

# TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

## MONROEVILLE, OHIO

“For surely I know the plans I have for you.....” (Jeremiah 29:11)

### Important Reminders!

**Red Cross Blood drive** at TLC, is November 3<sup>rd</sup>. Please log onto [www.redcrossblood.org](http://www.redcrossblood.org), to schedule your appointment to give blood.

**Sewing Group** Wednesday September 6<sup>th</sup> & September 20<sup>th</sup>

### Christian Meeting

Wednesday Sept. 6<sup>th</sup> @ 5:30pm

**Council Meeting** Wednesday September 13<sup>th</sup> @ 5:30pm

**Youth Club** Tuesday's October 10<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup>, 24<sup>th</sup>, 31<sup>st</sup> 3:00pm – 5:00pm

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## Pastor's Letter

### *Discipline Can Be Beautiful*

*<sup>9</sup>Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; <sup>10</sup>love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor (Romans 12).*

So, starts one of the most beautiful encouragements for disciplined, holy living ever written. For example, if we actually strove to outdo one another in showing honor, we would not even need Commandment #8 because we would always put the best possible spin on whatever our neighbors did or said, forgiveness being assumed for wherever they fell short in their actions or words. Now *that's* “kingdom living.”

These encouragements Paul gave us were *particular* disciplines to practice kingdom living. The benefits of such living are not to become kiss-ups or doormats. The benefits are having something very real to practice so that we can be loving our neighbors and glorifying God's name in the process. It's what we are invited to do in service to our Lord. For the love of God and neighbor we are invited to be long-suffering and patient, ardent in spirit instead of apathetic or complacent, peacemakers as far as circumstances depend on us, and otherwise models of Christian living that others may see and wish to emulate as the Holy Spirit urges them, too, to participate in Christian community. The law has never seemed so lovely even when we realize how imperfect we are such that without Jesus none of it ever comes to pass. The good news is that Jesus is *always* with us and helps us in *making* it come to pass. He is with us always, to the end of the age (Matthew 28:20).

So which disciplines will we embrace with the start of the new school year? Don't we want to be positive models for all the kids in the community? We worship and we pray, especially praying for others. We visit and we accompany each other in our strivings,





**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
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- Custodian** - Linda Myers
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especially our disciplines. If we want our students to study, shouldn't we study God's written Word on a regular basis? Should we study it with others when the opportunity arises, even if we have to move our schedules around a bit? Do we beat ourselves up about what we are not very good at achieving, or do we lean more on our strengths to get the most out of time, both individually and together? And when we pray, do we also ask for guidance from the one we claim to serve? If we don't know what God wants from us, why would we act like we know we do? Maybe we can add time for listening to our prayer time, again both individually and together.

As we begin another year of actively passing on the good news of Jesus Christ to the next generation, making sure they know they can live forever in God's kingdom *because* of what Jesus Christ did for us, let's remember to *model* good discipline because it speaks so much louder than *preaching* good discipline. After all, Jesus first did it for us.

Grace and peace, always,

**Church Council Minutes: August 9, 2023**

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

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

**Property and Planning Team:** Bret reporting. The plexiglass for the window behind the altar has been put back in place. During VBS there was an issue with the handicap bathroom toilet, John Myers was able to get a part and fix it. Thank you, John! After looking into things, we have the supplies needed for the electric car charger that Pastor was asking about. These supplies were leftover items from when the Sunday School addition was done. The only thing needed is the charger itself. Gary made a motion to move forward and get the charger, Cindy seconded the motion, motion carried. This

money should come from the budget for transportation cost since we are not paying mileage to Pastor Dan.

**Mission Team:** Lorie reporting. Nothing new to report.

**Gifts/Worship Team:** Carolyn reporting. Nothing new to report.

**Christian Education/Youth:** Lorie/Carolyn reporting. Rally Day is set for September 10<sup>th</sup>. The theme this year is Anchored with Jesus' Love. Christian Ed meeting on September 6<sup>th</sup>. We will be having the Sponsor a Sunday School kid again this year but doing it a bit differently, revealing at Christmas so they can spend the rest of the year corresponding and building a relationship. Youth retreat in Texas in July 2024 - need fundraiser ideas, Pastor Dan will be getting information out to the youth. VBS went very well, we had about 60 kids attend,

**Parish Life:** Cindy reporting. We have been asked to host the Township Trustee dinner on September 14<sup>th</sup>. Cindy will get with Karen Fries to see what they are looking to have and if she can make it work with her schedule, we will move forward with it.

**Pastors Report:** Reporting from email received due to his absence.

During VBS we gave out about two dozen bibles to kids who did not yet have one, which also includes some of our own Sunday School kids.

Nexus was an absolute blast. Christian Ed paid for Sam's registration and the NALC paid for the rest. Still awaiting a bill for my stay at Grandview University, estimated to be about \$235.

Mystery Trip was a success, even with some tensions in the air. We helped build, for the NALC Disaster Response, a tiny house designed to be a temporary replacement for those whose homes blow or wash away during a disaster. They are tracking hours and materials costs and developing plans for duplicating these tiny houses. When we left there was still some work to be done (siding, drywall, wiring, plumbing, painting, etc.) another \$1,000 to \$2,000 for those materials would help them out there, too, again from the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Fund. Motion made to table until next the meeting for further discussion.

With respect to our NALC Disaster Response (NALC DR) hosts, Mary and Ken Bates, they are finishing their welcome center where we were working. It is designed to house about 35 people with a worship and conference room/worship center space, a small kitchen, and dorms and shower facilities. No one is ever asked for donations for their stay there. The welcome center may be used by disaster response volunteers or groups of quilting ladies—it doesn't matter. In light of that and having spoken to Mary and Ken about the welcome center's internet connectivity, they would love to have me install their network and wifi equipment that ties into the internet connection for which they already pay. Pastor Dan asked if the council would approve of \$1,000, to be spent from the 21<sup>st</sup> Century fund for this purpose. Motion made to table this until next meeting for further discussion.

A new microphone and receiver had to be purchased as the current one was having some connectivity issues. The cost to replace it was \$254. If the old one can be fixed, we will then have two. Bret made a motion to pay for replacement, Gary seconded, motion carried.

A few visits were made to some members, and others who are not yet members. A copy of the St John's-Groton's directory was given to us, so we can reach out to those "guests". Looking forward to Rally Day and Advent as it has been quite a busy month.

We have received a large amount of money to the memorial fund. Pastor Dan made a request to use some of it towards the NALC 2020 Vision Campaign. Discussion on this was held, and it was decided that we pray on this and discuss more at the next meeting.

**New Business:** A motion was made to go back to 10:30am Service and Sunday School at 9am on September 10<sup>th</sup>. Motion was carried. A motion was made to give a \$2,000 budget for The Journey, motion seconded by Jennifer and Lorie, motion carried. A discussion was had about the 21<sup>st</sup> Century fund and on how it is supposed to be used.

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

Respectfully Submitted, *Jennifer Miller, Secretary of Council*

### Church Council Minutes: August 10, 2023

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

This meeting was held to further discuss the use of the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Funds. These funds, per a letter from the donor, are to be used to benefit the youth in the community, and outreach within the following counties: Huron, Erie, Sandusky, Seneca. We use this fund for VBS, Youth Club, The Journey, and Sunday School outreach projects. Further discussion was had. A motion was made by Jennifer to move the Firelands Accounts to Croghan, and the TLC treasurer will manage them. Bret seconded the motion, motion carried.

Rob will reach out to Pastor Dan to explain the use of the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Funds in regard to his requests from the previous council meeting.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted, *Jennifer Miller, Secretary of Council*

# TLC Youth Happenings

A few pictures from Vacation Bible School





**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](https://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](mailto: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



### 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, and the family of Rick Gfell.

# FLOOD BUCKET BUILD EVENT

SEPTEMBER 30, 2023

9am—12pm



**Where: Trinity Lutheran Church  
410 N Thoman St  
Crestline, OH 44827**

**What: Build 500 flood buckets for  
NALC Disaster Response**

*9am Brief Worship begins, followed by "building buckets" & loading the truck. A light lunch will be provided.*

## **Why: NALC Disaster Response Needs Help!!!**

After 200+ tornadoes struck central & Midwest states in April 2023, our national warehouse in Caldwell, OH is empty!



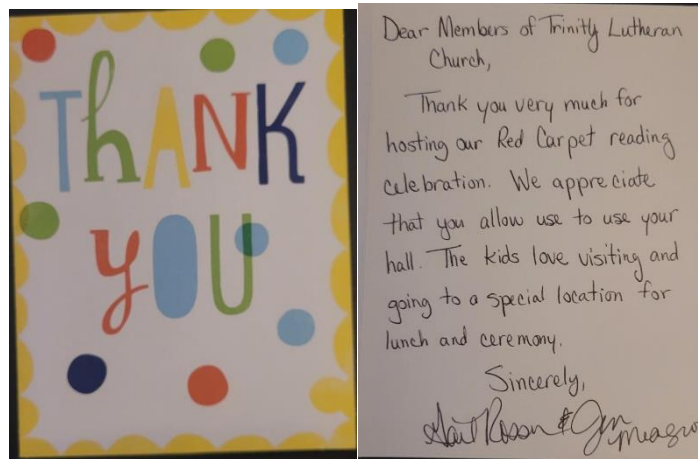
For more information, please contact Mary Bates at 740-509-1132 or Pastor Diana Seaman at 419-683-3972.

## **ITEMS TO COLLECT:**

- \* Five-gallon bucket with lid
- \* 1 jug bleach (½ gallon or smaller)
- \* 2 large trash bags (contractor 3mil)
- \* 1 roll paper towels
- \* 2 rags (can be homemade cut to 10x10)
- \* Comet or scouring cleanser
- \* Pine Sol or liquid cleanser
- \* Scrub Brush
- \* Gloves (1 pair each, any size)
  - rubber (reusable, i.e., dishwashing type)
  - leather
  - cotton

This list will make 1 bucket - goal is to make 500 buckets.

Items can be brought to TLC and placed in a box in the fellowship hall.





## SEPTEMBER WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Date	Lector	Greeters/Ushers	Acolyte
September 3	Paula Underwood	Caroyn Adelman & Tonia Smith	
September 10	Daniel Clinker	Candi Kinn	
September 17	Angie Swanbeck		
September 24	Daniel Clinker	Jeff Reineck & Barb Gurney	

Altar Workers for September: Sara & Jeff Anderson & Family

### SEPTEMBER COFFE HOST

September 3     Weltlins  
 September 10   Rally Day  
 September 17   Barb Gurney  
 September 24   Tom & Darlene White

### AUGUST OFFERING

08/06:                 \$2522  
 08/13                 \$1860  
 08/20                 \$2491  
 08/27                 \$2129

E-giving for August 2023:     \$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 **\$2933.38** 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>

