



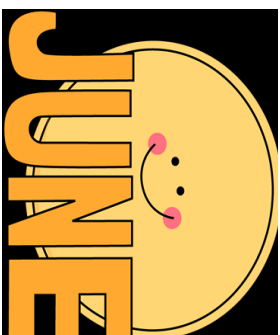
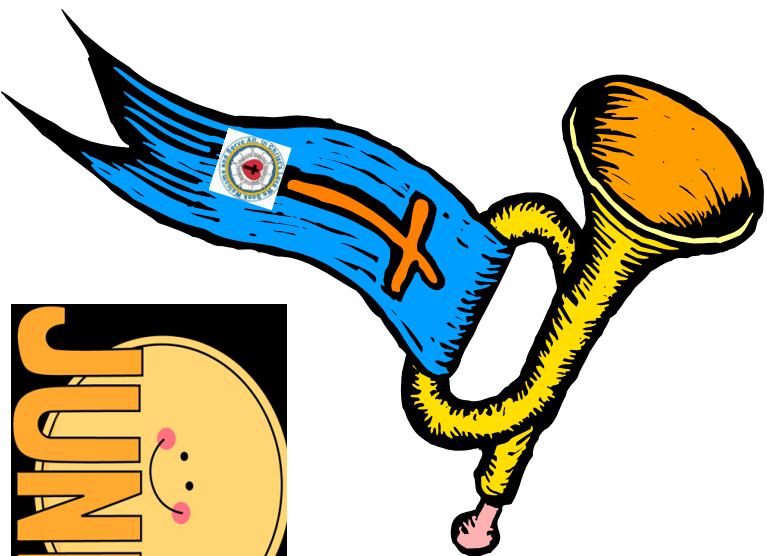
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Happiness is a June Birthday!



2 Larry Harter	15 Kyle Fledderjohn
3 Brydon Diceanu	16 Layni Ressler
4 Lance Witters	16 Noah Mehaffie
7 Eric Heckman	17 Penny Wills
8 Kevin McKibben	20 Broden Warner
8 Mary Ann Mehaffie	23 Shirley Thompson
11 Terri Thobe	26 Morgan Canan
13 Brandy Warner	26 Rhonda Rich
13 Brennen Troutwine	28 Joshua Kossler
14 Ethan Warner	30 Sandra Hughert

1 Rob and Jennifer Arling
10 Steve and Caleena Hesler
15 Tony and Linda Baker
19 Eldon and Bev Erdmann
22 Jay and Tammy Merzke
24 Shawn and Beth Hein
28 David and Pat Netzley
29 Neil and LaJeanne Stump



1 Beth Hein
1 Jennifer Baker
4 Darrell Schneider
5 Aubree Myers
6 Linda Baker
8 Sharon Wirrig
9 Todd Ulrich
10 Emily Locke
13 Kyle Snider
14 Andrew McKibben
15 Bradley Harleman
16 Daniel Netzley
20 Madisyn Nelson
20 Mary Ann Mehaffie



21 Alyna Nelson
21 Tommy Nelson Jr.
22 Robby Arling
22 Zachary Gettinger
23 Johna Eller
23 Shai Eller
24 Larkin Ressler
24 Rod Sease
27 Callie Schmitmeyer
29 Aaron Merzke
29 Kurt Baker
29 Linda Feitshans
29 Terri Thobe
29 Yvonne Barga



A painting by a one of the Wernle residents.



**Items Wernle is in urgent need of.
The Spring fund drive has begun.
Won't you be the one to help?**

Boys

Black Low Cut Socks (9-16)
White Low Cut Socks (9-16)

Girls

T-Shirts (Large)
Body Wash
(Campus wide we are no longer permitted to use bar soap, so, we need to collect body wash.)

Congratulations to All the Trinity High School Graduates Class of 2016

Cory Michael Campbell	Northmont H.S.	Will be attending Lourdes University
Hayley Mei Lin Harleman	Arcanum H.S	Will be attending Bowling Green State
Bradey Daniel Hesler	Franklin-Monroe H.S.	Will be attending Wright State University
Courtney Marie Jasinski	Northmont H.S.	Will be attending Blufton University
Quintin Edward Muhlenkamp	Greenville H. S.	Will be attending Wittenberg University
Riley Joseph Sagan	Bishop Fenwick H.S.	Will be attending Ohio State University

God's blessings be with you all on your journey of life!



Stewardship Minute

if you can
dream it
you can
do it



APRIL, MAY, & JUNE = SOAP PROJECT

Buy a bar, buy a package with several bars, or buy a case. We're collecting soap for Lutheran World Relief! Just bring in whatever you can and put it in the baskets under the giving tree. This is an act of stewardship and we thank you for your help!!



Plates
&
Potholes



Recently we began a fund raising project here at Trinity to raise money for our 150th Anniversary Celebration and pledged to put any monies over and above our expenses in the Building Fund Account, to help defray the cost of the all of the upgrading projects that are taking place to both beautify and keep up with necessary maintenance of the church building and parking lot. Envelopes numbered from 1 to 150 were strung on wires across the narthex windows, totaling \$11,325.00. As with every endeavor this church puts before its "family," the family always comes through for whatever the need may be. Once again this is true of God's people here at this little country church. Of the 150 envelopes, \$6,109.00 have already been filled and deposited to the "Plates and Potholes" account. In a matter of ten weeks we have already surpassed the halfway mark and you all need to be commended. Please continue to support this worthy mission and if you have not yet contributed, please prayerfully consider doing so. The 150th Anniversary Team is working diligently to see to it that we have a most memorable occasion for the celebration of 150 years of ministry in Monroe Township of Darke County, Ohio. Thank you for being such wonderful stewards and keep up the terrific work!

Trinity Lutheran Church Council Minutes

May 9, 2016

Meeting called to order by President Eldon Erdmann.

Devotions were led by Pastor Mel Musser.

Minutes

Motion made by Kevin McKibben to accept, seconded by Katherine Obringer. Motion Passed.

Pastor's Report – Printed report

Treasurers Reports

Trinity Troops -- \$1200
Sunday School -- \$800
Building Fund -- \$7,025.63
Benevolence -- \$1,960.10 (printed report)
Financial Secretary – NR
General – 1st Quarter Report-Balance \$26,286.79
About half way on the “Potholes & Plates” Donations
WELCA -- \$2,050

Motion made to accept reports by Andy McKibben, seconded by Mark Oswalt. Motion passed.

Reports

Trustees
Parking lot potholes have been fixed
Plastering of hallway is finished
Painting of vestibule & adjacent adult Sunday School will be done soon
Church Secretary -- Outside doors need to be locked
Trinity Troops/Sunday School – Bible School materials received & registration is starting
Wernle – NR
Alter Guild – NR
Flower Chart – Needs a new chairperson...Marge will find someone
150th Committee—Invitations will be mailed this month

Old Business

Defibrillator – PJ found there is no grant available at this time
Kevin McKibben will check at Rescue Meeting
Lions Club Dinner – May 10, 2016

New Business

Weddings
Jennifer McKibben – July 16, 2016
Teresa Long – August 6, 2016
Revive Darke County – Non-denominational
Pastor Mel will check this out
Old information in safe was discussed

Motion to adjourn by Andy McKibben, seconded by Mark Oswalt. Motion passed.
Closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
Roxanne Groff

JULY NEWSLETTER
DEADLINE IS
WEDNESDAY JUNE15

June Health Tips

Good Samaritan Hospital Health Ministries

Skin Cancer Prevention

Skin cancer is the most common of all cancer types. More than 3.5 million cases of non-melanoma skin cancer are diagnosed each year in the United States. Although skin cancer risk factors are present every day, the dangers are greater during the long days of summer when you may spend more time in the sun.

Anyone Can Get Cancer, But Be Extra Careful If You...

have natural blond or red hair

have freckles

are fair skinned

spend a lot of time outdoors

have had skin cancer before

live in or travel to hot climate or altitudes



take medications that make you sensitive to light

have had lots of sunburns before tanning

have a condition that lowers your immune system

have a family history of skin cancer, especially melanoma

have a lot of moles or irregularly shaped moles

Source: American Cancer Society

The material above is general medical information provided for informative and educational purposes only. General medical advice can never substitute for personal, professional advice given based on your medical history, your family medical history, your medication history, and other factors. Because these factors are different for every person, you should always consult your physician before relying on this information. These health tips should not be construed as establishing a patient-physician relationship between you and Premier Health, Good Samaritan Hospital and/or any staff members. If you need medical assistance, contact 1-866-GSH-WELL to make an appointment with a physician, or call 9-1-1 immediately if it is an emergency.

\$ FINANCIAL NEWS FROM MAY 1, 2016 - MAY 29, 2016 \$

Current Operating Budget per week: Budgeted giving is **\$1,543.00/** Per Week

Benevolence Budget Per Week: **\$341.54**

Building Fund: No budgeted amount. The restroom project is paid in full.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Current</u>	<u>Benevolence</u>	<u>Building</u>	<u>Attendance</u>
05/01	\$ 1,737.00	\$ 250.00	\$ 45.00	60
05/08	\$ 1,081.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 50.00	55
05/15	\$ 1,203.00	\$ 150.00	\$ 10.00	79
05/22	\$ 914.00	\$ 130.00	\$ 30.00	32
05/29	\$ 1,895.00	\$ 105.00	\$ 50.00	41

150th Anniversary Donations & Proceeds of Sales to Date = \$6,861.64.

Envelopes for giving specifically to this fund are on the back middle window sill in the church, or you may use a Plates and Potholes envelope. Please include your envelope number if you wish to have it recorded.

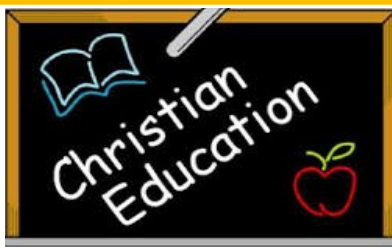
*** Denotes Sundays we met or exceeded our budgeted giving.**

Figures printed in red are those amounts not meeting budgeted giving.

Current total includes both envelope giving and loose funds placed in the offering plate.

Benevolence funds come from member's envelopes who designate an amount specifically for the Benevolence fund in the appropriate box.

Building Fund has no set budgeted amount and is sustained solely (or should we say souly) by individual members' generosity, who choose to contribute to it.



Christian Education Team News

Summer Sunday School News - Give the teachers a break! No formal Sunday School will take place over the summer starting May 29. However, we do have quite a few Christian Veggie Tales DVD's. It would be wonderful if a few congregation members would sign up to take turns showing these to our children! I'm sure they would appreciate your help! The signup sheet is on the entry table.

BIBLE SCHOOL HELP NEEDED in several ways. First, we need helpers on Wednesdays in July. If you can't help every Wednesday, try to help 1 or 2 times. Men helpers would be great, too. We also need some help with decorative items for our theme, Barnyard Roundup. Do you have any barnyard toys (tractors, combines, bags of corn, etc.) for us to use in July? We need as much as possible. Also, bales of hay needed (at least 5). We'll take all the farm stuff we can get!!!!

Adults, save your pennies for the confirmation kids!!!!!! They need a lot of them!!!!

Consider getting involved with the kids to benefit the future of our church!

Marge Warner, Christian Education Leader



NOTES FROM YOUR PARISH NURSE

Protect your Skin

It is time to get out of the house and enjoy the warmth of the summer months. With the added exposure to the summer sun comes added risks- namely skin cancer.

The skin is the largest organ of the body, with a total area of about 20 square feet. The skin protects us from microbes and the elements, helps regulate body temperature, and permits the sensations of touch, heat, and cold.

Skin has three layers:

The epidermis, the outermost layer of skin, provides a waterproof barrier and creates our skin tone. The dermis, beneath the epidermis, contains tough connective tissue, hair follicles, and sweat glands. The deeper subcutaneous tissue (hypodermis) is made of fat and connective tissue. The skin's color is created by special cells called melanocytes, which produce the pigment melanin.

Fast Facts about Skin Cancer

Skin cancer is the most common cancer in the United States. Most cases of melanoma, the deadliest kind of skin cancer, are caused by exposure to ultraviolet (UV) light. To lower your skin cancer risk, protect your skin from the sun and avoid indoor tanning.

When you're having fun outdoors, it's easy to forget how important it is to protect yourself from the sun. Unprotected skin can be damaged by the sun's UV rays in as little as 15 minutes. Yet it can take as long as 12 hours for skin to show the full effect of sun exposure.

Even if it's cool and cloudy, you still need protection. UV rays, not the temperature, do the damage.

Tanned skin is damaged skin. Any change in the color of your skin after time outside—whether sunburn or suntan—indicates damage from UV rays.

Anyone can get skin cancer, but some things put you at higher risk.

A change in your skin is the most common symptom of skin cancer. This could be a new growth, a sore that doesn't heal, or a change in a mole.

Indoor Tanning Is Not Safe

Using a tanning bed, booth, or sunlamp to get tan is called indoor tanning. Indoor tanning can cause skin cancers including melanoma (the deadliest type of skin cancer), basal cell carcinoma, and squamous cell carcinoma. Exposure to ultraviolet (UV) radiation also can cause cataracts and cancers of the eye (ocular melanoma).

Dangers of Indoor Tanning

Indoor tanning exposes users to two types of UV rays, UVA and UVB, which damage the skin and can lead to cancer. Indoor tanning is particularly dangerous for younger users; people who begin indoor tanning during adolescence or early adulthood have a higher risk of getting melanoma. This may be due to greater use of indoor tanning among those who begin tanning at earlier ages.

Every time you tan you increase your risk of getting skin cancer, including melanoma. Indoor tanning also—

Causes premature skin aging, like wrinkles and age spots.

Changes your skin texture.

Increases the risk of potentially blinding eye diseases, if eye protection is not used.

Facts about Indoor Tanning

Tanning indoors is not safer than tanning in the sun.

Indoor tanning and tanning outside are both dangerous. Although indoor tanning devices operate on a timer, the exposure to UV rays can vary based on the age and type of light bulbs. Indoor tanning is designed to give you high levels of UV radiation in a short time. You can get a burn from tanning indoors, and even a tan indicates damage to your skin.

A base tan is not a safe tan.

A tan is the body's response to injury from UV rays. A base tan does little to protect you from future

damage to your skin caused by UV exposure. In fact, people who indoor tan are more likely to report getting sunburned.

Sun Safety Tips

Check the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's UV Index before you spend time outdoors and plan your sun protection accordingly.

Seek shade, especially during midday hours.

Cover up with clothing to protect exposed skin.

Wear a hat with a wide brim to shade the face, head, ears, and neck.

Wear sunglasses that wrap around and block as close to 100% of both UVA and UVB rays as possible.

Use sunscreen with broad spectrum (UVA and UVB) protection and sun protective factor (SPF) 15 or higher.

Remember to reapply sunscreen at least every 2 hours and after swimming, sweating, or toweling off.

Skin cancer is the most commonly diagnosed cancer in the United States, and most cases are preventable!!

**Together we live into the mission of sharing God's grace.
PJ Musser RN, MSN, CNRN, RN-BC**

Blood pressure Screenings are the third and fourth Sundays of the month in the adult Sunday school classroom immediately following church service.

News from our WELCA President,



Hello Ladies,

Where did this year go? I want to thank all of you ladies for a wonderful year as your President. Thanks to all of you who helped with the funeral dinner for Winnie Netzley's family, and thanks to all of you who helped prepare the food for the Lion's Club. What great cooks we have here at Trinity!

We are still collecting bars of soap through the month of June and then July, August, and September we will be collecting for the school kits so be watching!

If any of you have not gotten information on your secret sister yet, there is a book in the church office that has everyone's information in it. Just stop in and look your sister up if you need to.

There will also be a planning meeting July 20, (Time is yet to be announced.) for anyone who wants to attend and especially the officers for the coming year which starts in September. Hope to see as many of you there as possible.

Thanks also to PJ Musser for the wonderful videos she shared from the Women of Faith Series this past year at our monthly WELCA meetings. They were inspirational and uplifting for us all.

In Christ's love,
Sharon Wirrig

Sharon's thought: Be kind and giving to one another.

From Your Congregational Council

The President's Perspective



I think summer has arrived and I missed out on spring. I can't figure out how it passed by so quickly. Good things have been happening at Trinity! The Sunday School room and stairway have been patched, the gutters upgraded, the parking lot patched and maybe by now sealed. The grass is looking green and weed free, and the landscaping has received some much needed attention. Thanks to all who have contributed their time and talents.

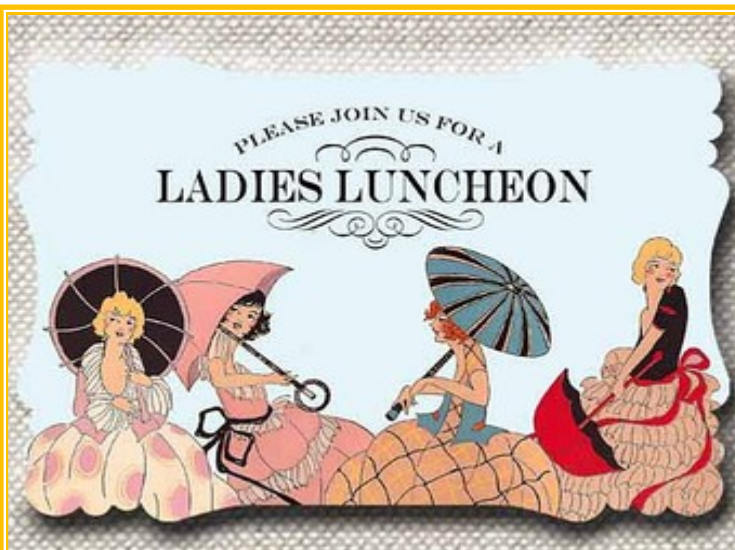
The final countdown is on for the July 10th 150th Anniversary Celebration. Many hours and lots of effort have gone into this event and I hope everyone can attend. Don't forget to make your reservations with the RSVP form as soon as you can. The Filling Plates and Potholes envelopes on the North windows are over half gone with more disappearing every week.

We need people to distribute bulletins on Sunday mornings. If you can do that once in a while, it would help our Deacons.

We are still finding the brown entry door unlocked at times and would recommend that you relock it when you enter. It would be a good practice, especially if you are going to the basement or the other side of the building and you are alone. We are placing a reminder sign to lock that door and turn off the lights when you leave.

Please keep up the good ministries in our Church, our community, and our congregation.

In Christ, we seek, welcome, and serve all,
Eldon Erdmann



**Wednesday, June 8, 2016 - 12 Noon & You're Invited to
The Olde Richmond Inn- 138 S 5th St, Richmond, Indiana 47374**

Please let Shirley Rhoades know if you are planning to attend by Monday, May 6. Phone 937-737-0097 or simply let her know before or after worship service. We must have at least 12 people in order to be seated all together so get your reservation in asap! There's lot's of fun, good conversation, and lots of laughs! Come join us in the fun!

June The Trinity Trumpet 2016



For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God-- (Ephesians 2:8)

This month I chose our need for grace as the topic for my article. We've just come through the long (7 Sundays) season of Easter, celebrated the birthday of the Church on Pentecost, and then celebrated Holy Trinity Sunday, our own church's namesake Sunday. Including Palm/Passion Sunday the week before Easter Sunday, we've offered The Lord's Supper a total of 10 weeks in a row. Some have truly enjoyed the feast while I'm certain others are wondering why we're celebrating Communion so often. I know that in the history of this congregation Holy Communion was only offered once a month and before that even less often, once per quarter. If you're wondering why I keep on insisting we offer Communion more often, I will allow a man much smarter than me to explain it.



Below are a few paragraphs Dr. Martin Luther wrote in his Large Catechism about the Lord's Supper:

Here in the Sacrament you are to receive from the lips of Christ forgiveness of sin. It contains and brings with it God's grace and the Spirit with all His gifts, protection, shelter, and power against death and the devil and all misfortune.

So you have, from God, both the command and the promise of the Lord Jesus Christ. Besides this, from yourself, you have your own distress, which is around your neck. Because of your distress this command, invitation, and promise are given. This ought to move you. For Christ Himself says, "Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick" [Matthew 9:12]. In other words, He means those who are weary and heavy-laden with their sins, with the fear of death, temptations of the flesh, and of the devil. If, therefore, you are heavy laden and feel your weakness, then go joyfully to this Sacrament and receive refreshment, comfort, and strength [Matthew 11:28]. If you wait until you are rid of such burdens, so that you might come to the Sacrament pure and worthy, you must stay away forever. In that case Christ pronounces sentence and says, "If you are pure and godly, you have no need of Me, and I, in turn, no need of you." Therefore, the only people who are called unworthy are those who neither feel their weaknesses nor wish to be considered sinners.

But if you say, "What, then, shall I do if I cannot feel such distress or experience hunger and thirst for the Sacrament?" Answer, "For those who are of such a mind that they do not realize their condition I know no better counsel than that they put their hand into their shirt to check whether they have flesh and blood. And if you find that you do, then go, for your good..."

Besides this, you will also have the devil about you. He is a liar, to lead the heart astray from God's Word and to blind it, so that you cannot feel your distress or come to Christ. He is a murderer, who cannot bear to see you live one single hour. If you could see how many knives, darts, and arrows are every moment aimed at you [Ephesians 6:16], you would be glad to come to the Sacrament as often as possible. But there is no reason why we walk about so securely and carelessly, except that we neither think nor believe that we are in the flesh and in this wicked world or in the devil's kingdom.

So – are you flesh and blood? Do you live in the world? Is the devil your most bitter enemy always prowling around and seeking to destroy you? Then you need to come to the Supper. In fact, simply put, whether you feel it or not, you need to be regularly fed with the Means of Grace. You need to regularly be in the Word of God. You need to daily rely upon the grace God gave you in your baptism to drown and kill the Old Adam or Eve, extinguish the fiery darts of accusation the devil hurls at you and raise up the new person in Christ to live daily in His love and reflect that love to others. We all need to regularly feast upon the very Body and Blood of our Lord given to us in, with, and under the elements and Word of His Supper for the assurance of our forgiveness, and strengthening our faith against the enemies around.

Is your heart still beating? Are your lungs still drawing breath? Then you need to be fed in God's grace and be comforted and strengthened as you travel in this fallen and broken world. Come, be fed and comforted in your Lord's Presence. We are now returning to the summer communion schedule where we will only be fed on the 1st and 3rd Sundays of each month. I pray the 10 weeks when we were fed regularly strengthened you for your journey each week. May God's gift of this Holy Sacrament become an indispensable part of your spiritual diet. And may the Body and Blood of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, strengthen, keep and unite us now and forever, amen!

Pastor Will Mc