

Trinity Lutheran Church

Monroeville, Ohio

"So, if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed" John 8:36

Important Reminders!

Red Cross Blood drive at TLC, is July 11th. Please log onto www.redcrossblood.org, to schedule your appointment to give blood.

Sewing Group - Wednesday July 2nd & 16th

VBS/Christian Ed Mtg - July 2nd @ 5:30_{pm}

Council Meeting - Wednesday July 9th @ 5:30_{pm}

Decorate for VBS - Friday July 18th time TBD

Vacation Bible School: July 20th - 23rd 6_{pm} - 8:30_{pm}

Andrew Claus Grad Party - Saturday July 26th 4-8_{pm}
@ Griffith's 112 Peru Olena Rd W.

Caleb Stockmaster Golf Outing

Saturday July 26th

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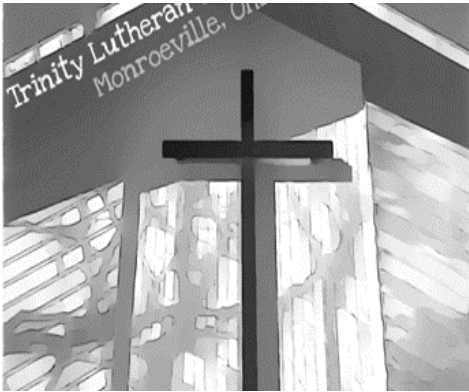
Pastor's Letter

Zooming Out to Zoom In

We are already well into the season after Pentecost, so an operating description might be in order. As I was listening to David Wendall's recorded sermon this week (listening for sermon ideas, of course), he referred to the church calendar as a focus to where we are within the church year.

Our year starts with Advent in December, so it naturally points to Jesus coming into the world. Then Christmas marks his coming into the world, Epiphany marking the world's first reaction to it, etc. So up until Easter we are focused on the life of Jesus as he develops his leadership, authority and divinity. Then during Holy Week and Easter we remember how he died for us, and rose again, so that we will live, also, after we die. It is during this Easter season that we focus on the transformation of the faithful and how they react to Jesus' resurrection and eventual ascension into heaven. Maybe I should say we focus on how resurrected Jesus acts on his followers. In any case, it is Pentecost that marks when Jesus sends his Holy Spirit to rest upon and within his disciples, now sent as apostles to be his witnesses "in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth (Acts 1:8)." So ends the first half of the church year.

What this means is that we have half of the church year to respond with gratitude to the salvation God gave us in the death and resurrection of his own dear son. We can do this by using the fruit of the Holy Spirit, his power given to us as promised. We individually first receive this at our baptism, where the message of salvation in Christ sets us up to receive the Spirit's empowerment and enlightenment. His fruit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control (Gal 5:22). This is what we have available to us to share the good news of Jesus with our neighbors, including each other,



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 &
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throughout the summer into the fall. This kind of activity invites others into new life in Christ through traditional mission and church ministries like VBS, bible camp and Sunday school. Fair weather makes it easier to visit our neighbors who cannot get out too much anymore due to age, illness, or both, as opposed to the snowy winter months. These are all things we can do to love our neighbors, and there are many more.

The alternative, according to the apostle Paul, is caving in to the desires of the flesh: “sexual immorality, impurity, sensuality, idolatry, sorcery, enmity, strife, jealousy, fits of anger, rivalries, dissensions, divisions, envy, drunkenness, orgies, and things like these (Gal 5:21).” In other words, having a beer and a burger with your neighbor might be a good way get to know them, but getting drunk out of your mind on a regular basis has no merit whatsoever. Taking your spouse on a second honeymoon might help restore your marriage relationship, but stepping outside of that marital relationship in any way, shape or form is simply demonic. Using God’s blessings for harm to ourselves or others is not what focusing on Jesus for the first half of the year was meant to produce.

Let’s take a close look at our blessings, the ones we have always had as well as new ones, and let’s figure out how to best express our gratitude in and for Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior.

Grace and peace, always,

Pastor Dan

TLC Prayer List

Keep the following in your continued prayers

Natalee Newland*, Olivia*, Leslie Warnke*, Travis Seip*, Amy*, Lynnette Crum*, Wesley Newland*, Don Weltlin*, Izzy Ballard, Mike Taylor, Peggy Stacy, Anita Craft, and Jane Hedrick, Cory Redman, Troy Dearing, Eva, Tim Smith, and Ryan Bliss.

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

Church Council Updates

Church Council Minutes May 14, 2025

Present:

Pastor Dan, Gary Underwood, Ken Underwood, Rob Ludwig, Missy Kluding, Jeff Little

Absent:

Cindy Schuller, Dan Smith, Lorie Pierce, Jennifer Miller

Devotions & Prayer:

Pastor Dan opened with prayer and led devotion on Acts 16:6-15.

Treasurer's Report and Minutes:

The treasurer's report for April was reviewed. Gary made a motion to accept. Pastor Dan seconded. Motion carried.

Minutes from the April meeting were reviewed. Rob made a motion to accept. Ken seconded. Motion carried.

Old Business:

Pastor Dan bought a new vacuum to replace our old one that no longer works.

Property and Planning Team: Reporting: Gary

Gary and Bret repaired the church sign out front. Ken said that he will bring some mortar and repoint the stone base for our signs. Jeff questioned why we don't have a budget to cover expenses such as landscaping needs and other predictable property maintenance needs. Pastor Dan suggested that the P&P team meet and discuss budget needs for regular maintenance and prioritize projects for a 5-year plan before next year's budget is prepared.

Mission Team:

No report

Worship Team: Reporting: Pastor Dan

The new worship space will be dedicated soon (no date given). Missy suggested we add an 8:00am service next Easter. After brief discussion, no motion was made. Pastor Dan proposed we change our service time to 9:30am from June 1 - August 31, then returning back to 10:30am the first Sunday of September. Gary made motion to accept Pastor Dan's proposal. Pr. Dan seconded. Motion carried.

Christian Education Team: Reporting: Missy

The mystery trip for grades 1-6 will be on Wednesday June 18th. The cost will be \$20 per person. She expects there will be 10 - 12 children going.

Jennifer is working on a plan for the older kids to have a trip on June 4th.

Bible school is going to be held July 20-23.

Pastor Dan reported that Confirmation will be on Reformation Sunday this year. There are 2 potential confirmands.

Parish Life Team: Reporting: Pastor Dan

Pastor Dan recognized Cindy for doing "a great job with Easter and Mother's Day this year." Pastor Dan shared the list of students who will be invited for high school graduation recognition on June 1. Not all the invitees are regular attendees at church, but they are still important to our congregation.

Pastor's Report:

Pastor Dan discussed upcoming baptisms and 1st communions. Tonia volunteered to be our lay representative at the NALC Convocation in Pittsburgh this summer. Pastor Dan will attend the BYLD workshop with Sam Klinker. Proposed constitutional changes will be voted on by the church council next month.

Gifts Team:

No Report

New Business:

Pastor Dan would like to put our social calendar in the social hall so that everyone can see the upcoming events and plan around dates and times already scheduled.

Motion to adjourn the meeting made by Pastor Dan. Motion was seconded by Rob. Motion carried.

Church Council Minutes June 11, 2025

Present:

Rob Ludwig, Dan Smith, Gary Underwood, Jen Underwood, Jennifer Miller, Cindy Schuller, Lorie Pierce, Jeff Little

Absent:

Missy Kluding, Pastor Dan

Devotions & Prayer:

The Meeting was opened with prayer.

Treasurer's Report and Minutes:

The treasurer's report for May was reviewed. Rob made a motion to accept. Cindy seconded. Motion carried.

Minutes from the April meeting were reviewed. Rob made a motion to accept. Jennifer seconded. Motion carried.

Old Business:

A question was raised about the status of the directory.

Property and Planning Team: Reporting: Gary

The sign on the corner is now complete. The team is going to be putting together a five-year plan.

Mission Team:

Nothing to report.

Worship Team:

Pastor Dan asked that we make a motion to approve the following baptisms: Preston Mitchell Cress, Gillia Iafolla, Isabella Iafolla, as well as Holy First Communion for the latter two. Lorie made a motion to approve, Cindy seconded, motion carried. Pastor Dan also asked via text message that we approve Mary Emma Darling to join TLC; all council members were in favor.

Christian Education Team: Reporting: Jenn

Mystery trip for 1st-6th grade will be meeting at 9am on June 18th. There are 5 kids signed up to attend. VBS is approaching, next meeting on July 2nd. Fishing Derby to be planned again, possibly look at having it in September around Rally Day.

Parish Life Team: Reporting: Cindy

We will have Father's Day Breakfast on June 15th, cakes for the baptisms, and Holy First Communion.

Pastor's Report: Rob reporting for Pastor Dan

Tonia will be going to the NALC convention. Rob made a motion on behalf of Pastor Dan to approve the changes as written in the constitution and bring it to the congregation for approval. Cindy seconded the motion, motion carried. It was discussed what would be the best way to get members copies of the constitution so they can review the changes before the meeting. Copies can be put in mailboxes, and an announcement will be made as soon as a date is set for the congregational meeting.

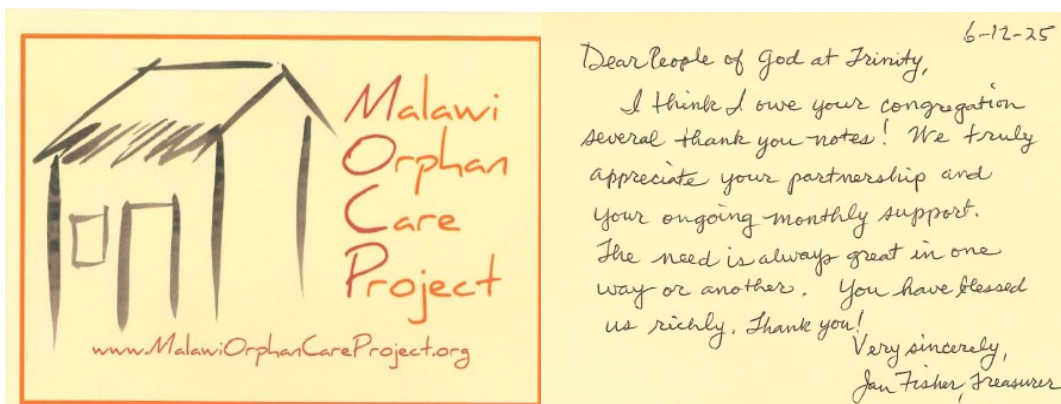
Gifts Team:

Bible study on the book of Matthew is still going on Thursdays at 6:30pm.

New Business:

Motion to adjourn the meeting made by Rob. Motion was seconded by Lorie. Motion carried.

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



TLC Happenings



January: Huron County Humane Society - \$150.65
February: MOPC Feeding Program - \$177.36
March: Lexi Hare Medical Bills - \$159.41
April: Community Service Day - \$116.02
May: MOCP Scholarships - \$179.71
June: TBD (collecting on July 6th)



Scan the QR code to register for VBS



ALL ARE INVITED!!!

Andrew Claus' Graduation Party
Saturday July 26th 4-8pm
1125 Peru Olena Rd. W



When: Early September
Where: Dan Smith's Father's Pond
1586 Peru Center Rd.

June was filled with celebrating our High School Graduates, Baptisms, First Communion, Affirmation of Baptism and Mystery Trip.



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.

July 26th
8 am Shotgun Start

—2025

Caleb Stockmaster
Memorial
Scholarship

Golf Scramble

Woussickett Golf Course

Skins

Raffles

Hole
Prizes

50/50



Prizes for the top 2 teams
\$320 Team registration fee
Sponsor a hole for \$100
Lunch and pig roast dinner
included!

Contact Natasha at
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additional information



July Worship Assistants

Date	Lector	Greeter	Acolyte
July 6	Daniel Clinker	Brittni Myers	
July 13	Angie Swanbeck	Barb Gurney	
July 20	Bonnie Gfell	Bret & Bonnie Gfell	
July 27	Paula Underwood	Gary & Paula Underwood	

Altar Workers for July: Carolyn Adelman

July Coffee Hosts



July 6 Cindy Schuller

July 13 Kathy Pocock

July 20 Barb Gurney

July 27

June Offering

June 1 \$3238

June 8 \$1097

June 15 \$2266

June 22 \$2100

June 29 \$2322

June Online Giving \$850

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

We are **behind 2,106.40** 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>



July 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 Jeff Schuller B-day	2 Adnrew Claus B-day Sewing Group Chistian Ed Mtg 5:30	3 Ben Gfell B-day	4 Fourth of July	5 Ann Querin Baptismal
6 Brian Gfell B-day	7 Ken Arnett B-day	8 Reece Kluding B-day	9 Bret & Bonnie Gfell Anniv. Josie Lillo B-day Natalie Judge B-day Church Council Mtg 5:30	10 Andrew Morfier Baptismal Anniv.	11	12 Julie Roeder Baptismal
13	14 Sydney Schuster B-day	15 Eric Heyman B-day	16 Connie Brown B-day Sewing Group	17	18	19
20 Alex & Deanna Schuller Anniv VBS	21 VBS	22 Jeff Little B-day Scarlet Gerber Baptismal Anniv VBS	23 Bob & Sue Underwood Anniv Noah Little B-day VBS	24 Mallory Roeder B-day Todd & Sharlene Lillo Anniv	25 Steve & Missy Kluding Anniv	26
27 Tyler & Taylor Tonelli Anniv Andrew Claus Graduation Party	28	29 Christine Hunt B-day	30 Brayden Schuller Baptismal Anni Lincoln Schuller Baptismal Anni Rachelle Schuller Baptismal Anni	31		