Holy Trinity Lutheran Church
Lutheran Campus Ministry
Chapel Hill, NC

HTLC Weekly News

November 12, 2026



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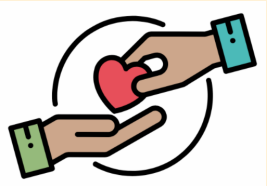
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Stewardship and Finance

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 these 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.

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!**

SUNDAY SCHOOL

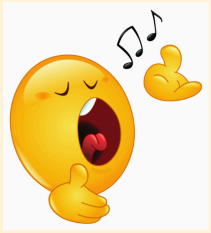
Adult FORUM

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 15. Two of her offerings to read in preparation: "A Good Man is Hard to Find" and "Revelation."

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 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

Lutheran Adult Fellowship Dinner



Join Holy Trinity friends for a LAF (Lutheran Adult Fellowship) dinner on Monday, Nov. 16th from 6:30-8pm at Monterrey Mexican, 1722 Fordham Blvd., Chapel Hill, NC. LAF is for any adult of any age! RSVP by Sunday, 11/15.

RSVP Here!



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**.

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



Picture from LCM Homecoming last year.

Campus Ministry Moment

In recent news, LCM had their first lock-in of the year last weekend. We watched Mean Girls, played games, ate pizza, and spent lots of time together. Coming up, we will be joining HTLC for Homecoming weekend on Saturday, 11/14, and enjoying some great BBQ (and football) together. Next week, we will be having Interfaith Thanksgiving at Chapel of the Cross and a Habitat for Humanity build. (written by Holly Stowe '27)

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

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



Swimming at the Center

Film Screening, Panel, and Dinner

Join us for unique history of historically-Black neighborhoods in Chapel Hill. The event is free. Register at thechapelofthecross.org/events

Sunday, November 15
5:00 p.m. | Parish Hall

THE CHAPEL OF THE CROSS

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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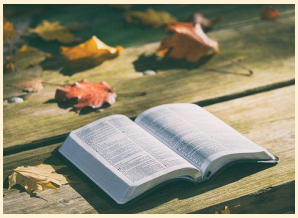
Growing thru Grief

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. 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:



Zephaniah 1:7, 12-18
The day of the Lord
Psalm 90:1-12
So teach us to number our days that we may apply our hearts to wisdom. (Ps. 90:12)
1 Thessalonians 5:1-11
Be alert for the day of the Lord
Matthew 25:14-30
The story of the slaves entrusted with talents

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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