

The Trinity Trumpet

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DID YOU KNOW

Layni Ressler was honored at the FM School Board Meeting as a good academic student with a great personality and a positive attitude. Way to go, Layni!

This area of the newsletter is available to share all important happenings in your family and friends. Please submit any news so the rest of us can celebrate with you! News can be sent to secretary@pitsburgtlc.org or call the Trinity office at 937/692-5670.

Prayer Concerns Current and ongoing and from the past month:

- Chet & Sharon Wirrig—Health
- Chet Wirrig—Recovering from a fall — injured left arm
- Olis McKibben—Health
- Myrna Warner—HealthPatty Sackett—Health
- Jim Neitzelt—Health
- Laszlo Koos—Health
- Buster Casto- Health
- Jody Burns—Battling cancer
- Mindy Brandon—Awaiting kidney transplant
- John & Karen Davis & family— For John's kidney transplant
- David Allen Brumbaugh
- Shannon Hall—Battling cancer. Find a new medication that will work
- Jerry Higgins—Fighting cancer
- Ronda Hanes—Health
- Barry Ulrich—Eye problems
- Roxanne Groff—Thanks & praise for successful eye surgery
- Maxine Didier
 – Healing
- Kerry young—Coma & for wife, Julia
- Kenny Gates—Health issues
- Judi Peters—Surgery
- Ed Grice
- JR Alltop

- Larry Feitshans—Battling cancer
- Sarah Wolfe-In Hospice, kidney failure
- Matt Martin—Father of 5, fighting aggressive thyroid cancer, relief from chemo side effects, continued healing
- Kenny Hesler—Recovering from stroke
- Frank Trimble—Illness
- Katie Cottrell—Healing
- Greg Perry—Heart problems
- Ev Kaiser—Heart problems
- Victims of Hurricane Michael
- Kenny Johnson— Heart and health issues
- Mary Lou Rosenberger— Battling cancer
- Jacob Riffle
- Ron Boord—Heart issues
- Bob Mendenhall—Praise and thanks for successful surgery
- Connie Rowland—Battling cancer
- Tom-4 yr. old with kidney cancer
- Shelly Evans—For strength to handle all that is on her plate
- Jim Castello—Continued healing following surgery

- Gabriel Angles—Awaiting test results for tumor that was removed from the back of his head
- Becky (Cool) McMullen— Recovering from surgery
- Chris Suttle—Treatment for Non -Hodgkins Lymphoma
- Aubree Myers-Lupus
- Randy Post—Health
- Pat Showalter—Heart bypass
- Carol Myers—Surgery

Following their loss, we offer our sympathy to the families of

- Jacque Trick
- Jeff Albrictson

Prayer requests may be emailed at anytime to **trinityprayers@woh.rr.com** and upon receipt your request will be shared so that many will be praying immediately.





CHRISTMAS AUCTION WILL BE SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 18th.

DEADLINE FOR THE DECEMBER ISSUE OF THE TRINITY TRUMPET IS NOVEMBER 20th.



...News for Pre-K through 6th Grade



The next Christian Education event will be the Christmas Program, <u>Rhyme - Time Nativity</u>, which will take place on December 16. Parts will soon be passed out. The program has lots of rhyming songs that can be practiced easily at home. Our practices this year will take place the following dates : Saturday, December 1 from 1:30 - 3:00pm; Sunday, December 9 from 11:30 - 1:30 with a light lunch; Saturday, December 15 from 9:30 - 11:30 (dress rehearsal). Parents, we need your children to attend as many practices as possible.

Take a look back at 2018 at all the great events involving the kids:

*On February 11 we celebrated "We Love God Sunday" with children assisting with the service. Many children received Bibles.

*A second Sunday School room was fixed up in March to be used as needed.

*On April 16, a successful Easter Egg Hunt took place thanks to the many donations and helpers.

*Mother's Day was celebrated on May 13 with the children leading the church service. Also, the children made beautiful flower pictures for the women of Trinity.

*Camp Moose on the Loose Bible School kicked off on June 24 with the picnic in Pitsburg Park. Bible School continued for 4 more Wednesday's through August 1. An average of 15-20 kids participated as well as many adult helpers.

*Rally Day took place on August 26 with a United in Christ's Love theme. The day included the kids participating in the service, backpack blessing, The Wandering Dog food wagon, ice cream and toppings, a giant banner, etc.

*A Sunday School room in the basement was renovated for use by kids and adults in September. Check out the blue room.

*A Lemonade Stand/Bake Sale sponsored by the kids took place on September 30. Proceeds went to help Children's Medical Center.

*The Fall Festival/Trunk or Treat Day was Sunday, October 21. The day included decorated trunks, prizes, free food, games, costumes, bouncy house, music by Noah McCabe, and more. Thanks so much to all the fantastic helpers.

Thanks to Thrivent Action Teams! Almost all events happened due to funding from Action Teams!

Christian Education Team: Marge Warner, Christian Education Superintendent 937-623-2544 Pam Oswalt, Linda Baker, Michelle Groff, Stephanie Kemp



Trinity Giving Report as of 10/21/18 Given: \$75,558.25 Needed: \$85,680.00 (- \$10,121.75)

President's Perspective

Good morning,

Most important. The congregational meeting is coming. Mark Nov. 4th on your calendar. This is you being involved in a lot of the decisions about the operations of YOUR church home for the rapidly approaching year. Afterwards there is food and fellowship in the basement. Please plan on attending and making your vote count.

Thanks to all who go the extra mile to make this place a place where the word of God is not just spoken, it is lived by each of us in our own way. I love you all and thank you for being a part of the Pitsburg Trinity Lutheran Church family.

> Peace, Dean Thompson



3:00—6:00 PM



Our annual congregational meeting will be held Sunday, November 4th, following the worship service. Plan to attend to hear reports of the past fiscal year and plans for the next! Voting for the election of officers to fill various positions on the Trinity Church Council and the budget for the upcoming year will take place at this time.

We will have a carry-in lunch following the meeting.



From Susan Harter:

Thank you for all the prayers and cards for the passing of my mom, Jacque Trick. It is hard to let go, even though I know she is now at peace. My family will always keep the memories close in our hearts.



The church dartball league began on Monday, October 22 as Trinity hosted Oakland Church of the Brethren #2. All games are on Mondays and following is the remainder of the schedule —- come to any game as a "cheerleader" for the team!



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Tournament games will follow the regular season.



From our Pastor

⁶ Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. ⁷ And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. (Phi 4:6-7 NRS)

Brothers and Sisters In Christ,

As we come to the month of November it's appropriate to begin thinking about our blessings and how thankful we are for them. It's easy to be thankful when we're contemplating all the blessings God abundantly bestows on us. They flow seemingly without end... For most of us... Unfortunately, not for everyone. What about those times when the blessings aren't so abundant? What about when it seems instead we're living under a curse? Can we still praise and thank God even then?



There's a story about a man whose life had literally fallen apart. He lost his job. His wife left him. He was alone and living on the streets. One day he heard about a wise man who could find something good in every circumstance. The man knew his life was so bad the wise one would never be able to find anything good in his life. So, he approached the wise man and told him about losing his wife, his job, his home, and how he could barely survive on the streets. He asked the wise man if there was anything he could find in his present situation to give God thanks for. The wise man thought for a minute and then began to pray. "Dear Lord, we give you thanks that it won't always be like this..."

It's hard to be thankful when times are tough. Tough times don't last forever. Giving God praise and thanks during those hard times may not directly change your situation, but it will change your attitude. It's hard to see the "Big Picture" clearly when things are going south all at once. One thing to keep in mind is your struggles always lead to strength. Every difficulty in your life, whether big or small, is something God will use to produce more strength, faith and perseverance.

One of my favorite Christian Bands is Mercy Me. They have a song called Even If. I have found the lyrics to be meaningful and very healing in times when I didn't feel much like thanking or praising God. It goes like this:

I know you're able I know you can Save through the fire With your almighty hand But even if you don't Even if you don't My hope is you alone

May your hope always be complete in Jesus Christ. May you always find something to praise God for and may you find the strength to give God thanks at all times and in every situation. May the peace of Christ guard your hearts and minds now and always.



In Christ's Love, Pr Mel

12 Things A Pastor Cannot Do

I saw this on the internet the other day and thought some of these things are so true. I wanted to share them with you. Here are 12 things pastors cannot do...

- 1. Read minds. Everybody knows that, but many church members hold pastors accountable for unstated expectations. Please keep this one in mind when you or a family member is sick or preparing for upcoming surgery. Tell your pastor about it.
- 2. Be everywhere. No human being can be every place at once, please don't get angry at your pastor if he or she can't be everywhere at once.
- 3. Change hearts. Only God can do that.
- 4. Know everything. Most pastors study hard, but nobody can answer every question somebody asks.
- 5. Please everybody. Even Jesus couldn't do that.
- 6. Live sinlessly. Nobody can. Including you. And me. We're all sinners.
- 7. Grow churches. If the church does grow, it's because God does it.
- 8. Multiply dollars. That's too bad, too, since so many of our churches today struggle making ends meet.
- Escape mistakes. All of us will mess up sometime, often unintentionally and even unknowingly. Please forgive your pastor for his or her mistakes and help them to be better the next time.
- 10. Avoid favoritism. Pastors minister to everybody, but having better (and best) friends is natural.
- 11. Reveal everything. No matter how much you may want to know the details, pastors may not be in a position to tell you.
- 12. Ignore sin. Pastors must address this issue, even when it's not popular.

WELCA News for November

Dear Sisters in Christ,

I cannot believe that its November. Thanksgiving will be here before you know it and then the crazy hustle and bustle of Christmas will start. I look forward to Thanksgiving and the smell of Turkey in the roaster and pumpkin pies sitting on the counter top. Family will gather around the dinner table and we will each share something that we are thankful for.

Chicken dinner fund raiser was successful and it was decided to donate food to the FISH pantry. Trinity WELCA will provide \$1,000 in needed food donations to FISH.

Our November meeting will be on Wednesday November 7th at 6:30-8:30ish. Snacks will be provided by Patti Troutwine.

Each woman at Trinity is welcome to attend the monthly meetings and share in a time of fellowship and spiritual growth. At our November meeting we will be reviewing the assigned roles for our Women's Thankoffering service which will be on November 11th.

We will finish watching the last part of *Pray the Devil Back to Hell,* a documentary film. This film documents a peace movement called Women of Liberia Mass Action for Peace. Organized by social worker Leymah Gbowee, the movement started with praying and singing in a fish market. Leymah Gbowee organized the Christian and Muslim women of Monrovia, Liberia to pray for peace and to organize nonviolent protests.

Upcoming WELCA Events:

November 7th-Meeting November 11th- Thank Offering Sunday December 6th-(please note this is a Thursday) WELCA Christmas Party

God Loves you and so do I!

PJ Musser-WELCA President





In Christ's Love,

Pr Mel



The Trinity Mutual Ministry Team has now been formed and is up and running. Your representatives on the Mutual Ministry Team are Julie Kossler, Joseph Netzley, and Linda Baker. Their contact information is provided below. You might be asking yourself what's a Mutual Ministry Team and why should I care... The purpose of the Mutual Ministry Team is to strengthen the ministries of Trinity Lutheran Church by supporting better communication between Pastor, Staff members, and the Congregation. These three Mutual Ministry Team members have committed to ongoing prayer support for each other, the pastor, the conger gation, and all the various ministries. They will do this primarily by listening, clarifying, shar ing, and communicating. We will meet at least every other month or more often as the needs require. When we meet we will discuss any and all issues concerning the life of this

congregation. Part of their job is to interpret the mission and ministries to the congregation so there will be a better understanding of how and why certain things are done in certain ways. They will also serve as a focus group for testing new or different ways of doing things. They will provide feedback both to the pastor and to the congregation in issues that are discussed.

The Mutual Ministry Team in not the same as the Pastor-Parish Relations Committee. They do not serve as the grievance collector for the congregation, hearing only complaints. Mutual Ministry Teams do not address anonymous concerns, such as: everybody says...; nobody likes...; some people are concerned about...; etc. This is gossip and can hurt a congregation. We want to take every issue of concern seriously and once the issue is addressed we want to provide feedback to the person who raised the concern. You can't do that with anonymous sources. The Mutual Ministry Team doesn't make personnel decisions, set salaries, or the goals/priorities of the Congregation.

To contact your Mutual Ministry Team please either call, message, or email them at the contact info below. Our goal is to look at each issue or concern, not as a complaint, but as an opportunity for continuous improvement. Thanks in advance for your help in making Trinity even better tomorrow than it is today!

Your Mutual Ministry Team:

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Dear Pitsburg Trinity Lutheran,

Ever looked around the room for "the adult" (the older, wiser expert) and then remembered with a sense of panic that someone signed YOU up for that role?

We've felt that way a few times lately. The longer we're in Thailand, the more we realize how much more we need to learn. But thankfully we do not need to depend on our own limited wisdom. Please pray that we would hear and follow Christ's lead on the following circumstances:

• Monitoring Team Safety

We continue to feel very safe in the city where we live, but our team/friends are being affected by persecution in several nearby countries. Pray for strength for believers who are in jail or who have been forced to relocate. In September, Nate was asked to take on the role of monitoring safety/crisis situations in our five-country region. (Health emergencies, natural disasters, kidnappings, etc.) Pray for wisdom and discernment as he takes this role for the next year.

No Last Name

One of our Bible translation students comes from a marginalized people group that does not use last names. This makes it hard to book a flight, cash a check, update a passport, etc--all of which are necessary parts of student life. Pray against discrimination as she asks her government to grant her an official last name. *Cont'd on page 7*

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• **Family Leaving Thailand** One of the families we supervise had to leave in May in an emergency medical situation. In a few weeks the husband will return for a quick trip to sell their truck/belongings and to close out life here. Pray for sensitivity and humility for us as we support this family during their transition. Pray for God's healing and strength as they continue to serve Him elsewhere.

Thank you for praying with us through each of these situations. We are so thankful that God uses you to support us both financially and emotionally. As one big team, we get the privilege of serving God and local Bible translation together!

Nate and Ivy

On a lighter note.....

Our Thai pastor's family came over with a full spread of food for a spontaneous birthday meal for Ivy. We appreciate the way they both encourage us and challenge us in our ministry. We are also thankful that we can likewise encourage and challenge them in their marriage and family life. Our relationship continues to be "iron sharpening iron."



This year the visa renewal process has been a bit like Black Friday with some people spending the entire night on the street to ensure that they get a place in line. We were shocked when Nate stopped by the immigration office one morning to access the situation and got our visas renewed in record time. (No bribes involved!)

Homeschooling is back in full-swing for Ivy and the girls. We celebrated this year's progress with (overly gooey, but delicious) popcorn balls. :)

For financial partnership, send a check to: Wycliffe USA P O Box 628200 Orlando FL 32862

Attach a note saying: "For the ministry of Nate & Ivy Cheeseman account 248577."



Our personal mailing address is: Cheeseman Family 6059 Hartzell Rd. Greenville OH 45331



Thankful

Each year during the month of November Facebook seems to explode with posts about things for which people are thankful. Individuals take on the challenge of trying to post once a day for 30 days listing "What I'm thankful for".

Merriam-Webster dictionary defines thankful as conscious of benefit received or for what we are about to receive.

Synonyms for thankful: blissful, delighted, glad, gratified, happy, joyful, pleased, tickled, and satisfied.

Antonyms for thankful: displeased, dissatisfied, joyless, sad, unhappy, unpleased, and unsatisfied.

Thanksgiving seems to be the start of the holiday season. During the holiday season, it's very easy to get wrapped up in the hustle and bustle all around. Whether it's making sure you have the perfect gift for your favorite aunt or getting all the fixings for the big holiday meal, it's easy to forget to be thankful for what you already have.

So this year I challenge you to list what you're thankful for- Pick one day or try all 30 days of November. Our family has a tradition of going around the table before we dig into our Thanksgiving meal of having each person list something they are thankful for.

I'm thankful for being a part of Trinity Lutheran Church.

I'm thankful for my faith in the Lord, Jesus Christ. I am thankful that when I give my problems to him it takes the worry off of me. Thank you Lord for your love.



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

PJ Musser RN, MSN, CNRN, RN-BC



November Health Tips

Health Ministries

Diabetes and Foot Care

Foot Care

Inspect your feet every day, and seek care early if you do get a foot injury. Make sure your health care provider checks your feet at least once a year - more often if you have foot problems. Your health care provider should also give you a list and explain the do's and don'ts of foot care. Most people can prevent any serious foot problem by following some simple steps. So let's begin taking care of your feet today.

Caring For Your Feet

There are many things you can do to keep your feet healthy.

- Take care of your diabetes. Work with your health care team to keep your blood glucose in your target range.
- Check your feet every day. Look at your bare feet for red spots, cuts, swelling, and blisters. If you cannot see the bottoms of your feet, use a mirror or ask someone for help.
- Be more active. Plan your physical activity program with your health team.
- Ask your doctor about Medicare coverage for special shoes.
- Wash your feet every day. Dry them carefully, especially between the toes.
- Keep your skin soft and smooth. Rub a thin coat of skin lotion over the tops and bottoms of your feet, but not between your toes. Read more about skin care.
- Trim them when needed. if not see a professional. Toenails should be trimmed straight across and the edges files with an emery board or nail file.
- Wear shoes and socks at all times. Never walk barefoot.
 Wear comfortable shoes that fit well and protect your feet.
 Check inside your shoes before wearing them. Make sure the lining is smooth and there are no objects inside.
- Protect your feet from hot and cold. Wear shoes at the beach or on hot pavement. Don't put your feet into hot water. Test water before putting your feet in it just as you would before bathing a baby. Never use hot water bottles, heating pads, or electric blankets. You can burn your feet without realizing it.

- Keep the blood flowing to your feet. Put your feet up when sitting. Wiggle your toes and move your ankles up and down for 5 minutes, two (2) or three (3) times a day. Don't cross your legs for long periods of time. Don't smoke.
- Get started now. Begin taking good care of your feet today. Set a time every day to check your feet.



Source: American Diabetes Association

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, If you need medical assistance, make an appointment with a physician, or call 9-1-1 immediately if it is an emergency.



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NOVEMBER CELEBRATIONS



- Paul Jasinski 1 2 **Bethany Nickol** Trent Groff 3 Monica Heckman
- 6 Brooke Chapman David Netzley
- Barbara Sease 7 Kayla Garwood **Ruth Collins** 10 Lexi Wright

Birthdays

- 13 Vicki Ressler
- 13 Michelle Dornbusch
- 16 Jack Mehaffie Jim Castello
- 18 Alaina Merzke
- 20 Steve Mehaffie
- 21 Connie Gilmore
- 25 Chet Wirrig Jordan Mattox Michael Mehaffie

- 26 Shawn Hein
- 27 Rilyn Warner
- 29 Andrew Parlett Rob Arling



- Nick & Angela Morelli
- 7 Wesley & Jenna Harleman 8

1 Olis McKibben

Rose Lucas

5 Karen Hoblitt

10 Eva Stephens

9 Kevin McKibben

11 Brydon Diceanu

Sheila Campbell

Lisa Garwood



Anniversaries

15 Ron & Barbara Gettinger

16 Rod & Deb Sease

18 Craig & Holly Cotner

- 20 Chad & Cindy Bruner
- 22 Larry & Linda Feitshans
- 24 Bucky & Lori Burrell

13 Kent & Shirley Thompson

- **Baptisms**
- 12 Trevor Shelley
- 16 Brandon Groff
- Brittani Groff
- 18 Austin Harleman
- 24 Judy Howard
- 27 Donna Stickley Hannah Nickol

- 28 Antonia Baker
- Patti Troutwine **Troy Troutwine**
- 29 Holly Merzke Mollie Watson

NOVEMBER								
DATE	GREETERS	READERS	ACOLYTES	FLOWERS				
4	Dean & Donna Thompson	Mark Oswalt						
11	Pat Netzley & Katherine Obringer	Joe Netzley						
18	Brad & Miranda Harleman	Miranda Harleman						
25	Gary Obringer & Tony Baker	Judy Ulrich						

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9:00 am Prayers & Squares Quilting 7:30 pm Dartball at Trinity Wesleyan	19 7:00 pm Dartball at Trinity vs. Castine Church of the Brethren	12 6:30 pm YFC Volunteer Appreciation Dinner 7:30 pm Dartball at Ft. Jefferson UMC	5 7:00 pm Dartball at Trinity vs. EUM, Green- ville		MONDAY	
	20 Newsletter DEADLine 6:30 pm Christian Edu- cation Team Meeting	13 6:00 pm Finance Team Meeting 7:00 pm Trinity Council Meeting	o		TUESDAY	
20 11:20 am Core Club	21 8:00 am Greater Greenville Ministerial Assoc. 11:20 am Core Club	14 11:20 am Core Club 11:30 am Ladies Luncheon	7 11:20 am Core Club 6:30 pm WELCA Mtg.		WEDNESDAY	
6	THANKSGINING	15	8 3:00 pm Blood Drive at Trinity	1 7:00 pm Worship Team Meeting (<i>as needed</i>)	THURSDAY	
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