

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
April 5th & April 19th

Christian Ed Mtg Wednesday
April 5th @ 6:30pm

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

Good Friday Service
April 7th @ 7pm

Church Council Wednesday,
April 12th @ 5:30pm

VBS Meeting Wednesday,
April 19th @ 5pm

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Pastors Letter

What Do We Do With Easter?

We have been baptized (most of us who are reading this), and Jesus is actively coming into our lives daily, and he points the way to everlasting life for us after having died for us. Now what?

I think we need to consider what it looks like to have Jesus actively coming into our lives on a daily basis. Most of us cannot imagine what it looks like to those who do *not* recognize Jesus coming to them daily. This is not to say that it isn't happening; it's just that the Holy Spirit may not have opened yet the eyes, ears and minds of those who are not recognizing Christ's activity on their behalf.

Maybe we should imagine what *we* look like to those who do not yet recognize Jesus. We are to be the body of Christ, but do we look like it and sound like it? Do we simply rail against the injustices of the world, or do we take on individual cases and accompany these folks through their burdens? Are we keeping our mouths closed for the most part when our faith is challenged, and letting the rest of the world see us as doormats, or do we convey our faith in long-suffering activity for the sake and love of our neighbors in ways that no one can miss?

Easter is not *only* what Christ first did for us, embodying the love of the Father for the entire world. Easter is also a state of mind in response to Christ's activity. From Paul's letter to the Christians at Philippi we have a Christ-hymn which encourages and explains this as well as anything else I have read in the bible:

If then there is any encouragement in Christ, any consolation from love, any sharing in the Spirit, any compassion and sympathy, make my joy complete: be of the



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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same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others. Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death— even death on a cross.

Therefore, God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Therefore, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed me, not only in my presence, but much more now in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling; for it is God who is at work in you, enabling you both to will and to work for his good pleasure.

May your work as part of the body of Christ bring you not only fear and trembling this Easter, but also the peace that passes all understanding.

Grace and peace, always,

Church Council Minutes: March 8, 2023.

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

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

The Treasurer's Report, Investment Report and Minutes from February were reviewed. Bret made a motion to accept, Monica seconded the motion, motion carried.

Property and Planning Team: Bret reporting. Flagpole has been fixed and the light for the flag has been installed. Gary touched up the Baptismal fount. There are bricks that need placed in the memory garden. Gary will get the bricks taken care of. We need to schedule a date and time to do some spring cleaning of within the church. Monica is going to make a list/signup sheet.

Christian Education/Youth: Monica reporting. VBS has been scheduled for July 30 - Aug 2 from 6-8:30pm. Still looking at setting dates for Mystery Trips. Discussing having something for the younger kids since we have a big group of PreK - 1st graders. Cookies will be delivered to the city workers on March 17th. Confirmation will be on May 21st. Easter Breakfast at 9am and Egg Hunt at 10am with service at 10:30.

Parish Life: Cindy reporting. Maundy Thursday dinner will have meatloaf. There is a baptism on March 26th. Mother's Day breakfast on May 14th, Father's Day breakfast on June 18th. There will be no bi-monthly potluck until possibly July,

Gifts/Worship Team: Carolyn reporting. The 6-week bible study is ending, it went very well. Stay tuned for what is next.

Mission Team: Monica reporting. There are currently 3 kids in need for college sponsorships. College cost \$5700. Gary received an update from Shadreck about the farm. They are doing well and looking into an irrigation program.

New Business: Carolyn shared that the Catechism kids are doing outreach activities for the month of March, and they would like to make and place a blessing box for our community in the landscape area by the big parking lot. This box would be used for non-perishable food items. Cindy made a motion to accept, Gary seconded the motion, motion carried.

Pastors Report: The contracts for SOLA and CCLI are up for renewal, we are reviewing these. We received the request to place an ad in the MHS yearbook. Would like to update that add with more current information. Cindy made a motion to place a half page ad, seconded by Monica, motion carried. Pastor Dan shared that there are open positions within the North Central Ohio Mission District in case anyone would be interested.

Motion made to adjourn by Jenn. Seconded by Cindy. 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, Amy, Jim Graffice, Misty, Wanda McLaughlin, Patty Moyer, Stephanie, Audrey, Rosemary Osborne, Jacob Fry, Todd, Jill Whitten, Ed, Don Weltlin, Pam, Sue, and Karen. 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



March Attendance Basket Winner



Sam Clinker

The Catechism kids taught the 10 Commandments to our younger kids.



May 14th
The kids will be singing during church.



May 21st
Confirmation and our last day of Sunday School



March Worship Assistants

Date	Lector	Greeters/Ushers	Acolyte
April 2 Palm Sunday	Bonnie Gfell	Brett & Bonnie Gfell	
April 9 Easter	Rob Ludwig	Bob & Sue Underwood	
April 16	Angie Swanbeck	Bob & Sue Underwood	Isaac Krueger
April 24	Rob Ludwig	Bob & Sue Underwood	
April 30	Paula Underwood	Bob & Sue Underwood	

Altar Workers for April: Darlene White & Charlene Henney

April Coffee Hosts

April 2 Cindy Schuller

April 9 Easter

April 16

April 23 Kathy Pocock

April 30

March Offering

03/05: \$3282

03/12 \$1542

03/19: \$2080

03/26: \$2327

E-giving for March 2023: \$687.90

We need **\$2410** each week to make our budget. Thank you for continuing to faithfully support the Lord's work. We are behind by **\$251.65** 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>

