

TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH MONROEVILLE, OHIO

“Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer.” (Romans 12:12)

Important Reminders!

Red Cross Blood drive at TLC, is May 5th. Please log onto www.redcrossblood.org, to schedule your appointment to give blood.

Sewing Group Wednesday
March 1st & 15th

Christian Ed Mtg Wednesday
March 1st @ 5:00pm

Church Council Wednesday,
March 8th @ 5:30pm

Midweek Lent Services:
Wednesdays Soup @ 6pm ~
Service @ 7pm
March 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd, 29th

Maundy Thursday Dinner
April 6th ~ Dinner @ 6pm ~
Service @ 7pm

Pastor’s Bible Study:
Tuesdays @ 10:30am
Thursdays @ 6:30pm

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Pastors Letter

Ready Or Not, Lent Is Here!

I feel like many of us have been pushed or dragged into Lent in the negative sense, full of busy life schedules, spring medical issues and the like. From the more positive viewpoint, I would rather point out that we are being led into Lent. Even if we feel behind in the season—just like this letter—it might be that God is allowing us to engage with Him very immediately this year in a way that makes us take time to focus on who and what is important rather than get whirled away into worldly matters.

During our Monroeville Youth Club time last month, we shared again the Parable of the Sower who sowed seed abundantly on all types of ground. Our time during Lent is very rich, fertile soil wherein our roots can grow deep within our faith community. One example is our bible study being developed and shared among us regarding how best to use certain parts of the bible to tempt the new or long-estranged bible student deeper into the text. Another is focusing on the education of our confirmation students as they strive to end their catechesis well and determine what it is they want to do with it. Likewise, we gather to worship and consider scripture lessons on Wednesday evenings that come from our daily devotional texts offered by our denomination (the collection of texts titled *Devoted to Prayer 2023-2024*).

Our education meeting just brought together planning for Holy Week, confirmation, VBS and other possibilities which helped us consider our blessings and focus on imminent opportunities we have not yet embraced. Our focus given to us by the Holy Spirit through prayer and fellowship has led us into places new and old, and our growth has much more possibility than simply thicker bark and a wider trunk. We





Council

- President** – Rob Ludwig
- Vice President** - Carolyn Adelman
- Treasurer** - Sharon Heyman
- Secretary** - Jennifer Miller
- Christian Ed** – Monica Barman
- Youth** - Jennifer Miller
- Parish Life** – Cindy Schuller
- Worship/GIFTS Team** - Carolyn Adelman
- Mission Team** – Lorie Pierce
- Property Team** -Bret Gfell, Dan Smith & Gary Underwood

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
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might gain new roots, let out a few new branches and maybe even drop a few acorns.

Don't resist a little change here and there as new things come our way and our congregation's leaders embrace them. They have been led with all of their talents and imaginations into new ways to experience the good news of Jesus Christ and share with our neighbors the love we were first given. And since we have put away our alleluias for a time, I'll just say, "Thanks be to God."

Grace and peace, always,

Church Council Minutes: February 8, 2023.

- Present:** Pastor Dan, Lorie Pierce, Carolyn Adelman, Monica Barman, Gary Underwood, Rob Ludwig, Jennifer Miller.
- Absent:** Dan Smith, Cindy Schuller, Bret Gfell

Pastor Dan started the meeting with a prayer and a devotion on John 15:1-7.

The Treasurer's Report, Investment Report and Minutes from January were reviewed. Carolyn made motion to accept, Rob seconded the motion, motion carried.

Property and Planning Team: Gary reporting. We need to get with Missy so she knows to go ahead and get the paint for the Sunday school hallway and rooms. Gary has looked into a few things regarding the kitchen update and will bring a proposal with costs next month.

Christian Education/Youth: Monica, Carolyn, Jennifer reporting. Kids will be doing some fun valentine activities with \ fancy valentines' drinks on Sunday the 12th. We will have family night at White's Barn on Rte. 99 from 3-5 pm on the 18th. This is intended for all ages. Vacation Bible school theme has been chosen, Babylon. We are planning to have VBS in August this year. Mystery Dinner fundraiser is still in deciding stages, we are open to other ideas on ways that we can generate resources for the mystery trips. Confirmation is planned for May 21st. Youth Club has been going well, we had another small group of about 10 kids.

Parish Life: Jennifer reporting. Mid-week lent services with soup will be on Wednesdays with soup at 6pm and service at 7pm.

Gifts/Worship Team: Carolyn reporting. Things are still going very well with people volunteering to greet and take care of alter duty. Bible study going currently on Tuesday mornings and Thursday evenings. Notes will be posted on the bulletin board in the fellowship hall. Lent services will be musical.

Mission Team: Lorie Pierce reporting. Nothing new to report at this time.

New Business: During Lent we will be doing the 40 cans for 40 days again this year. Pastor Dan passed out the outlines for each of the teams and asked them to review and see if anything needs changed within the outlines. He asked if council members would be interested in having a retreat. No decision was made on this There was some discission on having two services. Pastor Dan is not opposed to this, but wants to be sure that it will foster growth and discipleship within the church. This was tabled and would be reviewed next month after looking into a few things.

Pastors Report: There will be an Affirmation of Baptism on February 12th for Barb Gurney.

Motion made to adjourn by Rob Seconded by Carolyn. Motion carried. Prayed the Lord's Prayer and said Good Night.

Respectfully Submitted, *Jennifer Miller*, Secretary of Council

Keep the following in your continued prayers:

Juanita Wingate, Carol, Andrew & Kateryna Kinsel and family, Betty Moltz, Don, Natalee Newland, Becky Newland, Jan Helmstetter, Jeff Kimball, Jeff Schuller, Wesley Newland, Rick Gfell, Michelle Stieber, Bob & Marilyn Ludwig, Amy, Jim Graffice, Misty, Wanda McLaughlin, Patty Moyer, Stephanie, Audrey, Rosemary Osborne, Jacob Fry, and Todd. Please pray for peace in our country and in the world, and for all who have suffered at the hands of violence or prejudice.

TLC Youth Happenings



February Attendance Basket Winner

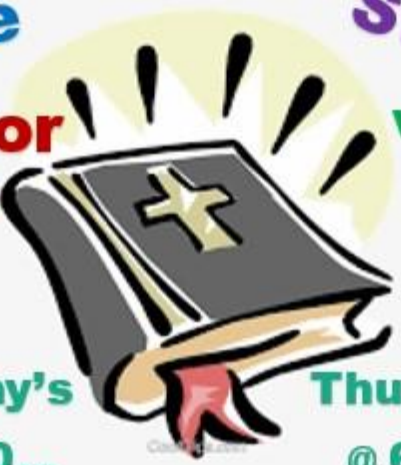


Aiden Myers

L.O.V.E was shared all around this month from Youth Club, Sunday School and even a family game night.



Bible
Pastor Dan
Study with



Tuesday's @ 10:30_{am} **Thursday's @ 6:30_{pm}**

A 6 week study on
 Introducing our
 Neighbors to the Bible

Tuesdays: 1/24, 2/7, 2/14,
 2/21, 2/28, 3/7

Thursdays: 1/26, 2/9,
 2/16, 2/23, 3/2, 3/9

Lent Soup @ 6pm

Worship @ 7pm

- Wednesday March 1
- Wednesday March 8
- Wednesday March 15
- Wednesday March 22
- Wednesday March 29



Holy Week and Easter Schedule

- Maundy Thursday, April 6th Dinner @ 6pm, Worship @ 7pm
- Good Friday Worship, April 7th, 7pm
- Easter Breakfast & Egg Hunt 9am



March Worship Assistants

Date	Lector	Greeters/Ushers	Acolyte
March 5	Samuel Clinker	Charlene Henney	Isaac Krueger
March 12	Paula Underwood	Charlene Henney	Kaylee Roeder
March 19	Paula Underwood	Charlene Henney	Aiden Myers
March 26	Daniel Clinker	Charlene Henney	Alec Schafer

Altar Workers for March: Erica & Sam Clinker

March Coffee Hosts

March 5	Cindy Schuller
March 12	Ludwig's
March 19	Sutter Family
March 26	Tom & Darlene White

February Offering

02/05:	\$2759
02/12	\$2459
02/19:	\$1284
02/26:	\$3264

E-giving for February 2023: \$327.90

We need **\$2410** each week to make our budget. Thank you for continuing to faithfully support the Lord's work. We are behind by **\$726.35** for the year so far. Please remember your gifts when you are away. Our ministry dep ends 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>

