

TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH MONROEVILLE, OHIO

“For nothing will be impossible with God” (Luke 1:37)

Important Reminders!

Red Cross Blood drive at TLC, is Sept 2nd. Please log onto www.redcrossblood.org, to schedule your appointment to give blood.

VBS August 7th – 10th from 6pm-8:30pm

Church Council Wednesday, August 11th @ 5:30.

Youth Meeting Sunday, August 21st after church

Christian Ed Retreat Sunday, August 21st

Church Potluck Sunday, Sept 11th after service

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Pastor’s Letter

As we go into August, named for Julius Caesar’s son, it will start getting chillier in the evenings, leaves will start to turn, and the feeling of fall will start to be more evident.

Fall is an opportunity to see more beauty in God’s creation than usual. The colors and the leaves and the festivals are really great.

What we need to look at is the changes we go through and what families change. School will be starting again. For the children homework and then change in routine. But there’s one routine we cannot change and that is our daily time with God. Morning, noon, and night, every breath we take should remind us of who created us and how special our world is even through the turmoil and how much he loves us even through the turmoil. God bless you and this time and enjoy the change.

~ Pastor Patti~

**Pastor Patti's Office Hours:
Wednesday's 11am - 4pm**





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: July 12, 2022

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

Pastor Patti opened the meeting with a prayer.

The Treasurer’s Report, Investment Report for and Minutes from June were reviewed. Jennifer requested that the accounts related to our youth and community outreach be added to our monthly report, so we know where each group that uses funds is at financially for planning purposes. Dan Clinker made motion to accept, Carolyn seconded the motion, motion carried.

Property and Planning Team: Dan Smith has some weed spray he is going to use to help control the weeds around the weeds around the church and in the Memorial Garden. Trash service has officially been switched to Cyclone.

Christian Education: Missy reporting. Focusing on VBS right now. Craft day planned for July 18th. Registration forms are available online. Flyers have been posted and will be sent home with those attending Safety Town.

Parish Life: Jennifer reporting. Our first bi-monthly potluck was very well attended and went great. Next potluck will be Sept 11th.

Gifts/Worship Team: Carolyn reporting. Discipleship study is still going on and going very well. We plan to have it offered again.

Mission Team: Lorie reporting. Gary and Monica have arrived in Malawi, and everything seems to be going well.

Youth Team: Jenn reporting. Mystery Trip for the older kids went very well. Total of 16 people in attendance. We stayed in Hocking Hills and did some hiking, swimming, and spending time in fellowship with each other while learning more about Faith in our family. Day trip for younger kids is scheduled for July 26th. Jennifer shared a fundraiser idea for the youth to be able to raise money for Mystery Trips. The fundraiser was a calendar fundraiser where families can choose to sell days of the month, those who purchase days will be put in for a raffle at the end of each month for a gift basket/prize. At this time it was determined we do not do this, and we need to get the kids involved in helping come up with ideas on how to fundraiser.



Pastor's Report: Pastor Patti reporting. Trip with the kids was good. Visited with Richard before going on the trip. Will plan to get visits with our other shut ins next week.

Call Committee Report: Nothing to new to report.

Presidents Report: Nothing new to report.

New Business: The cost of renting the fellowship hall to non-members is \$50. Lorie mentioned that maybe this was not enough as people are using electricity and such. Currently we only charge non-members to rent the hall and will leave the rental cost the same. It also was asked where this money should be going, to property and planning or the general fund. After discussion a motion was made that any rental hall cost will go to the General Fund.

Motion made to adjourn by Dan Clinker. Seconded by Lorie. Motion carried.

Prayed the Lord's Prayer and said Good Night.

Respectfully Submitted, *Jennifer Miller*

Congregational Call Process Update

"What's going on?" "Why aren't we hearing anything?" "Has no one expressed interest?"

So often we believe that when things are quiet, nothing is happening. No progress is being made. No one is working to make a change. We have been forgotten. But I write this to assure you that, while things may seem "quiet", your call committee is working diligently to find the perfect pastor to lead our church.

Like a caterpillar in its cocoon, we are quietly working behind closed doors to analyze and consider with prayerful hearts, any and all applicants that answer the call to Trinity Lutheran Church. This isn't an easy task. We must put our personal ideals aside and weigh all of the insights and information gathered from our congregation so that we can ask the hard questions and represent all of you in this decision. It is not a responsibility we take lightly.

So, we ask you to stay patient. To trust the process. But we also invite you to ask questions. Don't be afraid to check in with your call committee contacts. We will tell you what we can but understand that there are certain things we just cannot share. As we've previously mentioned, this is not an attempt to keep "secrets" from the congregation, but merely a way to keep clear heads and hearts while we consider these candidates to the fullest.

The caterpillar is busy preparing itself to become a beautiful butterfly. It's hard work. Pray for her and she will emerge with beautiful new wings to take flight on her newest adventure... all in God's perfect timing!

-Candi Kinn
Congregational Call Committee Chairperson

Youth Happenings

TLC YOUTH MEETING
August 21st
11am (after church)

Please join us for some food, fellowship,
and discussion on what we fun stuff we
can plan for in the upcoming year

School Supplies Collection



A box will be in the
Narthex during the month
of August

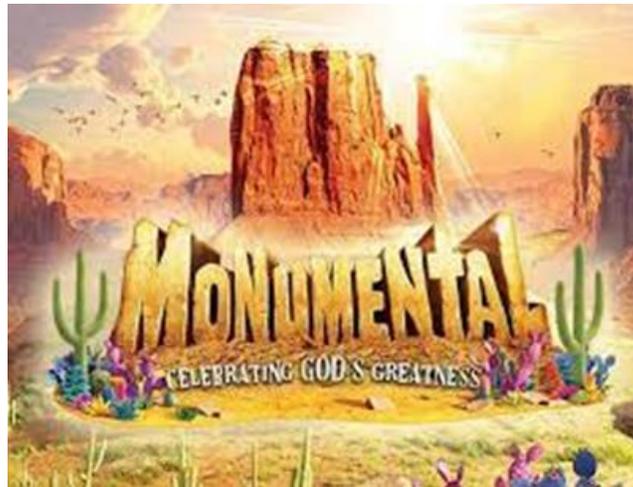
THEATRE

September 11th
RALLY DAY

SUNDAY SCHOOL

catch the
Excitement!

A graphic for Theatre Rally Day. At the top, the word 'THEATRE' is written in colorful letters on triangular flags. Below that, the date 'September 11th' and 'RALLY DAY' are written in purple. Underneath is a circular logo for 'SUNDAY SCHOOL' featuring a church building with a cross, a sun, and a tree. At the bottom, the phrase 'catch the Excitement!' is written in a stylized font.



August 7th – 10th, 6-8:30pm.

Starting age is 3 years old!

Youth going into grades 7 and above are encouraged to help!

Registrations forms are available in the church office.

VBS MISSION PROJECT

Norwalk Area Food Bank

- * Crackers
- * Cereal
- * Ketchup
- * Ranch Dressing
- * 64oz bottles of Juice

August Worship Assistants

Date	9:30 am Lector	9:30 am Greeters/Ushers	Acolyte
August 7	Angie Swanbeck	Chris & Lori Griffith	
August 14	Paula Underwood	Gary & Paula Underwood	
August 21	Candi Kinn	Charlene Henney	
August 28	Bonnie Gfell	Bret & Bonnie Gfell	

Altar Workers for August: Linda Myers

August Coffee Hosts

August 7	Paula & Gary
August 14	Kathy Pocock
August 21	OPEN
August 28	Cindy Schuller

July Offering

07/03:	\$2276
07/10:	\$1051
07/17:	\$1581
07/24:	\$1491
E-giving July 1 – July 27:	\$242.90

We need **\$2078** each week to make our budget. Thank you for continuing to faithfully support the Lord's work. We are behind by **\$7815.62** 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 scanning the QR code or going to:
<https://faithlife.com/tlc-monroeville-finance-team/activity>



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

Keep the following in your continued prayers:

Juanita Wingate, Mary Ann Guenther, Dick Boehler, Carol, Andrew & Kateryna Kinsel and family, Travis Seip, Angie Cherry, Tracie, Steve Gumbert, Rita Mercer, Peggy Perry, Jacqueline, Chance Chambers, Gene, Bob Underwood, Betty Moltz, Marvin Linder, Don, Mallory and Natalee Newland. 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.

7/9/22

Dear People of God at Trinity

Thank you for your steadfast and faithful support of our orphans. I am sure you all know how life changing your funds are. And the great thing is you have two people on the current mission team! God must be smiling! Thank you for blessing them, as well as us.

Most Sincerely,

Jan Fisher - Treasurer

Thank You