

TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH MONROEVILLE, OHIO

“For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life” John 3:16

Important Reminders!

Red Cross Blood drive at TLC, is March 1st. Please log onto www.redcrossblood.org, to schedule your appointment to give blood.

Sewing Group Wednesday
March 6th & March 20th

Christian Ed. Meeting
Wednesday March 6th @ 5:30_{pm}

Council Meeting Wednesday,
March 13th @ 5:30_{pm}

Lent Services

Soup @ 6pm ~ Service @ 7pm
March 6th, 13th, 20th

Maundy Thursday March 28th
Dinner @ 6pm ~ Service @ 7pm

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Pastor’s Letter

A Time for Repentance

It is palpable. Members and non-members are worshiping together on Wednesday nights after catching up with each other over soup and bread just like a faith community should be doing this time of year. These same folks are making more prayer requests for others in our community, which is also appropriate. Some folks are sharing their Lenten struggles with me, and some are asking me theological questions with real ministry applications at stake. This is what the church instituted by Jesus Christ should always be doing, so it’s great to see it done during the season we focus as much as possible on reconciling with our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, and God, the Father, who created us. The Holy Spirit is again stirring the waters of creation and renewal among us.

How is reconciling with God these 40 days affecting your own ministry? Of course, you have a ministry! Some of you are passing on the faith to your children, grandchildren, nieces, and nephews. Some of you are simply inviting others like Jesus and his disciples when you tell them, “Come and see.” Several of you struggle with encouraging your loved ones to receive baptism in the name of the Father, the + Son and the Holy Spirit, or urging those already baptized to prepare for their first Holy



Council

President – Rob Ludwig
Vice President – Bret Gefll
Treasurer - Sharon Heyman
Secretary - Jennifer Miller
Christian Ed – Missy Kluding
Youth - Jennifer Miller
Parish Life – Cindy Schuller
Worship/GIFTS Team – Monica Barman
Mission Team – Lorie Pierce
Property Team -Bret Gefll, 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
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Communion or confirmation. This is the business of the Great Commission (Matt 28:19-20) to which we are committed as those chosen by Jesus Christ for this life and the next.

Some of you are engaging with tougher spiritual battles. We struggle with our own spiritual challenges when we accompany others by caring for them when their health is recovering, or spending time with them as their health is failing. We do our best to have words of encouragement for those who are despairing for all kinds of reasons, striving each moment to help them realize and be grateful for the fact that Jesus chooses them, too. It is a sense of purpose in Christ as part of God's good creation which we hope to convey to those struggling with questions like "Why?" or "What's the point?" And the only answer in the final analysis is to glorify God who wants us to live eternally with him. The only mediation is Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit, who teach us and pray for us. Then Jesus even died and rose again for us to show us a way past death and the grave to life with him forever. And he still empties himself every day for us so that we might do likewise for our neighbors through the power of the Holy Spirit and who drowns our old self-will and replaces it with the will of God the Father in the body of Jesus Christ, his church.

For those not yet focused on Christ this season, even if giving up anything material appeals to you not at all, please consider giving your time and attention to the one whose favorite offering is a broken and contrite heart. Turn again, be healed, find guidance, and reengage the work of his Great Commission. He speaks to us through his written and preached Word. We can talk with him anytime.

To God be the Glory!
 Grace and peace, always,

Pastor Dan

Church Council Minutes: February 14, 2024

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

The meeting was opened with prayer and a reading from Philippians 2 by Pastor Dan.

The Treasurer's Report and Minutes from January were reviewed. A correction was made to the minutes by Jennifer. The year was listed incorrectly. Lorie made a motion to accept the minutes and treasurer's report; Cindy seconded the motion; the motion carried.

New Business: Discussion was had on having background checks done for anyone who helps with our youth. Pastor Dan will get with Tonia to see if she would be willing to handle this. If she does not, he will find someone else.

Old Business: Pastor Dan will start getting the committees together for both task forces: the Worship Space and the TLC Constitution revision. The directory is still a work in progress.

Property and Planning Team: Gary reporting. Nothing new to report.

Mission Team: Lorie reporting. The building of the Habitat-for-Humanity house has begun. Lorie is going to reach out to them, so they are aware we are willing to help. The sub sandwich fundraiser brought in about \$740 fund travel for the Chikoti's as they visit the U.S. this year.

Gifts/Worship Team: Nothing to report at this time. The Holden evening prayer will not be used during Lent this year, we will give it a rest and have a classic mid-week Lenten service.

Christian Education/Youth: Missy/Jenn reporting. We decided not to hold a Winter Session of Youth Club due to too many people being sick. We will have a refresh/restart in the Fall. Blessing of the animals will be held in April. Vacation Bible school will be held July 14-17th with the theme of "Great Jungle Journey". There was some discussion about ideas for Mystery Trips, but these are still in the planning stages. Easter Breakfast and Egg Hunt on March 31st. May 12th is the last day for Sunday School.

Parish Life: Cindy reporting. Focusing on mid-week soup suppers and Maundy Thursday dinner right now. Mother’s Day Brunch will be on May 12th.

Pastors Report: We have switched to a new internet provider, Omni Fiber. We will be saving some money by making this switch. We will be doing the 40 cans for 40 days collection again this Lenten season in partnership with the Knights of Columbus with all donations going to the food bank. We are continuing to collect deodorant and bar soap for the non-food bank. There were several visits with members over the last couple of months, and also a couple of dinner invitations.

Motion made to adjourn by Cindy. Seconded by Gary. 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, Natalee Newland, Wanda McLaughlin, Bonnie McQuillen, Bob Reynolds, Don Gurney, Olivia, Tyler Palmer, Chase Battillene, Paula Underwood, Connie Brown, Jan Fisher, Peggy, Phillip Smith, Laura, Luke & Sharon Jackson, Carter Anderson, Bill C, Gary Frysinger, Patty Anderson, Sara, Sherry, Keith Deeter, Kathy Lavalley, JoAnne, David Adelman, Steve Walker, Robert Hunter, Leslie Warnke, Pat McDonald, Alan Straus & Family, Cammie, Benny Osborne, Theo, Alex, Maria Colvis, and Ridge Mitchell.

Military Personal: Anna Little, Owen Roeder, Isaiah Fowler

Mid-Week Lenten Service

Wednesday's

Soup @ 6pm ~Worship @ 7pm

March 6th ~ March 13th

March 20th

Holy Week Schedule

Maundy Thursday, March 28th Dinner @ 6_{pm}, Worship @ 7_{pm}

Good Friday Worship, March 29th
 Worship @ 7_{pm}

TLC Youth Happenings

Sharing lots of love with our Mystery Friends

February Attendance Basket Winner



Paxton Smith

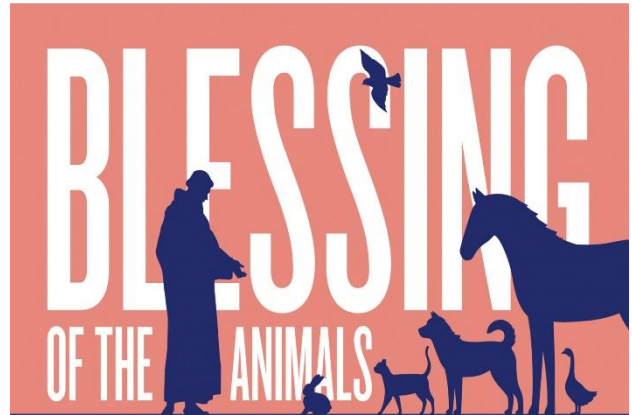


**Easter Brunch &
Egg Hunt**

March 31st @ 9_{am}



Coming in April ...



More details to come



You're Invited...

What: Mystery Trip

When: TBD

Where: It's a Mystery!!

Bar Soap and Deodorant
Collection for the
Non-Food Bank



MOCP Fundraiser

\$20/pair of shoes

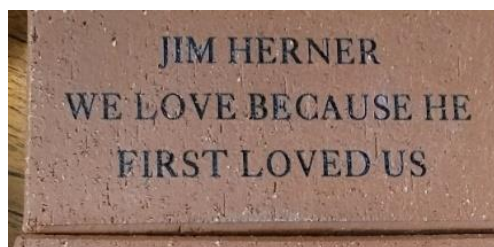
Place your donation in the offering plate and indicate
on envelope: MOCP- Shoes



Shoes that Grow

We will be taking orders for bricks during the Lenten Season.

If you would like a brick to place in
our memorial garden, to have at
your home, give as gift...
whatever you choose!



See Tonia Smith, Jenn Miller or Angie Swanbeck
for questions and order forms.

FEBRUARY WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Date	Lector	Greeters/Ushers	Acolyte
March 3	Angie Swanbeck	Gary & Paula Underwood	
March 10	Candi Kinn	Gary & Paula Underwood	
March 17	Miriam Tommas		
March 24	Candi Kinn		
March 31	Carolyn Adelman		

Altar Workers for March: Darlene White & Charlene Henney

MARCH COFFEE HOST

March 3	Cindy Schuller
March 10	Rob & Debbie Ludwig
March 17	Tom & Mary Lynn Sutter
March 24	Gary & Paula Underwood
March 31	Easter

FEBRUARY OFFERING

02/04:	\$2897
02/11:	\$2431
02/18:	\$2790
02/25:	\$1864.50
E-giving:	\$797

We need **\$2477** each week to make our budget. Thank you for continuing to faithfully support the Lord's work. We are behind by **\$365.50** 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>

