

Trinity Lutheran Church

Monroeville, Ohio

"Let all that you do be done in Love." 1 Corinthians 16:14

Important Reminders!

Red Cross Blood drive at TLC, is March 7th. Please log onto www.redcrossblood.org, to schedule your appointment to give blood.

Sewing Group - Wednesday February 5th & 19th

Christian Ed Mtg - February 5th @ 5:30_{pm}

Council Meeting - Wednesday February 12th @ 5:30_{pm}

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Pastor's Letter

Here I am to Worship

Some of you might recognize the above title, which may be because it's the title of a praise tune written by Tim Hughes and copyrighted by Thankyou Music in 2000. It came to mind because of the season after the Epiphany wherein we celebrate Christ's coming to earth and being revealed to all nations in the flesh. See if this doesn't grab your attention in context:

Light of the world,
You stepped down into darkness,
opened my eyes, let me see
Beauty that made this heart adore You,
Hope of a life spent with You.

Refrain

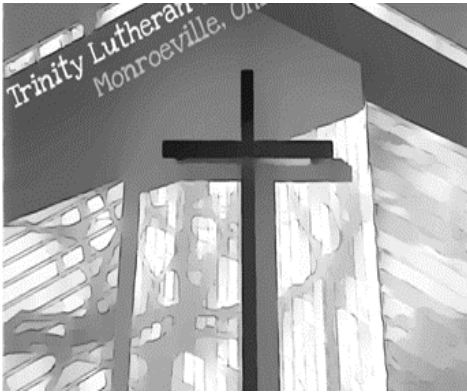
So here I am to worship,
Here I am to bow down,
Here I am to say that You're my God.
You're altogether lovely, altogether worthy,
Altogether wonderful to me.

King of all days, oh so highly exalted,
Glorious in heaven above,
Humbly You came to the earth You created
All for love's sake became poor.

Refrain (see above)

Transition

And I'll never know how much it cost
To see my sin upon that cross.



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Refrain (see above)

If you understand why the Epiphany was important, or even if you simply understand the first chapter of the Gospel of John, this praise tune summarizes the heart of our God, our Lord and Savior, our Messiah very well. If worship is one of the ways you express your gratitude for what was done for us after we were created in the first place, then you get it indeed.

Grace and peace, always,

Rev. Daniel I. Pennington

Council

President: Ken Underwood
Vice President: Rob Ludwig
Treasurer: Sharon Heyman
Secretary: Jeff Little
Christian Ed: Missy Kluding
Youth: Jennifer Miller
Parish Life: Cindy Schuller
Worship/GIFTS Team:
Misson Team: Lorie Pierce
Property Team: Dan Smith,
 Ken Underwood,
 Gary Underwood

Staff (volunteer & paid)

Volunteer Coordinator & Office Assistant: Tonia Smith
MYC Director: Jenn Miller & Tonia Smith
Tech Guru: Nate Griffith
Organist: Andrew Morfier
Organist: Julie Roeder
Custodian: Jenn Miller
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TLC Prayer List

Keep the following in your continued prayers

Juanita Wingate, Natalee Newland, Olivia, Leslie Warnke, Travis Seip, Carol Ward, Amy, David G, Randy Schafer, Linda, Barb, Sue Adkins, Megan, Ken, Jamie Smith, Kevin, Roger, Kathy, Cindy Wiley, Dave Duhamel, Dan Schuller, Lori Koeckenberg, Sue, Maddie, Donna Ward, Bob Ludwig, and Lynnette Crum.

Military Personnel: Anna Little, Owen Roeder, Jeff Schuller, Nick Tommas, Nate Tommas

****We have started a fresh prayer list – if you would like someone added that we have removed, please let Tonia or Jenn know****

Church Council Updates

Church Council Minutes January 8, 2025

Present: Rob Ludwig, Dan Smith, Ken Underwood, Gary Underwood (left early due to medical reason), Cindy Schuller, Pastor Dan, Jeff Little, Missy Kluding, Jennifer Miller, Bruce Kinsel. **Absent:** Lorie Pierce

Devotions & Prayer:

Pastor Dan opened with a devotion on Matthew 25:14-30.

Treasurer Report & Minutes:

Bruce reported on the investments.

The treasurer's report and minutes from December were reviewed.

Rob made a motion to accept the treasurer's reports and minutes. The motion was seconded by Pastor Dan. Motion carried.

Property and Planning Team: Reporting: Ken

The pews have all been taken out of the church and are in the fellowship hall. Altar being rebuilt and a pew fixed by Bret Gfell. Painting should begin on the 15th and carpet on the 28th of January. Looking for some help to move things out of the offices so new carpet can be installed.

Mission Team: Reporting: Pastor Dan

Pastor Dan & Lorie are interested in going to Malawi this summer. Pastor Dan is going to check with Angie on her interest.

Jeff asked if we could do the Sub Sale in February on Super Bowl Weekend to support Malawi. Pastor Dan made motion, Rob seconded, motion carried.

Gifts & Worship Team: Reporting: Pastor Dan

The new toppers for the Altar candles arrived and have been put on.

Lent services will be at 7pm with Soup at 6pm.

Christian Education Team: Reporting: Missy

Sunday School resumed on January 5th. There was no January Christian Ed Meeting. We will begin planning for VBS and Mystery Trips.

Pastor Dan is looking into a Confirmation Retreat.

Parish Life: Reporting: Cindy

Upcoming events include the potluck on January 26th after the congregational meeting and Midweek Lent Soup Suppers - sign-ups will be coming around in early February.

Pastor's Report:

Nothing to report on.

Church Council Updates

Old Business:

Discussion was had on the revisions for the Constitution, Pastor Dan made notes and will take them back to the Committee.

New Business:

Nominations for Officers took place.

President

Rob nominated Ken Underwood - Pastor Dan seconded- Ken accepted.

Jeff Little was nominated but declined

Vice President

Missy nominated Rob Ludwig - Cindy seconded- Rob accepted.

Secretary

Jennifer agreed to stay as Secretary - but due to bylaws in the constitution, someone else needed to take the position.

Rob nominated Jeff Little - Cindy seconded - Jeff accepted.

Jennifer agreed to be a backup when needed.

Pastor Dan made a motion to waive the written ballot for this meeting.

A motion was made to approve all new appointments as officers, all in favor, motion carried.

Committee Members for the 2025 will be confirmed at the next meeting.

Motion to Adjourn made by: Rob Ludwig **Seconded by:** Jeff Little

We prayed the Lord's Prayer and said, "Good Night."

Respectfully submitted by: Jennifer Miller, Secretary.

Church Council Special Meeting Minutes January 12, 2025

Present: Lorie Pierce, Jennifer Miller, Cindy Schuller, Dan Smith, Pastor Dan, Ken Underwood, Missy Kluding, Jeff Little **Absent:** Gary Underwood, Rob Ludwig

This meeting was called to approve the loaning of our Pastor to Resurrection Lutheran Church in Port Clinton.

Pastor Dan made a motion that we allow him to serve one Sunday a month at Resurrection Lutheran Church in Port Clinton starting in February.
Jeff seconded the motion.

It shall be noted that the supply pastor fee will be paid to TLC. And this is an indeterminate length of time.

A vote was taken and was unanimous.

NALC / MIDWESTERN AREA

NEWS & UPDATES

you can also find this information posted on the bulletin boards outside the offices



MIDWESTERN AREA NEWSLETTER February 2025



Latest and Greatest News!

Pastors and Congregations

Welcome. Pastors Brodie and Andrea Taphorn to St. Paul, Sulphur Springs, OH (NC-OH MD).

Condolence. Prayers for Pr. Jay Jackson and his family upon the death of his granddaughter on January 23d. Pr. Jackson is pastor of First English, Mansfield, OH (NC-OH MD).

Congregation Annual Reports

The Area Deans did a great job last year helping congregations submit their reports. Soon we will be asking for 2024 reports, so watch for notification when it is time to submit.

The 2023 Congregational Reports represent a significant milestone in congregational engagement within the NALC. With 411 out of 511 congregations (80.43%) completing their reports—an increase from 259 out of 468 congregations (55.34%) in 2022—this year's process reflects substantial improvements in participation, methodology, and resource identification. These reports not only provide a snapshot of the state of NALC congregations but also highlight areas for growth and opportunities for ministry development. If you would like to see the summary report, go to: <https://thenalc->

NALC Chaplains Zoom. The military and clinical (hospital, hospice, prison, fire, police) chaplains have a quarterly zoom for devotion, fellowship, and education on current chaplain issues. In addition to full-time chaplains, all pastors, that also serve as part-time chaplains are welcome to participate. Email militaryendorser@thenalc.org if you'd like to be put on the distribution / notification list. The next Chaplain zoom is 3pm ET, February 9th.

Retreats and Studies

These are provided in case your MD doesn't have a retreat, or if you'd just like to get away from your area and enjoy the environs of other wonderful places.

Society of the Holy Trinity Retreat, Feb 24-26, 2025 St. Augustine House Lutheran Monastery, 3316 Drahner Rd., Oxford MI. www.staugustineshouse.org

Contact Pastor Norman Drew for more information and to register; normandrew@gmail.com

Discussion will be on the nature Byzantine Christology, the full scandalous nature of Christ being fully God and Fully Man and a bit of Luther as a Chalcedonian theologian.

Iowa Mission District Pastors Retreat.

Retreat will be May 19th & 20th at the Lake Okoboji Resort and Conference Center. Contact the Dean, Christopher Staley for

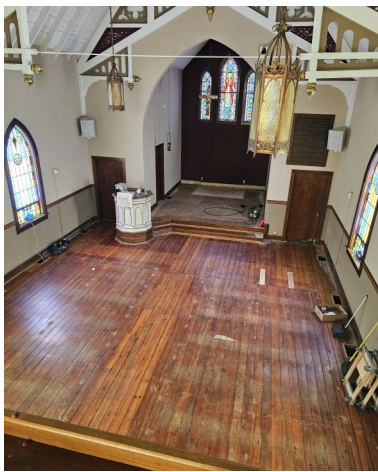
***Full newsletters available on the bulletin board outside the offices**

TLC Youth Happenings

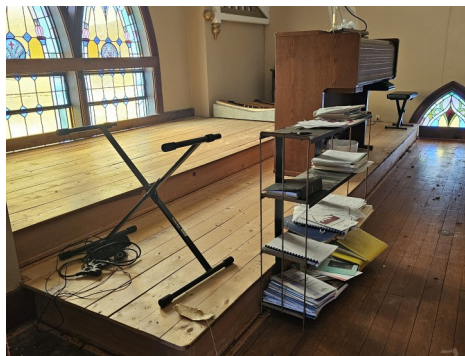
In January we started the renovation of our worship space. Enjoy some of the pictures that were captured during the process.

This month, in February, we get to worship together in the newly refreshed space.

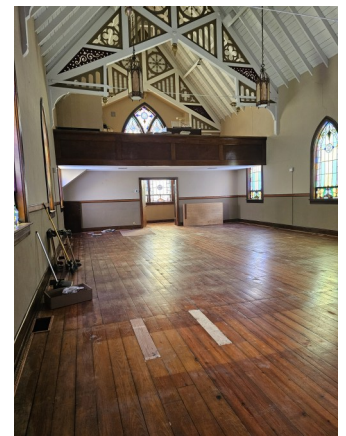
Thank you to all those on the committee, and those who helped out when we needed some extra hands.



View from loft after carpet was taken out



Loft after carpet was taken out



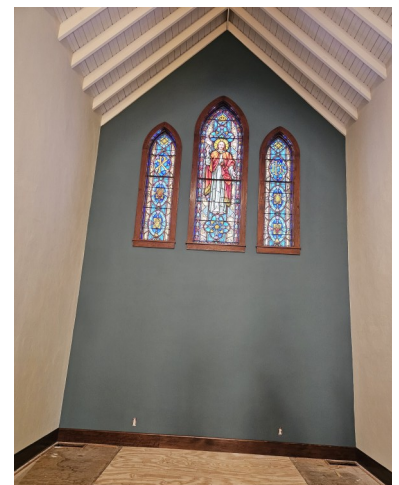
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New Paint



Our temporary Worship Space



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Enjoy these completed pictures of the Worship Space Renovation



Loft Area



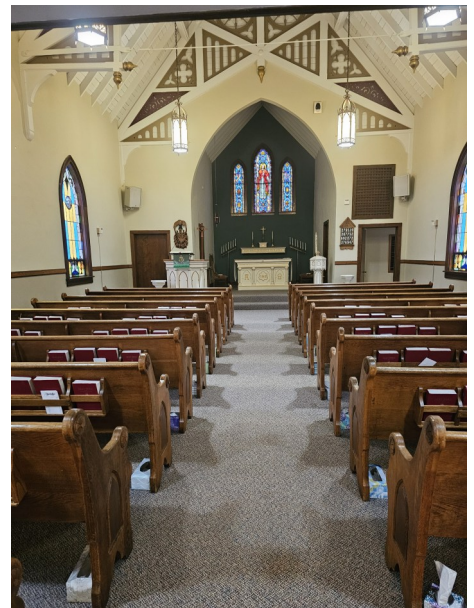
View from loft with lights on
Note: the altar spotlight is on



View from back with lights on
Note: Altar spotlight is on



View from loft with lights on
Note: altar spotlight is off



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- * March 16th - Bring Cookies in for Community Project
- * March 17th - Deliver Cookies to City Workers
- * May 11th - Mystery Friend Reveal
- * July 20 to 23 - VBS

January Attendance Basket Winner



Mr. Swanbeck
for donating the
boom whackers



Mystery Trip for
Grades 1st - 6th



Paxton Smith

February Worship Assistants

Date	Lector	Greeter	Acolyte
February 2	Candi Kinn	Barn Gurney	
February 9	Jeff Reineck	Patty Smarr	
February 16	S.S. 1st & 2nd	Barb Gurney	
February 23	Jeff Reineck	Candi Kinn	

Altar Workers for February: Missy Kluding

February Coffee Hosts

February 2	Cindy Schuller
February 9	Steve & Donna Colvin
February 16	Tom & Darlene White
February 23	Beth Smith

January Offering

January 5	\$3250
January 12	\$1644
January 19	\$1141.25
January 26	\$2589
January Online Giving	\$105

We need **\$2524** each week to make our budget. Thank you for continuing to faithfully support the Lord's work.

We are **behind 641.40** for 2025.

Please remember your gifts when you are away.

Our ministry depends on your generosity.

You can give to the Lord's work here at TLC by scanning the QR code or going to:

<https://giving.servantkeeper.com/tlc-monroeville>



February 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 Isaac Krueger Baptismal Anniv. Isabelle Ballard B-day
2 Aidan Schafer Baptismal Anniv.	3 Carolyn Adelman Baptismal Anniv.	4	5 Sewing Group Christian Ed Mtg 5:30	6	7	8 Graisyn Yoder B-day
9	10 Sharon Heyman Baptismal Anniv.	11 Daryl Underwood B-day Ethan Wilhelm B-day Nichole Hicks B-day	12 Dan Smith Baptismal Anniv. Church Council Mtg 5:30	13	14	15
16 Addison Gessling B-day	17	18 Ian Schafer B-day	19 Sewing Group	20 Ava Krueger B-day	21	22
23 Bryon Gessling B-day	24	25	26	27 Elizabeth Heyman Baptismal Anniv.	28 Kathy Henney B-day	