

Trinity Lutheran Church

Monroeville, Ohio

"May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit" Romans 15:13

Important Reminders!

Red Cross Blood drive at TLC, is May 1st. Please log onto www.redcrossblood.org, to schedule your appointment to give blood.

Sewing Group - Wednesday May 6th & 20th

Council Meeting - May 13th @ 5:30_{pm}

Bible Study @ TLC
Thursdays @ 4:30_{pm}

Choir Practice
Wednesday's

Mother's Day Breakfast
May 10th @ 9:30_{am}

Recognition Sunday - Last day of Sunday School - May 17th

Confirmation - May 24th

Graduate Recognition - May 31st

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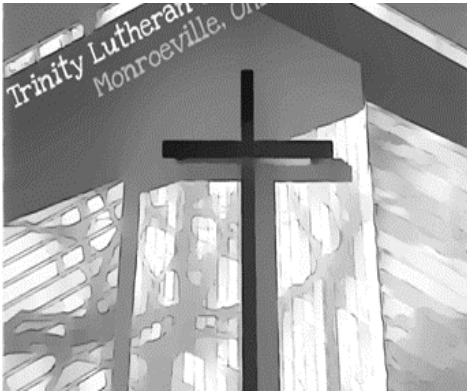
Pastor's Letter

Lenten Journey Resumed

It was during my own journey through Lent this year that it became apparent to me that continuing this call to serve you folks here at Trinity would no longer be a good idea. Some of my interpersonal communications and reactions since then have proven this to be true. I continue to pray that your next pastor will be the right person at the right time to help lead you in *your* call to sharing the gospel with current and future generations. I do feel strongly that you are so called, and God is really good at finding such people for us. My notice of retirement follows on page three.

Grace and peace, always,





Church Council Minutes

April 8, 2026

Present: Pastor Dan, Ken Underwood, Gary Underwood, Jeff Little, Missy Kluding, Jenn Miller, Cindy Schuller, Dan Smith, Bruce Kinsel

Absent: Lorie Pierce, Rob Ludwig

Devotions & Prayer: Pastor Dan opened with prayer and devotion from the RENEW retreat Bible study material. Exodus 3:1-12

Minutes: Minutes had been emailed to council members prior to the meeting. Jen moved that we accept the minutes, Cindy 2nd, motion passed.

Treasure's Report: Jen

* After reviewing documents, Missy asked for clarification of where and why \$200.20 mileage reimbursement was made. Jen informed council that this was travel expenses we agreed to pay our choir musician, Marlene Longer, for travel to and from practices.

* Budget committee meeting is scheduled for April 19th. Ken will organize budget committee and start work on 2027 budget. Pastor moved to accept treasurer's report, Jeff 2nd, motion passed.

Financial Secretary Report: Bruce

Investment Accounts: Bruce - submitted and reviewed in advance of meeting, clarified at meeting

1. I will present the 2026 1st quarter Fidelity Portfolio report which has been distributed.
2. 2-3 years ago, council granted me permission to sort, save or dispose of investment records older than seven years that are stored in the attic. This was never done due to lack of reasonable access which has since been resolved by Gary's efforts. I intend to complete the task in May unless instructed otherwise.
3. I ask permission to deal with the Treasurer's records in the same manner. The intent is to have one box for each of the most recent seven years. Disposition, in both cases, will be in a responsible manner. I have spoken with Sharon who confirmed that there is no need to save material older than seven years. The matter has also been discussed with Jenn.

Jeff moved that all financial documents older than 7 years be disposed of unless Bruce determines that there is a good reason to keep them. Jen 2nd, motion passed.

Committee Reports:

Mission Team: Gary - submitted and reviewed by council in advance of meeting

Our next mission team meeting is April 23rd. If anyone has ideas

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Council

President: Ken Underwood
Vice President: Rob Ludwig
Treasurer: Jennifer Miller
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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April 28, 2026

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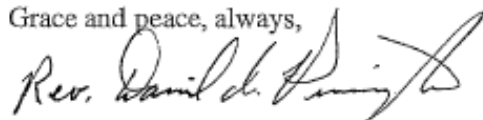
Dear Trinity Ev. Lutheran Church Executive Committee and Council:

Grace and peace to you from God our Father and our Lord Jesus Christ.

This letter concerns my current call at Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church here in Monroeville, Ohio, as well as my employment with the North American Lutheran Church in general. Serving you and this ministry community since October of 2022 has been a deep, deep joy, but recent events in my life have led me to a very prayerful decision to enter into early retirement from normal pastoral ministry. I do not have any solid plans at this time, but I do need to seek out new purpose. Upon reviewing Trinity's ministry calendar, I firmly believe it is best for my date of retirement to be July 15, 2026.

It really has been a joy serving Christ with you.

Grace and peace, always,



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Rev. Dr. Jess Abbott, Great Lakes Area Assistant to the Bishop
Rev. Dr. Amy C. Little, General Secretary & Chief Operating Officer
Rev. Dr. Daniel W. Selbo, Bishop & Chief Executive Officer
Ms. Robin Harris, Operations Specialist

or requests let me know. We are going to put together a "New Journey " that will be indoors. This plan will work, with the help and passion that we had had in the past.

Property and Planning - Ken

- * Ken confirmed that trash service had been switched from Rumpke to Flashes trash service. Jen reported that the change was made and that we should receive a refund from Rumpke since we pre-paid for service with them.
- * Storm damage - matching siding is not available, insurance estimate will be coming within the week. Repair decisions will be made after we receive response from our insurer.
- * Kim Arter is taking care of updating the women's restroom. She received an estimate for flooring from Hill's Interiors and ordered a vanity to be made by a local cabinet maker. Pastor Dan moved that we turn this project over to the property committee. Gary 2nd, motion passed

Pastor's Report - Pastor Dan

- * Monroeville High School is requesting we place an ad in their yearbook. Council gave general consent to place the ad.
- * Cara Kinn will be confirmed on 5/24/26.
- * The copier contract will be expiring in a few months. A new copier with a full finisher will cost about \$60 more per month. After some questions from council members, Pastor Dan asked if we wanted to look at other options, but assured us that it is in the budget.
- * Monica N. is organizing workers to provide nursery care during worship.

Pastor moved to adjourn, Cindy 2nd, adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by Jeff Little

TLC Prayer List

Keep the following in your continued prayers:

Natalee Newland*, Olivia*, Leslie Warnke*, Travis Seip*, Amy*, Wesley Newland*, Ila*, Pr. Wayne, Jason Funk, Scott Bauer, Rick Schipple*, Sue Underwood, Nathan Berry, Nicole Kiefer, Nancy Gfell, Pat McDonald, Tom White, Nevaeh, Dotti, Bill, Sandra, Rose Reinbolt, Arlene Anderson, Mitzi Denzer, Joyce, Marlene Signs.

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

NALC / MIDWESTERN AREA

NEWS & UPDATES

you can also find this information posted on the bulletin boards outside the offices

*** Continental Youth Gathering**
Roanoke, VA July 7-10, 2026
Registration Due April 15th

*** North Central Ohio Mission District Matters**

- In search of a Secretary to serve on executive council. Executive council meets four times a year in the evening in Monroeville. Contact the dean, Pastor Kathy, if you are interested.
- Seeking nominations for:
 - > Clergy (3-yr term)
 - > Laity (3-yr term)
 - > Treasurer (2-yr term)

TLC Happenings



January: Humane Society - \$90.86
 February: Non-Food Bank - \$98.80
 March: Lifewise Program - \$189.31
 April: Mystery Trip - \$116.59



- ◆ May 10th - Mother's Day Breakfast
- ◆ May 17th - Last day of Sunday School - Recognition Sunday
- ◆ May 24th - Confirmation
- ◆ May 31st - Graduate Recognition
- ◆ June 29th - Mystery Trip
- ◆ July 26, 27, 28, 29 - Vacation Bible School

May Worship Assistants

Date	Lector	Greeter	Acolyte
May 3	Miriam Tommas	Gary & Paula Underwood	
May 10	Candi Kinn	Chris & Lori Griffith	
May 17	Becky Bores	Don & Miriam Tommas	
May 24	Carolyn Adelman	Carolyn Adelman	
May 31	Mike Tommas	Jim & Ramona Thill	

Altar Workers for May: Linda Krueger & Lori Griffith

May Coffee Hosts



May 3	Cindy Schuller
May 10	Mother's Day
May 17	Darlene White
May 24	Gary & Paula Underwood
May 31	

April Offering

April 5	\$2998
April 12	\$2830
April 19	\$1993
April 26	\$1990
April Online Giving	\$227.21

We needed **\$2615** each week to make our budget. Thank you for continuing to faithfully support the Lord's work.

We are **behind \$2,420.79*** for 2026.

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 April 30, 2026**

May 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 Arnold Underwood B-day Jake Underwood B-day Raylynn Lavalley B-day Ken Underwood B-day	2 Don Boehler B-day
3	4 Hayden Corbin B-day	5 Nate Griffith Baptismal Anniversary	6 Ken & Diane Amett Anniversary Linda Krueger B-day Sewing Group Lifewise Program Choir Practice 5:30	7 Erica Clinker B-day Bible Study 4:30	8	9
10 Carter Perry B-day Mother's Day Breakfast	11 Andrew Morfier B-day Trystan Peterson B-day	12 Stella Schuller Baptismal Anniversary	13 Lifewise Program Choir Practice 5:30 Church Council Mtg 5:30	14 Doug & Patti Anderson Anniversary Bible Study 4:30	15 Jay Kinn B-day	16
17 Jim Pocock B-day Kaylee Roeder Baptismal Anniversary Recognition Sunday	18 Jeff & Sara Anderson Anniversary	19 John Anderson B-day	20 Morgan Clinker B-day Sewing Group Lifewise Program Choir Practice 5:30	21 Ava Krueger Baptismal Anniversary Davide Herner B-day Zoe White B-day Bible Study 4:30	22 Dan & Tonia Smith Anniversary Julie Roeder B-day Samanatha Wilhelm Baptismal Anniv.	23
24 Debbie Ludwig B-day Jeff Schuller B-day Confirmation	25 Don Tommas B-day Memorial Day	26	27 Christian Clinker Baptismal Anniv Erica Clinker Baptismal Anniversary Samuel Clinker Baptismal Anniversary Lifewise Program Choir Practice 5:30	28 Dave & Lorie Pierce Anniversary Bible Study 4:30	29 Ramona Thill B-day	30 Dan Clinker B-day Sue Schwan B-day
31 Graduate Recognition						