

Trinity Lutheran Church

Monroeville, Ohio

"Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God" Philippians 4:6

Important Reminders!

Red Cross Blood drive at TLC, is September 5th. Please log onto www.redcrossblood.org, to schedule your appointment to give blood.

Sewing Group - Wednesday
September 3rd & 17th

Christian Ed Mtg - September 3rd
@ 5:30_{pm}

Congregational Meeting -
Sunday, September 7th

Council Meeting - Wednesday
September 10th @ 5:30_{pm}

Rally Day-
Sunday, September 21st

Bible Study- Book of Matthew
Thursday's @ 6:30_{pm}

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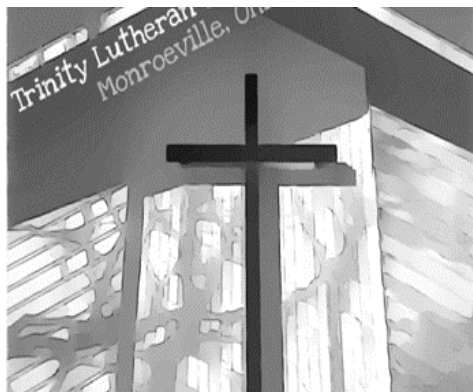
Pastor's Letter

Discipleship Shouldn't Be Lonely

As we enter a new year of Christian education, we are also engaging the last half of our season of yearly growth during "ordinary time." This is the time after Pentecost, when we read in Acts of the Apostles how they were sent by Christ to share his gospel in Jerusalem, Judea, Samaria and to the ends of the earth. I truly believe we are to continue this mission because Jesus prayed for such unity in him and therefore God the Father, too, at least according to John's gospel. So we are to teach as we grow, inviting others to know Jesus who has already authored their lives and wants them to understand how much he loves them and wants to redeem them from the world for everlasting life in him to the glory of God.

This is the work we are to do as Christians, and we have a unique context in which to do it as members of the North American Lutheran Church in Monroeville, Ohio. We have been preparing young Christians to share Christ's gospel for over a century, we have been baptizing them in the name of the Father, + Son and Holy Spirit, and we have given them a solid place of worship at Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church for them to recharge to re-engage the world with Christ's invitation. Our disciples include those who have always attended to the Lord's calling, those who may have wandered away for a season of their lives and returned, and even those who are brand new to living within the body of Christ surrounded by our love and support. We need to remind each other that Jesus gathers us before sending us out, all through the power of his Holy Spirit, promised and freely given, so that we know we are never alone.

As we prepare other Christians for work in God's kingdom, where the harvest is plentiful but the laborers are few, we must prepare them to work together. None of us is Jesus, the only one who had to



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:
Mission Team: Lorie Pierce
Property Team: Dan Smith,
Ken Underwood,
Gary Underwood

Staff (volunteer & paid)

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Office Assistant:** Tonia Smith
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perform the work of God alone from our perspective. During his earthly ministry Jesus first sent his disciples ahead of him two by two. We are made for such companionship, and our life in Christ should reflect both supporting each other and relying upon each other. So as we educate each other in Christ, let's include the status and promise of continual relationship, not only with Jesus, but within the body of Christ with each other. This will strengthen our ministry and guide us into seeking out new relationships to further kingdom as the Holy Spirit so guides us. This will help each of us to remain under a yoke that is easy and a burden that is light.

Grace and peace, always,

Pastor Dan

¹Acts 1:8 is where we read the command of the resurrected Jesus directly to his disciples/apostles. The rest of the book of Acts clearly shows how, when and where they accomplish this in Christ.

²Chapter 17 of John's gospel clearly shows Jesus praying for his disciples then and now that God's will be done in and among them and us.

TLC Prayer List

Keep the following in your continued prayers

Natalee Newland*, Olivia*, Leslie Warnke*, Travis Seip*, Amy*, Wesley Newland*, Ryan Bliss*, Ila*, Marilyn Ludwig, Larry Peterson, Jerry Schnidley, Nate Hawthorne, Harry Jaycox, Warren Noland, Bob Wilhelm, Jim Pocock, Agnes Howell, Marilyn, and Jean.

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

Church Council Updates

Church Council Minutes August 13, 2025

Present: Pastor Dan, Gary Underwood, Ken Underwood, Rob Ludwig, Missy Kluding, Jeff Little, Cindy Schuller, Dan Smith

Absent: Lorie Pierce, Jennifer Miller

Devotions & Prayer: Pastor Dan opened with prayer. Devotions on Luke 10:1-20 were done at the end of the meeting.

Treasurers Report and Minutes: The treasurers report for July was reviewed and discussed. A question on discrepancies with the amount of collections given to the Love Bus was discussed. It was determined that the total amounts collected and donated were accurate.

Minutes from the July meeting were reviewed.

Rob made a motion to accept both reports. Dan seconded. Motion carried.

Old Business:

1) Pastor Dan was asked about progress on completing and distributing our photo directory. He reported that he is updating the church history page. He would like to add some photos of ministry and mission activities. There are still many members without photos to put in the directory. Pastor will attempt to have one last photo shoot available on Rally Day for anyone who hasn't gotten their picture taken yet. Pastor Dan committed to completing the directory by November 1, 2025.

2) Remodeled worship space will be dedicated during service on Rally Day.

3) Pastor Dan reviewed the church constitution and pointed out several typos and errors that Bruce had found when proofreading it. Council agreed that these errors did not change the content of the constitution and that it was appropriate to make corrections without requiring an additional vote. Council discussed the upcoming vote for the congregational vote to approve amendments to the constitution. Gary brought up concerns about some of the language in the existing constitution (ch.12.11) that required the Pastor to approve agenda items for meetings that he would not be in attendance for. He explained why that language was part of the constitution to council's satisfaction.

4) Gary suggested that we should consider giving \$10,000 from the investment fund to the NALC 20/20 Vision (Today, Tomorrow, and Forever) Fund. He made a motion to give that amount, Jeff 2nd his motion, and council approved it after discussion.

*A special meeting was held after worship on 8/17/25 to withdraw this vote and replaced it with a motion to recommend to the congregation that we give \$10,000 to NALC 20/20 Vision Fund after a congregational vote in 3 weeks. The motion carried.

Property and Planning Team:

1) Pastor Dan reported that the old refrigerator died and needs to be removed from the kitchen. Cindy said that she would call a contact who recycles metals and see if they

would remove it.

2) Jeff reported that he had a discussion with the neighbor behind the church about the old lilac bush that splits our property and is full of poison ivy. She agreed that it would be good to kill and remove the lilac and weeds. Jeff will use Round-Up on it next week and remove it in the fall.

Mission Team: Gary talked to Lori Griffith about coordinating with her to plan this years Journey to Bethlehem. She is looking forward to receiving the help.

Worship Team: Reporting: Pastor Dan

1) Charlene Henney's memorial service will be held on Friday, 8/15/25 at 5:00PM. Becky Schultz from Mansfield will play the organ.

2) Missy brought up a concern that was discussed in the past about having a team to look for and assist families in our church who may need visitors or assistance of some kind. Pastor Dan said that he would invite people to serve on the gifts team to fill this roll.

Christian Education Team: Reporting: Missy

74 children attended Bible School. Everyone's help in making it successful was appreciated. The Love Bus was the recipient of nearly \$500 collected during VBS.

Parish Life Team: No Report

Pastor's Report: Pastor Dan reported that he will be using a structured program to teach catechism this year and will work with another adult to teach it.

Pastor Dan will be visiting family on 9/31/25 and will use a supply pastor to preside over worship. Monica will preside over worship on 9/7/25 when Pastor Dan will be serving the NALC church in Port Clinton.

Gifts Team: No Report, mentioned in worship Team discussion

New Business: Jeff asked about adopting a new mission statement. Pastor wants to bring someone in for a council retreat to lead us in vision planning during a retreat.

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

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: The Love Bus - \$108.65
July: The Love Bus - \$130.35
August: Humane Society -
In Memory of Charlene Henney



IMPORTANT

Rally Day

September 21st

9am

Fellowship/Breakfast

@ 10am

Worship @ 10:30am

Youth Club

Monday's in October

6th 13th 20th 27th

3_{pm} - 5_{pm}

If you would like to help - please get with Tonia Smith, Carolyn Adelman or Jennifer Miller



September Worship Assistants

Date	Lector	Greeter	Acolyte
September 7	Miriam Tommas	Carolyn Adelman	
September 14	Jerry Neuberger	OPEN	
September 21	Bonnie Gfell	Bret & Bonnie Gfell	
September 28	Paula Underwood	Brittni & Cole Myers	

Altar Workers for September:

September Coffee Hosts



September 7	Cindy Schuller
September 14	Gary & Paula Underwood
September 21	RALLY DAY
September 28	Ken & Deb Underwood

August Offering

August 3	\$2701
August 10	\$1841
August 17	\$3162
August 24	\$1762
August 31	\$1739
August Online Giving	\$1250

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

We are **behind \$4,136.40** 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>



September 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4	5	6
			Sewing Group Christian Ed Mtg 5:30	Jon Myers B-day Bible Study	Blood Drive	
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
Chris Griffith B-day Congregational meeting	Velda Haley B-day	Nancy Gfell B-day	Church Council Mtg 5:30	Lynsee Miller B-day Sue Underwood B-day Bible Study		
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
Dan & Erica Clinker Anniversary	Amy Little B-day Nathan Anderson Bapt- tismal Anniversary		Lynette Crum B-day Stacie Gessling Baptismal Anniversary Adam & Hannah Gerber Anniversary Sewing Group	Dan Gaston B-day Isaac Krueger B-day Bible Study		
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
Henry Hales B-day Rally Day				Cara Kinn B-day Bible Study		Jon Roeder B-day
28	29	30	27	28		
Del & Patty Smarr Anniversary Keith & Beth Smith Anniversary	Brian & Allison Gfell Anniversary	Randy & Mandy Schafer Anniversary	Paxton Smith Baptismal Anni	Bible Study		