

TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

MONROEVILLE, OHIO

“But Jesus said, Suffer little children, and forbid them not, to come unto me: for of such is the kingdom of heaven.” (Matthew 14:19)

Important Reminders!

Red Cross Blood drive at TLC, is on November 5, 2021. Please log onto www.redcrossblood.org, to schedule your appointment to give blood.

Church Council October 13th @ 5:30.

It is important to use the calendar hanging in the hallway by the office if you wish to use the fellowship hall/building. Contact Tonia or Church Council President to get permission for last minute requests. This to help keep everyone aware of what is going on within the church and allow proper cleaning to take place. Thank you!!

Pastor's Letter

Peace and Grace to you all.

If you were alive in the 60s, you would be able to tell me who hosted a show called “Kids say the darndest things”. Art Linkletter would have children on the show and talk to them and ask them questions. True to the title, kids did say the darndest things.

I am a mental health counselor. I have been counseling adults and children for nearly 20 years. I have always enjoyed my time with people but for the last 2 ½ years, I have had a different kind of counseling. I am a Play Therapist. Two days a week, I go to a primary school and counsel children k through 2 at the parent's and teacher's request and play.

The hardest thing is knowing why these children need to be seen by me. Deaths, divorce, verbal and physical abuse and some things they have witnessed is difficult for them. It is difficult because children are trusting, caring, and vulnerable and I believe that because they are so young, there is still a part of them we don't understand. We have experienced too much.

What has changed me in the heart is laughing with them, singing, crying and talking by their side. The best thing is playing with them. It brings out the child in me. I delight in watching one defeat me in a game,



Council

- President** - Jim Thill
- Vice President** - Carolyn Adelman
- Treasurer** - Sharon Heyman
- Secretary** - Jennifer Miller
- Christian Ed** - Missy Kluding
- Youth** - Jennifer Miller
- Parish Life** - Charlene Henney
- GIFTS Team** - Marlene Signs & Carolyn Adelman
- Mission Team** – Lorie Pierce
- Habitat Project** - Lorie Pierce
- Property Team** - Dan Clinker and Bret Gfell

Staff (volunteer & paid)

- MYC Director** -Jenn Miller & Tonia Smith
- Volunteer Coordinator, Office Assistant** - Tonia Smith
- Tech Guru** - Nate Griffith
- Organist** - Andrew Morfier
- Organist** - Julie Roeder
- Custodian** - Linda Myers
- Pastor** – Pastor Patti Abel

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shooting baskets, being silly and just being a little child.

Children are born blameless, innocent, and joyful. They are silly, thoughtful, and full of life.

Experiencing all of those things with them is fun and will make you feel younger. **“..that you will prove yourselves to be blameless and innocent, children of God above reproach in the midst of a crooked and a perverse generation, among whom you appear as LIGHTS in the world” (Phillippians 2:15).**

So, take time and be childlike (not childish) once in a while. I can tell you it is good for the soul.

~Pastor Patti~

Nov. 7th is All Saints Sunday.

If anyone has a name for the "Saints" list, please let Ramona know.

Church Council Minutes: August 12, 2021

Present: Jim Thill, Pastor Amy Little, Jennifer Miller, Marlene Signs, Charlene Henney, Lorie Pierce, Missy Kluding, Carolyn Adleman

Abesnt: Bret Gfell, Dan Clinker

Pastor Amy led us in a devotion from Luther’s Little Prayer book.

The Treasurer's Report, Investment Report and Minutes from our last meeting were reviewed. Lorie made motion to accept, Carolyn seconded the motion, motion carried.

Property and Planning Team: Jim reporting. Bats again the Sanctuary, spiders & bugs in the fellowship hall, look into exterminator or spraying for bugs and what we can do to remove the bats. Resealing of the fellowship hall will be needed in the future.

Christian Education: Missy reporting. VBS went well. We had approximately 45 kids attend. Teacher's retreat on August 29th. Rally Day September 12th.

Parish Life: Charlene reporting. Start First Wednesday dinner again on October 6th. September 5th dinner for Pastor will be a catered meal. Audrey Gaston, Darlene White & Debbie Ludwig are taking care of the details.

GIFTS Team: Nothing to report.

Mission Team: Lorie reporting. Chicken Dinner set for September 19th. Flyers will be done and posted to get the word out. Finalized menu to be decided at next mission meeting. Signup sheets for helpers will be passed around at church.

Habitat Project: Lorie reporting. Painting will be done on August 21st at Jenny's house. Connie will be providing the lunch.

Youth Team: Lots of our kids attended VBS and the older kids helped out. Youth club to begin in October.

Pastor's Report: Baptism on August 22nd for Josepine Lillo and on August 29th for Thomas Tonelli, Bentley Miller, and Kodah Anderson. Funeral service for John Muth on August 28th and Don Wangler a date to be determined later. Pastor Patti begins on September 12th. She will be on vacation on September 26th. Her office hours will be on Thursday's. Advent services may need to be changed to Thursday's. Financial online giving handled by Sharon & Jenn, Website handled by Candi, Facebook handled by Nate, Jenn, Missy, Candi, Bulletins & Newsletters handled by Jenn.

New Business: Discussion of getting new computers for the office (Tonia/Jenn's use).

Motion to Adjourn made by Charlene, Seconded by Marlene. Motion carried.

Prayed the Lord's Prayer and said Good Night.

Respectfully Submitted, *Jennifer Miller*, Secretary of Council

Church Council Minutes: September 8, 2021

Present: Jim Thill, Bret Gfell, Jennifer Miller, Marlene Signs, Charlene Henney, Lorie Pierce, Missy Kluding, Carolyn Adleman

Absent: Dan Clinker, Pastor Patti

The Treasurer's Report, Investment Report and Minutes from our last meeting were reviewed. Carolyn made motion to accept, Charlene seconded the motion, motion carried.

Property and Planning Team: Jim reporting. Mower has some problems, cost to fix it is \$220. It is 30 years old. Copy machine provider has changed, we will be getting a new copier. Discussed snow plowing for this year.

Christian Education: Missy reporting. Theme for Sunday School this year Power up with Prayer. Will be doing the sponsor a Sunday school kid again this year, calling it Prayer Buddies. Lessons will be from the Old Testament. We will be giving out attendance tickets to the kids for a chance to win a basket at the end of each month instead of doing the question of the week. Rally day we will be doing prayer rocks, and games. No fundraiser last year for the youth, tossing around idea of doing a mystery dinner in the Spring as a fundraiser instead of calendars. Carolyn and Darlene will be delivering the school supplies we collected to the schools.

Parish Life: Charlene reporting. First Wednesday will be October 6th at 5:30pm. Menu to be determined, possibly use up the leftovers from the catered meal.

GIFTS Team: Nothing to report.

Mission Team: Lorie reporting. Chicken dinner on Sept 19th. BBQ chicken, green beans, salad and dessert. We will have it as eat in or take out. Cost is \$10 donation.

Habitat Project: Lorie reporting. House is done being painted. At this time our obligations to help have been fulfilled.

Youth Team: Still looking to hold Youth Club in October for 4 weeks. Just need to get with Pastor Patti and work on the details.

New Business: Discussion of changing council meetings to Thursday. Still getting numbers back to figure final cost on the catered meal. Meal was paid from the general fund. It was discussed if we should take money from the Fidelity account to replace the money used from the general fund. Motion made to use general fund and we can take money from the Fidelity account later if we need to. Motion approved.

Reminder to use the calendar in the hallway by the office for use of the fellowship hall/building. Contact Tonia or President of Council for permission.

Motion to Adjourn made by Charlene, Seconded by Marlene. Motion carried.

Prayed the Lord's Prayer and said Good Night.

Respectfully Submitted, *Jennifer Miller*, Secretary of Council

October Worship Assistants

Date	10:30 am Lector	10:30 am Greeters/Ushers	Acolyte
October 3	Candi Kinn	Tonia Smith	
October 10	Candi Kinn		
October 17	Jeff Reineck		
October 24	Jeff Reineck		
October 31	Jeff Reineck	Velda Haley	

Altar Workers for October: Carolyn Adelman

October Coffee Hosts

October 3	Jennifer Miller
October 10	Cindy Schuller
October 17	Bob & Sue Underwood
October 24	Tom & Darlene White
October 31	OPEN

Thank you to all my church family for helping me to celebrate my 90th birthday. You are all so supportive and I love all of you.
~Velda~

Dear Trinity Lutheran VBS & Darlene,

On Behalf of Flat Rock Homes, I Thank You for the generous donation of in-kind items. I guarantee they will be used throughout the homes as needed. We are blessed by your willingness to partner with us to care for those with intellectual and developmental disabilities. As partners in ministry please let me know if there are ways in which I can be of help to Trinity Lutheran. Our prayers are with you.
Gratefully,

Deaconess Sherri Buehl



August & September Offering

8/1: \$2526

9/5: \$3174

8/8: \$1210

9/12: \$1745

8/15: \$1545

9/19: \$971

8/22: \$2112

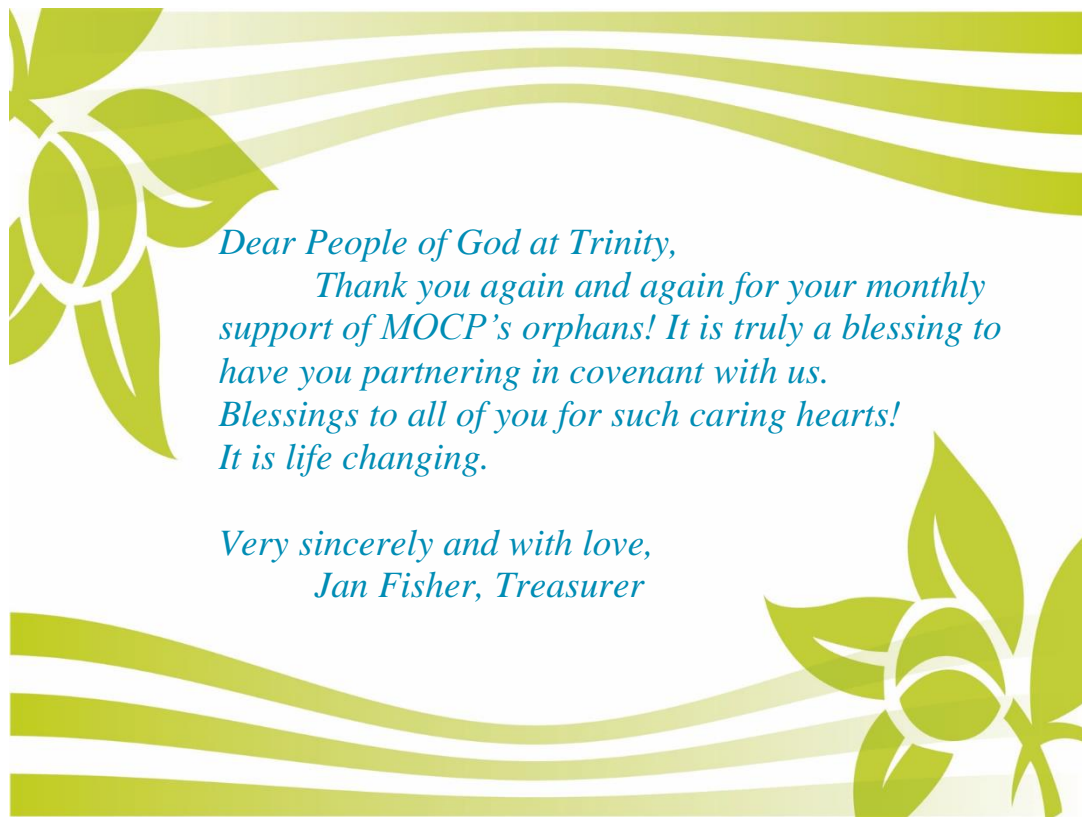
9/26: \$1284

8/29: \$2509

E-giving July 28 – September 22: \$966.05

We need \$2372 each week to make our budget. Thank you for continuing to faithfully support the Lord's work. We are behind by **\$6284** for the year so far. 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 going to <https://faithlife.com/tlc-monroeville-finance-team/activity>



*Dear People of God at Trinity,
Thank you again and again for your monthly support of MOCP's orphans! It is truly a blessing to have you partnering in covenant with us. Blessings to all of you for such caring hearts! It is life changing.*

*Very sincerely and with love,
Jan Fisher, Treasurer*

Kanyenyeva September Report 2021.

Average number of children fed (in hundreds): 806

Average number of feeding days per week: 6 days a week. Feeding is going on very well.

Number of high school students: 73

Number of boarding school students: Seven. Six in high school and one in college.

Status of National High School attendees: Students are back in school.

The success of high school students

We are very excited that Blessings Msonthi continues to excel academically. The good news is that he is starting his university studies at Kamuzu College of Nursing in September. We will keep updating you on the progress. This is a four-year course.

Precious will be going back to school for a new year on September 10. He is doing very well in school. He passed in all his subjects last school year.

Status of soap business:

More materials have been ordered from Tanzania and when they arrive we will share with the group that got the training in order for them to start their own businesses of soap making. Right now they still work as a group and for the ministry. We have been sharing the kids and the volunteers, the soap they have been making and some is being used in the DFG kits.

Status of chicken/egg business:

The status remains the same. We have started the work, we will be sharing the progress.

Status of Kanyenyeva Wala:

Kanyenyeva Wala together with other enterprises went to Kasungu in the month of August to distribute the SUPREME kits to 9 schools in the district. It was so fulfilling, to see the beautiful smiles of hundreds of girls that benefited. This project continues to touch so many lives around Malawi and the women and children of Kanyenyeva.

Testimony

Flora Willard, benefitted with the tailoring training that MOCP/KANYENYEVA MINISTRIES provided. She worked hard to perfect her work as was required. She also attended and graduated with a DFG certificate after receiving the skills to make different reusable sanitary pads components.

With the recognition of the Days for Girls International, and the involvement with the First lady's initiative, Flora worked so hard, put in so many hours to meet the assigned target. In the end she was paid generously for her hard work.

With the money she received Flora bought goats that she is keeping with the hope that they will reproduce and that she can make more money. She has invested her money to make more. This is so encouraging to see. Lives are getting transformed.

We thank God for Flora.

Status of the farm:

The banana plants are growing well. We are still working on finding lasting solutions in making sure that the bananas are getting enough water during this dry season since we do not have irrigation system in place. We have identified some treadle pumps to help ease the labor of drawing water from the wells to water the plants. The tractor is still running strong. Land preparation has started in readiness for the next growing season.

Funds permitting, we would want to dig several wells and connect them to a pump/pumps to irrigate the field.

Other:**Sports equipment and gym**

We need more balls, toys and other materials that the children can play with at the project. We wait until we have enough funds for this. The current funds cannot be used for this program for now.

The well

We have found several options on the well. On how we can run by solar energy and provide running water for both the Skills Centre and the villages around.

Women volunteers and the committee

The women and the committee still remain strong and continue to serve the children with passion.

Clothes, and shoes

We would love to provide the children with clothes, shoes as well, funds permitting. Most children rely on the clothes that the ministry has been providing to them and it has been some time since we did that.

Blankets

This is one of the area we need to consider. We think we need to have a special fundraiser for this so that we can provide blankets to many of our children at once.

