

TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH MONROEVILLE, OHIO

“When the time is right, I, the Lord will make it happen” Isaiah 60:22

Important Reminders!

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

Sewing Group – Wednesday
April 3rd & April 17th

Christian Ed. Meeting
Wednesday April 3rd @ 5:00^{pm}

Council Meeting Wednesday,
April 10th @ 5:30^{pm}

Mother’s Day Brunch
May 12th

Last Day of Sunday School
May 12th

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Pastor’s Letter

A Time for Resurrection – What Does It Look Like to You?

We cannot fathom all of God’s good creation, of course, but most importantly we cannot fathom our existence within creation’s framework of *time*. Our worldly, mortal senses tell us we are born one day, live however long we are given, then we die sometime later along the timeline of humanity. While this is real as far as the world is concerned, it is a very limited view of creation because it is a mortal view, a human view.

The bible tells us that God created time with the rising and setting of the heavenly bodies. We mark our days and years by the sun or the moon, depending upon the culture in which we are raised, and it looks like a timeless routine that will never change. However, the bible tells us otherwise. If God created time for creation to mark its changing, what framework marked the thoughts and plans of the Holy Trinity *prior* to creation and its time framework? When the heavens roll up like a scroll, and the mountains and islands are displaced, and stars fall to the earth like fruit from the tree (Rev. 6:12), what will time be like for those of us claimed forever by Christ? When heaven and earth have passed away, and the new heaven and new earth receive the holy city, the new Jerusalem as it



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 Gfell, Dan Smith & Gary Underwood

Staff (volunteer & paid)

Volunteer Coordinator, Office Assistant - Tonia Smith
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Organist - Julie Roeder
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descends (Rev. 21:1-2) so that God and the Lamb are the only lights necessary, because the sun and moon are no longer necessary (Rev. 22:5), then what will time be like with no more night?

My point is that God may act within our time framework even if God exists outside of time. When Jesus sent out his disciples two by two to preach in the towns ahead of him, he sent them to tell everyone that “The kingdom of heaven has come near,” whether their message was well-received or not (Matt. 10:7, Luke 10:9-11). He also answered the Pharisees on the question of when the kingdom of heaven would come by letting them know that it was already among them (Luke 17:20-21). It was certainly here when God led the Israelites with a pillar of fire by night and a pillar of cloud by day (Ex. 13:21-22), and it was certainly here when Jesus said in a loud voice, “Lazarus, come out!” (John 10:43)

If the kingdom of heaven is represented on earth by Jesus Christ, so, too, is the kingdom of heaven among us now. It is here when we eat his body (the bread) and drink his blood (the wine) from the cup of salvation. It is here when we love our neighbors by serving their needs instead of their wants. It is here whenever the Word of God is rightly preached with the conviction of God’s law and the forgiveness of his gospel through the death and resurrection of his only Son, Jesus Christ—the realized promise that we, too, are baptized into his death *and* resurrection.

If we live in Christ now because he has already chosen us and given us our faith in the resurrection promise, what does a resurrection look like before the current heaven and earth pass away? Does it look like reconciled friends, family, or neighbors who were once estranged? Does it look like life-destroying addictions now broken and their slaves set free? Does it look like recovery from a debilitating illness? For those who count nothing but blessings in their lives, does it feel like ineffable joy

and peace while working in renewed ministry for our neighbors and community which reflects the light and love of Christ?

These and similar questions – and their answers – are how we share a vision for ministry with each other. These resurrections from deadly changes in our lives are what help us to focus as a community in Christ. In this time and place, what does resurrection look like to you?

Grace and peace, always,

Pastor Dan

Church Council Minutes: March 13, 2024

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

Pastor Dan opened the meeting with a devotion on the meaning of steadfastness, especially as a quality which manifests itself in diligent Christians, and a relevant prayer.

The Treasurer's Report and Minutes from March were reviewed. Gary made a motion to accept; Missy seconded the motion; the motion carried.

Property and Planning Team: Bret reporting.

Mission Team: Gary and Bret reporting. The Chikoti's will be traveling through here from July 30th through August 1st. They will have the morning of July 31st to recover at the Gfell household, but after that they should be able to spend a quality evening with us.

Gifts/Worship Team: Pr. Dan reporting. Worship seems to be going well. Worship survey results are not present at this time. A Blessing of the Animals will be held on April 14 at 2:00pm in the overflow parking lot. We will keep this limited to the animals of worship attendees this year, not the whole community.

Christian Education/Youth: Missy reporting. Our first VBS meeting will begin at 5:15pm* on April 3rd. Our VBS week is scheduled to occur Sunday through Wednesday, July 14-17, 6-8:30pm. Instead of recognition Sunday, the Sunday school is considering an external year-end activity (such as bowling) to occur on May 4th or May 5th since Mother's Day, May 12th, is the last day of Sunday school. We will have an Easter breakfast with the parents of our Sunday school kids. We expect the younger kids Mystery Trip to be on June 19th. We are considering a more celebrational event for the older kids that puts them with other Christians of their age, time and date TBA.

Parish Life: Cindy needs a few more items for the Maundy Thursday meal.

Pastors Report: The TLC Constitution revision task force has begun its review of our current constitution. Pr. Dan requests that someone other than him chairs the worship space renovation task force, even though he will make himself available at any time for insight as to how worship best works in the space. An acceptable vendor for background checks has been found through consultation with our mission district dean. Tonia has been working to set up an account with them to complete checks on all who work with our youth. We have free help with salesforce.com to enter our membership and household data, including photos, so that we can maintain a current database of our membership and print a directory whenever we deem timely. Pr. Dan will approach our previous photographer for the effort. Having completed our NALC congregational report, Pr. Dan recognized a net gain in membership of 13, which is equal to the gain in our net average attendance from 2022 to 2023. We have already received another 4 members this year via affirmation of baptism.

New Business: The Internet for the computer in the church is still not working – Pastor Dan will look at and get it fixed.

Old Business: Gary is still looking for church projects for MHS kids.

Motion made to adjourn by Gary. Seconded by Brett. Motion carried.
We went to our Lenten Wednesday dinner for the prayer before the meal.

Respectfully Submitted, *Rev. Dan Pennington*, Pastor.

* (this VBS meeting was later listed at 5:30pm in our Easter worship bulletin)

TLC Youth Happenings

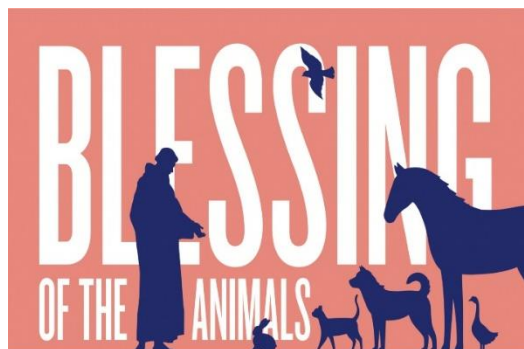
He has Risen!! Allejuia!

March Attendance
Basket Winner



To be determined...





When: April 14th @ 2pm
Where: Big Parking lot

Last day of
Sunday School
May 12th



Memorial Day Parade

May 27th

Join us and walk in the parade
and pass out flyers for VBS

You're Invited...
What: Mystery Trip
When: June 19th
Where: It's a Mystery!!



Looking for helpers for
VBS
Join us at our next
meeting on
May 1st @ 5:45pm

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, Jan Fisher, Carter Anderson, Sara, Sherry, Keith Deeter, JoAnne, Steve Walker, Robert Hunt, Leslie Warnke, Pat McDonald, Alan Straus & Family, Cammie, Theo, Alex, Maria Colvis, Ridge Mitchell, Melissa, Travis Seip, Tonya, Randy Garner, Jerry, Todd Shroyer, Roger, Donna Colvin, Kevin Killingsworth, Elizabeth, Joyce, Brian, Roger Dickman and Bryan.

Military Personal: Anna Little, Owen Roeder, Isaiah Fowler

MOCP Fundraiser

\$20/pair of shoes

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



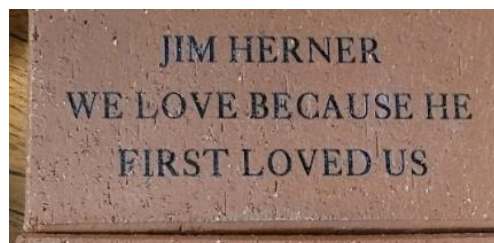
Shoes that Grow

Bar Soap and Deodorant
Collection for the
Non-Food Bank



We are still taking orders for bricks: **LAST DAY TO ORDER APRIL 30TH**

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.

Dear Church Family

From one small idea, I hoped to sell 10 bunnies. You far exceeded my hope!

So happy to announce we raised \$265 for the MOCF fund, from the sale of bunnies.

Thank you, thank you from the bottom of my heart to all who bought one or donated!

In Christ's Love

Deb Underwood



*Thank you for the cookies!
We truly appreciate your
kindness and generosity.
Thank you for making our day!*

~ Heather, Bonnie, Jim, Ann ~

Thank You

APRIL WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Date	Lector	Greeters/Ushers	Acolyte
April 7	Bonnie Gfell	Bret & Bonnie Gfell	
April 14	Jeff Reineck		
April 21	Jeff Reineck		
April 28	Jeff Reineck		

Altar Workers for April: Carolyn Adelman & Missy Kluding

APRIL COFFEE HOST

April 7	Cindy Schuller
April 14	Beth Smith
April 21	Ken & Deb Underwood
April 28	Tom & Darlene White

MARCH OFFERING

03/03:	\$3081
03/10:	\$2263
03/17:	\$1956
03/24:	\$2350.94
03/31:	\$3214
E-giving:	\$445

We need **\$2477** each week to make our budget. Thank you for continuing to faithfully support the Lord's work. We are ahead by **\$559.44** 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>

