

Trinity Lutheran Church

Monroeville, Ohio

"For you formed my inmost being; you knitted me together in my mother's womb" Psalm 139:13

Important Reminders!

Red Cross Blood drive at TLC, is May 2nd. Please log onto www.redcrossblood.org, to schedule your appointment to give blood.

Sewing Group - Wednesday May 7th & 21st

Christian Ed Mtg - May 7th @ 5:15^{pm}

Council Meeting - Wednesday May 14th @ 5:15^m

Mother's Day Breakfast - May 11th

Mystery Friend Reveal - May 11th

Last Day of Sunday School - May 11th

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Pastor's Letter

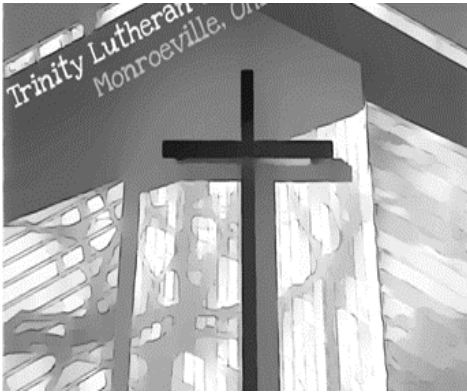
April Showers...?

While I do appreciate our congregation avoiding their own personal deaths for Lent, we did not escape entirely unscathed. We will miss those lost to us in our families (my uncle Alan comes to mind), in our communities (certainly John Saunders is among these), and those in our congregation, like Roger Dickman, who made it past Easter. These are the April showers that are really opportunities to thank God, like Job did, for having us blessed us with these people in our lives. And so these new saints in light become blessed all over again with more new life in Jesus Christ our Lord, this time forever.

But we have new life among us even now, in our families, in our communities and in our congregation. When the memorial services are done, then we have baptisms. Amidst the baptisms we have First Holy Communion milestones sprinkled throughout the season. Eventually, we will experience our catechetical students witness to their faith and how their families, communities and congregation have all been a part of its development.

As parents continue to rotate their kids through sports, they take moments for family vacations and our congregation takes moments for continuing education, vacation bible school and ministry discernment. Occasionally, we even take moments for less-structured fun, simply dwelling in the grace upon grace that our Creator and Redeemer continually provide in the here and now. These are the real May flowers we experience.

Whether we were part of sowing, watering, cultivating or weeding, God was getting it done with or without us, always inviting us to be part of it with whatever first gifts he gave us. He accompanies us at all times when we look for him, when we forget to notice him, and even



when we remember to request his guidance and presence. In the hands of God and blessed with his Holy Spirit, we are both garden tools and garden blossoms. And in Jesus Christ we continue to receive grace upon grace, inheriting our place in God's kingdom simply because he chooses us.

As we continue to grow, work and play in God's kingdom, his very own garden, may we also grow to understand just how much he loves us with every capacity he gives us to understand.

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
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Organist: Andrew Morfier
Organist: Julie Roeder
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TLC Prayer List

Keep the following in your continued prayers

Natalee Newland, Olivia, Leslie Warnke, Travis Seip, Carol Ward, Amy, David G., Randy Schafer, Linda, Barb, Sue Adkins, Megan, Jaime Sweet, Kevin, Roger, Kathy, Dave Duhamel, Maddie, Donna Ward, Lynnette Crum, Gabby, Mike Sutter, Carol, David, Marilyn, Kyle Jarrett, Wesley Newland, Pam Sparks, Donna Campbell, Al Good, Lee Matter, Heather, Ray, Mel Leonard, Cooper, Don Weltin, Brittany Johnson & Family, Joe Hermes, Fred Hupp, Lexi Hare, Jim Orth, Lathen, Joyce Finch, Roger, Tom Lesch, Clay Bores, Justin & Amber Hernandez, Sam, Cindy, Eric Heyman, Lance & Kristin Seaman, Aunt Kay, Bob Thivener and Daniel Babka.

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

Church Council Updates

Church Council Minutes April 9, 2025

Present: Pastor Dan, Ken Underwood, Dan Smith, Gary Underwood, Missy Kluding, Jennifer Miller, Cindy Schuller.

Absent: Lorie Pierce, Jeff Little, Rob Ludwig

Devotions & Prayer:

Pastor Dan opened with a prayer.

Treasurer Report & Minutes:

The Treasurer's report and Minutes for March were reviewed. Pastor Dan made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report and minutes. The motion was seconded, and the motion was carried. There was a discussion about whether the bill for the carpet had been paid in full; it wasn't shown on the report. Looking back, it shows that half was paid in December 2024 and the rest in 2025. This is why it only appears that half was paid in 2025.

Property and Planning Team:

Gary took a look at the sign out front. His recommendation as to repair the base of the sign with some mortar. He estimates it to cost about \$150. Gary made a motion to spend the money from the capital improvement fund to repair the sign, cindy seconded, motion was carried.

Team members: Gary Underwood, Dan Smith, Jeff Little, Ken Underwood, Jim Thill, Bret Gfell.

Mission Team:

Gary received an update from Precious on how he is doing in school and with his job as a teacher. Precious mentioned that the crops that had been planted were wilted because of the lack of rain.

Team Members: Lorie Pierce, Gary Woodruff, Jeff Little

Gifts & Worship Team:

Live streaming is back up and running. It was decided that we would get through Easter before planning a dedication of the worship space.

Team Members: Pastor Dan, Carolyn Adelman, Tonia Smith, Beth Smith.

Christian Education Team:

Mystery Trip for young kids in grades 1-6 will be on June 18th. Online registration has been set up and will be shared with families.

Mystery Trip for the older kids, planning for June 3-4th, need to finalize plans, get a cost, and flyer done.

VBS Planning meeting in May 7th.

Church Council Updates

Easter Breakfast and egg hunt on Easter.

Team Members: Missy Kluding, Jennifer Miller, Gary Underwood, Pastor Dan, Angie Swanbeck, Carolyn Adelman, Connie Brown, Erica Clinker, Barb Gurney, Darlene White, Monica Nuhfer, Reece Kluding, Paula Underwood.

Parish Life:

Maundy Thursday Dinner on April 17th, with pork roast for the meat. Expecting 60 people. Baptism cake on May 4th for Garret Nuhfer. Mother's Day Breakfast on May 11th. First Holy Communion cakes for Scarlett Gerber and Stella Schuller.

Team Members: Cindy Schuller, Jennifer Miller, Tonia Smith, Barb Gurney.

Pastor's Report:

The Ohio Mission Region Convocation is coming up in May. Pastor asked if anyone else was planning to attend. He will be attending.

Received a nice brochure from the NALC with upcoming events. Will get information out to members and place on bulletin boards.

New Business:

There was some discussion about making the newsletter a bimonthly newsletter instead of monthly. Jennifer voiced her concerns about it, as well as others. It is a good communication piece, and some people do look forward to it. It was suggested that we reach out and ask others how they feel about the newsletter before making a decision.

Monroeville High School is asking if we want to place an ad in the yearbook again this year. Cindy made a motion to place ad, Missy seconded, motion carried.

Jennifer asked about getting a new vacuum, the current vacuum was purchased in 2021 and the roller brush is missing bristles, which could cause it not to pick up things effectively. Jim did look into trying to find a replacement for it, he did not have any luck with Shark directly and will try Amazon. This was tabled until next meeting.

Motion to Adjourn made by: Ken Underwood

Seconded by: Gary Underwood

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

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

If you are interested in joining or being a part of one of the teams below - reach out to one of the council members on the team.

Property & Planning Team: Gary Underwood, Dan Smith, Jeff Little, Ken Underwood, Jim Thill, Bret Gfell.

Mission Team: Lorie Pierce, Gary Woodruff, Jeff Little

Gifts & Worship Team: Pastor Dan, Carolyn Adelman, Tonia Smith, Beth Smith

Christian Education Team: Missy Kluding, Jennifer Miller, Gary Underwood, Pastor Dan, Angie Swanbeck, Carolyn Adelman, Connie Brown, Erica Clinker, Barb Gurney, Darlene White, Monica Nuhfer, Reece Kluding, Paula Underwood.

Parish Life Team: Cindy Schuller, Jennifer Miller, Tonia Smith, Barb Gurney

TLC Happenings

April Attendance Basket Winner



Henry Hales



Mystery Trip
Grades 1st - 6th
June 18th

Cost: \$20

Scan the QR code to register



- * May 4th - Baptism for Garrett James Nuhfer
- * May 7th - VBS Planning Meeting @ 5:15_{pm}
- * May 11th - Mystery Friend Reveal & Last day of Sunday School
- * May 24th - 1st Holy Communion for Stella Schuller
- * June 3rd & 4th - Jr High/High School Mystery Trip
- * June 18th - Mystery Trip for Grades 1st - 6th
- * July 20 to 23 - VBS



January: Huron County Humane Society - \$150.65
February: MOPC Feeding Program - \$177.36
March: Lexi Hare Medical Bills - \$159.41
April: \$116.02



1st Holy Communion for
Stella Schuller
May 24th

Mother's Day Breakfast
May 11th - 9am



Last day of Sunday School
May 11th

Memorial Day Parade
May 26th

Join us and walk in the parade
and pass out flyers for VBS



SUPPLIES NEED FOR VBS

Dessert Southwest Theme

Please be on the lookout for the following items at thrift stores or garage sales.

- *Barrels
- *Western Blankets
- *Western Boots
- *Horseshoes
- *Wagon Wheels
- *Faux barbed Wire
- *Saddle
- *Covered wagon
- *Old wash board
- *Wood Fences/Fence posts (scrap wood to make fences)
- *Wood-looking paper or wood contact paper
- *Bales of Straw/Hay
- *Western Hats
- *Faux Skull
- *Metal Lanterns
- *Brown Paper
- *Crates
- *Desert Plants
- *Cactus/ cacti
- *Grapevines (to make Tumbleweed)
- *Black Fabric
- *Coal
- *Gems
- *Neon Blacklight
- *Old Fashion Lanterns
- *Cardboard timbers
- *Glow in the dark Paper or paint
- *Warning signs (Stop, Danger, Blast Zone, Turn Back!)
- *Mining Cart- something that looks like a mining cart w/ wheel
- *Paper towel tubes (for dynamite)
- *Black Lights
- *Railway Track
- *Glow Paint
- *Reactive Tape
- *Red duct tape
- *Wood grain paint tool

If you have any of the items listed above to donate or to let us borrow, please bring them to church.

May Worship Assistants

Date	Lector	Greeter	Acolyte
May 4	Candi Kinn	Gary & Paula Underwood	
May 11	Bonnie Gfell	Bret & Bonnie Gfell	
May 18	Miriam Tommas	Carolyn Adelman	
May 25	Daniel Clinker	Barb Gurney	

Altar Workers for May: Carolyn Adelman

May Coffee Hosts



May 4	Cindy Schuller
May 11	Tom & Darlene White
May 18	
May 25	Carolyn Adelman

April Offering

April 6	\$4042
April 13	\$2811
April 20	\$1740
April 27	\$1687
April Online Giving	\$100

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

We are **behind \$532.40** 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>



May 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 Jake Underwood B-day Ken Underwood B-day Arnold Underwood B-day Raylynn Lavalley B-day	2 Don Boehler B-day	3
4 Baptism of Garrett Nuhfer	5 Nate Griffith Baptismal Anniv.	6 Linda Krueger B-day Ken & Diane Arnett Anniversary	7 Erica Clinker B-day Sewing Group Christian Ed Mtg 5:15	8	9	10 Carter Perry B-day
11 Andrew Morfier B-day Trystan Peterson B-day Mother's Day Breakfast Mystery Friend Reveal Last Day Of Sunday School	12 Stell Schuller Baptismal Anniv.	13	14 Doug & Patti Anderson Anniversary Church Council Mtg 5:30	15 Jay Kinn B-day	16	17 Jim Pocock B-day Kaylee Roeder Baptismal Anniv.
18 Jeff & Sara Anderson Anniversary	19 John Anderson B-day	20 Morgan Clinker B-day	21 Zoe White B-day Ava Krueger Baptismal Anniv Sewing Group	22 Julie Roeder B-day Dan & Tonia Smith Anniversary Samantha Wilhelm Baptismal Anniv	23	24 Debbie Ludwig B-day Jeff Schuller B-day
25	26	27 Christian Clinker Baptismal Anniv. Erica Clinker Baptismal Anniv. Samuel Clinker Baptismal Anniv.	28	29 Ramona Thill B-day	30 Dan Clinker B-day Sue Schwan B-day	31