

TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH MONROEVILLE, OHIO

“Show me your ways Lord, teach me your paths” (Psalm 25:4)

Important Reminders!

Red Cross Blood drive at TLC, is November 3rd. Please log onto www.redcrossblood.org, to schedule your appointment to give blood.

Sewing Group Wednesday
October 4th & October 18th

Christian Ed. Meeting
Wednesday Oct 4th @ 5:30^{pm}

Council Meeting Wednesday
October 11th @ 5:30^{pm}

Youth Club Tuesday's
October 10th, 17th, 24th, 31st
3:00^{pm} – 5:00^{pm}

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Pastor’s Letter

Happy Anniversary... ?

I’ve been working here for a year, officially, as of October 11, and as a supply pastor a couple of Sundays before this same date last year. Upon first arrival, I remember being impressed with an education wing filled with actively engaged Sunday school teachers and students. I am still impressed by it. The same goes for the dedicated council reps and other members who continue to do their best to make our congregation as inviting as possible, not just with the facilities, but with a sense of mission and purpose in Christ. I am still impressed with the filling of the social hall most Sunday mornings in a way that makes sure folks get to catch up on local events over some goodies and a cup of coffee.

But what impresses me the most is that you folks actually allowed me to be a pastor—*your* pastor—within the first year of my call to this congregation. Even reviewing your *Letter of Call* to me it is readily apparent that every possible opportunity a pastor could want was available to me this year, even “to seek out and encourage qualified persons to prepare for the ministry of the gospel.” That last one is pretty rare in a small congregation.

Likewise, you really *did* “pledge to [me] the respect, love, goodwill and cooperation due the office of holy ministry, upholding [me] in prayer” in response to me accepting this call. Because of your gracious, Christian attitude to this relationship we have, I can honestly declare myself “vocationally satisfied.”

This is not to say I am feeling complacent at all. No, this is the same congregation which encourages me to stay current with my theological education. You encourage me to grow as a pastor in your very own context and continue to offer me new opportunities to serve our Lord and Savior. You even told me to go home when it





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
- Pastor** – Rev. Dan Pennington
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was time to reflect on my origins at my high school reunion back east. You might be the best group of supervisors I’ve ever had, and I’ve had some good ones. I thank God for this call and for you, and I pray for you, too.

I hope we continue to grow in faith and fervent love toward God and one another as we continue to encourage each other and pray for each other. I hope our growth is at least as much in discipleship as it is in membership. I hope our love for our neighbors is undeniable to them and others who might witness it in action. And I hope that our church family reflects Christ in a way that glorifies God such that his invitation to Christ’s family is extended and multiplied many times over to as many neighbors as we might influence.

So I continue to pray that the peace which passes all understanding keeps our hearts in minds in Christ Jesus our Lord for many years to come, and that we continue to look like one body in Christ our Lord.

Grace and peace, always,

Church Council Minutes: September 13, 2023

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

Pastor Dan opened the meeting with prayer, a reflection on highs and lows in life, and a prayer for those highs and lows.

The Treasurer’s Report, Investment Report, and Minutes from August were reviewed. Carolyn made a motion to accept, Gary seconded the motion, motion carried.

Property and Planning Team: Bret reporting. The charger for Pastor Dan’s car is here and Bret will be installing it. The vents were checked and cleaned in the bathrooms by Gary.

Mission Team: Gary reporting. Malawi still waiting for rain. The Flood Bucket Event for NALC Disaster Relief is on September 30 from 9-12.

Gifts/Worship Team: Carolyn reporting. Pastor Dan is doing a bible study on the Gospel of John on Thursdays at 2pm and 7pm. This will be a 15-week bible study. Books are \$15. Service on September 24th will be held outside.

Christian Education/Youth: Rally Day went well. Mystery Friends will begin in October. Adult Sunday School is collecting items for Malawi. Youth Club theme will be 'Walk with Jesus' and will be on Tuesdays beginning October 10 for four weeks. The Catechism class has five kids: Jay, Trysten, Cole, Henry, and Angela.

Parish Life: Cindy reporting. Dinner on September 14 for Trustees, expecting 47 people. We will be charging \$7.00 per dinner.

Pastors Report: The heater in the office has been reattached. Request/propose that we purchase three Honeywell thermostats that can be controlled and set online. Bret will get with Dave Krueger about thermostats. Made a few home visits.

New Business: There was some discussion on having two services.

Old Business: A thank you was sent out to 21st Century for the support of this past year. Carolyn spoke with Vi Herner's family regarding the memorial fund donation.

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

Respectfully Submitted, *Carolyn Adelman*, Vice President of Council
Typed up by, *Jennifer Miller*, Secretary of Council

All Saints Day is on November 5th.
If you have a family member that we may have missed, please let
Tonia or Ramona know.


Keep the following in your continued Prayers

Juanita Wingate, Carol, Betty Moltz, Jim Graffice, Sue Graybill, Ila, Debbie Moltz, Josh Roeder, Natalee Newland, Wanda McLaughlin, Misty Davis, Victor DeJesus, Bonnie McQuillen, Olivia, Yvonne Henkle, Bob Reynolds, Don Gurney, the family of Rick Gfell, Mary Lynn, Clark, Ruth Leonard, Jim Pickering, Darly Ditz, Sue, Alice, Gary Ward, Trey Kromer and Doug Parish.

TLC Youth Happenings

Rally Day was filled with lots of fun activities for the kids from filling out their All About Me form for Mystery Friends and even a scavenger hunt.

There was so much fun going on we didn't get many pictures.

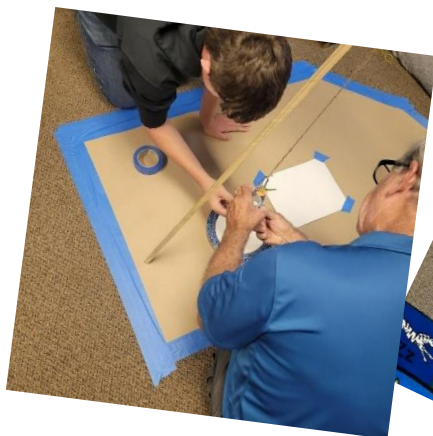
SAILING WITH JESUS

 He anchors us with LOVE to keep us from drifting away

EARN BEADS OF FAITH BY:

- CLASS ATTENDANCE
- READ MY BIBLE THIS WEEK
- BRING A FRIEND OR TOLD SOMEONE ABOUT GOD THIS WEEK
- GOOD DEEDS
- SAYING THE CLOSING PRAYER IN CLASS
- ANSWERING QUESTIONS ABOUT PREVIOUS WEEKS LESSON.
- BROUGHT AN OFFERING

BEADS OF FAITH

LET'S CELEBRATE YOUR PROGRESS AS YOU ANCHOR IN JESUS!
 Trinity Lutheran Church





SAVE THE DATE FOR THE

NALC CONTINENTAL YOUTH GATHERING



WE BELONG
"I KNOW MY OWN AND MY OWN KNOW ME"

WHEN & WHERE?

JULY 1-4, 2024
BOERNE, TX

WHO CAN ATTEND?

YOUTH: AGES 12-18
LEADERS IN TRAINING: AGES 19-24
TEAM LEADERS: AGES 25 & UP

WHAT IS THIS GATHERING?

This four-day gathering provides opportunities for NALC youth to grow in faith and relationship with others as the body of Christ. Youth will worship together, study God's Word, participate in large and small group sessions, reach out to the community through mission events, and engage in fellowship and fun!

learn more at thenalc.org/cyg



Parents of Youth Ages 12-18 (as of July 1, 2024)
Trinity Lutheran Church
Monroeville, OH

Re: NALC Continental Youth Gathering, Boerne, Texas – July 1-4, 2024

Dear Parents,

I am writing to you on behalf of our education committee to let you know of a life-changing event available to your middle schoolers and high schoolers. The North American Lutheran Church (NALC), the denomination to which Trinity Lutheran Church has chosen to belong, is offering a time for youth to get to know Jesus Christ in the company of their peers from all over the U.S. and Canada. The information we have for the event is on the reverse side of this letter.

Registration for this event opens in October with only 500 seats available to NALC youth. Therefore, we need commitment from those who wish to go. Our education committee has agreed that such commitment is most obviously expressed by youth garnering sponsorships from family, friends or others to cover the cost of the \$250 registration fee. If we have any youth committed to attending the event by October, then we will dedicate ourselves to other fundraising activities to help cover travel costs and the costs for accompanying adults. We would then invite leadership trainees and team leaders to attend with our youth.

If you have any questions which I may or may not be able to answer at this time, please feel free to call me at 567-333-6451 or email me at dan@pastorpennington.org. If you prefer to speak with Missy Kluding or Monica Underwood to get information, I take no offense, even if they have to get the information from me or others to answer you.

Grace and peace, always



OCTOBER WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Date	Lector	Greeters/Ushers	Acolyte
October 1	Bonnie Gfell	Bret & Bonnie Gfell	
October 8	Jeff Reineck	Jeff & Sara Anderson	
October 15	Bonnie Gfell	Bret & Bonnie Gfell	
October 22	Candi Kinn		
October 29	Daniel Clinker	High School Sunday School	

Altar Workers for October: Gary & Paula Underwood

OCTOBER COFFE HOST

October 1	Daniel Clinker
October 8	Barb Gurney
October 15	Cindy Schuller
October 22	
October 29	

SEPTEMBER OFFERING

09/03:	\$2527.50
09/10:	\$1774
09/17:	\$1808
09/24:	\$2128
E-giving:	\$196

We need **\$2410** each week to make our budget. Thank you for continuing to faithfully support the Lord's work. We are behind by **\$4139.88** 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://giving.servantkeeper.com/tlc-monroeville>

