

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
October 1st & 15th

Christian Ed Mtg - October 1st
@ 5:30_{pm}

Council Meeting - Wednesday
October 8th @ 5:30_{pm}

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

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

Retirement Potluck for Sharon Heyman -
October 12th after service

Octoberfest - @ Gary & Paula Underwood's
October 18 @ 4:30_{pm}

Confirmation - October 23rd

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Pastor's Letter

The Self-Witness of God's Own Word

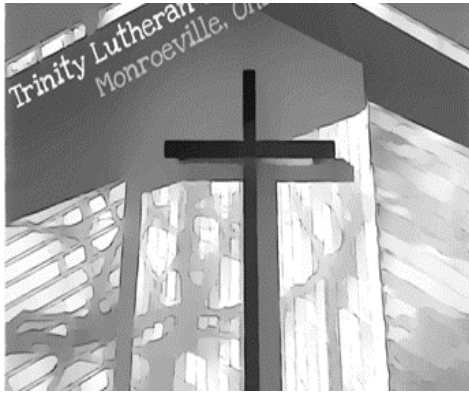
When you spend enough time reading the bible, you cannot help but notice that it witnesses to itself. During our Thursday night bible study this week, we entertained at least three questions about Matthew's gospel and how the rest of the bible pointed to it.

We read the story of the woman who anointed Jesus with expensive, fragrant perfume (*Matt 26:6-13*), and we needed the testimony of that same event within the other three gospels to help make sense of it (*Mark 14:3-9; Luke 7:36-50; John 12:1-8*).

We found the reference to Judas throwing the 30 pieces of silver to the floor of the temple in repentance for helping to arrest Jesus (*Matt 26:14-15; 17:3-5*), and we found the reference for Zechariah's oracle when he was told to throw 30 silver shekels into the treasury of the temple (*Zech 11:12*).

And then we visited the institution of the Lord's Supper (*Matt 26:26-28*) and discussed that it could likewise be found in Mark, Luke and 1 Corinthians, while John focused more on Jesus washing the feet of the disciples as he celebrated his last Passover meal, and in doing so hammered home his teaching that they ought to love one another as he has loved them.

Even the Old Testament richly affirms itself, story by story. After getting lost in the history of the Kings, the prophet Samuel and the more wholly encompassing Chronicles, I then enjoyed the more straight-forward story of Ezra. Before Ezra, a priest of the line of Aaron (Moses' brother), came to Jerusalem to help reconsecrate the recently rebuilt temple of God, his fellow, repatriated Israelites had already been had at work rebuilding the holy site. At the beginning of Chapter 5 we find that "Haggai and Zechariah son of Iddo prophesied to the Jews who were in



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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Judah and Jerusalem, in the name of the God of Israel who was over them.” What a joy to finally be able to put names to these prophets and a very real context around them—the rebuilding of the temple in Jerusalem! Truly, it was a break of enlightenment after the maze of kings, prophets and battles through which I had been reading previously.

And if that’s not enough evidence of the bible’s self-affirmation of its long, convoluted history of God’s relationship to mankind, try reading Acts and its recording of the apostles’ visits to different cities during the building of the early church. Then read the epistles to see what was really happening during their visits. Or simply read one of the gospels again using a study bible, and every time Jesus quotes some law or prophesy from the Old Testament, read that part of the Old Testament that is referenced in the notes at the bottom of the page. You will come to understand how carefully and directly guided the life of Jesus was when God came to earth in the flesh to get to know us from our perspective.

I hope you can find your own joys and revelations in the bible not only as it affirms itself and reports to you, but when it enlightens you directly through the power of the Holy Spirit and helps you understand how much God has always loved you. If you are blessed enough to be able to read and even understand the holy scriptures, please don’t let this heavenly blessing go to waste in your life and the lives of everyone of which you are a part. It is a staple of my faith that God’s own words come to us in truth and purpose through over 6,000 years or so of our existence and through the inspired translations of languages long dead to our own comfortable English. May you rest in the blessing of God’s own story of his love for us.

Grace and peace, always,

Pastor Dan



Church Council Updates

Church Council Minutes September 10, 2025

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

Absent: Jennifer Miller, Ken Underwood

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

Treasurers Report and Minutes: The treasurers report for August was reviewed and discussed. Pastor Dan reported that Sharon Heyman will be moving away and will not be able to continue serving as the TLC treasurer. Pastor Dan is hopeful that another congregant will be able to take over that role. Pastor Dan moved to accept treasurer's report, Lorie Pierce seconded, motion carried.

Minutes from the August meeting were reviewed.

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

Old Business:

1) Pastor Dan reported that he is making progress on photo directory and is working to have a photographer available later this month.

2) Pastor Dan read a thank you letter from Pastor Brody.

Property and Planning Team:

1) Cindy Schuller reported that the old refrigerator should be moved out of the building later this week.

2) Ken Underwood painted Pastor Dan's office.

3) Ken Underwood is seeking input for 5-year maintenance/project plan.

4) The hole beside the storm drain in our parking area has been repaired.

Mission Team: Lorie Pierce reports that the next event for the Mission Team is the Journey to Bethlehem. It is time to start planning for it.

Worship Team: Reporting: Pastor Dan

1) Members interested in singing with our new choir will meet at 10:00AM on 9/21/25 in the worship area. Marcia Adelman will be our director.

Christian Education Team: Reporting: Missy Kluding

1) Rally Day is September 21st.

2) Fliers for Rally Day and Youth Club have gone out to member families with children and children in the community that attended VBS.

3) Youth Club starts on Monday, 10/6/25 and starts right after school until 5:00.

4) Sunday school rooms need to be cleaned out and books need to be removed.

Parish Life Team: Cindy Schuller

1) No events at church are planned until November.

2) Soup suppers will be held during Advent.

3) Gary plans to hold a fall gathering at his home on October 18th.

Pastor's Report: Pastor Dan

1) Pastor's parents celebrated their 65 year anniversary. He was glad to be able to go home and visit them.

2) Confirmation students are wrapping up their lessons and will be confirmed in October.

Gifts Team: Pastor Dan is going to try to identify someone to organize and lead a Gifts Team

New Business: Pastor Dan started a discussion about how we want to handle on-line giving going forward. There are some costs associated with the way we currently accept on-line gifts. Council agreed that it might be best to continue this discussion once a new treasurer is in place.

Motion to Adjourn the meeting made by Jeff Little, seconded by Lorie Pierce, 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 - 154.05
 In Memory of Charlene Henney
 September: NALC Disaster Response - \$112

Youth Club

Monday's in October

6th 13th 20th 27th

3pm - 5pm

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



TLC

OCTOBER fest

October 18th

4:30pm

@ Gary & Paula
 Underwoods



If you have a family member that
 we may have missed, please let
 Ramona or Tonia know

Sunday School



Sunday School Kids Offering

October: Socks

November: Canned Goods

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

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 Schindley, Nate Hawthorne, Harry Jaycox, Warren Noland, Bob Wilhelm, Agnes Howell, Marilyn, Jean, Patty Wigton, Darlene Majorczak, Freida, Kay Harmon, Alice White, Todd Sawyer, Steve Taylor, Keith Clinker, Sue Adkins, Natalie Humphries, Kevin Killingsworth, and Peggy.

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

Potluck
Party



Join us on October
12th to celebrate
Sharon Heyman's
Retirement

Bring a dish to share

September Worship Assistants

| Date | Lector | Greeter | Acolyte |
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| October 5 | Miriam Tommas | Bob & Sue Underwood | |
| October 12 | Angie Swanbeck | Bob & Sue Underwood | |
| October 19 | Paula Underwood | Don & Miriam Tommas | |
| October 26 | Candi Kinn | Brittni Myers | |

Altar Workers for October: Kathy Pocock

October Coffee Hosts



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| October 5 | Cindy Schuller |
| October 12 | Kathy Pocock |
| October 19 | Daniel Clinker |
| October 26 | Bob & Sue Underwood |

September Offering

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| September 7 | \$1802 |
| September 14 | \$2604 |
| September 21 | \$2072 |
| September 28 | \$1414 |
| September 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 \$6,120.40** 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>



October 2025

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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| | | | 1 Avery Kluding B-day Sewing Group Christian Ed Mtg 5:30 Choir Practice 6:30 | 2 Riley Beard B-day Bible Study | 3 Donna Garwood B-day | 4 |
| 5 | 6 John Myers B-day Youth Club | 7 Betsy Perry B-day Isaiah Fowler B-day Jenny Claus B-day | 8 Church Council Mtg 5:30 Choir Practice 6:30 | 9 Mallory Roeder Baptismal Anniversary Bible Study | 10 Eric & Sharon Heyman Anniversary | 11 |
| 12 Church Potluck for Sharon Heyman's Retirement | 13 Natasha Lavalley B-day Dave & Erica Krueger Anniversary Youth Club | 14 Gary & Paula Underwood Anniversary | 15 Patty Smart B-day Sewing Group Choir Practice 6:30 | 16 Jeff & Amy Little Anniversary Bible Study | 17 | 18 Brad & Kim Adelman Anniversary Octoberfest |
| 19 Ireland Montgomery B-day Bill & Trisha Patterson Anniversary | 20 Jim & Ramona Thill Anniversary Youth Club | 21 | 22 Paula Underwood B-day Chris & Lori Griffith Anniversary Derek & Natasha Lavalley Anniversary Tonia Smith Baptismal Anniversary Choir Practice 6:30 | 23 Cassidy Akins B-day Bible Study | 24 | 25 Zacch Corbin B-day |
| 26 Morgan Griffith B-day Ava Hicks Baptismal Anniversary Nichole Hicks Baptismal Anniversary | 27 Isaiah Fowler Baptismal Anniversary Rob & Debbie Ludwig Anniversary Youth Club | 28 Missy Kluding B-day Liam Patterson Baptismal Anniversary | 29 Choir Practice 6:30 | 30 Bible Study | 31 Alex Schuller B-day | |