

Trinity Lutheran Church

Monroeville, Ohio

"In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make straight your paths" Proverbs 3:5-6

Important Reminders!

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

Sewing Group - Wednesday November 5th & 19th

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

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

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

Choir Practice - Wednesday's @ 6:30_{pm}

Congregational Meeting November 9th - after service

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Pastor's Letter

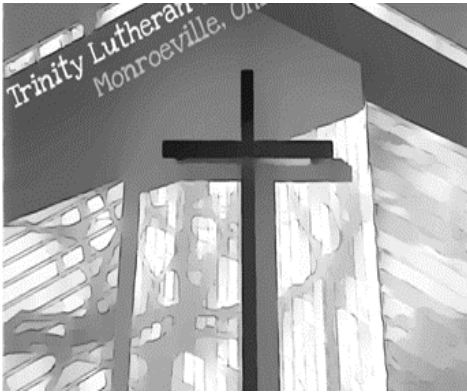
Are We There Yet?

Because Halloween is done...

Dearest Heavenly Father. We confess that our fascination with the ugliest denizens of horror and hell far exceeds any appreciation we should show for your protection of those who have died before us. We appreciate that they may rest in Christ until "On the last day the Holy Spirit will raise me and all the dead and will give to me and all believers in Christ eternal life." (*SC, On Sanctification [On Being Made Holy]*, Rev. Dr. Martin Luther).

But now we push for that for which we may not be ready. We prepare for this wondrously ecumenical holiday when in this country we give thanks for your many blessings. Let us center our thanks on your good will for us, not just the abundance you provide from which we can force-feed ourselves. Help us not to celebrate the best deal the day after Thanksgiving for our own sakes so much as the farthest we can stretch our largesse for the sake of our neighbors in need. Help us to remember the *best* examples shown us by your saints who have gone before us.

We are still in that season of growth promoted by your church on earth as instituted by your son, our Savior, Jesus Christ. Help us to continue to grow and not regress as we begin to plan how to celebrate his birth among us even before we have fully engaged the present season. Guide us in your Word that we might share your love to our neighbors in Christ such that celebrating his coming to us will have new depths of meaning in our lives and in our communities. Remind us that sharing your teaching and your promises to the next generation honors you in a way they can joyfully share with *their* children, and so on throughout all those generations who love you and keep your com-



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
Organist: Andrew Morfier
Organist: Julie Roeder
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mandments (*Exodus 20:5-6*).

Remind us that if you have not yet taken us home, there is really no reason to ask you from the back seats of our lives which you are leading as our Good Shepherd, "Are we there yet?" Let us always be ready to accept our calling in this world as we look forward to life in, through and with you forever. In the name of your dear son, Jesus Christ we pray. Amen.

Grace and peace, always,

Pastor Dan

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, Agnes Howell, Marilyn, Jean, Patty Wigton, Darlene Majorczak, Freida, Kay Harmon, Alice White, Todd Sawyer, Keith Clinker, Sue Adkins, Natalie Humphries, Kevin Killingsworth, Peggy, Jack, Kelly Winker, Tyler, Darlene Watts, Tom Sutter, Brayden Jaycox, John Clayton, Pr. Wayne, Lonnie & Alice Laser, Jerry Strong, Dave England, Bobby Martin, Sue Underwood, and Sue Hall.

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

Church Council Updates

Church Council Minutes October 8, 2025

Present: Pastor Dan, Ken Underwood, Rob Ludwig, Gary Underwood, Jeff Little, Dan Smith, Lorie Pierce, Bruce Kinsel

Absent: Jennifer Miller, Missy Kluding, Cindy Schuller

Devotions & Prayer: Pastor Dan opened with prayer. Devotions on Acts 16:6-16

Treasurer's Report and Minutes:

Bruce presented an update on our investment account. After giving \$10,000 to the NALC 20/20 vision Initiative, there is a current balance of \$91,574 in the account. Bruce suggests that we maintain a value of at least \$100,000 so that earnings will accrue at a rate that we will be able to use them to support future mission work.

The treasurer's report was not reviewed. Sharon is moving out of town and will not be serving as our treasurer. Pastor Dan is continuing to look for someone to serve as our treasurer. Minutes from last month were reviewed and accepted as written.

Pastor Dan moved to accept the minutes, Rob seconded, motion carried.

Old Business:

- 1) Pastor Dan reported that completing the photo-directory is his focus for the next few weeks and he hopes to have it completed before the start of November.
- 2) Gifts Team - Pastor Dan reported that after giving it much thought he doesn't believe we need a "gifts team." He has identified Angie Swanbeck as a coordinator to make sure people who are connected to TLC and need assistance are looked after.
- 3) 2 students will be confirmed at the end of October.

Property and Planning Team:

- 1) Ken presented an outline for a 5-year plan to budget for maintaining our building and grounds. He is seeking more feedback before presenting it to the congregation.

Mission Team:

- 1) Lorie Pierce is seeking donations for snacks to deliver to the teachers at school.
- 2) Pastor Dan reminded council that if we need to upgrade or replace any of the settings or supplies needed for the Journey to Bethlehem that there is money granted for that purpose through the 21st Century Fund.
- 3) Gary reports that Lori Griffith is preparing to find people and pass out parts for the Journey to Bethlehem.

Worship Team: Reporting: Pastor Dan

- 1) Choir will be singing at services the 2nd Sunday of each month. In order to support the choir we should include a line in the next budget to pay the keyboardist \$910 for travel and \$200 - \$300 for music; \$1200 total.
- 2) Pastor Dan reports that we will have Advent services at 7:00.
- 3) Christmas Eve service will be at 7:00. The Nufers have offered use of their barn as a venue for a later 2nd service.

- 4) Pastor will be buying tapered bee's wax candles to use for All Saints Day and Christmas. They will be easier to light and do not drip as much as the candles we have been using.
- 5) Sharon Heyman's recognition and send-off will be this Sunday, 10/12/25.

Christian Education Team: Missy Kluding's written report

- 1) After a successful Rally Day our students will be learning stories from the Old Testament this Fall. After Christmas the focus will be on the New Testament.
- 2) Punch cards will be used this year to encourage, record, and award attendance.
- 3) There will be a sock collection for the month of October as focus for offering and giving.
- 4) Invite a friend to Sunday School - Welcome bags will be handed out to new guests at Sunday School.
- 5) We're exploring the idea of starting a Young Adult group during Sunday School for anyone in high school - their 20's. Stay tuned for more details.
- 6) Youth Club restarted with about 30 kids attending!
- 7) Planning has begun for this year's Christmas Program.

Parish Life Team: No Report

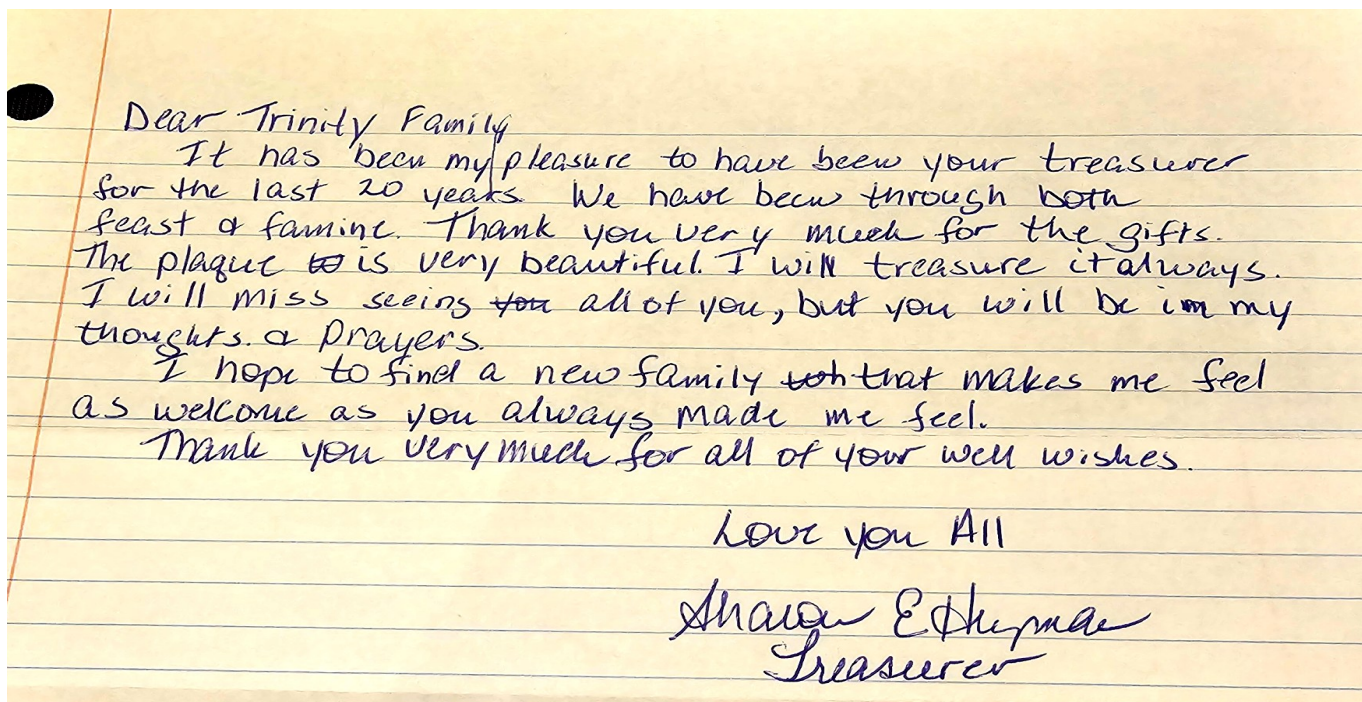
Pastor's Report: Pastor Dan

No new information outside of what was shared within the other committee reports.

Gifts Team: No report

New Business: Ken would like to have a better understanding of the church budget process and identify people who will serve on the budget committee. The budget meeting is typically the 1st Sunday in November. Ken would like to have a budget proposal to council at our November 12th meeting.

Motion to Adjourn the meeting made by Jeff Little, seconded by Rob, motion carried.



Malawai Update

Dear friend of Malawi,

Thank you for expressing interest during the past few years in being a part of a short-term mission trip to Malawi with Malawi Orphan Care Project, Inc. Since beginning our relationship with Kanyenyeva Ministries of Malawi in 2005, MOCP has organized and led more than a dozen teams on trips to Malawi. The people of Kanenyeva in Malawi are always very excited to welcome their North American friends, and to extend to them their very special Malawian hospitality from the "Warm Heart of Africa."

We invite you to join us in praying about your possible involvement in a mission trip to Malawi in 2026 or beyond. Teams can travel at any time during the year, depending upon when the team participants are available for travel. Our partners have shared that May through August is the best time of year for them, which often works well for us. Teams in the past have led VBS type programs and sports camps, discipling for teens, put roofs on houses, and focused on literacy and education. In what way might God be leading you?

Please pray about this opportunity and reply to this email to let us know of your interest by November 1st. After we hear from those who feel called to explore a trip, we will schedule a time for a Zoom conversation to discuss what is involved in a mission trip to Malawi with MOCP, answer questions and explain the discernment process. A commitment to join a team is not needed until early 2026. Please be praying about your involvement until that time!

If you have any questions, please contact us. And please distribute this invitation to anyone else you know who might have an interest! Feel free to put information in church newsletters or others media. If you would rather not receive future emails, please let us know. Thank you and may God bless your journey.

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MIDWESTERN AREA NEWSLETTER November 2025



Latest and Greatest News!

Deans Meeting with the Bishop and AABs

November 11-12, 2026, Dallas, TX. All Deans, co-Deans, Assistant Deans are invited. If you are a new Dean, you are also invited to our "Boot Camp" addition, November 10. If you need assistance to attend, contact Pastor Jess at midwesternaab@thenalc.org

NALC Annual Clergy Retreat January 27-29, 2026, Virginia Beach, VA. See NALC website for details and registration

Pastors and Congregations

Welcome New Pastors. John Hazzard will be ordained November 2nd to serve Resurrection, Port Clinton (NC-Ohio MD). He will be ordained as part of the Ordination Under Special Circumstance (OUSC) program.

Retirement. Congratulations and blessing upon Pastor Tim Loehrke upon his retirement at the end of October from Good Shepherd, Vickery, OH (NC-Ohio MD).

Lay Certification. Michigan MD. Congratulation Evelyn Hudson-Wright, who was installed as commissioned Lay Minister at Christ, Warren, Michigan on Sunday, October 5, 2025 by Bishop Dan.

Quarterly Midwestern Area Deans Zoom

Sundays 3:00pm, Next zoom December 14
Future zooms: 8Mar26, 14Jun26, 13Sep26
Pr. Jess will send zoom link to everyone's email 15 minutes prior to the meeting.

Quarterly NALC Military & Clinical Chaplain Zoom

Sundays 4:30pm, Next zoom December 14
Future zooms: 8Mar26, 14Jun26, 13Sep26
Pr. Jess will send zoom link to everyone's email 15 minutes prior to the meeting

Retreats, Studies, Meetings

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.

November 5, NW-Ohio MD Pastors Fellowship 10 AM at St. John's Lutheran Church in Montpelier, OH. Contact: Pr. Bert Schultz jcgracepastor@outlook.com

December 4, NC-Ohio MD Pastors Fellowship 10 AM at St. John's, Gilead. Contact Pr. Katherine Pennington penningtonkm@gmail.com

June 1-2, 2026 Iowa MD Pastors retreat, Waterloo, Iowa. Contact: Pr. Christopher Staley cbstaley@netins.net

Mission District Convocations

May 1-2, 2026 Ohio Mission Region (includes all Ohio MDs). St. John, Grove City, OH. Theme: "Not Ashamed!"

August 29, 2026 Iowa MD, Nazareth, Cedar Falls, IA

Global Workers Supported by the Midwestern Area

Aleksandr Gross in Ukraine
Sending Agency: Spiritual Orphans Network

Gemechis Buba in Ethiopia
Sending Agency: Spiritual Orphans Network

Tunsubilege Mwasongwe and Ndumieshi Nkya in Tanzania. Sending Agency: One Plus God

Stephen Katterhenrich in Tanzania
Sending Agency: Wycliffe

Full newsletter posted on Bulletin Board outside offices

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 - 154.05
 In Memory of Charlene Henney
 September: NALC Disaster Response - \$112
 October : Lydia Scheid - \$202.25

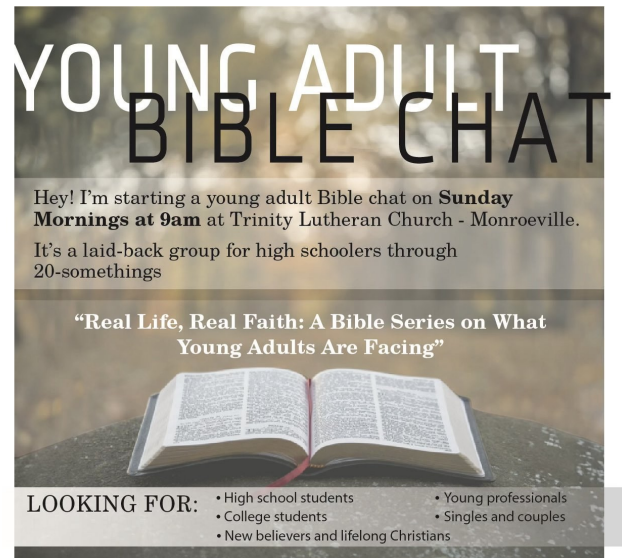


Midweek Services:
 Wednesday's 7pm
 December 3, 10, 17



WHEN: December 7th

Please see Lori Griffith or Tonia Smith if you'd like to help with The Journey



Looking for a space to grow in your faith, talk about real life, and connect with others on the same journey?

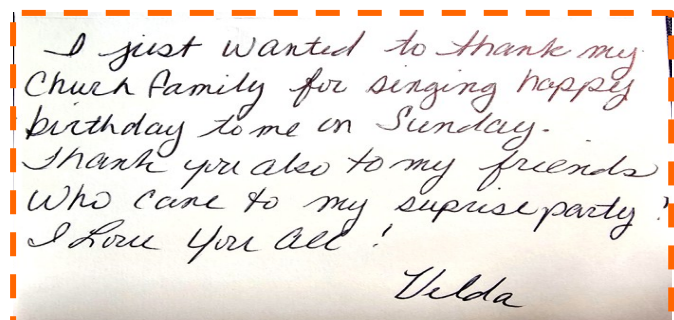
JOIN US AS WE:
 Prioritize spiritual formation through prayer, Bible study, and real conversations.
 Talk about today's real challenges — faith, relationships, culture, purpose, busyness and more build authentic friendships with like-minded believers. Let's sit down, talk, and reconnect. You're not alone. Let's grow together.

WE GET IT: life is busy, your tired, I'm not that spiritual. It's not really my thing. I don't really know anyone.

"No worries at all! Just wanted to let you know the invite's always open. If you ever feel like checking it out, we'd love to have you — no pressure at all."

Angie Swanbeck

TLC Christian Ed. Team



Sunday School



**We collected 196 pairs of socks
during the month of October.
Thank you to all who
donated!**



Sunday School Kids Offering November: Canned Goods/ Non-perishable Items

Bring in items or money that will be used to purchase items

November Worship Assistants

Date	Lector	Greeter	Acolyte
November 2	Miriam Tommas	Carolyn Adelman	
November 9	Jerry Neuberger	Barb Gurney	
November 15	Sunday School	Candi Kinn	
November 23	Mike Tommas	Barb Gurney	
November 30	Cara Kinn	Barn Gurney	

Altar Workers for November: Kathy Pocock

November Coffee Hosts



November 2	Cindy Schuller
November 9	Barb Gurney
November 16	OPEN
November 23	Beth Smith
November 30	Darlene White

October Offering

October 5	\$4277
October 12	\$1074.70
October 19	\$1759
October 26	\$1870
October Online Giving	\$220

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

We are **behind \$6,795.70*** 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>



***as of October 31, 2025**

November 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 Bernie Yoder B-day Connie Leimback Baptismal Anniversary
2	3 Brian & Tori Boles Anniversary	4	5 Sewing Group Christian Ed Mtg 5:30 Choir Practice 6:30	6 Bible Study	7	8 Lorie Pierce B-day Braxton Isaacs Baptismal Anniversary Trysten Peterson Baptismal Anniversary Wren Long Baptismal Anniversary
9 Olivia Clinker B-day	10	11	12 Church Council Mtg 5:30 Choir Practice 6:30	13 Tonia Smith B-day John & Linda Myers Anniversary Bible Study	14 Henry Hales Baptismal Anniversary Matt & Farrah Hales Anniversary	15 Carolyn Adelman B-day Darlene White B-day Gary Underwood B-day
16 Gary Underwood Baptismal Anniversary Jon Myers Baptismal Anniversary Linda Myers Baptismal Anniversary	17 Bradford Schuster B-day Thomas Clinker B-day	18 Brayden Schuller B-day Del Smarr B-day	19 Choir Practice 6:30	20 Bible Study	21	22 Bruce Kinsel B-day Matt Hales B-day
23	24	25 Jonathon White B-day	26 Choir Practice 6:30	27 Jim & Kathy Pocock Anniversary Bible Study	28 Tom White B-day Dave Krueger Baptismal Anniversary	29
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