

# Trinity Lutheran Church

## Monroeville, Ohio

"Take delight in the LORD, and he will give you the desires of your heart" Psalm 37:4

### Important Reminders!

**Red Cross Blood drive** at TLC, is March 7<sup>th</sup>. Please log onto [www.redcrossblood.org](http://www.redcrossblood.org), to schedule your appointment to give blood.

**Sewing Group** - Wednesday March 5<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup>

**Christian Ed Mtg** - March 5<sup>th</sup> @ 5:30<sub>pm</sub>

**Ash Wednesday Service** - March 5<sup>th</sup> @ 7<sub>pm</sub>

**Council Meeting** - Wednesday March 12<sup>th</sup> @ 5:30<sub>pm</sub>

**Midweek Lent Services:**  
Wednesdays Soup @ 6<sub>pm</sub> ~  
Service @ 7<sub>pm</sub>  
March 12<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup>, 26<sup>th</sup>,  
April 2<sup>nd</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>

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## Pastor's Letter

### *Happy Lent!*

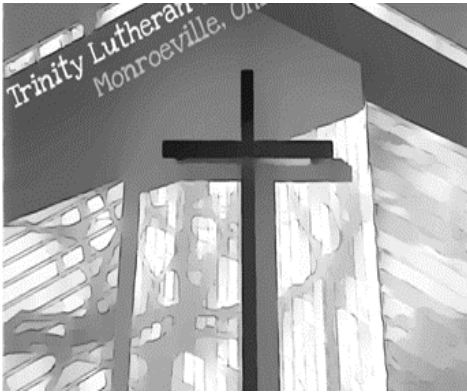
This is a greeting you probably never hear. Most faithful folks are so intent on their Lenten repentance, possibly even giving something up for the season, that they are feeling more sorry than joyful. The giving up of some luxury or self-care habit should be to focus on Jesus Christ and the mercy he gave us in his death for our sins. Unfortunately, it may devolve from such a holy practice.

As humans, we are so use to dealing with our neighbors, supposedly with Christian equity, that we tend to figure that when we give something up we expect a return. The problem is, what we give up for Lent earns no return from Jesus or anyone else. What we give up is simply a tool to remind us of a blessing temporarily removed which should in turn remind us to focus on Christ, the author of grace upon grace, for the season before Easter. The only return to expect from this practice is the blessing of our renewed focus on Jesus, not any more mercy or Jesus-ATM blessings to the faithful disciple. In fact, our focus on Jesus is *our* return for *his* sacrifice for *us*, unworthy and limited though our sacrifices are.

Even focusing on our repentance should remind us how far we fall short of God's glory, how insufficient is our faith. However, rather than be depressed by this, it should be our great joy. Our humility should point us to the fact that Jesus Christ brought salvation to us even though we can *never* be worthy of it. His love and sacrifice for us points us to the love our Heavenly Father has for us. He gives of himself through Christ and the Holy Spirit everyday that we might be blessed with abundant life. Obedience to him in spreading the good news of Jesus Christ being poured out for all of humanity gives us purpose with joy and peace.

What can we not bear for the one who gave his own life for us within his own creation which includes us (Gen 1:1-3, 26-28; John 1:1-3)? What in this life can steal our joy and peace in this life knowing that nothing in this life can take away from us God's promise that our lives continue with him forever?

Baptism and death become rebirth in Jesus Christ. The time in between is our chance to focus on the love of Jesus already given to us and how we can extend it to our neighbors in ways they can grasp. Then they, too, can stop living in denial of who made



them, who has already redeemed them forever if they can only stop rejecting such perfect mercy and grace. Our failed obedience is yet one more pointer to our Savior that our neighbors can appreciate once they confess their own incapacity for faith. But it is obedience that reminds us that only the Son of God himself is worthy of our full attention at all times.

We know that it is better to give than to receive, because we never want to confess our need to receive. As we focus on Jesus Christ for his sacrifice for us until we celebrate his victory over death for us, let's experience the joy and freedom God has always wanted for us, even before we were born. Thanks be to God!

Grace and peace, always,

*Pastor Dan*

## 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  
**Pastor:** Rev. Dan Pennington  
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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, Lori Koeckenberg, Dan Schuller, Maddie, Donna Ward, Lynnette Crum, Jerry Neuberger, Garrett James Nuhfer, Gabby, Becket Smith, Mike Sutter, Carol, Janice and Jim.

*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 February 12, 2025

**Present:** Ken Underwood, Dan Smith, Lorie Pierce, Pastor Dan, Jeff Little, Gary Underwood, Jennifer Miller

**Absent:** Missy Kluding, Rob Ludwig, Cindy Schuller

### **Devotions & Prayer:**

Pastor Dan opened prayer and a devotion.

### **Treasurer Report & Minutes:**

The Treasurers report for January was reviewed. A question was brought up about the cost of trash. A note was made that the report does not show the bill for the carpet, it should be on next month's report. Pastor Dan made a motion to accept, Lorie seconded, motion carried.

The minutes from the January meeting were reviewed and Jeff made a motion to accept, Gary seconded, motion carried.

### **Property and Planning Team:** Reporting: Gary & Dan

The front sign needs cleaned up and repaired. This will be looked at doing this Spring/Summer. The worship space looks beautiful.

### **Mission Team:** Reporting: Pastor Dan

Planning to go to Malawi in 2026. Anyone else that may be interested or has an interest in going is welcome. The sub-sale raised over \$700. Gary shared a message from Precious in Malawi, he is teaching math, computer, science, and biology.

### **Gifts & Worship Team:** Reporting: Pastor Dan

The computer for the live feed has not been set back up yet. There are a number of folks that do watch the live feed. Pastor Dan looked into getting a different set up that will go up in the loft. This would cost around \$1500. Pastor Dan asked about doing a fundraiser to raise funds for this. Council members agreed to move forward with fundraising for a new computer set up for the worship space.

The Bible study on Matthew with Jerry is going well. Encourage others to attend.

### **Christian Education Team:** Reporting: Jenn

VBS will be held on July 20-23. We will need to start making a plan for mystery trips. Youth Club for the winter session is yet to be determined.

### **Parish Life:** Reporting: Jenn

Lent Soup Suppers will begin soon.

# Church Council Updates

## Pastor's Report:

Need to catch up on visits, been doing a lot of calling. Confirmation still going on. Carolyn has been stepping in when Pastor Dan is not available. Serving at at Resurrection Lutheran Church will not interfere with Holy Week at TLC.

## Old Business:

General Ledger is all done and Sharon now has access to it. Should see this change next month on the treasurer report.

Directory is coming along, only have a few more photos to upload before printing out.

Committee Members are as follows:

Property & Planning: Gary Underwood, Dan Smith, Jeff Little

Christian Education: Missy Kluding

Parish Life: Cindy Schuller

Youth: Jennifer Miller

GIFTS/Worship: Pastor Dan

Mission: Lorie Pierce, Gary Underwood

**Motion to Adjourn made by:** Dan Smith

**Seconded by:** Jennifer Miller

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

Respectfully submitted by: Jennifer Miller, for Jeff Little - Secretary

Jeff seconded the motion.

## Church Audit

On February 23rd, Church Treasurer Sharon Heyman presented the church financial records to the audit committee. The audit committee consisted of Bret Gfell, Jennifer Miller, Julie Roeder, and Jim Thill. Receipts, expenditures, and income were examined. No discrepancies were found. Sharon's bookkeeping is straightforward and easy to understand. She always can answer any questions one might have about the church finances. Thank You Sharon for your time and work you put into maintaining the church financial records!

Respectfully, The Audit Committee

# TLC Happenings

## February Attendance Basket Winner



Archie Underwood



Mystery Trip for  
Grades 1<sup>st</sup> - 6<sup>th</sup>



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



## Ash Wednesday Service

Wednesday March 5<sup>th</sup>

7<sup>pm</sup>



## Mid-week Service

### Wednesday's

Soup @ 6<sup>pm</sup> ~ Worship @ 7<sup>pm</sup>

March 12<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup>, 26<sup>th</sup>

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## Holy Week and Easter Schedule

Maundy Thursday, April 17<sup>th</sup> Dinner @ 6<sup>pm</sup>, Worship @ 7<sup>pm</sup>

Good Friday Worship, April 18<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>pm</sup>

Easter Breakfast & Egg Hunt 9<sup>am</sup> April 20<sup>th</sup>



January: Huron County Humane Society - \$150.65

February: MOPC Feeding Program - \$177.36



## FOOD FOR FAMILIES PROGRAM

In partnership w/ Monroeville Knights of Columbus

Save 1 food item for each of the 40 days of Lent.

Beginning March 4 through April 20th

A box will be in the fellowship hall and in the Narthex

Monetary donations will also be accepted

These can be forwarded to the Knights of Columbus

## March Worship Assistants

Date	Lector	Greeter	Acolyte
March 2	Candi Kinn	Jeff Reineck	
March 9	Jeff Reineck	Barb Gurney	
March 16	Miriam Tommas	Jeff Reineck	
March 23	Angie Swanbeck	Barb Gurney	
March 30	Jeff Reineck		

**Altar Workers for March:** Kathy Pocock

### March Coffee Hosts

March 2	Cindy Schuller
March 9	Bob & Sue Underwood
March 16	Steve & Donna Colvin
March 23	Tom & Darlene White
March 30	Tom & Marylynn Sutter

### February Offering

February 2	\$3249.35
February 9	\$2307
February 16	\$475
February 23	\$3028
February Online Giving	\$

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

We are **behind \$2403.40** 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>



# March 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						<b>1</b> Lily White B-day
<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> Sewing Group Christian Ed Mtg 5:30 Ash Wednesday 7	<b>6</b> Andrew Claus Baptismal Anniv. Beth Claus Baptismal Anniv.	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>
<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> Isabel Anderson B-day	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b> Church Council Mtg 5:30 Lent Soup Supper 6 Lent Midweek Service 7	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>
<b>16</b> Farrah Hales B-day Lincoln Schuller B-day Amy Little Baptismal Anniv.	<b>17</b> Anna Little Baptismal Anniv. Paul & Tracy Corbin Anniversary	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b> Randy Schafer B-day Sewing Group Lent Soup Supper 6 Lent Midweek Service 7	<b>20</b> Kaylee Roeder B-day	<b>21</b> Candi Kinn B-day	<b>22</b>
<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b> Daryl Underwood Baptismal Anniv. Isabelle Ballard Baptismal Anniv. Lent Soup Supper 6 Lent Midweek Service	<b>27</b> Ethan Wilhelm Baptismal Anniv. Lynnsee Miller Baptismal Anniv. Nora Long Baptismal Anniv.	<b>28</b> Barron Wilhelm Baptismal Anniv.	<b>29</b> Cindy Yoder B-day
<b>30</b> Jarrett White B-day Mandy Schafer Baptismal Anniv.	<b>31</b>					