

TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH MONROEVILLE, OHIO

“Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.” (Matthew 5:8)

Important Reminders!

Red Cross Blood drive at TLC, is February 4th & March 4th. Please log onto www.redcrossblood.org, to schedule your appointment to give blood.

Church Council February 10th @ 5:30.

Catechism Schedule
February 6th
March 6th
April 3rd
12pm – 2pm

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Pastor’s Letter

So we say goodbye to January and hopefully snow at least this much. Don't take me wrong I love snow I think it's pretty but I don't like to drive in it. February is here. Presidents’ Day, Valentine's Day all apart of February. I thought it would be fun to look at some facts about Valentine's Day.

1. There really was a man named Valentine according to one legend. He actually sent the first Valentine greeting after he fell in love with a young girl who was possibly his jailer's daughter.
2. By the 18th century it was common for all classes to exchange small tokens of affection or handwritten notes and by 1900 printed cards began to replace the written letters.
3. The cards could be mean and hostile.
4. Today it's estimated 145 million Valentine's cards are sent out every year.
5. Over \$2.4 billion is spent on chocolate for Valentine's Day.

Even though it had negative things attached to it Valentine's Day ended up being the day that we celebrate love. Even small children would give away Valentines. The key for Christians is that it's based on love. Our faith in God is based on love. Now God is love. When we give Valentine's let's remember who taught us how to love.





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
- 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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Let's take a moment to remember those that we love, why we love them and show them love in a different way than in \$2.4 billion worth of chocolate. Tell them you love them, give each other hugs and it will be the best Valentine's Day gift you ever got. Pray for each other and pray blessings on each other and have a wonderful February.

~Pastor Patti~

Church Council Minutes: January 13, 2022

Present: Bruce Kinsel, Bret Gfell, Missy Kluding, Cindy Schuller, Dan Smith, Jim Thill, Jennifer Miller

Absent: Dan Clinker, Lorie Pierce, Pastor Patti

Bruce reported on the investment accounts for the past year.

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

New Business: Election of officers took place. Bret made motion to keep all officers the same. Jennifer seconded the motion. Motion carried. The Annual Congregational meeting scheduled for January 16th has been canceled. Elections committee members are as follows: Parish Life – Cindy Schuller; Property & Planning – Bret Gfell, Dan Smith, Dan Clinker; Youth – Jennifer Miller; Christian Ed – Missy Kluding; Gifts/Worship – Carolyn Adelman; Mission – Lorie Pierce. An audit of the books will need to be done. Audit committee will be Julie Roeder, Sharon Heyman, Jim Thill and Bret Gfell.

Property and Planning Team: Jim reporting. The fire alarm is still being worked on. It appears that the system we have is now obsolete and parts are hard to come by. Jim will reach out to someone to see what kind of options we have. Bret looked into the light outside the kitchen door. It is wired to a breaker in the closet, and it keeps tripping the breaker. Bret will look into a bit further to see what we need to do to get working properly.



Christian Education: Missy reporting. We will be collecting hats, gloves, mittens, and scarfs as our service project for January. Collected items will be taken down to the school for kids in need. Hot Chocolate bar was a big hit, we are going to have it again for the kids. Looking ahead at getting a class on the calendar for first communion.

Parish Life: Cindy reporting. Plans to work at cleaning up the kitchen. Cindy suggested using the meat in the freezer for one of the catechism meals for the kids so that it doesn't go to waste.

Gifts Team: Nothing new to report.

Mission Team: Nothing new to report.

Youth Team: Jenn reporting. We canceled the second session of Youth Club due to COVID cases in our area. We will be back at it the Fall. Starting to brainstorm and plan for Mystery Trips for the kids.

Pastor's Report: Nothing new to report.

Call Committee Report: A conference call is scheduled for January 23rd for an orientation for committee members. Once that is complete a workshop will be scheduled for committee members, council members and congregation members.

Motion made to adjourn by Jim, Seconded by Cindy. Motion carried.

Prayed the Lord's Prayer and said Good Night.

Respectfully Submitted, *Jennifer Miller*, Secretary of Council

Financial Audit

An audit of the church books was completed on Jan 30. Completing the audit was Bret Gfell, Julie Roeder, and Jim Thill. Presenting the ledgers was church treasurer Sharon Heyman. Expenditures, receipts, and checks written were examined. No discrepancies were noted. The ledgers were found to be neat and easily read and understood. Trinity is truly blessed to have Sharon as our treasurer, and we thank you!

Prayer List: Tom Wingate, Juanita Wingate, Tom Sutter, Mary Ann Guenther, Dick Boehler, Clyde Anderson, Natalee Newland, Rick Gfell, Carol, Ted Long, Dan Adelman, Jeff Griffith, Don Long, Jay Thurston and all who are suffering from the COVID virus. Please pray for peace in our country and in the world, and for all who have suffered at the hands of violence or prejudice.

Congregational Call Process

We wanted to take some time to introduce you to your Congregational Call Committee and familiarize you with the process of selecting a new pastor.

First, please allow me to introduce the members of your call committee.

Bonnie Gfell

Rob Ludwig

Lori Griffith

Rachelle Schuller

Dan Clinker – liaison to Church Council

Mary Lynn Sutter – liaison to our sister church at St Pete's

Candi Kinn – Call Committee Chairperson

These seven people have been asked to sit on this committee to listen and communicate with the entire congregation during the call process. The call process is a spiritual journey toward choosing the right person to pastor our church. We ask for your prayers and your involvement during this process.

On Sunday January 23rd we held our first meeting and took part in an orientation call with Shelly Schultz, the NALC assistant to the Bishop for Ministry and Ecumenism. Shelly was able to explain the process and steps we will be taking as we search for a new pastor. Our first step will be to work, as a congregation, to put together a Congregational Profile. Think of this as our church's resume. While we are looking to fill the position of pastor within our church, out there somewhere is a pastor looking to fill their heart with a new congregation. This is just as much an interview on our part as it is on theirs.

To put this Congregational Profile together, we will be hosting a Congregational Workshop on an upcoming Saturday, where we ask for your attendance to discuss and formulate exactly what our congregation is looking for in a pastor. This workshop is a very important step in the process, and we ask that you please plan to attend.

As I mentioned, our job on the call committee is to listen. If you have questions, concerns, or suggestions during this process we ask that you please communicate with one of the seven call committee members introduced above. We ask that you please be candid and do not submit these things anonymously. Our church is a family and we all have a voice. We want to hear from all so that we can make the best decision for our church as a whole.

Our second job as call committee is to communicate and keep the congregation informed about the process. We will start with weekly updates during service to inform the group of any changes, as well as sharing weekly gospel passages in your bulletin so that you can join us in prayerful discernment of the call process. Our first bible lesson which is printed in your bulletin this week, is Matthew 28: 17-20. Please read the passage and consider the included questions to help prepare your heart for the call of a new pastor.

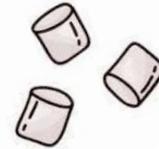
We will do our best to keep you informed about the process and will provide the date for the upcoming Congregational Workshop as soon as we have it scheduled.

- Candi Kinn, Call Committee Chairperson

Youth Happenings

Sunday School kids were welcomed back after a break between Christmas and New Years with a Hot Chocolate Bar.

YUMMI!



January Attendance
Basket Winner



Braxton

February Worship Assistants

Date	10:30 am Lector	10:30 am Greeters/Ushers	Acolyte
February 6	Daniel Clinker	Jim & Ramona Thill	Kaylee Roeder
February 13	Candi Kinn	Monica & Clara Barman	Isaac Krueger
February 20	Candi Kinn		Alex Schafer
February 27	Bonnie Gfell	Bret & Bonnie Gfell	Baylee Smith

Altar Workers for February: **Missy & Reece Kluding**

February Coffee Hosts

February 6	OPEN
February 13	Cindy Schuller
February 20	OPEN
February 27	Tom & Darlene White

January Offering

01/02:	\$2407
01/09:	\$1060
01/16:	\$1076
01/23:	\$1030
01/30:	\$2067

E-giving Dec. 27 – Jan 31: \$371

We need **\$2078** each week to make our budget. Thank you for continuing to faithfully support the Lord’s work. We are behind by **\$2379** 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>