

TRINITY MONTHLY

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



Redemption & Reformation

A NOTE FROM THE PASTOR

Fall is in full swing and the leaves are changing from green to yellows, oranges, and reds. And these fiery colors will spread until all the trees are alight with color. The first time we visited Ashland last year, I remember my wife and I commenting on the beauty of these colors that blazed through the trees of Ashland, and I am delighted to see them again.

In October we also remember

another fire. A brilliant light that burned throughout Christ's whole Church: the flame of Reformation. When Martin Luther nailed his 95 theses upon the church door in Wittenberg, Germany, little did he know that a flame would be kindled. And in this refining fire, there would be a return; a refocusing upon the free gift of salvation found by grace through faith in Christ alone. And this gospel, this Jesus is the very light of the world.

And yet, today, we often become distracted. We often feel cold. We lose focus and some days it may
(continued)

HIGHLIGHTS THIS MONTH

Fall Festival | 3

Wednesday Dinners | 5

Girls' Night Out | 7

Men's & Women's
Bible Studies | 10

seem as though the fire has gone out. But the Gospel doesn't change. The flame of the Gospel burns even today. And it burns for your sake. That you might behold it and be warmed, filled, and assured.

Therefore, thank God for the Reformation. Praise God for opportunities to refocus. That we can recall the fire that was rekindled in the Reformation and was first set alight in and through Christ's own giving of Himself to redeem sinners.

And as this flame of the Gospel burns in the hearts and minds of those who hear, may it burn within our hearts also. This year, as we reflect upon the Reformation, may our own hearts and minds be called back to this great light and may we behold the glorious Gospel, that is, the gift of Christ given for you.

In Christ,



Pastor Ben

Pastor Ben Mollohan

CONNECT WITH OUR COMMUNITY



508 Center Street
Ashland, Ohio 44805



Phone: (419) 289-2126



Fax: 419-289-1381



trinityashland.org

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

Monday - Thursday
9am-5pm



TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

Fall **FESTIVAL**

Sunday, October 19th @ 4pm

Save the date and
celebrate the fall season
with our annual event.

- FOOD TRUCKS
- BOUNCE HOUSES
- ACTIVITIES FOR EVERYONE
- DOOR PRIZES.

Register by clicking
on the QR code



BE PART OF TRINITY'S NEW PHOTO DIRECTORY



If you haven't heard yet, we're putting together a new church directory, and we'd love for you to be a part of it! If you would like to be included, we just need you to let us know! Reach out to the church office to let them know you'd like to be included, or scan the QR code for more information. Your participation helps us stay connected as a church family.

Have questions? Contact Wendy Shreffler in the church office at (419) 289-2126. She'll be happy to help you through the process!

HOW MAY WE PRAY FOR YOU?

Saturday & Sunday, Oct 4th - 5th | 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.



IMPORTANT UPDATE FOR PNC DONORS

PNC has changed its policy on bank connections. Starting now, PNC bank accounts connected for online giving will automatically expire after 12 months. This means donors using PNC accounts will need to reconnect their bank account once a year to keep recurring donations active.

If your account is affected, you'll receive an email from Church Center about this change and instructions to update your payment method. These messages are legitimate and will guide you through reconnecting your account.



CELEBRATING OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS



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

Douglas Mullenix | 10/01 | 86

Harold Emmons | 10/03 | 88

Larry Norris | 10/06 | 85

Leann Frank | 10/14 | 91

Johanne Matheson | 10/17 | 85

Betty Ann Winklmann | 10/17 | 94

Donald Dilgard | 10/21 | 87

Alice Cook | 10/23 | 89

Bonnie Oberholtzer | 10/24 | 85

Carol Lees | 10/26 | 87

Janice Fridline | 10/30 | 86

WHAT'S ON THE MENU

WEDNESDAYS IN OCTOBER

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

Chili

Grilled Cheese Sandwich
& Ambrosia Fluff

OCT
1

Potato or Tomato Soup

Ham Sandwich
& Orange Poke Cake

OCT
8

Tater Tot Casserole

Coleslaw & Brownies

OCT
15

Salisbury Steak

Mashed Potatoes and Gravy,
Mixed Vegetables, & Peach Cobbler

OCT
22

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

Please call:

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

Goulash

Cornbread & Chocolate Cake with White
Frosting and Halloween Sprinkles

OCT
29

**Please note all meals are subject to change*



TRINITY KIDS 456: FALL FUN NIGHT AT HONEY HAVEN FARMS

Friday, Oct 24th | 5-7pm | Honey Haven Farm | \$10

Join us for pumpkin painting, a corn maze, hayride, hot dogs, and pumpkin ice cream at Honey Haven Farm! Plus, we'll have a service project making fall cards for homebound members of our community. All kids in grades 4,5, and 6 are welcome! The cost is \$10.

Don't forget to wear your Trinity Kids t-shirt (we've got extras if you need one – contact Dawn Forbes at dawn@trinityashland.org). We'll also start planning how to bless a family in need this holiday season. We will collect donations and make a gift list. More details to come!

Sign up now using the QR code!
See you there!



TRINITY KIDS 456: SERVICE PROJECT

Donations taken at Sep, Oct, & Nov Events

The Trinity Kids 456 group has been busy serving in our community this summer. As fall arrives we know the Christmas season will be here before we know it. Our group will begin collecting monetary donations so that we can support a local family this Christmas who is struggling to afford gifts for their children. Donations can come from our families and friends, our allowance or any other way the kids would like to raise money and contribute. Our group will decide what to purchase and then at our December event we will wrap the gifts, include Bibles for the family members, and pray together that the family will feel God's love through our actions.

Donations will be collected at our September, October and November events or can be dropped off at the church office. Checks should be made out to Trinity Lutheran Church and add '4/5/6/ donations' in the memo line. All cash/check donations can be given to Dawn Forbes. Or, use the QR code for online donations!



OCTOBER YOUTH SHARE GROUPS

Sundays, Oct 12th & 26th | 7-8pm | Grades 7-12

Let's come together for a thoughtful hour of prayer, scripture, and fellowship! We gather at a different home each time we meet. In October, here are the homes where we'll meet:

- October 12th at the Schaaf Home
- October 26th at the Wolbert Home

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

FALL PARTY

Tuesday, Oct 14th | 7-8pm | Youth Room

Fall Party alert! Join us Tuesday, October 14th from 7-8pm 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!



WOMEN'S MINISTRY

GIRLS' NIGHT OUT: FRIENDSGIVING

Monday, Nov 3rd | 5:30pm | Jack's Place

Join us for our very first Girl's Night Out of the fall season on Monday, November 3rd as we celebrate with a cozy Friendsgiving! It's a special evening to connect, laugh, and enjoy a delicious meal together. Please bring a favorite fall dish to share—sweet or savory, all are welcome! Whether you're new or a familiar face, all ladies and their friends are welcome. More details about this event and our service project will be coming soon. Sign up today, we'd love to see you there!



LUTHER CLUB

Thursday, Oct 2nd | Noon | Jack's Place

All seniors are invited to join us for a delicious lunch and some great fellowship! On the menu is a chicken sandwich, potato salad, and cherry pie. This month's speaker will be Eric Schneider, the Director of the Ashland County Park District. The cost is \$7, and an RSVP to the church office is required. We hope to see you there!

MNM'S: ANNUAL COSTUME PARTY

Tuesday, Oct 21st | Noon | Jack's Place

Women on their own are invited to join us for our annual MNM's (Making New Memories) October costume party! We'll enjoy a delicious menu of meatloaf, red potatoes, green beans, and pecan 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, Oct 17th | Noon | Lower Level Elevator Hallway

Love making cards? Come get creative with us at Expressions of Faith! This is a relaxed, fun time for anyone who enjoys crafting greeting cards and sharing ideas. Bring your lunch and your inspiration—we can't wait to see what you create! No sign-up needed; just come as you are. Questions? Contact Wendy Shreffler.



EUCHRE NIGHT

Thursday, Oct 23rd | 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!

CHILDREN'S CHOIRS SINGING IN PRAISE SERVICE

Sunday, Oct 5th | 11am Praise Service | Jack's Place

Come worship with us during this special 11am Praise Service on Sunday, October 5th, filled with music, joy, and community! Our Children's Choirs will be sharing their voices in song—always a highlight and a blessing. Bring your family, invite a friend, and let's lift our hearts together in praise!



MEN'S CHORUS SINGING FOR ALL SERVICES

Oct 11th & 12th | All Services

Get ready for a joyful weekend of worship as our Men's Chorus shares their musical gifts in all services on Saturday and Sunday, October 11th & 12th. Their heartfelt harmonies are sure to inspire and uplift as they lead us in worship. We look forward to this special time of praise!

TRINITY LUTHERAN GOOD SHEPHERD PRESCHOOL

STARTING THE SCHOOL YEAR!

We've wrapped up our first week of school, and what a wonderful start it has been! The children are getting comfortable with routines, making new friends, and beginning to explore all the exciting activities we have planned for the year. From circle time to hands-on learning, it has been such a joy to see their curiosity shine. We are looking forward to building on this strong start as we continue into the school year!



MEN'S BIBLE STUDIES

Groups Meeting Wednesdays, 9am and 6pm | Weekly

Join us each Wednesday for a Men's Bible Study group. Together, we'll journey through the entire Bible—from Genesis to Revelation—exploring how Christ is revealed as the center of all Scripture. There are two groups that gather each week:

- **Morning Group:** 9am | Meeting Room A & B
- **Evening Group:** 6pm | Youth Room

All men are welcome to grow in faith and fellowship. Contact Pastor McClain or Pastor Mollohan for more information.

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDIES

Groups Meeting Wednesdays, 1:30pm and 6pm | Weekly

Join us each Wednesday for a Women's Bible Study group. Two groups meet each week, each with a different focus:

Afternoon Group

Jesus in the Old Testament

Wednesdays at 1:30pm | Meeting Room A & B

Contact: Pastor McClain

Evening Group

Worthy: Embracing Your Identity in Christ

Wednesdays at 6pm | South Sunroom of the Church Home

Contact: Kristen McClain

All women are welcome to grow in faith and fellowship. Contact Pastor McClain or Pastor Mollohan for more information.

COOKIES NEEDED FOR YOUTH EVENTS

Want to help provide cookies for Tuesday nights?

We need volunteers to provide cookies for Tuesday night Youth events. To help out, please contact Ryane Briggs at Ryane@trinityashland.org, or sign up on the sheet outside her office. Thanks for supporting our youth!

STEPHEN MINISTRY: WE LOVE TO LISTEN

If you or 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.



OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD PACKING PARTY

Sunday, Nov 9th | 3-5pm | Jack's Place



It is so hard to believe that this is October already. We have been collecting items for the Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes for almost a year. We have a lot of good things to pack for children, but *we are still seeking donations of socks, T-shirts, and toys!*



Please save the date for our annual Packing Party- it's almost here! November 9th at 3pm we will meet in Jack's Place. You won't want to miss this party! So mark your calendars and be ready for some fun and to give JESUS to children around the world. Remember, we are spreading the Gospel of Jesus Christ One Shoebox at a Time! See you at the packing party for a whole lot of fun! (And Chipotle for dinner. Don't forget the Chipotle.) Please sign-up using the QR code so we have enough food!

August 2025 Church Services		
DATE	SUNDAY SCHOOL	CHURCH SERVICES
08/02-03/2025	47	319
08/09-10/2025	25	238
08/16-17/2025	Information not available	353
08/23-24/2025 (Rally Day)	N/A	259
08/30-31/2025	No classes	274

August 2025 Receipts	
DATE	AMOUNT
8/2-3	\$24,702
8/9-10	\$41,457
8/16-17	\$14,196
8/23-24	\$12,083
8/30-31	\$20,244

Operating Fund YTD	
INCOME	\$698,544
DISBURSEMENTS	\$904,121
DEFICIT	-\$197,512
WEEKLY INCOME NEEDED FOR OPERATION BUDGET	\$25,832

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

COUNCIL REPORT: SEPTEMBER 2025 MEETING

Opening & Pastor's Report

- Pastor Kevin shared a devotion on the importance of engaging God's Word, reminding the council that Scripture is central to our faith and life together.

Key Updates & Reports

Approval of Minutes

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

Pastor's Items

- Discussion on preparing a pastoral/council letter regarding the church's stance on political and racial violence.
- Motion carried to approve up to \$400 per person (from Staff Development) for Pastor Kevin and Pastor Ben to attend a Minneapolis conference regarding Gage's vicarage.

Christian Education

- Sunday School attendance Sept. 7: 119 (59 adults, 35 youth, 25 children).
- Offering Challenge for PK-12th grades with quarterly rewards underway.

Finance Committee

- Continuing focus on deficit; recommend forming Stewardship Team, decreasing staff spending (to be reflected in 2026 budget), encouraging increased giving, and developing additional income sources.

Missions

- Preparing Oct. 19 temple talk by the Wolfes.

Trinity Lutheran Good Shepherd Preschool

- Strong start to school year; enrollment at 20 students with 2 more joining in October.

Nurture Committee

- Work continues on the church directory.

Outreach Committee

- Ballot information finalized. Motion to approve carried.

Personnel Committee

- Discussion of name tags (to be explored).

Property and Grounds

- Shakley HVAC proposal under review by Property & Finance.
- Motion carried to approve \$2,140 (from Church Home Maintenance) for bat removal/prevention by Bugman.
- Roof quotes to be reviewed in joint committee meeting.
- TLC Properties: Beginning balance \$25,000.11; ending balance \$24,978.46; one unit vacant.

Safety Committee

- Nothing to report

Senior Ministries

- Senior luncheon scheduled Oct. 9 at Jack's Place.

Women and Children

- Fall Festival set for Oct. 19.
- Trinity 456 thriving (17–21 kids per gathering); activities include school kits, dog treats, and outreach. Upcoming: Honey Haven pumpkin painting for shut-ins.
- Girls Night Out launching in November with Friendsgiving.

Worship and Music

- Choirs off to a strong start; Men's Chorus to sing Oct. 11–12.
- Refurbished handbells to be rededicated Oct. 26 in memory of Dorothy Pfleuger.
- High Praise begins Oct. 1; will sing Oct. 25 followed by ice cream fellowship.
- Children's Christmas Pageant rehearsals begin Oct. 22; performance Nov. 30 during Advent Workshop.

Youth Ministry

- 16 high school students attended Sept. 7 Sunday School.
- Share Groups launched with 10 students at first meeting; next meeting Sept. 21.
- Fun nights continue; Oct. 14 event will be a Bible Character Costume Party.

Closing

- Rob Hendrix moved to adjourn. Meeting ended with the Lord's Prayer.

Adjournment