

HTLC Weekly News

October 15, 2026



The joint Taizé service with UPC was beautiful!

News & Upcoming Events

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Worship & Music

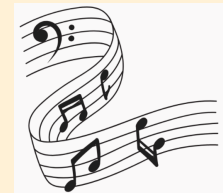


Altar Flowers

Please consider providing Altar Flowers for these remaining 2026 dates: November 8 or 29. 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!



Children's Christmas Musical

The children's Christmas musical this year will be "Room for Christmas" by Mark Burrows, presented on Sunday, December 13th between services. If your child is interested in being in the ensemble and does not already attend children's choir, please let Megan know. All are welcome! If your child is interested in a solo part, singing or speaking, [please sign up here](#) for an audition time by today. For singing solos, please have your child come prepared to sing a song of their choosing. If none of the times listed work for you, please let Megan know and we can find a different one.

Outreach & Fellowship



As we hope you know by now, our Oktoberfest on Oct. 25 will be part of our 80th anniversary celebration. We want to be sure to have enough food, so please RSVP by Wednesday, October 21. RSVP [HERE](#).

In order to feed all the guests that might attend, we have a volunteer sign up for German potato salad and desserts. We also need a rain contingency and some people willing to help set up in the Reception Hall, in case we need to be inside. Sign up [HERE](#).

Dress is casual. Please bring a lawn chair because Oktoberfest will be outside.

Rise Against Hunger

The Unity in Diversity organization is sponsoring a Rise Against Hunger Event on Saturday, Oct. 24 from 8-3:00pm at 3200 Wellington Court, Suite 112, Raleigh. (This meal packing event is like the one we hosted at HTLC last year). Their goal is to pack 100,000 meals! You may sign up for a 2 hr time slot. Deacon Holly plans to attend and will be at the 10-12:00 slot. Sign up [HERE](#).



**Volunteers
needed**

Volunteer Opportunity

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.

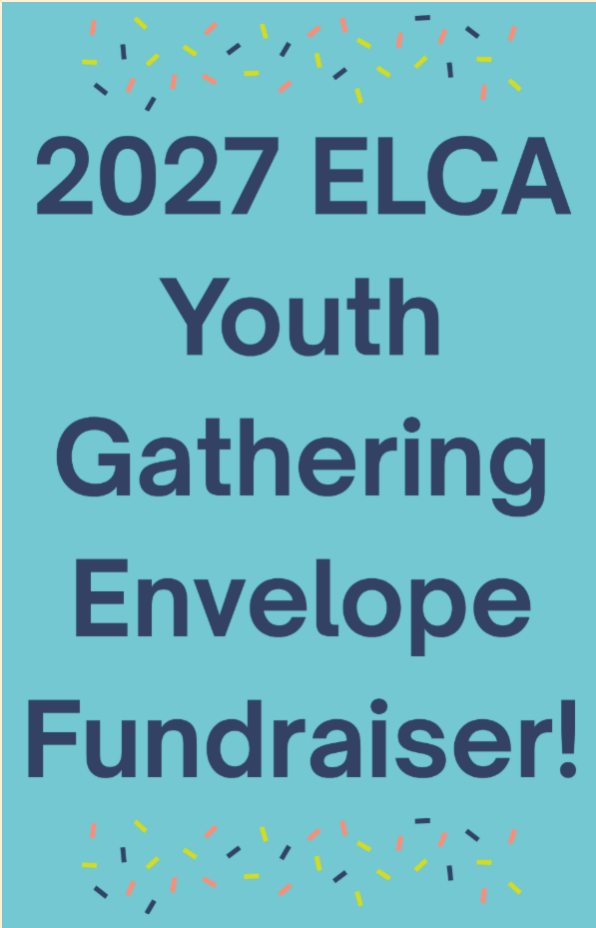
Luther's Café Sign Ups

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!



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!](#)



Why is a "New Covenant" Even Necessary?

Join the Adult Forum on October 18th to discuss how the prophet Jeremiah (31:1-34) anticipated God's commitment to one day resolve tensions in Israel's understanding of their relationship with God, grounded in forgiveness.

[Click here](#) to see what's coming up for the Adult Forum.

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?

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

**New
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Class!**

Lutheran Campus Ministry

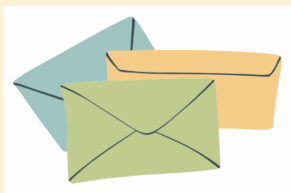


Prayer pals has been a great success this semester. Brooks Stevenson '27 has done a wonderful job spearheading this. Here is a set of prayer pals (Lily Hansen '30 and Gracie Fisher '27) meeting at Wilson this past week.

Campus Ministry Moment

After a different and new prayer worship two Wednesdays ago, LCM is hosting another non-traditional worship this Wednesday evening in anticipation of fall break! We wish everyone safe travels and a restful break!
(written by Paloma Fernandez '27)

Stewardship and Finance



Stewardship Letter

To read a digital copy of the stewardship letter you will be receiving in the mail this week, [click here!](#)

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.

Scam Alert

We've received reports that someone pretending to be Pastor Will is sending out a vague email talking about "urgently needing a favor." [This is spam, and is not from Pastor Will.](#)

As a reminder, church staff will never ask for gift cards or banking information via email. A good rule of thumb is to check the return email address.

Feel free to call Grace at the church office (919) 942-2678 with any questions, or anytime you want to double check a suspicious sounding email. Thank you for reporting the messages and looking out for one another!

Community News

Interfaith Community Advocacy

The undersigned leaders of local faith communities invite members of our congregations and the wider community to join together for a Souls to the Polls early voting event on October 18, shortly after 12 noon, at Chapel of the Cross, [304 E. Franklin Street, Chapel Hill](#).

This is a nonpartisan gathering. We will not endorse candidates or political parties, nor will we suggest how anyone should vote. Rather, we gather as people from different faith traditions who share a commitment to thoughtful participation in the life of our community. Our traditions call us, in different ways, to consider the well-being of our neighbors, especially those who are vulnerable, and to seek justice, compassion, peace, and the common good.

We encourage each person to reflect on the teachings and values of their own faith and conscience, to learn about the candidates and issues before us, and to make their own decisions about how to vote. Casting a ballot together does not mean that we will all vote alike. It is an expression of our shared conviction that participating thoughtfully in our community and our common life together is a responsibility worth taking seriously.

Many people in our communities are facing significant challenges, including the costs of health care, food, housing, and transportation. While we may differ about the policies best suited to address these concerns, we can affirm the importance of listening to one another, caring for our neighbors, and participating in the civic process with intentionality, humility and respect.

Early voting also provides practical opportunities for eligible voters. Orange County residents who meet the requirements may register and vote during the early voting period, and eligible voters may use any early voting site in the county. Voting early can also provide additional time to address registration or voting questions that may arise.

We hope you will join us as we come together across our different traditions, united not by how we vote, but by a shared commitment to our neighbors and the common good. May we approach this moment with humility, respect, and care for one another.

Rev. Will Rose
Holy Trinity Lutheran Church

Rev. Elizabeth Marie Melchionna
The Chapel of the Cross

Rev. Paul Burgess
University Baptist Church

Rev. Meg Peery McLaughlin
University Presbyterian Church

Rev. Justin Simmons
Love Chapel Hill

Rev. Jarrett McLaughlin
University Presbyterian Church

Rev. Donnie Jones
Amity United Methodist Church

Rev. Javier Almendárez-Bautista
Episcopal Church of the Holy Family

Rev. Dr. Michael Cousin
St. Paul African Methodist Episcopal Church

Rabbi Jen Feldman
Kehillah Synagogue

Rev. Justin Coleman
University United Methodist Church



CHAPEL HILL - CARRBORO

MARCH TO THE POLLS

Oct 15 @ 4:30pm

Oct 17 @ 10:00am

- FAMILY FRIENDLY
- NON-PARTISAN
- PRO-DEMOCRACY

MARCH FROM:

- Franklin St & Elliott Rd → CH Public Library
- Peace & Justice Plaza → Chapel of the Cross
- United Church of CH → Seymour Center
- Weaver Street → Drakeford Library

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 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:

Isaiah 45:1-7

An earthly ruler as the instrument of God's will

Psalms 96:1-13

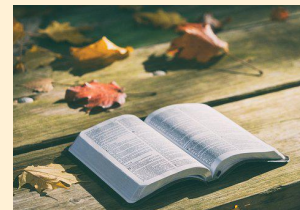
Ascribe to the Lord honor and power. (Ps. 96:7)

1 Thessalonians 1:1-10

Thanksgiving for the church at Thessalonica

Matthew 22:15-22

A teaching on giving to the emperor and to God



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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