

TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH MONROEVILLE, OHIO

“Be joyful always; pray continually; give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus” (1 Thessalonians 5:16-18)

Important Reminders!

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

Sewing Group Wednesday
November 1st & November 15th

Christian Ed. Meeting
Wednesday Nov 1st @ 5:30_{pm}

Council Meeting Wednesday,
November 8th @ 5:30_{pm}

Advent Midweek Services:
Wednesdays
6_{pm} Soup/ 7_{pm} Service
December 6th, 13th, 20th

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Pastor’s Letter

One Way to Start Days Joyfully

Well, I blinked, and October is gone. In many ways, I think that speaks well of our activity here at Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church. It means that the Holy Spirit continues to guide us into the work Jesus taught us to do. It means that Jesus really *is* with us to the end of the age as we do the work to which he invited us. It means that our time seems to be passing quickly—very, very quickly—as we love our neighbors in need and teach the next generation(s) everything Jesus taught us.

Do you feel your time passes too slowly as you read this? Do you feel that the time you spend lacks joy? Be careful when you consider that last question. I don’t mean happiness over a complacent, warm-and-fuzzy existence. I mean real joy as in being part of the accomplishment of the work of Jesus Christ. Have you had an impact on your immediate environment using the limited days and hours you have been commissioned here on Earth?

From my personal experience, when I start to feel the grind of living without the joy, it’s usually time to break up the grind with a new attitude. I may still have the same things to do, but I can do them with a sense of thanksgiving and praise to God who invites and allows me to do them. I might have to ask myself, “Why am I doing this? Who am I helping? What positive effect do I have on the world when I do well what is set before me? Where is God in this activity?” If I can see the answer to the last question, I have likely seen the answer to the supporting questions.

I was very privileged to attend to the final needs of a writer during his last days, including his last communion. He was absolutely ready to leave his afterlife up to Jesus, and he



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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witnessed exactly that to me. He was also the author of the hymn “Rise, Shine, You People!” which can be found in our hymnal (ELW #665). One of the things he told me prior to my last visit with him was what his wife and daughter reminded me during that last visit: Ron taught them to take each morning and write down everything for which they were thankful. They all still dedicated themselves to that reflection every morning. What a way to start one’s day with thankfulness and subsequent praise to God for all his gifts to us!

In reality, these daily writings are ephemeral and probably never to be read by anyone ever again. However, we can certainly allow God to write thankfulness and praise on our hearts by starting our days by telling God how much we appreciate everything we recognize as one of his good gifts. Whether it seems more worthy and deliberate to put them on a page or to tell our Creator directly, feel free to try this out as you see fit, especially if you are having “one of those weeks.” But it would certainly come easier during the tough weeks if we practiced it during the weeks we thoroughly enjoy. In fact, with enough practice we might find every week joyful, even the tough ones. If the positive effects we might gain in the here and now are not enough for us, we might always consider how pleased our Creator might be to hear some words of gratitude from his children.

Grace and peace, always,

Church Council Minutes: October 11, 2023

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

Rob opened the meeting with a prayer.

Bruce reported on the investment accounts for the past quarter.

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

Property and Planning Team: Bret reporting. A quote was received from Millers Landscape for the snow removal. Carolyn made a motion to accept the quote, Gary seconded the motion, motion carried. Thermostats are here, Bret will get with Dave to see if he will install them. The light outside the office door is not working. The handrail by the office door needs to be put back into place, Gary will look at getting this taken care of.

Mission Team: Lorie reporting. There was a lot sold in town in Monroeville where a habitat house is going to be built. Lorie will reach out to Habitat to see if there is anything TLC can help with.

Gifts/Worship Team: Carolyn reporting. Bible study with Pastor Dan is going well. People are still asking about a second service. Discussion was held about a second service. Monica will put together a survey that we can give out to members to get a feel for where everyone stands on some options we are considering.

Christian Education/Youth: Jenn reporting. Youth club is going well. We have about 17 kids attending this session, with even a few new faces.

Parish Life: Cindy reporting. The Trustee dinner was fun and went very well.

Pastors Report: Nothing to report. Pastor Dan is absent due to visiting his father.

New Business: Discussion of the terms of council members.

Motion made to adjourn by Lorie. 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, Betty Moltz, Jim Graffice, Sue Graybill, Ila, Debbie Moltz, Josh Roeder, Natalee Newland, Wanda McLaughlin, Victor DeJesus, Bonnie McQuillen, Bob Reynolds, Don Gurney, Jeff & Judy, Dan Clinker, Jerry Neuberger, Pat McDonald, Dorothy Kriegland, and Olivia.



DECEMBER 10th

If you would like to volunteer, please see Lori Griffith

TLC Youth Happenings

September Attendance Basket Winner



Thomas Tonelli

October Attendance Basket Winner



Cole Myers

*we forgot to get a picture so we borrowed a recent one from Facebook. Congrats on the deer Cole!



UPCOMING EVENTS



- 6th – Soup Supper / Advent Service**
- 10th – The Journey to Bethlehem**
- 13th – Soup Supper / Advent Service**
- 17th – Children singing during church**
- 20th – Soup Supper / Advent Service**



- 14th – Ice Skating in Fremont**



- 10th – Family Game Night**
- 11th – Mystery Friends Reveal / Valentines party**

Trysten will be a part of the *Christmas Carol* put on at Bellevue Society for the Arts.

December 1, 2, 3, 8 & 9



NOVEMBER WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Date	Lector	Greeters/Ushers	Acolyte
November 5	Daniel Clinker	Candi Kinn	Cara Kinn
November 12	Jeff Reineck	Weltlins	
November 19	Candi Kinn	Weltlins	
November 26	Paula Underwood	Weltlins	

Altar Workers for November: Carolyn Adelman & Tonia Smith

NOVEMBER COFFE HOST

November 5 Cindy Schuller
 November 12 Barb Gurney
 November 19 OPEN
 November 26 Bob & Sue Underwood

OCTOBER OFFERING

10/01: \$3573
 10/08: \$1572
 10/15: \$1167
 10/22: \$1142
 10/29 \$2191
 E-giving: \$1220

We need **\$2410** each week to make our budget. Thank you for continuing to faithfully support the Lord’s work. We are behind by **\$5324.88** for the year so far. Please remember your gifts when you are away. Our ministry depends on your generosity.

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<https://giving.servantkeeper.com/tlc-monroeville>

