

Trinity Lutheran Church

Monroeville, Ohio

"Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding." Proverbs 3:5

IMPORTANT REMINDERS

Red Cross Blood Drive: September 4th
Log on to: www.redcrossblood.org
to schedule your appointment to give blood.

Sewing Group: August 5th & 19th

Christian Ed Mtg: Wednesday, August 5th @ 5:30pm

Worship Committee Mtg: August 9th after service

Council Meeting: Wednesday, August 12th @ 5:30pm

Bible Study @ TLC:Thursdays @ 4:30pm

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Letter from Council

If you were not present at service on July 19, 2026, below is the address given before service that morning.

As your TLC council, we wanted to say a few things about the situation we, as a congregation, find ourselves in again, looking for a new pastor.

Some positive information we need to keep in mind:

- We are, as a congregation, “well rehearsed”; we have done this before and we “know the rules”.
- We, as a congregation, are stronger because of our past struggles.
- We are blessed as a congregation to have many members who are willing and able to fill in for us during this process; with that being said, we do not plan to hire an interim supply pastor.
- We as a congregation need to stick together and remember: With God, all things are possible!

Some other key points to keep in mind:

- With or without a pastor, we need to show up, BE PRESENT ON SUNDAYS!
- Be supportive of each other and be supportive of the budget, please remember we still have a budget to meet; continue to give weekly during collection. We would all love to see that red line in the bulletin disappear. We would also love for a prospective pastor to not see that red line.



Council

President: Ken Underwood

Vice President: Rob Ludwig

Treasurer: Jennifer Miller

Secretary: Jennifer Miller

Christian Ed: Missy Kluding

Youth: Jennifer Miller

Parish Life: Cindy Schuller

Worship/GIFTS Team: Carolyn Adelman,
Bonnie Gfell

Call Committee Liaison: Bonnie Gfell

Mission Team: Gary Underwood

Property Team: Dan Smith, Ken Underwood, Gary Underwood

Staff (volunteer & paid)

Volunteer Coordinator & Office Assistant:
Tonia Smith

MYC Director: Jennifer Miller & Tonia Smith

Organist: Julie Roeder

Organist: Andrew Morfier

Christian Ed: Missy Kluding

Custodian: Jennifer Miller

Parish Life: Cindy Schuller

Pastor:

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- The call process is a spiritual process of discernment led by the Holy Spirit; it is God's process. For this reason, we all need to PRAY.
- Calling a pastor is not about hiring an employee; it is much more like a marriage. We need to take our time, be patient, pray that the right fit is sent to us, and "wait for the lord".
- There will be monthly updates, just as we did in the past, to let you all know any news on the process.

Before introducing the call committee, I would like to share a few verses from the Good Book:

- From Joshua 1:9- "Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid or discouraged; the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go." Notice what God says after "Do not be afraid": **Not**, I'll fix it immediately, **Not** I'll explain everything. He says, for I am with you; his presence has always been the promise.
- From Philippians 4:13- "I can do all things through Him who gives me strength."
- From Isaiah 40:31 - "But those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength, they will soar on wings like eagles, they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint."
- From Jeremiah 29:11- "For I know the plans I have for you, plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future."
- From Psalm 27- "Wait for the Lord, be strong and let your heart take courage."
- And finally, words from my friend Ramona: "Don't be afraid, God has got this!"

The following members have been chosen to be on the call committee: Candi Kinn, Jason Nuhfer, Jim Thill, Doug Arter, Angie Swanbeck, and Bonnie Gfell as the council representative.

Church Council Minutes ~ July 8, 2026

Present: Ken Underwood, Rob Ludwig, Bonnie Gfell, Jennifer Miller, Carolyn Adelman, Dan Smith, Cindy Schuller

Absent: Pastor Dan, Gary Underwood, Missy Kluding

Devotions & Prayer:

Ken opened with a prayer

Minutes & Treasurer's Report:

Minutes from June 3rd were reviewed. Ken made a motion to accept, and Dan seconded. Motion carried. Minutes from June 25th were reviewed. Carolyn made a motion to accept; Ken seconded. Motion carried.

The Treasurer's report was reviewed. Rob made a motion to accept; Cindy seconded, motion carried.

Committee Reports:**Property and Planning - Ken**

Ladies' bathroom renovation should be done before VBS.

The siding has been ordered, just waiting for it to arrive.

Water still in the basement; Ken and Gary are continuing to work on this to eliminate the water issue down there.

Parish Life – Cindy

Potluck for Pastor Dan was very well attended, both with dishes brought and with people. Thank you, everyone.

Worship – Carolyn

Carolyn reported on the Worship committee meeting that was held on Tuesday, July 7th. Members of the committee are: Moncia, Angie, Carolyn, Jim, Tonia, Julie, and Jennifer. The meeting was a very productive one. We have a list started of who will run worship services starting July 19th and going all the way until December. Nothing was planned for Advent season yet, but as we get closer, we will make those plans. We will be looking at how we can have someone come mid-week to give a small service and bless communion so that it can be used on Sunday.

Discussion was held on how to handle compensation for those that are filling in as a supply pastor for us. Rob made a motion to pay a supply pastor \$225 plus mileage; Bonnie seconded, motion carried.

Bonnie made a motion that we give Monica \$100 for each service, pending more information regarding paying her. Rob seconded the motion; motion carried.

It was also discussed that when we have someone come midweek, we will have to pay them as well.

Christian Education – Missy

VBS is July 26-29. Final VBS meeting finishing crafts and beginning decorating will be on Wednesday, July 22 at 5:15 pm. Finish decorating on Friday, July 24; time to be determined. Still in need of additional volunteers to help with decorating and clean up.

President's Report - Ken

Will be getting with Lori to work on planning for The Journey.

Pastor's Report – Pastor Dan

Nothing to report.

Old Business

Call committee members have been chosen. Ken will reach out to each person before the July 19th service to let them know they were chosen and that they will be introduced to the congregation during worship on the 19th.

Discussion was had on the Malawi trip reimbursement for Pastor Dan. From the June council meeting a motion was made to reimburse the amount that was given towards the 2026 Trip, \$390. Discussion was had on the expenses that may come in from the Continental Youth Gathering. It was noted that Cara & Candi Kinn did not attend due to a family emergency. Jennifer made a note that there is budgeted money for Convention and Professional Expenses/Continuing Education that can be used to reimburse for this if needed.

Discussion was had about having Pastor complete an exit interview. Ken has a document that he will have Pastor fill out. Bonnie mentioned that she read in the call committee process manual that there is another form that should be filled out for this.

New Business

Discussion was held on roles/positions for the two new council members. Carolyn will be the council rep for the Worship and GIFTS team. Bonnie has taken the role of being the council rep for the Call Committee. Discussion was had about who would fill the role of Secretary. It was noted that Jennifer does a great job at it. Jennifer agreed that she would fulfill the role of secretary until the end of the year, which is the end of her term.

A motion to adjourn was made by Ken, and Dan seconded. The motion was carried.

We prayed the Lord's Prayer and said goodnight.

Next meeting on August 12th

Respectfully submitted by Jennifer Miller, Treasurer

*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*, Nathan Berry, Nancy Gfell, Pat McDonald, Tom White, Nevaeh, Arlene Anderson, Mitzi, Joyce Ditz, Kevin Killingsworth, Lonnie Laser, Cooper Adams, Randy Anderson, Charee, Jaime, Kathy, Matthew, Jay Thurston, Bob, Aiden

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

July 26, 2026

Dear Trinity Folks,

Thank you so much for the kind departure gift you gave me for retirement. The card you signed was also a treasure. But most of all, thank you again for allowing me to share some of your time in Jesus Christ our Lord. It was and is truly a blessing, even as I say, "Till we meet again."

Grace and peace, always,

Rev. Daniel I. Pennington

TLC Happenings



January: Humane Society - \$90.86
 February: Non-Food Bank - \$98.80
 March: Lifewise Program - \$189.31
 April: Mystery Trip - \$116.59
 May: NALC Disaster Relief - \$157.55
 June: Love Bus - \$100.63
 July: MOCP Student - \$150.78



School Supplies Collection

A box will be in the
 Narthex during the
 month of August



August Worship Assistants

DATE	PASTOR/LAY PERSON	LECTOR	GREETER	ACOLYTE
August 2	Monica Nuhfer	Miriam Tommas	Carolyn Adelman	
August 9	Monica Nuhfer	Daniel Clinker		
August 16	Candi Kinn & Angie Swanbeck	Jennifer Miller	Gary & Paula Underwood	
August 23	Pastor Amy Little	Paula Underwood	Ken & Deb Underwood	
August 30	Pastor Amy Little	Daniel Clinker		

Altar Workers for August: Linda Myers

August Coffee Hosts

August 2	Cindy Schuller
August 9	Steve & Donna Covlin
August 16	Kathy Pocock
August 23	
August 30	Darlene White

July Offering

July 5	\$3,080
July 12	\$1,658
July 19	\$2,120
July 26	\$1,760
July Online Giving	\$257.21

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

We are **behind \$7857.16* 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 July 31**

August 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2 Harmony Lavalley B-day Stacie Gessling B-day	3 Evelyn Tonelli B-day	4 Christian Clinker B-day	5 Nancy Gtell B-day Sewing Group Christian Ed Meeting 5:30	6 Jeff Anderson B-day Randy Schafer B-day Bible Study 4:30	7	8
9 Devin Reineck B-day	10	11 Adam Gerber B-day Tori Boies	12 Josh Arnett B-day Tom & Donna Otto Anniv. Church Council Mtg 5:30	13 Bible Study 4:30	14	15 Miriam Tommas B-day
16 Gabby Smarr B-day	17 Devin Reineck Baptism Anniv. Morgan Clinker Baptism Anniv. Natalie Judge Baptism Anniv. Olivia Clinker Baptism Anniv. Taylor Holland Baptism Anniv. Thomas Clinker Baptism Anniv. Tyler Reineck Baptism Anniv.	18	19 Craig & Jennifer Miller Anniv. Sewing Group	20 Arthur Underwood B-day Lori Griffith Baptism Anniv. Steve & Donna Colvin Anniv. Bible Study 4:30	21 David Pierce B-day Melissa Roeder B-day	22 Kathy Pocock B-day Josie Lillo Baptism Anniv. Dan & Carolyn Adelman Anniv.
23	24 Ava Smith B-day Steve Kluding B-day Noah Little Baptism Anniv. Reece Kluding Baptism Anniv.	25 Steve Colvin B-day Don & Jan Weltlin Anniv.	26	27 Paxton Smith B-day	28	28 Josh Judge B-day Thomas Tonelli Baptism Anniv.
30 Derek Lavalley B-day	31 Marlene Signs B-day Bob Underwood Baptism Anniv.					