

TRINITY MONTHLY

ENGAGING OUR COMMUNITY WITH GOD'S TRUTH THROUGH CHRIST'S LOVE



This Week in the Word

A NOTE FROM THE PASTOR

Beginning this Fall, Trinity Lutheran Church will be providing a number of new Sunday School opportunities grounded completely in the Word of God. Our church believes what the Bible teaches, that the Holy Scriptures are God's inerrant, inspired, and infallible Word. In this Word, God graciously gives us to us His Son, Jesus Christ. God's Word is an amazing gift. This year, in a number of classes we are going to

open that gift together each week. Reading the Bible can feel intimidating. This year we will help you to grow comfortable and confident approaching God's Word. With just a Bible and a few simple questions, you will learn how to open your Bible to any page and understand what God is saying to you. A number of teachers have been trained to help you grow in just this way.

We are calling this class, and others using the same approach, *This Week in the Word*. Each week we will look at one of the Lectionary
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readings that you'll hear during our worship services and learn how to simply and faithfully read and understand God's Word together. I am excited about these classes, and hope you will join one as our Sunday School season kicks off once again. If you'd like to learn more I encourage you to talk to myself or Pastor Ben, or speak with our Director of Christian Development, Ryane Briggs.

Other opportunities are coming soon. We will be establishing home groups centered on scripture reading and prayer that will help your faith come alive in your home and with your family and friends. Leaders are being trained which takes some time, so expect to hear more about this wonderful opportunity in the weeks and months ahead. Fall is such a rich, full, and beautiful time here in Ohio and it will be here at Trinity as well. I pray you will be blessed as you are drawn to God and each other through His Word and prayer in the year ahead.

In Christ,



Rev. K. McClain
Pastor Kevin McClain
Lead Pastor

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Of course, you are always
welcome to stop by
Trinity's office:

Monday - Thursday
9am-5pm

FALL FESTIVAL: SAVE THE DATE

Oct 19th | 4-7pm | Trinity

Join us for all the fall goodness that the season brings. Yes! Schmidt's food truck is coming back, along with the french fry guy and Brew'd! We will also have bounce houses, photo op, corn pit, and fun for the whole family!



We look forward to seeing you there! Sign up today using the QR code.



HOW MAY WE PRAY FOR YOU?

First Sunday of each month | Following each weekend service

Stephen Ministers will be available following services on the 1st weekend of each month to pray for you. Join a Stephen Minister in the library after the Saturday 5:30pm Folk Service or the Sunday 8:45am Traditional Service. Following the 11am Praise Service, prayer will be offered in the back of Jack's Place.

In addition, if you would like to include a prayer through our prayer ministry, send a request through the reach out on our website, on a connect card or by calling the office. If you would like to join us in praying for our church, community, and world, let us know and we will forward prayers to you via email.



WEDNESDAY NIGHTS ARE BACK!

• Wednesday Community Dinners & Choir Rehearsals

It's that time of year! This month, we're looking forward to resuming our Wednesday night community dinners and choir rehearsals for the fall! All begin on Wednesday, Sep 3rd. The menu for September dinners is available now, and more information on our choirs is available in the Music Ministry section of the newsletter. We hope to see you there!



CELEBRATING SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS



Let's shower our cherished members 85 and over with lots of love and well-wishes as they celebrate their birthdays this month!

Judy White | September 1 | 85

Sharlene Ingmand | September 2 | 87

Bill Poeppelman | September 7 | 92

Sharlene Sprinkle | September 17 | 92

Roland Massatti | September 21 | 85

Mike White | September 21 | 85

Lee Mowry | September 28 | 90

Donald Cole | September 29 | 86

WHAT'S ON THE MENU

WEDNESDAYS IN SEPTEMBER

5:15-6pm in Jack's Place | Suggested \$5 donation

SEP
3

Lasagna

Salad, Garlic Bread, & Brownies

SEP
10

Meatloaf

Mashed Potatoes,
Peas & Carrots, & Cookies

SEP
17

Sloppy Joes

Tater Tots, Coleslaw,
& Chocolate Pudding

SEP
24

Chicken Noodle Casserole

Salad & Yellow Cake with
Chocolate Frosting

RSVP required by Monday. Call ahead for carry-out.

Please call:

Peggy: (419) 210-5226 | Robin: (419) 632-5097

**Please note all meals are subject to change*

CELEBRATING RALLY DAY 2025

A beginning to the year full of worship & community

This year's Rally Day was such a beautiful celebration of what it means to be one family in Christ—"One God, One Church, One Service." It was amazing to come together, share in worship, and feel the joy of being united as a community. We're so thankful for everyone who joined in, and we're excited to see where God leads us next as we continue this journey together. What an incredible start to the new season!



TRINITY KIDS 456: PAWSOME PARTY

Friday, Sep 12th | 6-8pm | Mitchell Hall

Hey Kids! Want to make a difference in your community and around the world? Join us for our exciting service project for kids in grades 4-6! Join us as we show some love to the furry friends at our local humane society!

We'll be making homemade dog treats that are sure to get tails wagging. We'll also learn about animal care and compassion. It's a fun and rewarding way to help animals in need.

We'll also be a part of something big—Operation Christmas Child! We'll put together essential school supplies to create school kits for children in need around the world. Your efforts will help bring a smile and the gift of education to kids who may not have access to these resources.

Please sign up using the QR code. See you there!





YOUTH SHARE GROUP

Begins Sep 7th | 7-8pm | 1st & 3rd Sundays Each Month

Let's come together for a thoughtful hour of prayer, scripture, and fellowship! We'll gather at a different home each time we meet, beginning at the Briggs home on Sep 7th.

In September, our second Share Group will happen on September 21st at the McClain home.

Text Ryane Briggs for all location details at (419) 651-9383.

FALL YOUTH PARTY

Tuesday, Sep 9th | 7-8pm | Youth Room

Fall Party Alert! Join us Tuesday, October 14th from 7-8 PM in the Youth Room for a night of fun, fellowship, and costumes — grades 7-12 welcome! Come dressed as your favorite Bible character for a chance to win awesome prizes!



LUTHER CLUB

Thursday, Sep 4th | Noon | Jack's Place

All seniors are invited to join us for a delicious lunch and some great fellowship! On the menu is smothered pork chops, scalloped potatoes, green beans, and lemon bars. This month's speaker will be Brooks Whitmore from Whitmore Motors. The cost is \$7, and an RSVP to the church office is required. We hope to see you there!



MNM'S: LUNCH & FELLOWSHIP

Tuesday, Sep 16th | Noon | Jack's Place

Women on their own are invited to join us for the next MNM's (Making New Memories) lunch! We'll enjoy a lunch of chicken-broccoli-cheese casserole, butter noodles, and apple pie. Please RSVP by contacting the church office. We hope you'll join us for this wonderful opportunity to share good food and great company!



EXPRESSIONS OF FAITH

Friday, Sep 19th | Noon | Lower Level Elevator Hallway

Do you enjoy making greeting cards? Join us for Expressions of Faith, a creative time for anyone interested in crafting cards. Bring your lunch and any ideas you'd like to share—we'd love to see your creativity in action! No sign up needed. Please bring your own lunch, and contact Wendy Shreffler with any questions.

EUCHRE NIGHT

Thursday, Sep 25th | 6:30pm | Jack's Place

If you enjoy playing Euchre, join us for a fun evening of cards! You don't need a partner to register—just bring your enthusiasm. Be sure to RSVP by contacting the church office. We look forward to a great time together; all ages and skill levels welcome!

FALL SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES

All classes begin Sunday, September 7th | 10-10:50am

We're excited for Sunday School classes to begin for the fall! During our weekly Sunday School Hour, 10-10:50am, there are options for all ages.

KIDS

Preschool-Kindergarten

Led by Emma McClain

Location: Preschool Room

Young Children:

Grades 1, 2, & 3

Led by Angela Baker

& Amy Atterholt

location: Assembly Room A & B

Older Children:

Grades 4, 5, & 6

Led by Jenny Pence

& Aaron Wolfe

Location: Assembly Room C & D

YOUTH

Studying the Catechism:

Grades 7 & 8

Led by Vicar Gage Garlinghouse

Location: MS Youth Room

Studying the Lectionary

Series: Grades 9-12

Led by Ryane Briggs

Location: HS Youth Room

ADULTS

Christian Friends

Led by Chris & Michelle Vanderzyden

Location: Trinity Room

Adult Bible Study

Led by Dan Forbes & Doug Clark

Location: Main Lounge (Church Home)

Christian Women

Led by Wendy Shreffler

Location: South Sunroom

Christian Basics: Young Adults & the Small Catechism

Led by Pastor Ben & Kyla Mollohan

Location: North Patio Room

Christian Living

Led by Tom Gaus

Location: Meeting Room A & B

No sign-ups are needed for Sunday School classes.

Reach out to Ryane Briggs at Ryane@trinityashland.org with any questions.

BIBLE STUDY FELLOWSHIP 2025-2026 STUDY: *EXILE AND RETURN*

Available Dates & Times Below
Groups Begin Week of September 7th

**Exile &
Return**
A TIME TO BUILD



Bible Study Fellowship (BSF) will begin a new study this fall, *Exile & Return*, featuring eight Old Testament books of history and prophecy that cover Israel's exile in Babylon and their eventual return to the promised land. So, beyond the obvious personal blessing that comes from reading every page of God's inspired Word, why should someone living in the 21st century read a bunch of books written approximately 2,500 years ago? *Exile & Return* isn't just an Old Testament history lesson. These books speak to people who feel displaced, weary, or like they're waiting for something more. Walking through these often-ignored pages will uncover the ache of living in a world that is not our home while continually pointing toward our hope of Jesus' return. Surprisingly, this study reveals the unwavering heart of our Savior, who meets us in every chapter of our lives.

DAYTIME OPTIONS

Women & Preschool Daytime Class

Thursdays (Day) | 9am | Location: Trinity Lutheran Church

Men's Daytime Class

Thursdays (Day) | 12pm/Noon | Location: Ashland University

EVENING OPTIONS

Women's Evening Class

Mondays (Evening) | 6:30pm | Location: Park St. Brethren Church

Men's Evening Class

Mondays (Evening) | 6:30pm | Location: Trinity Lutheran Church

REMOTE OPTION

Online Classes

You Choose Day & Time | Location: Meet using Zoom

Women, men, and children can join in this study by registering using the QR code. Contact Michelle Vanderzyden if you have any questions or need help registering.



FALL CHOIR & MUSIC OPPORTUNITIES: ALL ARE WELCOME

Rehearsals for most choirs begin Wednesday, Sep 3rd

CHOIRS

CHILDREN'S CHOIRS

Children's choirs include: Music Makers (PreK-K), Cherubs (Grades 1-3), and Notes of Joy (Grades 4-6). All children's choirs sing on occasion for holidays. Rehearsals take place at 6pm. *Directors: Kim Wolbert and Mark Koehler.*

HIGH PRAISE (GRADES 7-12)

A vibrant youth choir where we build friendships, grow in faith, and sing in praise! Sings from time to time in worship services and on mission trips. Begins October 1st, 7-8pm. Meets in downstairs Choir Room. *Director: Kim Wolbert.*

SONRISE SINGERS (ADULT)

Sings at the 8:45am service, once or twice a month, September-June. Only one or two practices are scheduled each month - typically the first Monday at 7pm in the Music Room and another as-needed. See event calendar for the specific schedule. *Director: Ron Marenchin.*

SENIOR CHOIR (ADULT)

Sings two or three Sundays a month at the 8:45am service from September through June and at special services. Practices are Wednesdays from 7 - 8:30pm in the Choir Loft. *Director: Ron Marenchin.*

BELLS

LUTHER BELL CHOIR

For Youth Ringers (Grades 2 - 6). Meets Wednesdays from 4:30 - 5:15pm in Mitchell Hall. *Director: Ron Marenchin.*

TRINITY BELL CHOIR

For experienced ringers. Meets Wednesdays from 6-7pm in Mitchell Hall. The choir usually rings on the fourth Sunday each month from September through May and at other special services. *Director: Ron Marenchin.*

BRASS

TRINITY BRASS

For 7th Grade - Adult brass players. Play at various services and events throughout the year. Rehearsals begin in September. Meets in the Music Room.

We hope to see you this fall as we make a joyful noise to the Lord together! Scan the QR code for more info and registration.



KIDS CHOIR CAMP: FAITH, FUN, & GROWTH!

What a joyful and spirit-filled week we had at this year's Children's Choir Camp! With 168 enthusiastic young singers and over 70 dedicated volunteers, Trinity was bursting with music, movement, creativity, and praise. We are so thankful for the incredible support from our church family—through food, financial gifts, chair setup, tech contributions and craft donations, you helped make this ministry a true success. The children spent the week singing, playing, and learning about Joshua's bold challenge to the people: "Choose this day whom you will serve." It was an inspiring time of faith, fun, and growing together as we lifted high the name of our one true God!



GET INVOLVED

DONATING CANS TO THE ALTAR GUILD

The Altar guild is seeking smaller (about 1 lb.) coffee cans, metal or plastic (or similar type containers) for altar flower distribution following services. The flowers that have decorated our altar for worship are divided and shared with various members who are homebound, ill, hospitalized, grieving or celebrating each week. Your thoughtful donation of containers is very helpful to the flower ministry of the altar guild and we are grateful. Please note that larger containers (over 1 lb.) are not able to be used. Containers may be dropped off at the office anytime.

STEPHEN MINISTRY: WE LOVE TO LISTEN

If you are someone you know would like the ear of a trusted Christian friend, let us know. We would like to help when the load gets a little heavy. We often hear from our care receivers what a difference it makes to just be able to talk "it" out and have someone truly listen. If you would like to explore the idea of having a Stephen Minister, reach out to Dan Forbes at Dan@trinityashland.org or contact Michelle Vanderzyden at the church.



July 2025 Church Services		
DATE	SUNDAY SCHOOL	CHURCH SERVICES
07/05-06-2025	35	286
07/12-13/2025	35	313
07/19-20/2025	29	312
07/26-21/2025	25	263
07/05-06-2025	35	286

July 2025 Receipts	
DATE	AMOUNT
07/05-06-2025	\$19,606
07/12-13/2025	\$16,880
07/19-20/2025	\$21,883
07/26-21/2025	\$22,215

Operating Fund YTD	
INCOME	\$585,862
DISBURSEMENTS	\$802,018
DEFICIT	-\$214,526
WEEKLY INCOME NEEDED FOR OPERATION BUDGET	\$26,734

**Newsletter receipt and operating fund amounts reflect information from two months prior, as approved and available at the time of newsletter composition.*

COUNCIL REPORT: AUGUST 2025 MEETING

Opening & Pastor's Report

- Pastor Kevin shared about the anticipation surrounding the upcoming Rally Day and new programmatic year. Teachers are trained, classes are scheduled and organized, services have been planned out for the year ahead, and the process of developing and refining our budget are underway. This is a busy time, but an exciting time as well.

Key Updates & Reports

Approval of Minutes

- Rob Hendrix moved to approve the minutes and treasurer's report. Brian Owens seconded. Motion carried.

Pastor's Items

- *NALC Conference recap: Pastor Kevin, Pastor Ben, and Vicar Gage all attended the NALC Conference. No major news to report, but it was good to have representation for Trinity at this event.*
- *Concho Consulting: Rob Hendrix moved to terminate the relationship with ongoing contractor Concho Consulting. Angela Baker seconded. Discussion ensued. Motion carried.*

Staff Updates

- Pastor Ben's Colloquy classes are starting back up. His completion date still looks like May 2026.

Old Business

- Strategic Planning: Pastor Kevin gave a brief presentation with a complete presentation to come soon.

Christian Education

- *Rally Day: Set for August 24 with service at 10am, Open House at 11:15am and Potluck/Volunteer Ministry Fair at 11:45am. The meat will be provided and the congregation is asked to bring sides and desserts.*
- *Sunday School: We have 5 adult SS classes set for this year and 5 children/youth classes. Emma McClain will be teaching the PreK/K class.*
- *Offering Challenge: The Children/Youth SS classes will participate in an Offering Challenge for the school year. Quarterly prizes will go to the class who raises the most.*

Finance Committee

- Next Finance Committee meeting is Sept. 15. Due to the elevate financial deficit, the committee is advocating for 2026 budget reductions, continuous expense decreases, Stewardship approach to offerings increase and the Monetizing of Trinity.

Grounds

- Nothing to report

Kitchen

- Nothing to report

Missions

- Nothing to report

Montessori

- Jenny Pence has been hired as the Director/Lead Teacher for preschool.
- Name has moved to Trinity Lutheran Good Shepherd Preschool, but will incorporating Montessori principles in the classroom
- Back-To-School Night (Open House) is next Monday 25th from 6 to 7:30pm for all students and families to meet the teachers and see the updated classroom.
- All preschool staff is getting ready for the first day of school on Sept. 2nd

Nurture Committee

- Nothing to report

Outreach and Missions

- Met 8/19 to review latest applications. 20 applications were received this year, about half of what we usually receive
- YBS application was discussed with the council and will be revisited by the Outreach Committee.

Personnel Committee

- Discussion of full time employees finishing their terms of Trinity Council.

Property and Grounds

- Discussion of roof project.
- Motion to approve request from Dawn Forbes and Design Committee for \$3700 to be taken from Rybolt Property Fund to complete painting in the children's library. They will also prime and paint double doors and single doors in the stairwell and double door in the infants room.
- Discuss electrical concerns on the 2nd floor of the church home.

Safety Committee

- Nothing to report

Senior Ministries

- Senior Appreciation Luncheon is set for Oct. 9th from 11:30am to 2pm-ish. Mayor Matt Miller will be our guest speaker.

Women and Children

- Trinity 456 has been started to revive our ministry for the 4th through 6th graders in the church. We had 25 kiddos at our first gathering and have gatherings planned through January.
- October 6th starts Girls Night Out-Bunco
- Fall Festival is October 19th and would love to have everyone join us.
- Montessori Preschool is going very well and has a wait list for the year.

Worship and Music

- Ron and Kim are back from the ALCM conference and both said it was rejuvenating and inspirational.
- Choir camp ended on July 31st and had 168 campers and 69 volunteers. They collected 15 pounds of pop tabs and lots of nonperishable foods to deliver to the Ronald McDonald House. Special thanks to Rebecca and Josh Cehulik, Mr. Mark, Dave Wolbert and of course, Ron and Kim.
- Choirs will begin on Wednesday, September 3rd.

Youth Ministry

- Pool party at the Jurjevic home is Thursday 8/21/25. The event is canceled if there is rain.
- The next youth event is September 9th (7-8pm) in the Youth Room.
- All host homes for the Youth Share Groups have been found for the fall semester. Youth will meet at a local family's home and feel welcome in different areas.
- Ryane (and Kim) will be visiting the local area schools (grades 7-12) on Thursdays during the school's scheduled lunch periods on a weekly basis.

Young Adult Ministry

- Nothing to report

Adjournment