



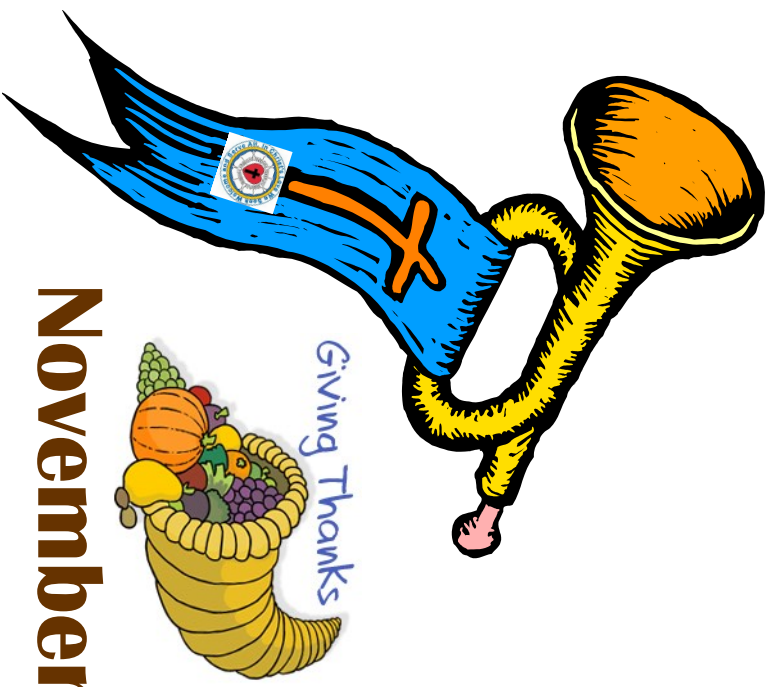
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## November

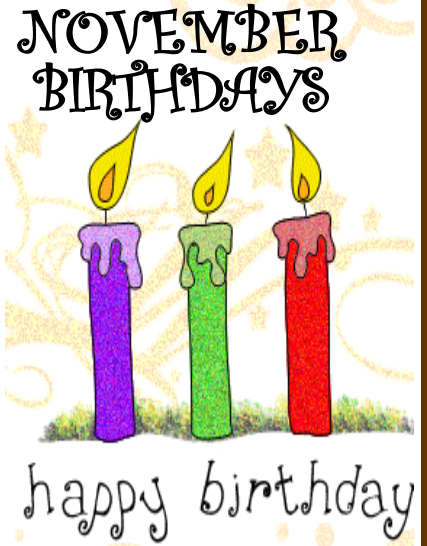
## Anniversaries

- |                              |                              |
|------------------------------|------------------------------|
| 7 Angela and Nick Morelli    | 16 Rod and Deb Sease         |
| 8 Wesley and Jenna Harleman  | 18 Holly and Craig Cotner    |
| 13 Kent and Shirley Thompson | 20 Chad and Cindy Bruner     |
| 15 Barbara and Ron Gettinger | 22 Linda and Larry Feitshans |
| 24 Bucky and Lori Burrell    |                              |

- 1 Paul Jasinski  
2 Bethany Nickol  
2 Trent Groff  
3 Monica Heckman  
6 Brooke Chapman  
6 David Netzley  
7 Barbara Sease  
7 Kayla Garwood

- 7 Ruth Collins  
10 Lexi Wright  
12 Karen Brown  
13 Vicki Ressler  
14 Michelle Dornbusch  
16 Jack Mehaffie  
16 Jim Castello  
18 Alaina Merzke  
20 Steve Mehaffie

- 21 Connie Gilmore  
25 Jordan Mattox  
25 Michael Mehaffie  
26 Shawn Hein  
27 Rilyn Warner  
28 Joe Williams  
29 Andrew Parlett  
29 Rob Arling



## November Baptisms



- 1 Lisa Garwood  
1 Rose Lucas  
5 Karen Hoblitt  
9 Kevin McKibben  
10 Eva Stephens  
11 Brydon Diceanu  
12 Trevor Shelley  
16 Brandon Groff  
16 Brittani Groff

- 18 Austin Harleman  
24 Judy Howard  
27 Donna Stickley  
27 Hannah Nickol  
28 Antonia Baker  
28 Patti Troutwine  
28 Troy Troutwine  
29 Holly Merzke  
29 Mollie Watson

## **\$ FINANCIAL NEWS FROM OCT. 04, 2015 - NOV. 01, 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 paid in full.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Current</u>	<u>Benevolence</u>	<u>Building</u>	<u>Attendance</u>
10/04	\$ 1,494.00	\$ 370.00*	\$ 135.00	64
10/11	\$ 907.00	\$ 95.00	\$ 65.00	45
10/18	\$ 1,245.00	\$ 1,115.00*	\$ 95.00	53
10/25	\$ 1,739.00*	\$ 450.00*	\$ 75.00	88
11/01	\$ 1,564.00*	\$ 200.00	\$ 75.00	72

\* 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.

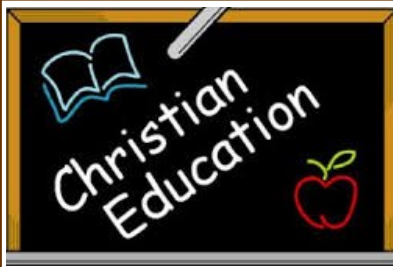
Benevolence funds come from member's envelopes who designate an amount specifically for the Benevolence fund in the appropriate box.

There is no set budgeted amount for the building fund. It is sustained by individual members' generosity, who choose to contribute to it.

## **Come Join the Ladies Luncheon League As We Dine at Our Local P.P. & G.**



Wednesday, November 11<sup>th</sup>, the girls are headed right up the street from Trinity to our very own locally owned and operated, Pittsburgh's Pizza and Grill. Please let Shirley Rhoades (937-737-0097) know by Monday, October 11<sup>th</sup> if you are planning to attend. Join us! It's good food, great company, and lot's of fun. Please join with the women of Trinity for an afternoon of Christian fellowship!!!



# Christian Education Team News

The Halloween Trunk or Treat Night was a howling success. The turnout by our church family and community was phenomenal! Much appreciation goes out to all who helped make this night so awesome! Guess what? We already have some new, improved ideas for next year. After all this was only our first try, but we are hoping to make Trunk or Treat Night an annual community event!!!!

Next on our list is the St. Nicholas Day event on Sunday, November 29 from 5:00 - 6:30 PM.

Lots of fun activities are planned for Pre K - 6th graders. Parents and church members are needed for helpers. Santa Claus might show up, too. Shhhhhh!!!!!! Parents or grandparents of children attending are asked to bring a small wrapped present (no more than \$10 value)) for Santa to hand out. Please have child's name on a tag. Try to come with kids if possible as we will be handing out Christmas Program parts. The Christmas program will be Sunday, December 20 in place of the regular church service.

Get your Christmas shopping done early!!!! The Trinity Troops group will be wrapping your presents for you free of charge ( donations will go to by gifts for needy families, though). The dates for the wrappings are November 22, November 29, and December 6. Let our group help you out so we can help others! The kids will be doing the wrapping before and after church!

Get involved in our activities!! The kids would love to get to know you, too!

Marge Warner, Christian Education Superintendent

**Prayers & Squares Quilters** will be meeting Friday, Nov. the 13<sup>th</sup> from 9 AM until 1 PM, and then Monday Nov. 30<sup>th</sup> also 9 AM to 1 PM. As always be watching in your weekly bulletins or in the projected announcements as sometimes an extra day of quilting is added and sometimes quilting days get changed altogether. Come join in the fun!!! There's a job for everyone and anyone that's willing!

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**15 Chris Cassel  
22 Kami Schmitmeyer  
29 PJ Musser**

**DECEMBER NEWSLETTER  
DEADLINE IS  
SUNDAY NOVEMBER 15**



## *God's Richest Blessings and Congratulations*

*To the Newest Members of Trinity Evangelical Lutheran*

*Our 2015 Confirmands: Brydon Diceanu, Peyton Archer, & Larkin Ressler*



## *Congratulations and God's Blessings On Your Newly Elected Trinity Church Council Members*

### *Newly Elected*

*President: Eldon Erdmann*

*Vice: Bev Erdmann*

*Elder: Trevor Musser*

*Trustee: Kevin McKibben*

*Deacons: Teresa Long & Steve Hesler*

*Building Fund Treas: Andy McKibben*

*Christian Ed. Supt: Marge Warner*

*Delegates to SOS: Mark & Pam Oswlat*

*Dele. to NW Conf: Gary & Katherine Obringer*

*Graceworks: Carla Hesler & Claire Wilt*

*Wernle Home: Julie Kosler & Judy Ulrich*

*Nominating Committee: Carla Hesler, Peggy Didier, & Jennifer Arling*

### *Continuing Members*

*Recording Secretary: Roxanne Groff*

*Financial Secretary: Caleena Hesler*

*General Treasurer: Katherine Obringer*

*Benevolence Treasurer: Diane Warner*

*Elder: Mark Oswalt*

*Deacons: Shirley Rhoades &*

*Donna Bridenbaugh*

*Trustees: Gary Obringer &*

*Brad Harleman*

# November Happenings for the remainder of the month.

- 11/08/2015 - 9:30 AM - Adult Sunday School  
10:30 AM - Thankoffering Service by the Women of the ELCA at Trinity  
Before, during, and after Sunday school and after worship Fair Trade Winds  
will be here selling merchandise from artisans around the world.  
6 PM - Luther 500 Presentation @ Trinity (For those going to Germany in 2017)
- 11/10/2015 - 7 PM - Trinity Council Meeting
- 11/11/2015 - 12 Noon - Ladies Luncheon 2 Pitsburg Pizza and Grill  
6:30 PM - Confirmation Class Meets
- 11/12/2015 - 7 PM - 150th Anniversary Team meets
- 11/13/2015 - 9 AM - Prayers and Squares Quilters meet  
3:30 PM - FISH Pantry in Greenville (400 Markwith)
- 11/14/2015 - 3 PM - Luther 500 Presentation at Abiding Christ in Fairborn, Ohio  
326 Dayton-Yellow Springs Rd. 45324
- 11/15/2015 - 9:30 AM - Adult Sunday school  
10:30 AM - Worship with Holy Communion  
Immediately after worship - blood pressure checks by our Parish Nurse, PJ  
2:30 PM - Annual Adult Sunday school Auction @ Eldon & Bev Erdmann's
- 11/16/2015 - 10 AM NW Conference gathering at Zion in Tipp City (Dr. Wally Taylor)
- 11/18/2015 - 2-9 PM Lifetouch Photography session for Directory  
6:30 PM Confirmation Class Meets (We will meet in the basement this night)
- 11/19/2015 - 6:30 PM Christian Education Team Meets
- 11/20/2015 - 3:30 PM FISH Pantry in Greenville (400 Markwith)
- 11/21/2015 - 7 PM - Lost and Found Concert (Royal Oak Plaza Hotel Columbus, Ohio)
- 11/22/2015 - 9:30 AM - Adult Sunday school  
10:30 AM - Worship  
Immediately after worship - blood pressure checks by our Parish Nurse, PJ  
Trinity Troops gift wrapping presents for freewill donations after worship  
7 PM - Lost and Found Concert in Columbus
- 11/24.2015 - 2-9 PM Lifetouch Photography session for Directory
- 11/25/2015 - 7 PM Thanksgiving Eve Worship Service
- 11/26/2015 - HAPPY THANKSGIVING! We gather with our loved ones to give God thanks.  
NO FISH ON THE FRIDAY AFTER THANKSGIVING!!!
- 11/29/2015 - 9:30 AM - Adult Sunday school  
10:30 AM - Worship  
Trinity Troops gift wrapping presents for freewill donations after worship
- 11/30/2015 - 9 PM - Prayers and Squares Quilters Meet

# November Health Tips

Good Samaritan Hospital Health Ministries

## Early Signs and Symptoms of Alzheimer's

Memory loss that disrupts daily life may be a symptom of Alzheimer's or another dementia. Alzheimer's is a brain disease that causes a slow decline in memory, thinking and reasoning skills and is the most common form of dementia. There are also typical changes we see in normal aging which can make it challenging to properly diagnose dementia. In the chart below see the common warning signs of Alzheimer's compared with the corresponding normal age-related changes. Every individual may experience one or more of these signs in different degrees. If you notice any of them, please see a doctor.

- **Memory loss that disrupts daily life**  
*What's a typical age-related change?*  
Sometimes forgetting names or appointments, but remembering them later.
- **Challenges in planning or solving problems**  
*What's a typical age-related change?*  
Making occasional errors when balancing a checkbook.
- **Difficulty completing familiar tasks at home, at work or at leisure**  
*What's a typical age-related change?*  
Occasionally needing help to use the settings on a microwave or to record a television show.
- **Confusion with time or place**  
*What's a typical age-related change?*  
Getting confused about the day of the week but figuring it out later.

- **Trouble understanding visual images and spatial relationships**  
*What's a typical age-related change?*  
Vision changes related to cataracts
- **New problems with words in speaking or writing**  
*What's a typical age-related change?*  
Sometimes having trouble finding the right word
- **Misplacing things and losing the ability to retrace steps**  
*What's a typical age-related change?*  
Misplacing things from time to time and retracing steps to find them.
- **Decreased or poor judgment**  
*What's a typical age-related change?*  
Making a bad decision once in a while.
- **Withdrawal from work or social activities**  
*What's a typical age-related change?*  
Sometimes feeling weary of work, family and social obligations.
- **Changes in mood and personality**  
*What's a typical age-related change?*  
Developing very specific ways of doing things and becoming irritable when a routine is disrupted.

Source: American Alzheimer's Association



Dear Women of the ELCA of Trinity,

Due to the fact that the photographers will be at Trinity on Dec. 3rd, and we have Advent services on Wednesday evenings we will be moving our Christmas party to Thursday, December 10, 2015, at 6:30 PM. There will be no business meeting, and no Women of Faith presentation just come for an evening of fun & fellowship.

Also there will be no gift exchange but if you wish to bring your secret sister's Christmas present that evening you are welcome to do so. Just bring an hors d'oeuvre or a dessert and yourself and join in the fun. Hope to see you there!

Your WELCA President.

Sharon Wirrig



# NOTES FROM YOUR PARISH NURSE



During the Month of November, Pastor Mel has asked me to do a Sunday School offering with regards to Living Wills and Durable Power of Attorney for Health Care therefore I felt it was important to repeat these two articles in this month's newsletter.

## What is a Living Will?

The purpose of a Living Will is to document your wish with regards to life-sustaining treatments. This includes artificially or technologically supplied nutrition and hydration. If you are ever in a terminal condition or in a permanently unconscious state these treatments may be withheld or withdrawn.

A living Will does not affect the responsibility of health care providers to provide care to keep you comfortable. This comfort care involves helping to diminish pain or discomfort but will not postpone death.

If you would not choose to limit any or all forms of life-sustaining treatment, including CPR, you have the legal right to do so. You may wish to state your medical treatment preferences in writing in a different document.

Under Ohio law, a Living Will Declaration is applicable only to individuals in a terminal condition or a permanently unconscious state. If you wish to direct medical treatment in other circumstances, you should prepare a Health Care Power of Attorney. If you are in a terminal condition or a permanently unconscious state, a Living Will controls over a Health Care Power of Attorney.

If you have a Living Will and a Health Care Power of Attorney, you should keep copies of both documents together, with your other important papers, and bring copies of both your Living Will and your Health Care Power of Attorney with you whenever you are a patient in a health care facility.

I have placed copies of Living Wills and Health Care Power Of Attorney forms on the back table. Please help yourself to these forms. You are never too young or too old to take charge of your medical wishes.

## What is a Durable Power of Attorney for Health Care?

This is a legal document that allows people to appoint someone else the right to make health care decisions on their behalf. This is extremely important in the event a person becomes unable to make decisions on their own, such as in a coma or confused. As long as a person is of sound mind and can make their own decisions they will continue to make their own health care decisions.

In Ohio only a person of sound mind may create a durable power of attorney. This document must include the person's signature and the date the document was signed. The document can name any competent adult as the person's health care power of attorney. The only exclusions are your physician and the administrator of a nursing home if you reside there.

This document must be witnessed by two people who are not related to you by blood, marriage or adoption. Again your witness can not be your physician or your nursing home administrator.

A durable health care power of attorney grants specific rights, but it also limits this power as well. For example, the attorney-in-fact has the right to receive health care information about you, including such information that would normally be excluded from other parties because of doctor-patient confidentiality laws. However, the attorney-in-fact does not have the right to refuse or withdraw informed consent to health care that you previously agreed to unless there has been a significant change in your condition or the health care is no longer sufficient to achieve the purposes that you had desired.

There are copies of Living Wills and Health Care Power of Attorney forms in the back on the table. Please help yourself to these forms. You are never too young or too old to take charge of your medical wishes.

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

Parish Nurse

PJ Musser RN, MSN, RN-BC, CNRN

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





# Built On A Rock

Under the golden rock face of the mountains in the northern Yunnan province of China is nestled a small white church with a tile roof. More than 200 Lisu worshipers and their international guests, including ELCA Presiding Bishop Elizabeth A. Eaton, marched outside the church singing in Chinese: “Come friends, to the little church on the mountain. For the blessing of eternal life is more than silver and gold, for here we meet God.”

Seventy percent of the Lisu people, one of China’s 55 ethnic minorities, are Christian. The gospel was first introduced to them some 100 years ago. Even today the Lisu live and farm in rugged mountain terrain, where some walk for hours to attend worship on Sunday. The ELCA first connected with a Lisu community north of Lijiang after a 1996 earthquake, helping renovate houses and build schools, said He Wen-qin, director of the Lisu Cultural Association.

ELCA support continues today: schoolchildren receive computers; farmers receive goats and walnut seedlings; and churches are built. The newly dedicated Meile Anqi (Rock of Ages) Christian Church is the most recent development. “This is the best facility in the province for the people,” Wen-qin said. The small complex includes the church building, a community center, a kitchen and outhouses. Its architectural elements both preserve and celebrate the Lisu culture.

In Lijiang, the Yulong County Bible Training Center houses 21 students. Ranging in age from 14 to 26, they study the Bible, music, Christian education, preaching and other skills to equip them to be lay leaders and evangelists. They will serve alongside the current two pastors to meet the needs of some 50 congregations and worship points in the region. Many of these young church leaders will continue to farm as they work with the church. They will rise to meet the challenges of contemporary society that take many newly baptized away from the church.

Through it all, the ELCA is committed to accompanying the Lisu community in its journey of faith and life. In her message at the Meile Anqi church dedication, Eaton said, “We depend on you to preach the gospel here. And we promise to you, the Lisu people, that we will preach the gospel back in America. And together we can fulfill the command of Jesus, who told his disciples to go to all the world to tell about the new life we have in Jesus.”



# November The Trinity Trumpet 2015



<sup>19</sup>Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, <sup>20</sup>and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age." (Matthew 28:19-20)



As I prepare this article for the November Trinity Trumpet Newsletter I am concerned about our understanding of what Benevolence is and what it is spent on. My guess is most of you would be hard pressed to define Benevolence much less to be able to tell me where the money goes. I used to wonder about that myself. I, perhaps like many of you, thought the money I gave to the Benevolence fund went into some black hole never to be seen or heard from again. I now know that is simply not true. Benevolence is just another name for Mission Support. I think I understand what it means to support the mission much better than I understand the "B" word...

One way to overcome this lack of knowledge and understanding is through education. I came to an understanding of how our benevolence/Mission Support dollars are spent by reading stories like the one attached at the end of my newsletter article. This is just one of many stories of our faith in action. Through our partnership with the Southern Ohio Synod and the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America we are able to do so much more than we could on our own. The story of the Lisu people of China is one small example of how we fulfill the command of Jesus from the 28<sup>th</sup> chapter of the Gospel of Saint Matthew. As we try to educate ourselves on all our Church does to serve our Lord, look for more articles like the one about the Lisu people of China in our newsletters and bulletins in the months to come.

The more stories I read and the more I learned about all the positive differences Trinity Lutheran Church, the Southern Ohio Synod, the ELCA, and the Lutheran World Federation are making, the prouder I become of the Lutherans who are making such a difference in the world. (Forgive me my sin of pride...) Bishop Elizabeth Eaton says, "We are Church together!" That is exactly what we are. As good as you all are here at Trinity, even our quilts, school kits, and personal care kits would never be able to make such a huge impact or even reach those in extreme poverty without the larger church organizational structure. That's what Bishop Eaton means when she says we are church together. We're doing many things that even very large mega-churches still could not do without joining up with others all supporting the common mission of the Church.

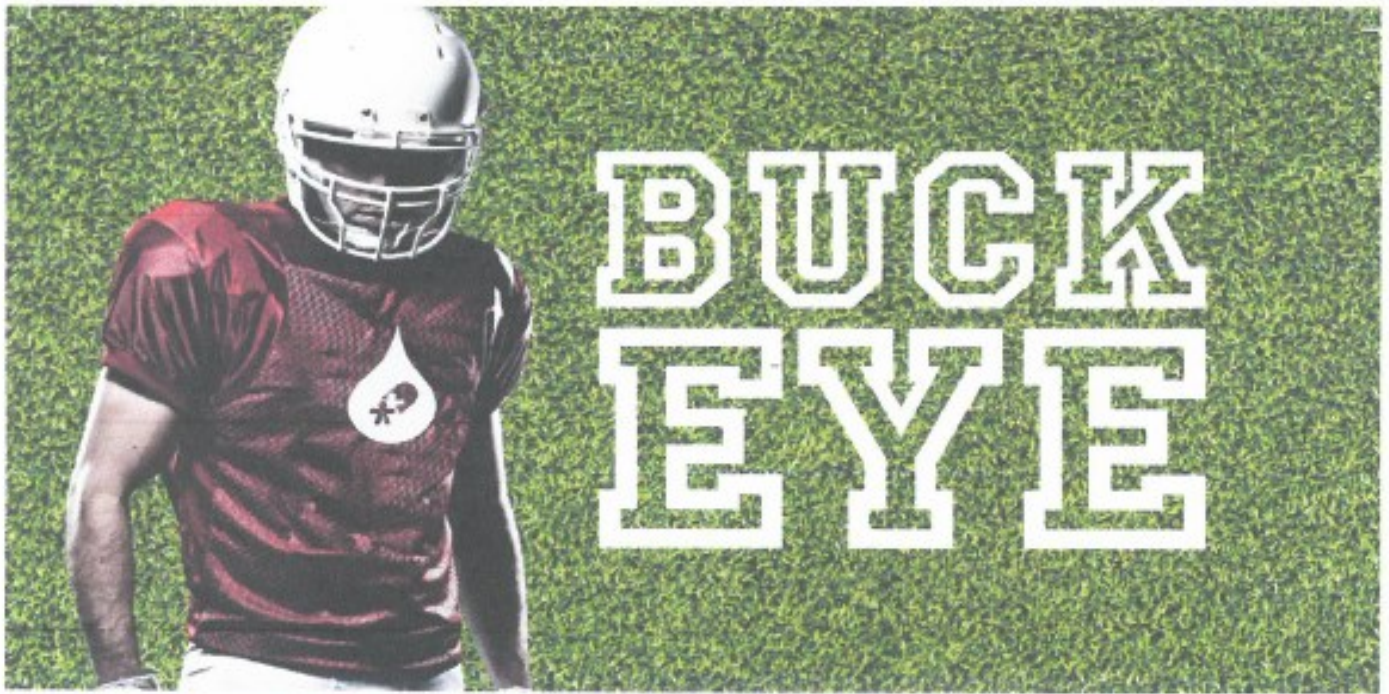
As we begin to publish more of our stories of faith in action, please prayerfully consider your response to all the blessings God has sent your way and what a difference you can make through your gifts to the Benevolence of our church.

Let us pray... Lord God, thank you for the gift of your Church. Thank you for opening our eyes to the opportunities we have to serve you by serving our neighbors near and far. Help us to learn about all the ways our time, talent, and treasure are making a difference in the very real lives of very real people. As we learn how our Mission Support money is working, open our hearts and make us into even more generous people than we are now. This we pray in Jesus' name, amen.

May this autumn season bring many blessings to all of you. I hope you enjoy the following story of the Lutheran Church in action with the Lisu people of China.

*Pastor Mel Ma*





# BLOOD DRIVE

Champion the cause! Donate blood & save lives.  
Free t-shirt when you register to give blood November 2 - December 19.

## Community Blood Drive

Trinity Lutheran Church

8520 Oakes Rd., Pittsburg

November 12, 2015

2:30 pm – 6:30 pm

Appointments Recommended!

[www.donortime.com](http://www.donortime.com)



**Come support Trinity's effort  
to help our community! Sign  
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Buckeye T-shirt!**

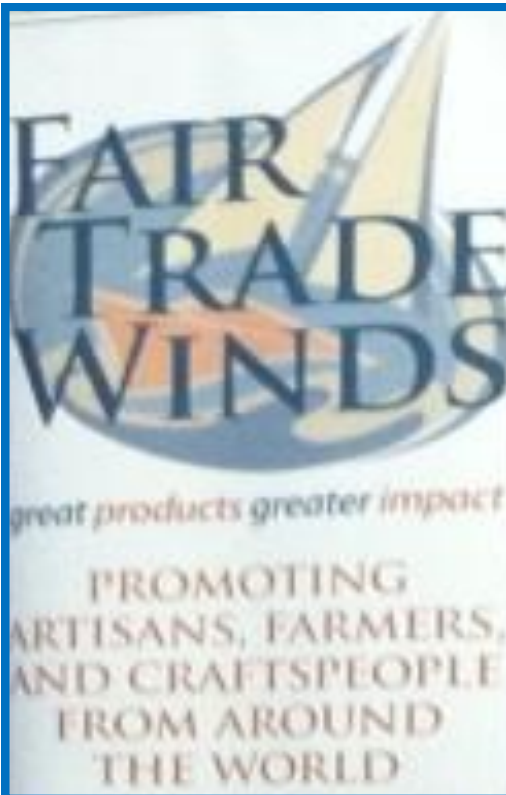


Community  
Blood Center  
*Real Donors. Real Life Heroes.*

**GivingBlood.org**

**1-800-388-GIVE**





This Sunday, November 8th the Artisans of the World come To Trinity through [FAIR TRADE WINDS](#) of Springfield, Ohio. This is a wonderful opportunity for you to purchase some very unique and original hand crafted items from all over the world as Donna Jarzab comes to us with some of the most popular items that are carried in her shop. Jewelry, clothing, pottery, unique hand carved and crafted items, purses, scarves and the list goes on and on. Shopping may be done before, during and after Adult Sunday school and also after church. Join us!

