

TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH MONROEVILLE, OHIO

“You are chosen, holy and dearly loved.” (Colossians 3:12)

Important Reminders!

Red Cross Blood drive at TLC, is May 6th. Please log onto www.redcrossblood.org, to schedule your appointment to give blood.

Church Council April 13th @ 5:30.

Confirmation - April 10th

Midweek Service: Soup and Lenten Worship on Wednesday's during Lent
Soup @ 6pm Service @ 7pm

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Pastor’s Letter

As we March into spring it gets warmer and it gets prettier in many ways. This is a time of warming weather and nature coming back to life. As flowers bloom and animals are born, we're reminded of the innocence and beauty that exists in the world and there's new life all around us.

As Christians we are given new life and new mercies every morning. Spring provides us with reminders of our new life and new mercies given to us. Song of Solomon 2:11 - 12 says. “For behold the winter is past; the rain is over and gone. The flowers appear on the earth, the time of singing has come, and the voice of the turtledove is heard in our land.” With this being the season of Lent and Easter, we should remember constantly how much God loves us, and the cost Jesus gave for us to be free.

Take time in spring to sit and look at the beauty and wonder of what God created for us, and what we can do in thankfulness. Let the reflection of the beauty of His creation reflect through us.

~ 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
- 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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Church Council Minutes: March 9, 2022

Present: Cindy Schuller, Dan Smith, Jim Thill, Bret Gfell, Carolyn Adelman, Pastor Patti, Jennifer Miller, Dan Clinker

Absent: Lori Pierce, Missy Kluding

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

Property and Planning Team: Jim reporting. Nothing new to report.

Christian Education: Carolyn reporting. Madyson Miller and Baylee Smith are set to be confirmed on April 10th. VBS Theme has been picked out and some dates have been chosen for July/August depending on the Malawi Mission trip dates. Mystery Trip schedule for June 20-23. Tonia and Monica are working on planning the details. Easter service will be at 10:30am with brunch and egg hunt at 9am. Motion made to approve the confirmands. Dan Smith made motion to approve, Dan Clinker seconded then motion, motion passed.

Parish Life: Cindy reporting. We will be having ham loaf for Maundy Thursday. Sign up sheets will go around for potato, vegetable, salad, and dessert. Mother's Day breakfast on May 8th. Use the left-over meat in freezer for soup supers.

Gifts Team: Carolyn reporting. Zoom class going on right now for lent. Looking into another program that will be offered by the NALC about the small church.

Mission Team: Looking at doing some fundraisers. Any ideas are welcome.

Youth Team: Jenn reporting. Mystery trip dates are set and planning has begun.

Pastor's Report: Pastor Patti reporting. Nothing new to report.

Call Committee Report: Dan reporting. It is the hope of the TLC call committee that the TLC council and Pontiac "committee of the whole" can meet to discuss the possibility of a shared agreement for the future pastor. It is important to have an agreement stating exactly what monthly compensation will be made by Pontiac to TLC for use of the



pastor. The NALC representative thought this written agreement should be part of our congregational profile and the decided upon dollar amount should be part of our budget. We are hoping this date can be arranged in the very near future so the information will be available at the congregational workshop. Jim will get with Pontiac to set up a date for this meeting.

Motion made to adjourn by Carolyn, Seconded by Bret. Motion carried.

Prayed the Lord's Prayer and said Good Night.

Respectfully Submitted, *Jennifer Miller*, Secretary of Council

Lent Soup @ 6pm
Worship @ 7pm
Wednesday April 6



Holy Week and Easter Schedule

Maundy Thursday, April 14th - 6pm dinner, 7pm worship

Good Friday Worship, April 15th @ 7pm

Easter Breakfast & Egg Hunt, April 17th @ 9am



Thank you!

From Wes Brewer & Brett Gfell from the Village of Monroeville for the cookies.

From the Salvation Army, "On behalf of the Salvation Army of Norwalk, I would like to express my sincere gratitude for your donation in December. These funds will be used to support our continued operation of feeding programs, utility assistance, season programs as well as regular scheduled monthly programs and cost of operations....."

May God Bless you!

Captains John & Kate Esker

Congregational Call Process Update

We have made big strides this month on the Congregational Call Committee. On Sunday, March 20th the committee met with our Trinity Lutheran Church Council and the Committee of the Whole from St Peter of Pontiac to discuss our desire to create a formal agreement between our two churches in regards to the sharing of our new pastor. Previously, Pastor Amy was providing various services to St. Pete's (monthly communion, spiritual guidance to their lay ministers, and various sacramental services, such as baptisms, weddings, and funerals) as needed. While St Pete's was compensating Pastor for these "a la carte" services, there was never an official agreement in place, and financial compensation was more in line with services being provided by a supply pastor, not from a committed part-time pastor. It is, therefore, our desire to better align the two churches and provide our new pastor with clear guidelines on the services he/she will be providing to both churches, as well as a specific financial commitment from St. Pete's toward our new pastor's compensation package. St Pete's will be discussing our proposition for alignment and will be making a prayerful decision by mid-April.

In the meantime, we have also received word from our PCAT (Pastoral Care and Transition) Team that a date has been selected for our Congregational Workshop! Pastors Paul Gruetter and Adam Poe will be joining us on Saturday, May 14th to facilitate and guide us through the process of putting together our Church Profile. We will start our meeting at 9am, break for lunch (a meal will be provided), and continue into the afternoon. We ask that you please add this date to your calendars and anticipate a 5-6 hour meeting. We understand that this is a large commitment for a Saturday, but we can't stress enough the importance of this document. We need as many members of our congregation as possible to join together in prayerful commitment to finding the right pastor to lead our church. This workshop is the opportunity to provide your personal insights on what (and whom) our church desires in a pastor. We look forward to seeing you all on Saturday, May 14th!

With continued prayers for our church,
Candi Kinn
Call Committee Chairperson

Youth Happenings

For Saint Patrick's Day Christian Ed. delivered cookies to our Village Workers.



March Attendance Basket Winner



Stella



Mystery Trip (for Middle and High Schoolers) has been planned for June 20- 23.
Cost is \$150

Sign up sheet/permission forms are outside the office.

We have 15 spots so sign up soon!!

April Worship Assistants

Date	10:30 am Lector	10:30 am Greeters/Ushers	Acolyte
April 3	Jeff Reineck	Jennifer Miller	Madyson Miller
April 10	Dan Clinker	Jim & Ramona Thill	Isaac Krueger
April 14 Maundy Thursday			
April 15 Good Friday			
April 17 Easter	Dan Clinker	Christian & Sam Clinker	Madyson Miller
April 24	Jan Weltlin	Sara & Jeff Anderson	Nathan Anderson

Altar Workers for April: Darlene White & Charlene Henney

April Coffee Hosts

April 3	Cindy Schuler
April 10	OPEN
April 15	EASTER
April 24	Tom & Darlene White

March Offering

03/06:	\$2574
03/13:	\$1450
03/20:	\$1450
03/27:	\$1116
E-giving March. 1 – March 28:	\$671

We need **\$2078** each week to make our budget. Thank you for continuing to faithfully support the Lord's work. We are behind by **\$3778.19** 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>



Prayers for the Family of Linda Sue Gregson

THE REV. LINDA SUE GREGSON July 24, 1955 - March 3, 2022

The Rev. Linda Sue Gregson passed away March 3, 2022. She was born July 24, 1955 in Springfield, Ohio and was raised in Greenville, Ohio. She attended Capital University, from which she earned her B.A. degree in 1977. In 1977, she graduated from Trinity Seminary with her M. Div., and was ordained on August 8, 1982, at Zion Lutheran in Springfield, Ohio. She earned her MA in pastoral psychology and counseling from Ashland Seminary in 1987. In addition, she was also a board-certified member of the Association of Professional Chaplains and held a certificate in Thanatology (ADEC), the study of death and dying.

Her ministry began as pastor of Trinity Lutheran Church, in Monroeville, Ohio. From there, she was called to serve as Associate Chaplain for the Metro Health Medical Center in 1989. In 1997, she accepted the position of Bereavement Coordinator for the Hospice of Visiting Nursing Services in Summit County, where she would go on to serve as Manager of Pastoral Care and Bereavement. She was called in 2005 to serve as Executive Director of The Creutzfeldt-Jakob Disease Foundation, and in 2007, was called to Southwest General Health Center in Middleburg Heights, where she served as Director of Bereavement Care.

She was a member of Dr. Martin Luther Evangelical Lutheran in Cleveland.

Prayer for our Call Committee

Loving God, please continue to be with us during this time of transition. Please continue to fill our leaders with Your wisdom. Please help the congregation as we wait for You to work on the life and heart of the pastor you are preparing as our next leader. Lord, we ask that you help us to remember not to get in a rush, but to remember we are on YOUR time. Fill us with the love, grace, and confidence that can only come from You. AMEN

Prayer List: Tom Wingate, Juanita Wingate, Tom Sutter, Mary Ann Guenther, Dick Boehler, Carol, Ralph (Paula Underwood's brother), Andrew & Kateryna Kinsel, Travis Seip, and the family of Phyllis Dietrich at her death. Please pray for our Call Committee members as they are discerning and waiting for God's guidance during the call process. Please pray for peace in our country and in the world, and for all who have suffered at the hands of violence or prejudice.