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**THE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN
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We are a welcoming
community of believers in
Jesus Christ who witness
our faith by serving
together, praying
together, and living
generously together.

Holy Trinity Lutheran Church

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SEPT. OCT. 5-11, 2025

Gather, Worship, & Learn

Sunday Worship • 10 a.m. in person & YouTube Live

Worship replay available instantly on Facebook & YouTube

17TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST SUNDAY, OCTOBER 5

Holy Trinity Sanctuary & YouTube Live • 10 a.m.

JESUS & ME

Children's Bible Lesson
Takes place during worship

COFFEE TIME

Fellowship Hall • Following Worship

FELLOWSHIP OF FAITH

Prayer Parlor • 11:30 a.m.

TINY TOTS BOOK FAIR OCTOBER 6-10

Prayer Parlor

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY TUESDAY, OCT. 7

Prayer Parlor • 6:30 p.m.

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY WEDNESDAY, OCT. 8

Prayer Parlor • 6:30 p.m.

BELLS & CHOIR THURSDAY, OCT. 9

Sanctuary • 6&7 p.m.



FAITH CAFE SATURDAYS

Panera Bread • 9 a.m.

37800 Six Mile Rd, Livonia, MI 48152



DINNER CHURCH SUNDAY, OCTOBER 26

Doors at 4:30 p.m.

Worship at 5 p.m.

SAVE THE DATE SHARE THE BOUNTY

Friday, November 7 • HTLC

More info coming soon!

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SUNDAY, OCT. 5 2025



FIRST READING

2 Timothy 1:1-14

GOSPEL READING

Luke 17:5-10

A RICH HARVEST OF FAITH

This week we're looking at an iconic gospel passage where Jesus talks about a mustard seed and a mulberry tree.

The disciples want the kind of faith that can perform dramatic acts of power — the kind of faith that would make life easy and comfortable. They want the kind of faith that would keep them from ever encountering a challenging moment, an opportunity to fail, or the need to ask for forgiveness. They want the kind of faith that would insulate them from the realities of the world. They want the kind of power the devil offers Jesus during his time of temptation in the wilderness. And not only do they want this kind of faith, they demand for Jesus to grant it to them.

And I think what Jesus says next is really important. Jesus says, sure, a morsel of that kind of faith could uproot an enormous tree. But what is the point of that? What is the point of an act of power that uproots God's creation and subverts God's kingdom?

Our faith calls us not to destructive acts of power, but rather to be those who carefully and mindfully tend the kingdom of God through acts of service for the sake of our neighbor. This work might be hard, uncomfortable, challenging, and present lots of opportunities for failure. And it requires faith — even if it is only a morsel. — *Pastor Alysa Offman*

SAVE THE DATE: HTLC WOMEN'S RETREAT

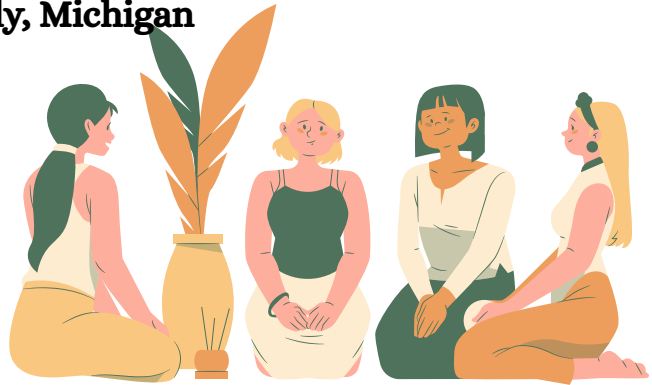
When: May 29 - 31, 2026

Where: Maryville Retreat Center in Holly, Michigan

Approximate Cost: \$200

*Registration forms available soon.
Look for more information in the
coming weeks.*

Join us for a weekend of:
Spiritual Growth
Community Building
Personal Reflection
Encouragement and support



TINY TOTS BOOK FAIR!

It's the most wonderful time of the year! Many of us fondly remember school book fairs as a particularly exciting point in the academic year. Our Tiny Tots students get to experience that special joy each year too!

Tiny Tots is having a book fair October 6-10. The book fair will be open on Sunday, October 5 after worship for you to browse and make purchases.

This is a great opportunity to support our Tiny Tots ministry as proceeds from the book fair go to provide new books for the preschool. Thank you in advance for your support!



APPLE ORCHARD OUTING!



On Sunday, October 19, we're hosting an outing to Blake's Farm South Lyon. This is a great time for mentors and mentees to connect, but everyone is welcome to join!

We will have lunch together in the Fellowship Hall following worship then meet at Blake's for an afternoon of fun! The church will provide cider and donuts. If your family wants to participate in Funland activities, you can purchase wristbands on-site. Wristbands are \$12.95. Kids 2 and younger are free.

Please sign up in the hallway by Sunday, October 12 so we have an accurate count for lunch, cider, and donuts.

2025 LIVONIA AREA CROP WALK

Walk! Walk!

When: Oct.12, 2025

1 p.m. - Pack emergency clean-up buckets
for distribution by CWS

1:30 p.m. - Walk

Where: Ben Celani Pavillion at Bicentennial Park

35400 West Seven Mile Rd., Livonia

Website: Livonia/Garden City Area CROP Hunger Walk

This is the 41st Livonia walk. Our walks have raised \$694,743 to date. Hopefully this year we'll push that amount over \$700,000.

Please consider walking or donating. You can sign up to walk at the display in the welcome center or online. This year you can choose to donate as usual for food and water programs, or you can choose to donate to purchase items for the clean-up buckets (or both!). You can donate online using a credit card, or you can give cash or check donations to any of our walkers. Please make checks payable to CWS/CROP. If you want a donation to go towards the clean-up buckets, please let me know.

Thanks for the support of your prayers, your energy and your donations. Please talk to me if you have any questions. —
Peggy Nelson

Walkers are welcome to meet at Emmanuel Lutheran Church (34567 7 Mile Rd.) prior to the walk. Bring a sack lunch. Emmanuel will provide dessert and drinks.



Peggy Nelson & Yvonne Harris have participated in the Crop Walk representing Holy Trinity since we first met 14 years ago on Peggy's first walk with Holy Trinity walkers. Being 90 last year, I decided to be a "Rocker" instead of the 5K. Rocking chair rocking is allowed if you keep rocking during the time frame.
— Yvonne Harris



DONATION ITEMS NEEDED FOR SHARE THE BOUNTY

Our 34th annual Share the Bounty fundraiser to provide Christmas for families in need will be held on Friday, November 7, 2025, at 7 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. We will be supporting 10 (or more) families from Randolph Elementary School and the families who reside at the Samaritas Wayne County Family Center in Wayne. Suggested donated items for the raffle are:

NEW items

Gift cards
Homemade items
Theme baskets

Items may be given to Margaret Ash, Peggy Nelson or Lisa Hissong by Sunday, October 26. Please let us know the value of the donated items for State of Michigan reporting purposes. If you have any questions, please contact Margaret Ash, Peggy Nelson or Lisa Hissong.

Thank you for supporting Share the Bounty! God's Work, Our Hands!
— Margaret Ash



KIDS HOPE MENTORS ROCK!

This year we have nine Kids Hope mentors working with 10 students! We also have eight prayer partners keeping these mentors and students uplifted in prayer each week. Four of these students are new to the program this year, as well as one new mentor and prayer partner. This amazing ministry brings joy to each of the students as well as to the mentors.

A note from Debbie: "When I met with DJ for the first time this school year, he was very excited. DJ is currently in eighth grade, so being excited to see me is a pretty big deal. DJ has struggled throughout the years since I started meeting with him in first grade. This year, he seems very motivated and much more mature. It is his idea that I continue to meet with him. He even asked if I would be able to meet with him next year when he goes to high school!"

Please keep our Kids Hope ministry in your prayers. Here are three things you can pray about this month:

- Pray that the students and staff at Randolph would experience the love of God through our church's support.
- Ask God to bless our mentors and students with joy and companionship as they build relationships with one another.
- Pray for all the volunteers in our Kids Hope ministry to be filled with purpose, strength and passion as they get into the rhythm of mentoring.



GOD SIGHTING IN JAM

At the end of JAM each week, I try to get the children to say a prayer with me. This week, I asked them all to put down their markers and fold their hands. Before I could say anything, Ruby said "Dear God. Thank you for loving us." God is at work in these little children! — *Debbie LaFontaine*

GIVING COMMITTEE DISBURSEMENTS

The Endowment Fund distributed to the Giving Committee \$4,884 for Local Missions Outreach and \$3,995 from the Gail Copple Bequest Fund. The Giving Committee then reviewed submitted requests and prioritized funds for various projects.

Local Missions funds supported the following:

- The Jubilee Food Truck
- Samaritas Foster Care Program
- Samaritas New Americans - Refugee Family Partnership
- Church Doctor Ministries

The Gail Copple Bequest funded:

- Padded folding chairs for the Fellowship Hall
- Scaffolding for setting up Christmas decorations in the church
- Lighting over the Choir area for bells
- Paint and supplies for the church office update

The Giving Committee thanks everyone who submitted requests. Limited funds did not allow supporting all requested projects.

—*Linda Schwelnus*

OCTOBER NEEDS FOR ST. CHRISTINE'S

Our friends at St. Christine's are asking for **any canned vegetables** for the month of October.

Place your items in the shopping cart near Door 1 and a volunteer will make sure they get delivered to St. Christine's.



THOSE FOR WHOM WE PRAY

Kim, Dorisann, Dan, Betty, Ed, Vickie, Mary Lou, Dennis,
Pete Jr., Pete Sr., Annette, Connie, Jack, Rhonda, Leeanne
Greg, Mikat family, Peggy

*To submit a prayer request call Sue Corney **OR** email prayers@holytrinitylivonia.org
OR call the church at 734-464-0211.*

You may include a specific prayer need, or just a name. Those for whom we pray are printed here so that you may also offer prayers during the week. The prayer chain is intended to serve the short-term, emergency, and confidential needs of members, friends, and family. Prayer requests remain on the list for four weeks unless otherwise noted.

GIVING INFORMATION

Giving Online

Visit HolyTrinityLivonia.Org/Give

Giving via U.S. Mail

Checks can be mailed to:

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awesome God! Thank you for the many ways you give to God's mission in the church and in the world, especially your support of the ministries at Holy Trinity.

Your gifts are appreciated.

Because of your continued generosity, we are able to reach out with the message of God's love and grace in Jesus. Thank you for your support of God's mission in the world through Holy Trinity Lutheran Church.





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