

HTLC Weekly News

October 29, 2026



80th Anniversary Party and Oktoberfest last Sunday!

News & Upcoming Events

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Worship & 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.

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](#).



Outreach & Fellowship



Quilts for Sale

This Sunday, you'll see lots of quilts on display in the Sanctuary! If you're looking for a gift for yourself or others, they are for sale (Sunday only). Whatever isn't sold will be packaged to send to Lutheran World Relief a few days later, so contact Lenore Shimota (619) 890-3975 or any quilter if you'd like to purchase one.

Volunteer Opportunity- THIS SATURDAY!

Looking for 3-4 volunteers to help with the annual Team Hope Walk for Huntington's Disease on 10/31 at Laurel Hills Park, 3808 Edwards Mill Rd, Raleigh 27612. We need help setting up and taking down tables. We will also need



help with the children's activities: jump rope, hula hoop, chalk activities, pumpkin painting. If you can spare a few hours (9:30 AM - 1:30PM) we would love to have your help. Snacks and lunch included. Send Marty Larson an email at mlarson102@gmail.com or text 919 280 4981. Unfortunately, you'll have to provide your own transportation.



GOTHOWEEN:

COSTUMES & CONVERSATIONS

with HTLC Young Adults
(Aka Gather on the Hill aka GOTH)

PowerPoint Night

In <5 min (1-5 slides), present on one of the following prompts:

1. How does your faith connect to what you do?
2. What is something you're excited to learn about and why?
3. Who is the coolest person in your life and how/why do they inspire you?
4. What is a problem you want to solve?

~goth~ attire and/or Halloween costumes encouraged!

PIZZA AND SNACKS PROVIDED, BRING YOUR FAVORITE CANDY TO SHARE!

Friday | 10/30 | 6:30 pm
HTLC Community Room

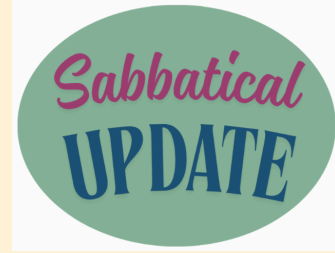


Luther's Café Sign Ups

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

[Sign Up Here](#)

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@holyltrinitychapelhill.org.

Sunday School Classes

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



A Lutheran Look at Flannery O'Connor

Adult FORUM

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 1, 8, 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."

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 Sunday November 1st. To sign up for the class or for more information about the class contact Pastor Will at prwill@holytrinitychapelhill.org

Lutheran Campus Ministry



Campus Ministry Moment

LCM went to the state fair this past week. We had 16 students go! Yesterday, we went to LCM Raleigh to worship with Triangle Campus Ministry instead of our traditional worship on Wednesdays. It was awesome. This Friday, we are having LCM Halloween! Shoutout to Charles Killian for helping us. We will eat yummy food, carve pumpkins, and have a costume contest. (written by Cade Smithey '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!](#)

Stewardship and Finance



Letter from Council President

Council wanted to send an update on a few key things happening at Holy Trinity as we head into budget season. [Click here](#) for an update from our Council President.

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.

Misc.



A Note From Property:

The basement/crawl space in the Worship Center has become cluttered with many items that do not appear to be useful any longer. Also, because this is a damp area, mold has grown on some items. The Property Team is going to clear this area of unneeded items. We ask that you contact the Property Committee before placing anything in the basement. (Property@holyltrinitychapelhill.org)

Community News



Janel Curry, PhD
President



Vicki Best, MSM
Executive Vice President

What: Meet & Greet Luncheon with ASA Leadership
Topic: Science and Faith and the Mission of the Church

Date: Tuesday, Nov. 3, 2026 @ 12:30 pm

Place: North Carolina Study Center
203 Battle Lane, Chapel Hill, NC

In addition to introducing attendees to the ASA, Janel & Vicki will describe the ASA's role in developing and nurturing Christians in the sciences as they live out their calling, increasing understanding of Christian faith to secular colleagues and increasing understanding of science in faith communities.

Questions: Contact Hank Tarlton at HTarheelton@mac.com
or Jill Ridky-Blackburn at jridkyb@gmail.com



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 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 sofasbeds)
- 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. 3, "When Death Begets More Loss" (Brynn White)
- 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:

Revelation 7:9-17

The multitudes of heaven worship the Lamb

Psalms 34:1-10, 22

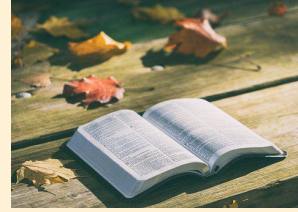
Fear the Lord, you saints of the Lord; for those who fear the Lord lack nothing. (Ps. 34:9)

1 John 3:1-3

We are God's children

Matthew 5:1-12

Blessed are the poor in spirit

**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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