70
You are my helper and my deliverer; O Lord, do not tarry. (Ps. 70:5)
1 Thessalonians 4:13-18
The promise of the resurrection
John 6:1-15
Feeding the five thousand



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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