

TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH MONROEVILLE, OHIO

For unto us a child is born....and his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. (Isaiah9:6)

Important Reminders!

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

Church Council December 9th @ 5:30.

Catechism Schedule
December 5th
January 2nd
February 6th
12pm - 2pm

Christmas Eve Service
3pm @ Pontiac
10pm @ Trinity

Youth Club
January 12th, 19th, 26th & February 2nd from 2:45 - 5pm.

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Pastor's Letter

It's December. The most exciting month of the year. Why? Well, because we get to open gifts and buy gifts and Santa comes down the chimney and leave things for good little boys and girls. I guess Santa doesn't like kids that make mistakes. Hmm. That's not fair. All children are good in Gods eyes.

It's a time for us to spend more money than we really have. Also, a time for friends and family to get together and rejoice together that we are a family and to show love to one another by making a sacrifice or two and also a really good dinner. But in all this hustle and bustle that our world around us has created, we cannot let the birth of our Lord become secondary.

When we think about Christmas we first have to go to prayer and thank God for the greatest gift that could ever be given. The greatest gift, being our Lord Jesus Christ, cannot be bought, nor can it be duplicated.

There is no sweater, appliance, gadget, toy or game that can ever take the place of just being with our Lord. Let's keep that in mind this year as we open our gifts and enjoy our family, children and grandchildren. Let's realize that joy and love comes from the one who made us. He gave us the greatest gift of all, His love. You can't buy it. It's free!

~Pastor Patti~





Council

President - Jim Thill

Vice President - Carolyn Adelman

Treasurer - Sharon Heyman

Secretary - Jennifer Miller

Christian Ed - Missy Kluding

Youth - Jennifer Miller

Parish Life – Cindy Schuller

Worship/GIFTS Team - Carolyn Adelman

Mission Team – Lorie Pierce

Habitat Project - Lorie Pierce

Property Team - Dan Clinker, Bret Gfell, & Dan Smith

Staff (volunteer & paid)

Volunteer Coordinator, Office Assistant - Tonia Smith

MYC Director - Jenn Miller & Tonia Smith

Tech Guru - Nate Griffith

Organist - Andrew Morfier

Organist - Julie Roeder

Custodian - Linda Myers

Pastor – Pastor Patti Abel

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Keep in mind that she does have other obligations and her phone number should only be used in an emergency.

Call Process Update

I am happy to inform all, that we now have a call committee formed. At the congregational meeting 7 members came forward and accepted this most important position, Dan Clinker, Bonnie Gfell, Lori Griffith, Candi Kinn, Rob Ludwig, Rachelle Schuller, and Mary Lynn Sutter. As we begin the call process, we ask that the whole congregation prays for our church and the call committee. We as Lutherans believe that God calls individuals for his church. The call committee and congregation will discern God's will through prayer, interviews, healthy conversation, and finally the vote of the congregation. The call committee will be guided by the NALC Call Process Manual. The first several pages refer to scriptures and how they relate to calling a pastor. The overall theme is God controls the call in his time frame. We are not just "hiring" an employee but looking for a marriage between us and our new pastor. In the near future the committee will hold a Congregational Workshop Preparatory. This is a one-day meeting to include the call committee, church council, and members of the congregation. Here our needs and spiritual health will be discussed. By the end of the workshop, we should have a good idea what our church is looking for in a new pastor. Also, many questions will be answered that will aid the committee in completing the congregational profile. This profile when completed will be forwarded to the ABME, Assistant to the Bishop for Ministry and Ecumenism. It is from this profile that the bishop will match our needs with prospective pastors. It is obvious that the workshop and profile are extremely important steps in the call process. In the next few weeks, I encourage you to talk to the call committee members and make known your concerns, spiritual needs, and direction you want TLC to go from this point on. Please keep TLC and the committee in your prayers.

Yours In Christ
Jim Thill

Church Council Minutes: November 18, 2021

Present: Jim Thill, Bret Gfell, Marlene Signs, Lorie Pierce, Missy Kluding, Carolyn Adelman, Pastor Patti, Dan Clinker, Jennifer Miller

Abesnt: Charlene Henney

We began the meeting in prayer led by Pastor Patti.

The Treasurer's Report, Investment Report and Minutes from our last meeting were reviewed. Bret made motion to accept, motion carried by all in attendance.

Property and Planning Team: Bret reporting. We have the contract for Miller's for snow removal. Thank you to Jeff Little and Jim Thill for taking care of the mowing. Fire alarm testing and fire extinguisher inspections will be done sometime this month should be getting a bill for that and them fixing the alarm system soon. Urinal still needs fixed; Bret will look at getting this taken care of.

Christian Education: Missy reporting. Our first attendance award went to Braxton. Continue to do the monthly attendance award. Planning something for Christmas at our next meeting (tonight).

Parish Life: Nothing new to report.

Gifts Team: Carolyn reporting. Our year of prayer has come to an end, but we should continually pray. Prayer pins were handed out, and more will be given out at the congregational meeting.

Mission Team: Lorie reporting. We are doing a pie fundraiser this month. We received word that the borders have opened up, so fingers crossed they stay open.

Youth Team: Youth Club's first session just ended. It went very well. We had about 20 kids in attendance. We will begin back up on January 12th for 4 weeks. Junior high and high school kids handed out candy during trick or treat. We are hoping to have an activity for those kids each month. Catechism started on November, there were four kids in attendance.

Pastor's Report: Visited with and gave Harry Heimrich communion. There will be a celebration of life lunch on Saturday November 20 for Harry. His cremains will be buried in the memorial garden.

New Business: Budget for 2022 was reviewed. Thank you to those on the budget committee: Julie, Bret, Sharon, and Jim. Carolyn made a motion to accept the budget, Dan seconded the motion. Motion carried. There are 3 council terms ending, Bret, Charlene, and Marlene. Bret as agreed to stay on for another term. Marlene and Charlene will be stepping down. Cindy Schuller volunteered to take Charlene's place. There will be no Thanksgiving eve service or dinner this year. Motion was made to have a fee of \$150 to have cremains buried in the memorial garden. Motion approved. Christmas Eve Service at Pontiac at 3pm and 10pm at Trinity.

Motion made to adjourn, Seconded by everyone. Motion carried.

Prayed the Lord's Prayer and said Good Night.

Respectfully Submitted, *Jennifer Miller*, Secretary of Council

Congregational Meeting Minutes November 21, 2021

Jim Thill went over the budget for 2022. There were no questions. Carolyn Adelman moved to approve the budget for 2022. Tonia Smith seconded. Budget was approved by raising of hands.

We have two council members going off this year: Charlene and Marlene. Cindy Schuller offered to take Charlene's place on council for Parish Life. Nominations needed for one other member. Carolyn nominated Gary Underwood, he declined. Ramona nominated Dan Smith, he accepted. Motion made to vote for new council members by Jim, motion approved by raising of hands.

Jim spoke on the Call Process and the need for us to get our call committee formed in order to begin process of calling a new Pastor. We will be including Pontiac since they are our sister church and contribute financially to Trinity. Six of the seven members have volunteered or been appointed. Dan Clinker will be the council representative, Mary Lynn Sutter, Bonnie Gfell, Candi Kinn, Rob Ludwig, Lori Griffith have accepted the position on the call committee. We need one more person to volunteer or be nominated. Tonia Smith made a motion that younger adult be on the committee. Nomination of Rachelle Schuller, Reese Kluding, Christian Clinker were made. Rachelle Schuller accepted nomination. Motion made to approve the call committee members by raising of hands, motion approved.

Bonnie spoke briefly about our giving.

Tonia Smith made motion to adjourn, Rachelle seconded.

"In Bethlehem, the angel announced tidings of great joy. Jesus wanted to share his joy with his apostles and prayed that 'my joy may be yours.' Joy was the password of the first Christians. In various ways, St. Paul repeats the refrain, of joy: 'Rejoice in the Lord always, again I say, rejoice.' Remember, joy is not simply a matter of temperament, but of choice; it must be cultivated."

~Mother Teresa~

Fellowship Hall Use:

If you would like to use or need to use the fellowship hall for any reason, please contact one of the following people: Tonia Smith, Jim Thill, or Jennifer Miller, to ensure it is available for use.

You can also look at the calendar located in the hallway by the offices.

We want to be sure there are no conflicts with groups or events happening within the church.

Thank you!

Youth Club was back in session for 3 weeks starting on November 7th. We had about 20 kids that enjoyed learning about the Armor of God, doing crafts, playing games, singing songs, and of course making some food to eat.

We will continue our lessons on the Armor of God starting again on January 12th.



In October some of our youth had fun dressing up and passing out candy during trick or treat

Sunday School Attendance Basket Winners

October



Braxton Issacs

November



Lynnsee Miller

December Worship Assistants

Date	10:30 am Lector	10:30 am Greeters/Ushers	Acolyte
December 5	Bonnie Gfell	Brett & Bonnie Gfell	
December 12	Jan Weltlin	Schuller's	
December 19	Paula Underwood		
December 24	Jan Weltlin	Schuller's	
December 26	Paula Underwood		

Altar Workers for December: Darlene White & Connie Brown

December Coffee Hosts

- December 5 Dan & Erica Clinker
- December 12 Cindy Schuller
- December 19 Tom & Darlene White
- December 26 Jeff Reineck & Barb G.

November Offering

- 10/31: \$941
- 11/07: \$2622
- 11/14: \$1068
- 11/21: \$1279
- 11/28: \$1400
- E-giving Oct. 28 – Nov. 28: \$321.80

We need **\$2372** each week to make our budget. Thank you for continuing to faithfully support the Lord's work. We are behind by **\$12,147** 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>

