

TRINITY MONTHLY

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



Come to the Table

A NOTE FROM THE PASTOR

You are a child of God. In your baptism, God looked at you and said, "This is my child." In that "washing of regeneration" (Titus 3:5), you received the forgiveness of all your sins, you were united to Christ's death, burial, and resurrection, and you were sealed by the Holy Spirit. All of this is the inheritance granted to you in your adoption there in the water. Child of God, this is true of you.

But some days we forget. Sometimes—as children are prone to do—we fall down. There are weeks where we do or say things we shouldn't. We get tired. We feel empty. We need forgiveness. But the Father isn't complacent. Neither is He absent. Instead He says to you: "Come to my Table."

The table is the place where our Father gives us the Lord's Supper. God's grace given to you in, with, and under physical means: a meal. And this meal is exactly what Jesus declares it to be: Jesus' own true body and blood given and shed for

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TRINITY
LUTHERAN CHURCH

you for the forgiveness of your sins. This, Supper, this Communion, this Sacrament, is what God gives to His children to forgive, sustain, comfort, and strengthen them. Jesus meets you in the midst of your real tiredness, your real struggles, and your real sins with real forgiveness, real life, and real salvation. He speaks a promise that He gives Himself to us truly under the bread and wine.

And Jesus doesn't lie. His word is truth, and His word declares:

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: "Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

Again after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying "This cup is the new testament in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me."

Your Father beckons you to come to His table to receive all that you need: forgiveness for yesterday, comfort for today, strength for tomorrow, and assurance of all that is yours in Christ. When you struggle, when you fall, when you forget who you are, come to your Father's table and receive the promise: you are forgiven, you are loved, you are a child of God.

In Christ,



Pastor Ben

Pastor Ben Mollohan

CONNECT WITH OUR COMMUNITY

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

Monday - Thursday
9am-5pm

RALLY DAY IS ALMOST HERE! ONE GOD, ONE CHURCH, ONE SERVICE

Sunday, September 6th | Begins at 10am | Register Today

Rally Day is coming up soon! Please register as soon as possible so we know how many will be joining us for this special day. Come together with your Trinity family for one combined worship service, a shortened Sunday School session, lunch, and activities for all ages. Wayne County Fair BBQ Chicken and sides will be provided, and we invite everyone to bring a dessert to share. We'll also bless students' backpacks as we kick off another year of ministry together!



PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

Tuesday, September 8th | 1pm | Church Home: South Sunroom

The Prayer Shawl Ministry is kicking off a new year! All knitters and crocheters are welcome to bring a project and enjoy an afternoon of fellowship as we work together and catch up on what everyone has been up to over the summer.

If you're unable to attend but would still like to contribute to the Prayer Shawl Ministry, please contact the church office and we'll be happy to connect you with the group.

— Jane Burns & the Prayer Shawl Ministry

NEW MEMBERS CLASS

September 13th, 20th & 27th | 12:15pm | Trinity Room



Have you been thinking about becoming a member of Trinity or want to learn more about the Lutheran faith? Join Pastor Kevin for our upcoming New Member Class on September 13, 20, and 27. Together, we'll explore the Lutheran faith, learn about Trinity's mission and ministries, meet our staff, and discover what it means to be part of our church family.

Classes meet at 12:15 p.m. in the Trinity Room, with a meal provided each week. Scan the QR code to RSVP or contact the church office for more information. We'd love to welcome you!



SAVE THE DATE: WOMEN'S MORNING WITH SARAH STEELE

Saturday, October 3rd | 10am–Noon | Jack's Place

Ladies, mark your calendars for a special morning of faith, fellowship, and encouragement on Saturday, October 3, from 10:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m. in Jack's Place. We're excited to welcome guest author and speaker Sarah Steele, who will share an inspiring message about finding freedom in Christ in a world that often pressures us to please others. Through her own experiences, Sarah will encourage women to let go of unhealthy expectations and embrace a more authentic, Christ-centered walk. Invite your friends and save the date for this uplifting event—we look forward to gathering together!

FALL FESTIVAL: SAVE THE DATE

Sunday, October 18th | 4–7pm | Trinity Lutheran Parking Lot



Mark your calendars for one of our favorite fall traditions! Trinity's annual Fall Festival returns on Sunday, October 18, from 4:00–7:00 p.m. Bring your family, invite your friends and neighbors, and come ready for an evening full of fall fun!

This year's festivities will include Schmidt's food truck, the French Fry truck, Brew'd Donuts, bounce houses, games, activities, and so much more. There will be something for all ages to enjoy!

Save the date, start spreading the word, and plan to join us for an evening of food, fun, and fellowship. Registration is now open!

Scan the QR code or contact the church office to let us know you're coming.



BIBLE STUDY FELLOWSHIP: ROMANS — FROM GUILT TO GRACE

Separate BSF Groups Available for Women & Men



Bible Study Fellowship (BSF) will begin a new study this fall, Romans, one of the most powerful and life-changing books in the Bible. Written for ordinary people facing real struggles, Romans speaks to our deepest doubts, fears, pride, and guilt while pointing us to the transforming grace of God. More than a theological study, Romans reveals how the God who saves also changes lives—moving us from striving to surrender, from fear to faith, and from guilt to grace.

Whether you are new to Bible study or have spent years in God's Word, this study offers practical encouragement and lasting hope for everyday life. Join us as we explore Paul's letter to the Romans and discover the freedom, confidence, and assurance found in Christ alone.

Men's BSF

Mondays beginning September 14 | 6:30–8:00 p.m.

Location: Trinity Lutheran Library/Meeting Room C (Main Level)

All men are welcome.

Women's and Preschool Children's BSF

Thursdays beginning September 17 | 9:00–10:30 a.m.

Location: Trinity Lutheran Mitchell Hall (Lower Level)

Women and preschool-aged children are welcome.

Registration is required for both groups. For more information or to register, visit www.bsfinternational.org or scan the QR code. Questions may also be directed to Michelle Vanderzyden through the church office.



GROUNDS COMMITTEE NEEDS YOUR HELP

As we continue caring for Trinity's grounds, the Grounds Committee is looking for help with two specific needs. First, the committee is seeking access to a tool or piece of equipment that can efficiently cut down areas of tall grass around the church property. They are also looking for a location where brush and yard debris can be periodically taken throughout the year, particularly during the growing season.

If you have equipment that may be helpful, have a property where brush could be deposited, or know of another solution for either need, please contact the church office. Thank you for helping us care for and maintain Trinity's grounds!



WEDDINGS, BAPTISMS, FUNERALS

Celebrating and remembering the meaningful milestones in the life of our church family, including baptisms, weddings, and funerals from the past month.

David Lewis | Funeral | August 1

Dick Obrecht | Funeral | August 8

Chelsea Frizzell | Baptism | August 9

Rory Hayse Lisle Baughman | Baptism | August 9

Ella Shannon | Funeral | August 11

Russell Harpster | Funeral | August 16

Fred Ackerman | Funeral | August 24



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** | 86 | September 1

• **Sharlene Ingmand** | 88 | September 2

• **Ann Crebs** | 85 | September 8

• **Sharlene Sprinkle** | 93 | September 17

• **Roland Massatti** | 86 | September 21

• **Mike White** | 86 | September 21

• **Lee Mowry** | 91 | September 28

• **Donald Cole** | 87 | September 29



TRINITY KIDS 456: LET YOUR LIGHT SHINE

Friday, September 18th | 6–8pm | Jack's Place
Children Entering 4th, 5th & 6th Grades

Let your light shine at our next Trinity Kids 456 event! Join us for an evening of faith, fun, and serving others as we create colorful suncatchers to brighten the day of Trinity's homebound members. We'll also enjoy plenty of high-energy 9 Square, tasty snacks, and a special devotion together. Bring a friend and come ready for a fun night of fellowship while making a difference for our church family!

Please RSVP by scanning the QR code so we can have plenty of craft supplies and snacks for everyone.



SUNDAE FUNDAY RECAP

We had a great time kicking off another year of Trinity Kids 456 at our Sundae Funday! The kids enjoyed an evening of kickball, games, ice cream, and plenty of fun together. We loved seeing everyone reconnect and are looking forward to even more fun at our next Trinity Kids 456 gathering on September 18!



SEPTEMBER YOUTH SHARE GROUPS

Sunday, September 13th & 27th | 7-8:30pm | Youth Room

Youth Share Group is back! Students in grades 7-12 are invited to join us for our September Share Groups on Sunday, September 13 & 27. Come reconnect with friends and kick off another great year together with Bible study, meaningful conversation, and fellowship. We hope to see you there!



YOUTH BONFIRE

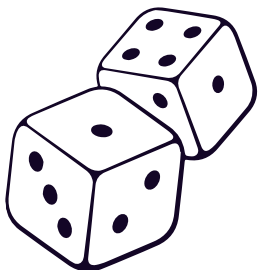
Saturday, September 19th | 7-8:30pm | Pence Home | Grades 7-12

Kick off the new youth ministry year with an evening of fellowship around the bonfire! Students in grades 7-12 are invited to gather on Saturday, September 19, from 7:00-8:30 p.m. at the home of Brayden and Collin Pence. Bring a friend and join us as we reconnect, enjoy time together, and celebrate the start of another exciting year of youth ministry. Contact Ryane Briggs for the address.

YOUTH COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETING

Thursday, September 24th | 6-8pm | Youth Room | Committee Members

All Youth Committee members are encouraged to join us for our next planning meeting! We'll discuss upcoming youth events, activities, and service opportunities, share ideas, and continue planning ways to keep our youth connected and engaged throughout the year.



YOUTH GAME NIGHT

Tuesday, September 29th | 7-8:30pm | Youth Room

Get ready for a fun night of games, laughter, and friendly competition! Youth in grades 7-12 are invited to hang out in the Youth Game Room and enjoy an evening of games and time together. Bring a friend, come ready to compete, and join us for a great night of fun and fellowship!

LUTHER CLUB

Thursday, September 3rd | Noon | Jack's Place

Join us for Luther Club as we enjoy a delicious meal, fellowship, and a special program featuring Rev. Jennifer Whitmore and her canine companion, Pastor Pete! The menu will include an Italian sub, chips, broccoli salad, and an ice cream sundae. The cost is \$7 per person.

Please RSVP through the church office. We hope you'll join us for a wonderful afternoon of fellowship and fun!



MNM'S: LUNCH & FELLOWSHIP

Tuesday, September 15th | Noon | Jack's Place

Women on their own are invited to join us for the next MNM's (Making New Memories) lunch on Tuesday, September 15, at noon at Trinity Lutheran Church in Jack's Place! Come enjoy potato soup, French bread, broccoli salad, and pudding parfait, along with great fellowship and time together. Bring a friend or invite someone new—all are welcome! Please RSVP by contacting the church office.



EXPRESSIONS OF FAITH

Friday, September 18th | 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. Contact Wendy Shreffler with any questions.

EUCHRE NIGHT

Thursday, September 24th | 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 come ready to have fun and meet new people as you rotate partners throughout the night. This event is open to all ages, so invite a friend, family member, or fellow card player to join you. Be sure to RSVP by contacting the church office at (419) 289-2126. All skill levels are welcome.

TRINITY TRAVELERS: HELP US PLAN OUR NEXT TRIP

We are currently working on more trips. If you would like to help us plan by completing a survey, please scan the QR code. If you prefer a paper survey, contact Wendy Shreffler in the church office.



SHINE CHOIR CAMP 2026 RECAP & CELEBRATION

What an incredible week at Trinity Choir Camp 2026! As we look back on four amazing days together, our hearts are full of gratitude. Our campers sang with joy, learned new music, played games, created crafts, explored instruments, laughed together, and built new friendships. Most importantly, they discovered that God's promises are true and that He calls each of us to shine His light wherever we go.

Watching these children grow in confidence, encourage one another, and worship with such enthusiasm was truly a blessing. We set out hoping to help them shine, but they shined God's light right back on all of us.

A heartfelt thank you to our incredible volunteers who gave their time, energy, creativity, and love to make this week possible. From registration and snacks to games, crafts, music, and everything behind the scenes, Choir Camp simply wouldn't happen without you. We are also incredibly grateful to our church family for your generous donations, prayers, and continued support.

Thank you to all of the parents and families for sharing your children with us. It was a joy and privilege to spend the week with 155 campers and 65 volunteers learning, growing, worshiping, and having fun together.

Until next year, keep shining!



JOIN OUR UPCOMING CHOIR OPPORTUNITIES

See the schedules below

Music is a wonderful way to worship, grow in faith, and build meaningful friendships. Whether you're a seasoned musician or just enjoy making a joyful noise, Trinity's music ministry has a place for you! This fall, we invite singers and handbell ringers of all ages to join one of our choirs as we prepare music that leads our congregation in worship and praise. New members are always welcome—we'd love for you to be part of this vibrant ministry.



Rally Day Choir

Help us celebrate Rally Day by joining this special choir! Everyone is welcome to sing. Contact Kim Wolbert at kim@trinityashland.org or in the church office with any questions.

Rehearsals

- Wednesday, September 2 | 7:00–8:30 p.m. | Sanctuary
- Saturday, September 5 | 9:00–10:30 a.m. | Sanctuary

Rally Day Worship

- Sunday, September 6 | 9:00 a.m. Warm-Up | Sanctuary

SonRise Singers

SonRise Singers rehearse on the first Monday of each month and sing during the 8:45 a.m. Traditional Service one to two times each month. New singers are always welcome to join!

Rehearsals: Begin September 14th (Due to Labor Day) | 6:00 – 7:00 p.m. | Music Room

Children's & Adult Choirs

Our regular choir season begins Wednesday, September 9, and we invite everyone to join us!

Schedule:

Luther Bells (Grades 2–6)

- 4:30–5:15 p.m.

Children's Vocal Choir (Ages 4–Grade 6)

- 6:00–7:00 p.m.

Trinity Bells (Adults)

- 6:00–7:00 p.m.

Trinity (Senior) Choir

- 7:15–8:15 p.m.

Men's Chorus

Our Men's Chorus begins Tuesday, September 22, and we invite all men who enjoy singing to join us!

Schedule:

Weekly Rehearsals:

- Begin September 22
- 7:00–8:30 p.m.

Singing in Worship:

- October 24–25

Whether you're an experienced singer or simply enjoy making music, we'd love to have you join us for any of these music opportunities!

SUNDAY SCHOOL — SESSION ONE

September 6–October 25 | Sundays at 10:00 a.m.

There is a place for everyone to grow in faith this fall! Sunday School begins September 6, with classes available for adults, children, and youth. Find your class and location below.



Featured Adult Studies

Putting Faith Into Practice: Bob Beer | Trinity Room (LL)

- Learn practical ways to apply God's Word to everyday challenges like forgiveness, decision-making, and trusting God through difficult seasons.

Christian Faith for Families: Pastor Ben | Main Lounge (CH)

- Practical encouragement for parents and families seeking to pray, learn, and grow in faith together.

10 Lies Satan Loves to Tell: Amanda Wolfe | Community Room (LL)

- Discover how God's truth overcomes fear, shame, doubt, and the subtle lies that pull us away from Christ.

Because Jesus Taught It: Gail Warnes | Dining Room (CH)

- Explore Lutheran beliefs, the sacraments, and the rich history that shapes our faith today.

Christian Women: Wendy Shreffler | South Sunroom (CH)

- Women in all stages of life are invited to study the weekly lectionary and discuss how Scripture impacts our daily lives while growing together in faith and fellowship.

Christian Living: Tom Gaus | Meeting Rooms A & B (ML)

- Study biblical topics with an emphasis on St. Paul while enjoying meaningful discussion and Christian fellowship.

Adult Bible Study: Doug Clark | North Patio Room (LL)

- Study and discuss Bible texts with a focus on the weekly lectionary readings.

See all Children and Youth Options on the next page

LOCATION KEY

LL = Lower Level | ML = Main Level | CH = Church Home

SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR EVERY AGE

September 6–October 25 | Sundays at 10:00 a.m.

Preschool (Ages 3–Kindergarten) | Preschool Nursery | Karin Schwan & Lisa Sattler

- Children are lovingly introduced to God's Word while learning The Lord's Prayer in a caring, age-appropriate environment.

Grades 1–3 | Assembly Rooms A, B, C & D (LL) | Tracie Tucker & Brenden Aebersold

- Students journey from Daniel into the New Testament while learning the Apostles' Creed.

Grades 4–6 | Assembly Rooms A, B, C & D (LL) | Aaron Wolfe

- Children continue their Bible journey while learning the Ten Commandments, following God's story from Daniel into the New Testament.

Middle School Catechism | Youth Room | Vicar Gage Garlinghouse & Adam Kime

- Students prepare for Confirmation through the study of Luther's Small Catechism.

High School (Grades 9–12) | Youth Room | Ryane Briggs

- Bible studies help students connect Scripture to everyday life while building friendships and growing in faith.

COMING LATER THIS YEAR

November–December

- Stronger Everyday
- Holy & Happy Marriage
- The "I Am" Statements of Jesus

January–February

- Being Faithful When God Feels Far Away
- Ragged: Spiritual Disciplines for the Spiritually Exhausted

March–May

- Returning favorites plus two new pastor-led studies (details coming soon).

STEPHEN MINISTRY

You Don't Have to Walk Alone

We're often taught to be strong, self-sufficient, and independent. We may even feel that asking for help is a sign of weakness, so we keep our struggles hidden and try to carry them on our own. But that's not God's plan for us. Galatians 6:2 reminds us, "Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ." God calls us to care for one another—and to allow others to care for us in our own times of need.



If you're hurting, grieving, overwhelmed, or simply going through a difficult season, you don't have to walk through it alone. Trinity's Stephen Ministers are trained to listen, care, encourage, pray, and walk alongside you through life's challenges. Stephen Ministry relationships are also confidential, providing a safe and caring place to share what you're experiencing.

To learn more about receiving care through Stephen Ministry, talk with one of our Stephen Leaders: Michelle Vanderzyden, Dan Forbes, or Pam Prezioso. Our Stephen Ministers are here to care.

COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS

GROW IN HOPE MINISTRIES DINNER FUNDRAISER

Thursday, October 8 | 6:00–8:30 p.m. | Jack's Place
Doors Open at 5:30 p.m.

You're invited to a special evening at Trinity to learn more about Grow in Hope Ministries and the ways God is working through this ministry to bring Christlike care to people in a hurting world. Whether you are already familiar with Grow in Hope or simply have a heart for those in need and would like to learn more, all are welcome to attend.

There is no cost to attend the dinner. During the evening, guests will have an opportunity to learn more about the ministry and support its work through giving.

Please reserve your seat by October 1 by calling or texting 567-215-0414. Join us for an evening of fellowship, inspiration, and hope as we hear more about the work of Grow in Hope Ministries.

July 2026 Church Services		
DATE	SUNDAY SCHOOL	CHURCH SERVICES
7/4-5	Off for the summer	272
7/11-12	Off for the summer	306
7/18-19	Off for the summer	305
7/25-26 Praise-Garden Service	Off for the summer	278

July 2026 Receipts	
DATE	AMOUNT
7/4-5	9,452
7/11-12	19,079
7/18-19	12,257
7/25-26	22,689

Operating Fund YTD	
INCOME	\$570,914
DISBURSEMENTS	\$755,625
DEFICIT	-164,711
WEEKLY INCOME NEEDED FOR OPERATION BUDGET	\$22,224

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

REGARDING GIVING ENVELOPES:

If you receive envelopes for giving but would like to discontinue receiving them, you may request this by emailing giving@trinityashland.org. Please include your name and address and we will confirm your request. You may continue to give electronically/paperless via our website.

COUNCIL REPORT: AUGUST 2026 MEETING

Opening & Administrative Business

Pastor Kevin shared that staff planning for the coming ministry year has been completed through summer 2027, including worship services, choirs, classes, and other programming. He highlighted Pastor Ben's upcoming Installation Service and several ongoing projects of lasting importance to Trinity. The congregation also continues to celebrate growth in ministry, with Trinity's 27th baptism of the year recently scheduled.

Council also received updates on upcoming staff transitions, website updates and new staff and Council photos, as well as volunteer needs for the Sunday School hour and Fall Festival.

Key Updates & Reports

Sanctuary Planning

- The Sanctuary Design Task Force met with an architectural designer experienced in working with Lutheran churches.
- Planning continues as the task force gathers quotes and estimates from various vendors.
- Council discussed funding for the next phase of detailed sanctuary design and planning.

Finance Committee

- Trinity's investments continue to perform well following recent rebalancing.
- Work continues on the fund consolidation project, with the goal of better aligning funds with Trinity's ministries and Council committees.
- A proposal for fund consolidation is expected to be presented to Council in the coming months.

Worship & Music

- Planning is underway for the 2026–2027 Music Ministry season, including choirs, bells, Praise Team, brass, special ensembles, and worship participation.
- Rally Day will feature the Rally Day Choir and brass as Trinity gathers for one combined worship service, followed by lunch and fellowship.
- Most choirs and music ensembles will begin rehearsals following Labor Day.
- Planning continues for fall, Advent, and Christmas music, including the Annual Christmas Musical.

Property & Grounds

- Discussions continue regarding Rose Garden renovations, and diseased trees have been removed.
- Ideas are being explored for future courtyard and playground improvements.
- A new garbage disposal has been installed in the kitchen.
- Planning continues for bathroom renovations to improve ADA accessibility.

TLC Properties

- TLC Properties remains at 100% occupancy.
- Recent improvements include new flooring, bathroom renovations, and refrigerator replacements in several units.

Outreach & Missions

- The application period closed with 29 applications received.
- The committee will review the final applications and continue discussions regarding funding requests.

New Members & Senior Ministry

- The next New Member Class will meet September 13, 20, and 27.
- Plans are underway for an upcoming senior celebration featuring Ohio House Representative Melanie Miller as the guest speaker.

Children, Youth & Family Ministries

- Fall ministry planning is underway.
- Trinity Kids 456 welcomed 14 children to its first gathering, with the next event scheduled for September 18.
- Fall Festival is scheduled for Sunday, October 18, from 4:00–7:00 p.m. Volunteers will be needed to help make the event possible.
- Planning is underway for an October 3 women's event with author and composer Sarah Steele in collaboration with Music Ministry.