

TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH MONROEVILLE, OHIO

“Let your roots grow down into him” (Colossians 2:7)

Important Reminders!

Red Cross Blood drive at TLC, is July 7th. Please log onto www.redcrossblood.org, to schedule your appointment to give blood.

Sewing Group Wednesday
June 7th & June 21st

Christian Ed Mtg Wednesday
June 7th @ 5:30pm

Church Council Wednesday,
June 14th @ 5:30pm

Father’s Day Brunch
June 18th

Mystery Trip – Junior Expedition June 19th

VBS Meeting
June 19th

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Pastors Letter

What Should We Do?

It is now the season of doing. When Peter let his fellow Israelites from across the Roman empire know that they were responsible for the death of God’s only Son, Jesus Christ, their next question, those of them accepting their guilt, was “Brothers, what should we do?”

Peter replied, “Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ so that your sins may be forgiven; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. For the promise is for you, for your children, and for all who are far away, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to him.” (Acts 2:37-39)

Well, now that we have been baptized in the name of the Father, and the + Son, and the Holy Spirit, we have the promise with the gift of faith given to us in Christ Jesus our Lord. So now what?

As the apostle Paul reminds us, “When you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness. So, what advantage did you get from the things of which you now are ashamed? The end of those things is death. But now you have been freed from sin and enslaved to God, the advantage you get is sanctification. The end is eternal life. For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.” (Romans 6:2-23)

So again, now what? If we are now enslaved to God in gratitude for our sanctification, our being made holy, then what do we do now? Since we were baptized into Christ (Romans 6:3-12), maybe we should consider how to live in and through him since he can never die having defeated death forever.



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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And this is where Matthew’s gospel is so instructive. For those of us always asking their pastor what we should do, as Bill Engvall would say, “Here’s your sign!” The last command of Jesus Christ to his disciples in the gospel according to Matthew are as follows:

“Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you.” (Matthew 28:19-20)

Right there is the law for which you have been begging me. And if you need clarification from Jesus himself, the details are in his “Sermon on the Mount” found in chapters 5-7 of Matthew’s gospel.

Now, for those who feel as if they have suffered while abiding by the law given to them by Jesus, let’s not forget that he wrapped it gospel. He introduced that last command with the words, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me.” Because of these words we know that we are working for the right person, the one who has final judgement over our afterlife. Then he added some comfort to the tasks laid before us. He ended it with, “And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.” We are never really alone, even if we forgot to use the buddy system to engage the work.

Grace and peace, always,

Church Council Minutes: May 10, 2023.

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

Pastor Dan started the meeting with a prayer and devotion/discussion on Luke 10:1-20.

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

Property and Planning Team: Bret reporting. The pews have been fixed. The little tree outside the church entrance is dead. There was discussion about if it should be replaced. Reminder to those who come in and out of the church to double check ALL lights are off. Trash goes out on Sunday's we should all be more aware on if someone is doing this and making sure it is getting done.

Mission Team: Gary reporting. Items were taken to Jan Fisher for the next mission trip that will be going. \$198 was collected in change for charity for the purchase of items as well as a \$250 Thrivent card. These items went for the Women of Malawi.

Christian Education/Youth: Monica reporting. Seven people attended the Faith Formation Festival. It was a great event with lots of good information. VBS meeting on June 21 at 5:15pm. Mystery Trip One day trip will be on June 21st. The last day of Sunday school as well as confirmation is on May 21st. The boxes for the confirmands are done. Thank you to Brett for making them. An email was sent out about having a First Holy Communion class. Nexus – a Christian youth gathering is coming up. Seeing if there are any older kids interested in attending.

Parish Life: Jenn reporting. Cindy is ready for the Mother's Day brunch, and a cake for the baptism of Gage. Confirmation on May 21st there will be a cake. Each graduate will have a cake on June 4th. Father's Day Brunch is set for June 18th.

Gifts/Worship Team: Carolyn reporting. Service time for summer will take place starting on June 4th. Service will be at 9:30am.

New Business: There was some discussion about the security of the church and if we needed to put in place any other type of security. This was tabled for a later discussion. Discussion on who is responsible for making sure lights are off and the trash is out when needed. There have been many times that the trash is not taken out and lights have been left on. We need to make people more aware of that if they are the last ones to lock up and be sure all lights are off. Trash goes out on Sunday's. There was a discussion on asking for a few more people to help count the offering so it is not solely one person's job.

Pastor Dan has given Bret some information on getting a charging station put in for his car. Discussion was had on the benefits of this and some of the cost. Tabled for now until we get a better idea of the cost and supplies that will be needed.

Pastors Report: Looking into materials for a bible study on the Gospel of John. More information will be forthcoming. Making visits as needed, and they are going well.

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

Respectfully Submitted, *Jennifer Miller*, Secretary of Council

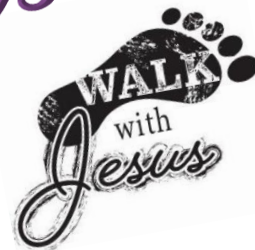
TLC Youth Happenings

May Attendance Basket Winner



Aiden Myers

May was a busy month:
Mother's Day Brunch,
Confirmation, Recognition
Sunday/Mystery Friend Reveal





WHAT: Mystery Trip - Junior Expedition
WHEN: June 21st
WHO: Grades 1st - 6th
WHERE: It's a mystery...??
COST: \$30/ person

Registration forms are outside the office - or scan the QR Code for the online form.



All Volunteers for VBS - sign up for a t-shirt
VBS Meeting: June 21st @ 5:15

Holy Communion Class

June 24th
8:30^{am} - 11:30^{am}

FIRST COMMUNION

June 25th 9:30^{am}



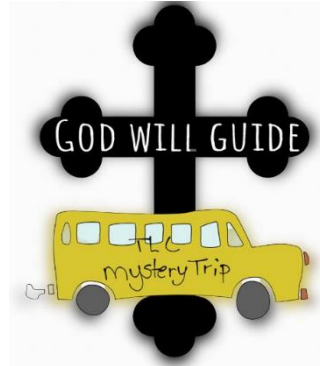
Be sure to check out the Blessing Box for non-persihable food items and hygiene items, located in the TLC parking lot. (In the corner landscaped area)

Don't Forget to Spread the Word about it too!!



Please join us for
brunch to celebrate all
the fathers in our lives.

June 18th @ 8:45^{am}



WHAT: Mystery Trip

WHEN: July 9th - 12th

WHO: Grades 7th - 12th

WHERE: It's a mystery...??

COST: \$150/ person

Registration forms will be coming soon

Keep the following in your continued Prayers

Juanita Wingate, Carol, Andrew & Kateryna Kinsel and family, Betty Moltz, Natalee Newland, Becky Newland, Jan Helmstetter, Jeff Kimball, Jeff Schuller, Wesley Newland, Rick Gfell, Michelle Stieber, Amy, Jim Graffice, Wanda McLaughlin, Patty Moyer, Stephanie, Audrey, Rosemary Osborne, Jacob Fry, Todd, Jill Whitten, Don Weltlin, Pam, Sue Graybill, Ray Smith, Karen, Jan Fisher, Jacob Fry, Ila, Michael Spayd, Linda Krueger, Sue Schwan, Mike Cantu, Peggy Stacey, Debbie Moltz, and Susan.

Please pray for peace in our country and in the world, and for all who have suffered at the hands of violence or prejudice.

June Worship Assistants

Date	Lector	Greeters/Ushers	Acolyte
June 4	Candi Kinn	Gary & Paula Underwood	
June 11	Jeff Reineck		
June 18	Angie Swanbeck	Barb Gurney & Jeff Reineck	
June 25	Jeff Reineck		

Altar Workers for June: Kathy Pocock & Family

June Coffee Hosts

June 4 Gary & Paula Underwood
 June 11 Clinker's
 June 18 FATHER'S DAY
 June 25 Tom & Darlene White

May Offering

05/07:	\$3140
05/14	\$1057
05/21:	\$2351
05/28:	\$3064
E-giving for May 2023:	\$789.85

We need **\$2410** each week to make our budget. Thank you for continuing to faithfully support the Lord's work. We are ahead by **\$359.72** 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>



CHANGE IN ONLINE GIVING

Faithlife Giving is discontinuing and will be migrating to the Servant Keeper Platform. This change should be seamless for you. You will need to create an account with Servant Keeper (mid-June). You may receive an email regarding this information. If you have any questions, please reach out to me.

~Jennifer Miller~