

TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH MONROEVILLE, OHIO

“Those who trust in the Lord will find new strength.” (Isaiah 40:31)

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 March 9th @ 5:30.

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

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

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Pastor's Letter

Spring is springing. It's something we look forward to every winter. No more snow, no more freezing, no more falling on the snow. Each season has its own meaning. Spring means new life and beautiful colors. It's also a time of lent. Lent, meaning giving up something, making a sacrifice.

When I got up this morning, I heard birds singing. A sure sign spring is coming. Two sparrows flew out of my bird box in my yard telling me, “Don’t go near that bird box we may have eggs.” In the scripture he talks about how valuable the sparrows are to Him. He thinks of the lowly sparrow and makes sure it's OK and has food. I thought, if he watches over the sparrows and all the animals that walk the earth or swim in the water or fly, certainly he watches over me and you.

I've given up things like cookies, and chocolate things that satisfy my sweet tooth. But this year I'm giving up something different. I'm not going to worry about the things that are past and future.

I may worry about the things only for today as needed, as today has enough worry of its own. Worrying can give you ulcers, distract you from things of the moment and make you emotionally sick. I plan on using my extra time in prayer, self-reflection and listening to the birds. (I might eat a cookie as well)





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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His eye is on the sparrow, and I know he watches over me.

~Pastor Patti~

Church Council Minutes: February 10, 2022

Present: Carolyn Adelman, Missy Kluding, Cindy Schuller, Dan Smith, Jim Thill, Jennifer Miller, Lorie Pierce, Dan Clinker, Pastor Patti

Absent: Bret Gfell

The Treasurer's Report, Investment Report and Minutes from our last meeting were reviewed. Dan made motion to accept, Carolyn seconded the motion, motion carried. It was noted that someone would look into the trash bill and see if we could get it lowered or look into switching services that would be a cheaper cost.

New Business: Council meetings will be moved back to the 2nd Wednesday of each month at 5:30. Lent Services will be held on Wednesdays with soup at 6pm and service at 7pm. There will be an Ash Wednesday service at 7pm, Maundy Thursday meal @ 6pm with service at 7pm on April 14th, Good Friday Service at 7pm.

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

Christian Education: Missy reporting. Need to have a meeting so we can plan for Easter, VBS, Mystery trips.

Parish Life: Cindy reporting. Signup sheets for midweek services and Maundy Thursday will be going around in the next couple of weeks. We have 9 graduates this year, will send notices out them inviting them to graduation. Need to set a date for confirmation.

Gifts Team: Carolyn reporting. There is a zoom class going on about Reviving the Aging Church. It looks at the needs of elders and helps to focus on how we as a church can meet those needs.

Mission Team: Lorie reporting. Pastor Andy and his wife will be going with us. Working on getting details and requirements regarding COVID testing. Currently COVID tests are good for 72hrs, and that includes that plan ride. This would be more than the 72 hours, so we need clarification on this process. We are still undecided on the dates we will be going.

Youth Team: Jenn reporting. Nothing new to report. We will be starting to plan for Mystery trip. Brainstorming ideas on having something for the community kids this summer besides VBS since we cancelled the spring youth club session.

Pastor's Report: Nothing new to report. The KFC will be collecting canned goods during lent. 40 cans for 40 days of lent beginning March 2nd and ending on March 17th. We will put out notices for this and have collection box in the fellowship hall.

Call Committee Report: Dan reporting. Waiting for a new person to be assigned to us to help get our Congregational Meeting scheduled. It was suggested by Mary Lynn Sutter at the last meeting that we should have some type of financial arrangement with St. Peter for pastors' services. They should also discuss and decide on what they want in a new pastor to be included in our church profile.

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

Prayed the Lord's Prayer and said Good Night.

Respectfully Submitted, *Jennifer Miller*, Secretary of Council

The sewing ladies were mistakenly left out of our Annual Congregational Report. I give my sincere apologies to this wonderful group of ladies. Here is a bit of information about them. ~Jenn~

WHAT: SEWING GROUP

WHEN: 1st & 3rd Wednesday of each month @ 9am

WHERE: TLC

The ladies make and donate many quilts, pillowcases, dresses, shorts for boys and anything else that is needed.

If you like to sew or want to learn come join them!!



Lent Soup @ 6pm

Worship @ 7pm

Wednesday March 9

Wednesday March 16

Wednesday March 23

Wednesday March 30

Wednesday April 6



Holy Week and Easter Schedule

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

Good Friday Worship, April 15, 7pm

Easter Breakfast & Egg Hunt 9am



Prayer List: Tom Wingate, Juanita Wingate, Tom Sutter, Mary Ann Guenther, Dick Boehler, Clyde Anderson, Natalee Newland, Rick Gfell, Carol, Ted Long, Dan Adelman, Don Long, Jay Thurston, Ralph (Paula Underwood's brother), Kevin, Andrew & Kateryna Kinsel, 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 Update

Your Congregational Call Committee is currently awaiting contact from the NALC to schedule our Congregational Workshop. This event will take place on an upcoming Saturday and will allow all church members to have input as we create a Church Profile. Our profile is very important, as it is the "help wanted ad" that will be shared with pastors who are also currently looking for a church to call home.

We apologize for the delay in scheduling our workshop. Unfortunately, there have been some recent changes within the NALC, which have created some shuffling of positions. We are currently awaiting a call from the NALC representative who will host our Congregational Workshop. Once we have a scheduled date for the workshop, we look forward to sharing it with you!

Until then, please continue to pray for our church. Remain positive, vigilant in your weekly Bible studies, and confident that we will be finding the right pastor to fill our hearts and our church... all in God's perfect timing.

With prayer,
Candi Kinn
Call Committee Chairperson

Youth Happenings

The Sunday school kids made Valentines cards and sent them to our shut ins. We hope those of you who received them, enjoyed them.

Thank you for sending Jerry and me love at Valentine's Day. It was a very nice day for us when we received the card.

~Jerry & Ann Querin



February Attendance Basket Winner



Wren

Shout to our very own Cole Myers and Carter Perry on earning a qualified spot at State for Robotics!

WAY TO GO BOYS!!

March Worship Assistants

Date	10:30 am Lector	10:30 am Greeters/Ushers	Acolyte
March 6	Lori Griffith	Velda Haley	OPEN
March 13	Jan Weltin	Monica & Clara Barman	Isaac Krueger
March 20	OPEN	OPEN	Madyson Miller
March 27	Daniel Clinker	Velda Haley	OPEN

Altar Workers for February: **Cindy Schuller & Erica Clinker**

March Coffee Hosts

March 6	Jim & Ramona Thill
March 13	Dan & Erica Clinker
March 20	Cindy Schuller
March 27	OPEN

February Offering

02/06:	\$2786
02/13:	\$1321
02/20:	\$1300
02/27:	\$1677
E-giving Feb. 1 – Feb 28:	\$321.80

We need **\$2078** each week to make our budget. Thank you for continuing to faithfully support the Lord's work. We are behind by **\$3285.20** 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>