



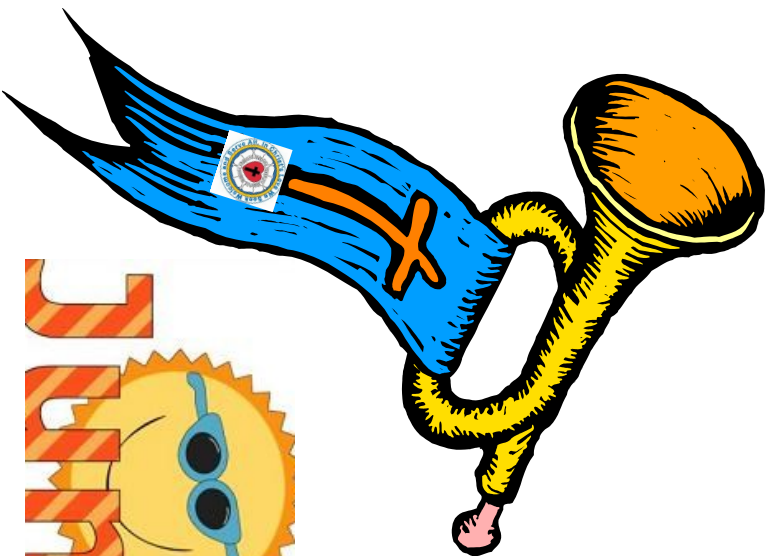
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June

BIRTHDAYS THIS MONTH

2 Larry Harter
3 Brydon Diceanu
4 Lance Witters
4 Richard Vanatta
6 Myrl Lephart
7 Eric Heckman
8 Kevin McKibben
8 Mary Ann Mehaffie
11 Terri Thobe
13 Brandy Warner
13 Brennen Troutwine

14 Ethan Warner
15 Kyle Fledgerjohn
16 Layni Ressler
16 Noah Mehaffie
20 Broden Warner
23 Shirley Thompson
26 Morgan Canan
26 Rhonda Rich
28 Joshua Kossler
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 s 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 Alyn Nelson
21 Tommy Nelson Jr.
22 Robby Arling
22 Zachary Gettinger
24 Larkin Ressler
24 Rod Sease
27 Callie Schmitmeyer
29 Aaron Merzke
29 Kurt Baker
29 Linda Feitshans



Through the Eyes of a Resident...

I was originally in trouble for fighting and gang activity which landed me in the Department of Corrections. I was released from the Department of Corrections and placed on parole; I violated parole and had to return. The Department of Correction sent me to Wernle Youth & Family Treatment Center.

Since arriving at Wernle Youth & Family Treatment Center, I have had a lot of time to think about my behaviors and how I need to change them. I am currently working on spring in the Seasons of Healing program, hopefully, transitioning soon to the summer. The Seasons of Healing program is very helpful to me.

Wernle Youth & Family Treatment Center's staff has taught me skills to help myself. I currently hold two jobs. I have had the opportunity to explore options for my future. I have also learned how to budget my money. My plans are to continue working and start college after I return home.

\$ FINANCIAL NEWS FROM FEBRUARY 1 - APRIL 26, 2015 \$

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

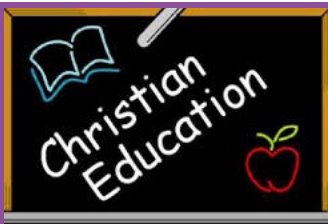
Benevolence Budget Per Week: **\$341.54**

Building Fund: No budgeted amount. The restroom project is well underway.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Current</u>	<u>Benevolence</u>	<u>Building</u>	<u>Attendance</u>
05/03	\$ 1,005.00	\$ 200.00	\$ 00.00	52
05/10	\$ 380.00	\$ 55.00	\$ 35.00	40
05/17	\$ 2,860.00*	\$ 215.00	\$ 125.00	58
05/24	\$ 1,065.00	\$ 55.00	\$ 00.00	39
05/31	\$ 2,200.00*	\$ 135.00	\$ 40.00	50

* Denotes Sundays we met or exceeded our budgeted giving.

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



NEWS

Bible School Is Coming Back to Trinity!

That's right! Bible School is coming back to Trinity this Summer so get the word out to all your friends and neighbors. This year it will take place in July, only instead of a one week event, it will be a four week event with Bible School on Wednesday evenings of the 8, 15, 22, and the 29. All the stories will be "water stories," so come prepared because you might just get wet!!! Please let our Sunday School Superintendent, Marge Warner know if you are willing to assist in any way with this proposed outreach ministry to our own children and those in our community. Thanks!

Are you a graduating member of our Trinity Family? If not do you know someone who is? We would like to invite all graduates, High School or College, to a very special celebration in their honor on Sunday, June 21st. They will be recognized during worship and then be our guests at a reception in their honor after worship, in the fellowship hall downstairs. All graduates are invited to bring items of memorabilia, awards, academic, music, & sports, photos of their school years, etc., and set up a display table specifically just for you. Please notify the church office if you plan to attend so the necessary preparation, such as names, school colors etc. can be included on the cake and in the decorating for the reception as well. Help us make this a very special celebration for all of our graduates this coming June 21st and be sure to stay after worship to congratulate them.



Congratulations Graduates

Prayers & Squares Quilters will be meeting Friday the 15th due to many of the women getting ready for the bake sale on the 9th and since Pastor Mel will be in Colorado and no book study the week of the 15th & due to Monday the 25th being the holiday of Memorial Day, there will be no quilting on the last Monday of the month. Be watching the announcements in your Sunday bulletin just in case the quilters decide to schedule an additional day of quilting other than the usual days since this month is off schedule.

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June 7 Donna Bridenbaugh

June 14 Chris Cassel

June 21 Marge Warner

June 28 Teresa Long

the
BEST IS YET
to come!



Please join us for an
Open House in celebration of the graduation of
Morgan McKinney
Sunday, June 7 from 1-5 p.m.
5135 Folkerth Rd. Greenville, OH

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The **Congregation** **IS** **Invited**



Autumn Shianne Myers

Please join Autumn
to celebrate her graduation!

When: June 7th, 2015

Time: 2 p.m. - 5 p.m.

Where: Trinity Lutheran Church

8520 Oakes Road

Pittsburg, Ohio



Notes From Our Parish Nurse

P.J. Musser - A.L.S.

The Friday book group is currently reading *Tuesdays with Morrie* by Mitch Albom. Newspaper sports columnist Mitch Albom recounts the time spent with his 78-year sociology professor, Morrie Schwartz, at Brandeis University, who was dying from amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (ALS). **So what is ALS?**

- Amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (ALS), more commonly referred to as Lou Gehrig's disease, is a progressive neurodegenerative disease that attacks nerve cells and pathways in the brain and spinal cord.
 - In most cases, doctors don't know why ALS occurs. A small number of cases are inherited.
 - When the nerve cells die, voluntary muscle control and movement dies with them.
 - Patients in the later stages of the disease are totally paralyzed, yet in most cases, their minds remain sharp and alert.
 - Every day, an average of 15 people are newly diagnosed with ALS — more than 5,600 people per year.
 - As many as 30,000 Americans may currently be affected by ALS.
 - The average life expectancy of a person with ALS is two to five years from time of diagnosis.
 - About 20 percent live five years or more, and up to ten percent will survive more than ten years.
- ALS can strike anyone.

Signs and Symptoms

Difficulty in carrying out daily activities, including walking. Increased clumsiness.
Weakness in the feet, hands, legs and ankles. Cramping and twitching in the arms, shoulders or tongue.
Difficulty maintaining good posture and holding the head up. Uncontrolled outbursts of laughing or crying.
Slurring of speech and difficulty with voice projection
Difficulties with breathing and swallowing (in advanced cases).

Symptoms will spread to all parts of the body as ALS progresses.

Some people with ALS can also experience symptoms of impaired decision-making and memory, eventually leading to a form of dementia called frontotemporal dementia.

Treatment

Because there's no reversing the course of amyotrophic lateral sclerosis, treatments focus on slowing the progression of symptoms, preventing unnecessary complications and making you more comfortable and independent.

Morrie Schwartz's reflections

Talk openly about your illness with whoever wants to talk with you about it.

Resist the temptation to think of yourself as useless. It will only lead to depression. Find your own ways of being and feeling useful.

After you have wept and grieved for your physical losses, cherish the functions and the life you have left.

Watch for and resist the creeping urge to withdraw from the world.

Be grateful that you have been given the time to learn how to die.

If you can't have large victories or achievements, be grateful and celebrate small ones.

This is the time to do a life review, to make amends, to identify and let go of regrets, to come to terms with unresolved relationships, to tie up loose ends.

Learn how to live, and you'll know how to die; learn how to die, and you'll know how to live

Together we live into the mission of sharing God's grace.

PJ Musser BA, ADN, BC, CNRN

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

June Health Tips

Good Samaritan Hospital Health Ministries

Summer Safety Tips

When temperatures climb above 90 degrees F, older adults need to take precautions:

- Spend as much time as possible inside - with the air conditioning on.
- Stay out of the sun - whenever you can, and wear loose, light-colored clothes and broad-brimmed hat when you must go out.
- Wait until the sun is going down - or until early the next morning—when it's cooler
- Drink plenty of cool water, clear juices, and other liquids that don't contain alcohol or caffeine.

How to Spot and Treat Health Problems Caused by Heat

Dehydration	<p>WARNING SIGNS: Weakness, headache, muscle cramps, dizziness, confusion, and passing out.</p> <p>WHAT TO DO: Call your healthcare provider or 911. Meanwhile, drink plenty of water and, if possible, "sports drinks", which contain important salts called "electrolytes." Among other things, electrolytes play a key role in regulating your heartbeat. Your body loses electrolytes when you're dehydrated.</p>
Heat Stroke	<p>WARNING SIGNS: A body temperature of 103 or higher; red, hot, and dry skin; a fast pulse; headache; dizziness; nausea or vomiting; confusion; and passing out.</p> <p>WHAT TO DO: Call 911 immediately. Move to a cool, shady place, take off or loosen heavy clothes. If possible, douse yourself with cool water, or put cloths soaked with cool water on your wrists, ankles, armpits, and neck to lower your temperature. Try and see if you can safely swallow water or drinks such as sports drinks. <i>Note: If you are caring for someone else who has heat stroke, only give them water or drinks if they are awake and can swallow.</i></p>
Heat Exhaustion	<p>WARNING SIGNS: Heavy sweating or no sweating, muscle cramps, tiredness, weakness, paleness, cold or clammy skin, dizziness, headache, nausea or vomiting, fast and weak pulse, fainting.</p> <p>WHAT TO DO: Without delay, move to a cool, shady place, and drink plenty of cool fluids, such as water or sports drinks. Call 911 if you have high blood pressure or heart problems, or if you don't feel better quickly after moving to the shade and drinking liquids.</p>
Heat Syncope	<p>WARNING SIGNS: Dizziness or fainting.</p> <p>WHAT TO DO: Lie down and put your feet up, and drink plenty of water and cool fluids such as sports drinks.</p>

Source: HealthyAging.org



When: Sunday, June 28, 2015

Time: 10:30 AM

**Where: Jack Mong Memorial
Park in Pittsburg, Ohio**

Come one and all to Trinity Lutheran Church's Annual Worship Service/Picnic in the Park. This year will be extra special with a "water" theme and featuring a skit enactment instead of a sermon and the baptism of Trent and Michelle Groff's baby Colton, right along with holy communion. Not to mention the good food and fixin's made by the wonderful cooks of Trinity. Drinks and chicken from Picnic's in Arcanum will be provided. Kids be prepared to get wet; maybe bring a extra change of clothes. There will be games like Fear Freeze, Water Balloon piñata, Dribble Dribble Drench, Water Slide, and activities for adults. In the event we have a rainout situation, we will meet in the firehouse and still have a great time! Be sure not to miss this wonderful opportunity for Christian fellowship and lots of fun! See ya' there!



To Our Church Family

Thank you to our Trinity family,

PJ and I and our entire family thank all of you for the prayers, kind words of consolation, and all the beautiful cards and expressions of sympathy on the passing of our sister Alice Street. The love we feel among our Church Family truly is a blessing. It's hard to imagine getting

through the loss of a loved one without your support. You all mean so much to us, so thanks a million for all you've done and continue to do.

Pastor Mel, PJ, Melanie, Niki and Jake and children, Trevor and Amber, and Junior and Laszlo



This month the Ladies Luncheon League will venture into Greenville, Ohio to the Bistro Off Broadway, located at 117 East Fifth St. on Wednesday, June 10th at Noon. Please let Shirley Rhoades know on or before June the 9th if you plan to attend either in person by Sunday, June the 7th or by phone @ 937-737-0097. Come join in the fun and all the fabulous conversation when this group of gallivanterers get together. There's never a dull moment!



June 10, 1955 - Toledo, Ohio

Hilbert and Mary Piel Celebrate 60th Anniversary

Rev. Hilbert and Mary Piel of Arcanum celebrate their 60th anniversary on June 10, 2015. They were married June 10, 1955, at Saint Mark Lutheran Church in Toledo.

Mary Piel is the owner of Village Flower Shop in Arcanum.

Reverend Hilbert Piel is a Lutheran Minister and is retired after serving numerous churches in the Miami Valley including Pittsburg, Ithaca, Piqua and Willowdell.

They have four children, Cheryl Piel and husband Jack Kuhn of Arcanum; Debbie Niekamp and husband Gene of Versailles; Beth Schiller and husband Perry of Tipp City; and Jim Piel and wife Beth of Arcanum.

They have six grandchildren Jessica Pahl and husband Nate; Joel Niekamp and wife Kara; Alex Niekamp; Adam Schiller; Leah Schiller; and Taylor Piel.

Their great grandchildren are Alysso and Hailey Pahl and Logan Niekamp.

Rev. and Mrs. Piel will celebrate their anniversary with their family at a private dinner hosted by their children.

If you would like to honor them on this special milestone occasion please feel free to send cards to their home at 3457 Arcanum-Bears Mill Rd., Arcanum, OH 45304.



60 Years Later - Their Home is in Arcanum, Ohio



The President's Perspective

Dear Church Family,

Time truly does fly by whether we're having fun or not! Here it is the month when summer comes into our lives for another year. There is not a lot to report as we have not had as many council meetings recently as in the past due to so many of our council members being so busy with all of their own goings on. We will be meeting on the 16th of this month due to the fact that the Women of the ELCA are preparing the meal for the Pittsburg Lion's Club on the 9th.

The restroom project is nearing completion as Gary Obringer begins gutting and redoing the men's restroom upstairs. There will be a cabinet and sink in the restroom downstairs as he is using the old one from the men's room after he refurbishes it to match the other cabinets. Gary has asked me to relay to each and every one of you that the newly installed handicap accessible restroom is precisely that. It is designed for people with walkers, wheelchairs, or other cumbersome mobility devices to be able to use with greater ease and efficiency. The door to that restroom has a special closure on it which is SLOW CLOSING for that reason. It is meant to allow the individual to get in the restroom and not have the door close on their apparatus or chair and it is NOT MEANT TO BE FORCED SHUT IN A HURRY! Several people have done this already and have managed to spring the special closure for that door and now Gary has to try to reset the door in the jam as it will not close properly. Please be cautious if you use this particular restroom and DO NOT FORCE THE DOOR TO SHUT BUT ALLOW IT TO SHUT ON ITS OWN. The women's bathroom is now completed and there should be no problem using it. For now the handicap accessible will serve as the men's restroom until the regular men's restroom is completed and once again operational.

Lastly, the only other thing I have is in regard to the trophies that are in the basement. If anyone wishes to take any or all of them help yourself. If no one takes them by June 16th, the night of our next council meeting, they will be disposed of at that time. Thank you and as always . . .

God bless each of you,

Dean Thompson, President

The Women of the ELCA of Trinity are always doing something it seems.

June 9 - Lion's Club Dinner @ 6:00 PM - This is one of our big "money makers" for the year and we can sure use your help and your culinary skills in making some of your wonderful homemade dishes for the men and women of the Pittsburg Lion's. Please have all food items here at church no later than 5:30 PM.



Something New We're Going To Be Trying - the feedback on this one has been great so far!

We are thinking of holding a very unique and different type of "Yard Sale" probably in September where you rent a table for \$20.00 (or more than one if you like) and set up and sell your own merchandise and you get to keep the profits! (Although if you want to donate it we surely won't say no!) This way, you each are responsible for your own set up and tear down and when it is over you take your "belongings" that are left back home with you or you may donate it to one of our local charities. Think about this idea and if you have any comments or are interested, please see Marge Warner or call the church office @ 692-5670. We already have quite a few ladies who have signed up to "rent" a table or two and there is plenty of time and there will be plenty of tables to rent for whatever you have to sell. Thanks to all for all the wonderful things you ladies do to make the Women of the ELCA such a successful outreach of many ministries to all the many charities and organizations that we support in our ministry. In case you didn't know it, if you are a female and you attend Trinity that makes you a one of us Women of the ELCA!!! God bless you all and thank you.

June The Trinity Trumpet 2015

Now during those days, when the disciples were increasing in number, the Hellenists complained against the Hebrews because their widows were being neglected in the daily distribution of food. ² And the twelve called together the whole community of the disciples and said, It is not right that we should neglect the word of God in order to wait on tables. ³ Therefore, friends, select from among yourselves seven men of good standing, full of the Spirit and of wisdom, whom we may appoint to this task, ⁴ while we, for our part, will devote ourselves to prayer and to serving the word." ⁵ What they said pleased the whole community, and they chose Stephen, a man full of faith and the Holy Spirit, together with Philip, Prochorus, Nicanor, Timon, Parmenas, and Nicolaus, a proselyte of Antioch. ⁶ They had these men stand before the apostles, who prayed and laid their hands on them. ⁷ The word of God continued to spread; the number of the disciples increased greatly in Jerusalem, and a great many of the priests became obedient to the faith. (Act 6:1-7)



Summer is upon us! We have a busy season ahead. This year we're trying a newer method of doing Vacation Bible School. Instead of running VBS either during the day or in the evening on consecutive days, we thought maybe it would work to spread out the Bible School over several weeks, but only one evening per week. This spreads out the workload and hopefully will spread the excitement and the joy of VBS over a longer period of time. This is a method the Christian Education Team thought would help all of us at Trinity ease back into doing Vacation Bible School without putting too much stress on anyone. VBS will be on Wednesdays in July starting on the 8th and continuing on July 15th, 22nd, and 29th. It will kick off at 6:30pm and go through 8:00 pm. The theme is "Splash Into God's Word." Each week we'll feature a different Bible story based on water. It promises to be a lot of fun for both the children and all of you who volunteer to make this event possible. We do need your help! Quality VBS doesn't just happen by itself. We need the efforts of every member of Trinity to pull this off. Storytellers, snack makers, shepherds, and game leaders are all needed to provide a quality and faithful experience for the children God provides. Speaking of the children, they are the reason we're putting all this effort into VBS in the first place. That's where we really need your support as well. Not only in getting your own children and grandchildren registered, but also telling your friends who have children or grandchildren about what we're doing. VBS is an easy entry point into a conversation about your Church. Talk it up! Be enthusiastic! Most important invite, invite, invite!

I know my next topic is still quite a ways down the road, but it's not too soon to form our 150th Birthday Celebration team. At my former Church we planned a 50th Birthday celebration where over 270 members, former members, and children/grandchildren of members and former members came out to celebrate. Those kind of results are easily possible here at Trinity as well. I'm looking for a couple of people who know the whereabouts of our former members and the children/grandchildren of our former members as well as those who have simply fallen away. A lot of research goes into finding where these folks are located. Some may have moved away and live in other states. If we can locate them and invite them far enough in advance of our celebration, many of those folks will come back to celebrate with us. This might be the place where they were baptized, confirmed, or married. They will be excited to return to the place that holds such fond memories of their youth. We have to do the hard work of locating them and inviting them to an outstanding celebration. So, the 150th Celebration team is far more than planning just one more carry-in. If we want to make this an event to remember we need 6 or 7 highly motivated folks to get this party started. Is that you? Will you serve?

These two issues have one common link. They both require people to accomplish the goal. The early church had the same issues. In the book of Acts we read about how the Apostles solved their need for people to volunteer to accomplish the mission. I ask each of you to prayerfully consider whether you have the gifts and talents to either help make Trinity's first VBS in several years a success or to help plan and execute a 150th Birthday party that will honor our current members, former members, and most importantly that honors our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

During the month of June I'll be talking about these opportunities to serve. You'll be hearing a lot more information in the weeks to come. I pray the work of the Holy Spirit will prompt the right people for the right tasks. Praise and thanks be to our God for giving us these opportunities to display our faith in action, making a difference in our community, even while being transformed ourselves. Amen.



JUNE 2015



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7 9:30 - Adult Sunday School 10:30 AM - Worship with Holy Communion Guest Pastor - Tom Batterman	8	9 Lion's Club Dinner @ 6PM 	10 Noo- Ladies Luncheon League Meets at the Bistro Off Broadway in Greenville 7PM - worship Team Meets	11	12-9 AM-Prayers and Squares Quilters meet Noon - Brown Bag LunchBook Discussion 3:30 - Fish Pantry 400 Markwith-Greenville 	13
14 9:30 - Adult Sunday School 10:30 AM - Worship 	15	16 Trinity Council Meets @ 7PM	17	18 6:30 PM - Christian Education Team Meets 	19 3:30 - Fish Pantry 400 Markwith-Greenville 	20
21 9:30 - Adult Sunday School 10:30 AM - Worship 	22	23	24	25	26 3:30 - Fish Pantry 400 Markwith-Greenville 	27
28  10:30 AM - Worship with Holy Communion in the Park	29 Prayers and Squares Quilters meet @ 9 AM	30				