



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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July 12-18, 2026

## Gather, Worship, & Learn

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

Worship replay available instantly on Facebook & YouTube

### 7TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST JULY 12, 2026

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

### WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

WEDNESDAY, JULY 15

*Prayer Parlor • 7 p.m.*

### HTLC BOOK CLUB

TUESDAY, JULY 14

*Prayer Parlor • 6 p.m.*

### DINNER CHURCH

WEDNESDAY, JULY 22

*Fellowship Hall • Door at 5:30 p.m.*

### PRAAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

TUESDAY, JULY 14

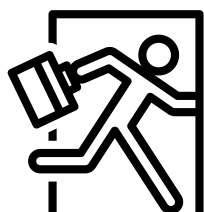
*Welcome Center • 7 p.m.*



### FAITH CAFE SATURDAYS

*Panera Bread • 9 a.m.*

*37800 Six Mile Rd, Livonia, MI 48152*



## OUT OF THE OFFICE

Pastor Andrew will be away from the office from Monday, June 29 through Tuesday, July 14.

### SAVE THE DATE!

### SUMMER SERVE

AUGUST 18-20, 2026

*Holy Trinity • Livonia House • Micah 6*

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# SUNDAY, JULY 12, 2026

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**FIRST  
READING:**  
Romans 8:1-11

**GOSPEL:**  
Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

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As with all Jesus's parables, multiple layers of meaning can be discerned in the Parable of the Sower in Matthew 13. Indeed, part of the power of parables is their ability to continually surprise, challenge, and inspire various audiences by conveying a message through vivid analogies. Even so, Jesus's parables are not intended to be entirely open-ended, as evidenced by Jesus himself interpreting the Parable of the Sower for his disciples.

Matthew's version of the Parable of the Sower is the first in a series of parables in chapter 13 that convey mysteries of the kingdom of heaven to Jesus's disciples. By this point in Matthew's Gospel, there is a growing distinction between the disciples, who have embraced Jesus and his ministry, and those who challenge or reject Jesus. In fact, Jesus's Parables Discourse in Matthew 13 is framed by the Pharisees conspiring to destroy him and the people of his hometown rejecting him — *excerpt from Matt Skinner, Working Preacher*

# ***THE GIVING COMMITTEE IS READY FOR REQUESTS***

We are happy to announce that the Endowment Fund is making a sizable distribution this year. (More information about the Endowment Fund will be included in the Annual Meeting report.) The Giving Committee will be accepting requests for project funding thru July 13.

There is about \$14,400 to distribute from the Local Missions Outreach Fund. For thought starters, previous donations from this Fund supported the Jubilee Food Truck, Samaritas Family Center and Refugee Resettlement program, Kids Hope, and Living Waters Ministry.

Another \$11,800 is available from the Gail Copple Bequest Fund. These funds are unrestricted and can support projects at Holy Trinity (or other organizations). In the past, we supported the HVAC upgrade, folding chairs for the Fellowship Hall, and improved lighting over the choir area for the bell ringers. Do you see a need that we can support with funding?

Send requests to [givingcommittee@holytrinitylivonia.org](mailto:givingcommittee@holytrinitylivonia.org) and include:

- Project description
- Amount you are requesting
- A brief rationale about the need or why you would like to support the specific project.

Thank You,

The Giving Committee:

*Margaret Ash, Linda Schwelnus, Jeannette Wiljanen*

# A WEEK AT STONY LAKE



Pastor Andrew and Pastor Alysa accompanied 11 Holy Trinity and five Emmanuel youth to Living Water Ministries at Stony Lake this July.

During our time together we explored the wilderness of camp as well as the wilderness in our scriptures. Together, we learned how God shows up even when we are wandering — and that God always makes a way!



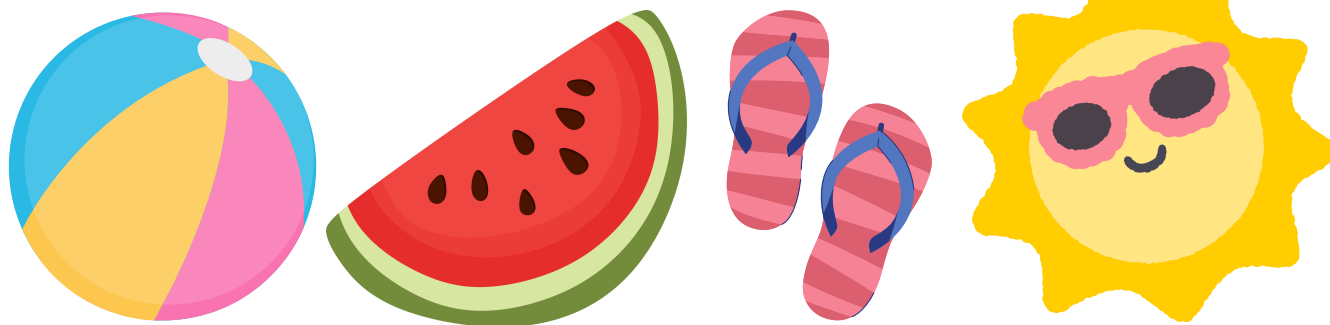
# **SUMMER SERVE**

Every August, Holy Trinity members gather to serve both in our church and in the community. Traditionally, this program has been called **Work Camp**. This year, we're rebranding this service opportunity as **Summer Serve**.

While the plans for Summer Serve service opportunities are not yet set in stone, we'd like you to put these dates in your calendar so you can be part of this impactful ministry.

Summer Serve: Tuesday, August 18-Thursday, August 20.

Each day we will gather in the morning to eat breakfast together at Holy Trinity and then work until about lunch time.



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## **ST. CHRISTINE'S JULY NEEDS**

This month consider donating the following items to our friends at St. Christine's.

**Canned green beans, canned pinto beans, and canned great northern beans**

Any quantity you bring is greatly appreciated. Thank you for your support of St. Christine's mission. The need is great and your donation is appreciated.

Drop off your donations by the shopping cart near Door 1. A volunteer will deliver donations to St. Christines.



# THOSE FOR WHOM WE PRAY

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Kim, Dorisann, Jo, Ron, Robert, Rhonda, Jared, Elaine, Roberta, Steve, Eric, Betty & Skip, George, Matt & Hillary, Ed, Steve Y., Carrie, Donna, Terry, David, Corey, Jeni, Steven, Kristen & Finn, Vickie, Marylou, Kate, Paris & Peggy, Dennis, Darlene, Sara, Kathy, Roger, Kaamil, Ashley, & Carol

To submit a prayer request call Sue Corney **OR** email [prayers@holytrinitylivonia.org](mailto: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.

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# GIVING INFORMATION

## Giving Online

Visit [HolyTrinityLivonia.Org/Give](http://HolyTrinityLivonia.Org/Give)

## Giving via U.S. Mail

Checks can be mailed to:

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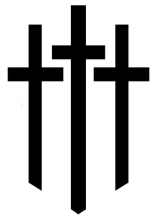
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*Giving is an act of worship and thanks to our awesome God! Thank you for the many ways you give to God's mission in the church and in the world, especially your support of the ministries at Holy Trinity.*

***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.*





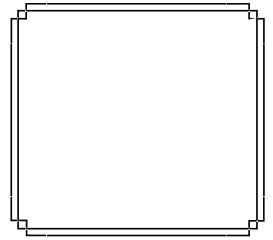
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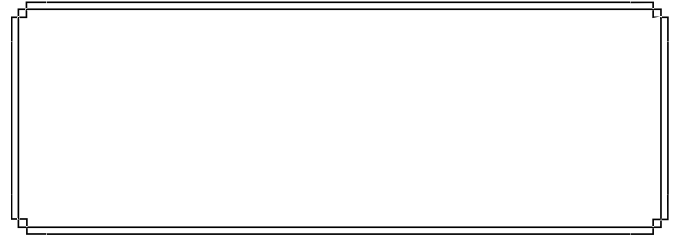
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CHURCH IN AMERICA**  
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