



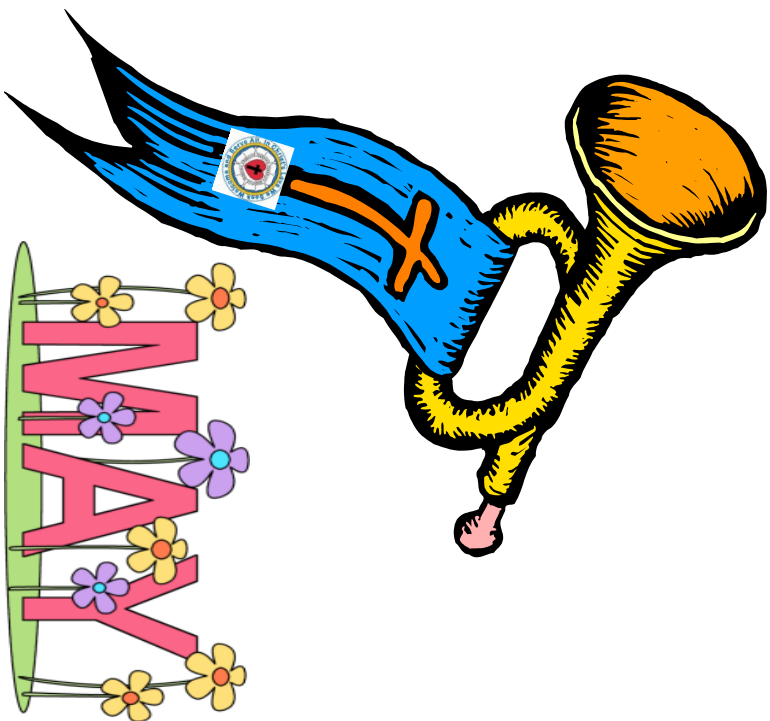
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A Pencil Drawing by one of the Wernle residents.



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

Boys

Belts (All Sizes)
Low Cut Black Socks (9-16)
Dress Shoes (10-16)
Jeans (34/36, 36/38, 38/36)
Deodorant

Girls

Basketball Shorts (S, M, L, XL, XXL)



***You're
Cordially
Invited
(But only if you are a female!)***

What? The Sixth Annual Mother, Daughter, and Friend Bunco Night

When? Wednesday, May 4th, 2016 ***Where?*** Trinity Lutheran Church of Pittsburg

Time? 6:30 PM ***Your Hostesses?*** Trinity's Women of the ELCA

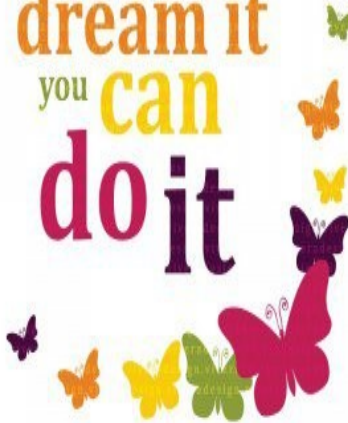
There is no need to bring anything unless you would like to bring a dessert, snack item, or hors d'oeuvres, but it is not required. There is always plenty of food! Bring your daughters, bring your mothers, aunts, friends, neighbors, and come for a great time of fun, prizes, food, prizes, fellowship, prizes, and laughter galore!

PRIZES! PRIZES!! PRIZES!!!



Stewardship Minute

if you can
dream it
you can
do it



APRIL, MAY, & JUNE = SOAP PROJECT

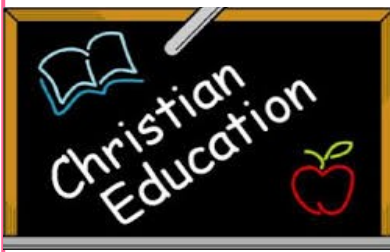
Buy a bar, buy a package with several bars, or buy a case. We're collecting soap for Lutheran World Relief! Just bring in whatever you can and put it in the baskets under the giving tree. This is an act of stewardship and we thank you for your help!!



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, \$5,116.00 have already been filled and deposited to the "Plates and Potholes" account. In a matter of six weeks we have nearly reached 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!



Christian Education Team News

A big thank you to all who participated in our Karaoke Family Fun Night! Especially appreciated is Katherine for all the equipment setup it took for this event. We found out that Trinity had some amazing hidden talents (we now know who you are)!

Summer is fast approaching and so is Barnyard Roundup Bible School! Materials have been purchased and leaders for each week have been found! Thank you!!!! But guess what we need HELPERS, HELPERS, HELPERS in order to make Bible school awesome for all! Just a reminder, the kickoff will be during the June 26 picnic with a service for kids and adults, including food and fun after the service. The four other sessions will take place on Wednesdays in July (6, 13, 20, 27) from 5:30 a 7:00 PM. The team is very excited about the curriculum. Kids, plan ahead to be there each week and receive a special treat. A petting zoo is planned as the culminating activity. Let us know if you have an animal for out petting zoo! REGISTRATION WILL BEGIN ON MAY 15. Friends and family are welcome to join in. Sign up to be a helper.

Thanks for your support! Marge Warner

Prayers & Squares Quilters

The ladies of the Prayers and Squares Quilt Ministry @ Trinity continue month after month doing the Lord's work of caring for those less fortunate than ourselves. Through twice monthly meetings at the church, the countless number of hours spent in individuals homes at their own sewing machines, to the special individualized prayer quilts that are made especially for those friends and/or loved ones who have special circumstances and need our prayers and the love of God wrapped around them as they fight their battles, whatever they may be. This month of May we will meet at 9:00 AM on the Friday the 13th and Monday the 23 (due to the holiday of Memorial Day falling on the 30th.) We hope to see you join us!

Urgent Needs and You Can Help!!!

We gladly accept donations of cotton and flannel fabrics you might have on hand, new or lightly used washed sheets and spools of white thread . If you purchase fabric for prayer quilts, we need 44-45" cotton flannel in 2 yard pieces for the back of the quilts or any cotton cut yardage in at least 1 yd. pieces for the top. Monetary donation can be used for the purchase of rolls of batting and other supplies. We need large (Diaper changing size) safety pins to hold the quilts together while they are tied too! Thanks for any and all help!

May Health Tips

Good Samaritan Hospital Health Ministries

Poison Prevention Tips

Poisoning is now the leading cause of death from injuries in the United States, as reported by the Center for Disease Control and Prevention. A poison is any substance that can harm someone if it is used in the wrong way, by the wrong person or in the wrong amount. Poisoning prevention is in your hands. The following tips can help you protect yourself and your loved ones:

General Safety Tips

- Always store medicines and household products up high, away, and out of the sight of children.
- Install safety latches on cabinets used for medicines and household products.
- Buy products in child-resistant packaging whenever possible.

Medicine Safety Tips

- Remember, child-resistant is not childproof. Use child-resistant packaging properly by closing the container tightly.
- Always turn the light on when giving or taking medicine. Check the dosage every time.
- Put on your glasses to read the label when you need to take a medicine so that you know you have the correct amount of the right medicine.
- Never "borrow" a friend's medicine or take old medicines.
- Tell your doctor what medicines you are taking so you can avoid harmful or dangerous drug interactions. This includes over-the-counter medicine, vitamins, and herbal products.
- Some medications are dangerous when mixed with alcohol. Consult with your doctor or pharmacist if you are uncertain about your restrictions.

Household Product Safety

- Keep cleaning products in their original container with their original label intact.
- Never combine household cleaning products because some chemical mixtures may release irritating gases.
- Stay away from areas that have recently been sprayed with pesticides or other chemicals.
- Install carbon monoxide detectors near or in your home's sleeping areas and on every level of the home.

If you think that someone has been poisoned call Poison Help at (800) 222-1222. This toll-free number is monitored 24 hours a day, seven days a week.



Source: Poison Prevention.org

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 APR. 3, 2016 - APR. 24, 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>
04/03	\$ 1,167.00	\$ 135.00	\$ -0-	60
04/10	\$ 1,655.00	\$ 345.00	\$ 85.00	60
04/17	\$ 1,305.00	\$ 190.00	\$ 230.00	51
04/24	\$ 1,820.00	\$ 150.00	\$ 75.00	55

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.

JUNE NEWSLETTER
DEADLINE IS
MONDAY APRIL 16

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1 Katherine Obringer
8 Dean Thompson
15 Susan Harter
22 Eldon Erdmann
29 Gary Obringer

What Triggers Asthma?

Asthma symptoms can appear when you are exposed to a trigger. A trigger is something you are sensitive to that makes your airways become inflamed. This causes swelling, mucous production and narrowing in your airways. Common asthma triggers are pollen, chemicals, extreme weather changes, smoke, dust mites, stress and exercise.

How can you prevent an Asthma Episode?

The best way to prevent an asthma episode, or attack, is to follow your treatment plan. Learn your triggers and avoid them. Take your allergy and asthma medicines when you should. Use your quick-acting medicine as soon as you start to notice symptoms.

Many people live normal lives with asthma if it's properly managed. With a good treatment plan and guidance from your doctor, you can still do much of what you enjoy. For example, many professional athletes have asthma.

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,



To all my sisters in Women of the ELCA,

Well, here it is May already. Our project for these three months is not the school kits ladies. It is the soap project! So ladies (and you men too, who do the shopping!) when you purchase a package of soap for yourselves, grab another pack and bring it in for the baskets under the giving tree for the soap project. The school kits will be for the months of July, August, and September. Sorry if there was any confusion.

Wednesday, May 4th, we will be having our annual Mothers, Daughters, and Friends Bunco Night, at 6:30 PM. We do have a lot of fun and there are lots of door prizes for everyone. It is not required, but if you would like to make an hors d'oeuvre, dessert, or a specialty of your choice and bring it to share, it will be most appreciated.

Tuesday, May 10th @ 6 PM, we will be preparing the meal for the Lion's Club Meeting. This is an annual event that is one of our biggest fund raisers for the women. Please sign up on the sheet across from the office if you can prepare a food item or if you are willing to help with the set up, or clean up afterward.

There will be no more monthly meetings until September 7, 2016 other than our planning meeting Wednesday, July 27, 2016, with the time to be announced. We still are drafting for new officers for the coming year with most positions filled, however we need someone for Sunshine Committee, Luncheon Chairperson, Lutheran World Relief, and our Stewardship Committee. Please give these prayerful consideration, and sign up on the sheet on the table across from the office or let Marge Warner or myself know. Ladies of Trinity, if you are interested in joining us for our meetings plan on joining us the first Wednesday of every month this fall! Also, if any of you ladies want to join in our Secret Sister fun there is still time. Just let PJ Musser know. We will reveal in March of 2017, and please remember to make it fun!

In Christ's love,
Sharon Wirrig

Sharon's thought: Being in tune with God makes a song with beautiful harmony.

P.S. Don't forget our Ladies Luncheon, May 11 @ 12 Noon, at the Merchant House, 406 S. Broadway, Greenville, Ohio. All ladies are welcome!

NOTES FROM YOUR PARISH NURSE

May is Asthma and Allergy Awareness Month



Each year, the Asthma and Allergy Foundation of America (AAFA) declares May to be "National Asthma and Allergy Awareness Month." The Asthma Capitals™ report is a yearly research project of AAFA. They research the most challenging places to live in the United States. They then rank the 100 largest U.S. metro areas. Dayton ranked 18th on the list, Cleveland ranked 20th, Cincinnati was 34th, and Columbus ranked 49th for the most challenging cities to live in if you suffer from asthma or have allergies.

Asthma Overview

Asthma affects almost 24-26 million Americans. It is a chronic disease that causes your airways to become inflamed, making it hard to breathe. There is no cure for asthma and allergies, and many deaths are preventable with proper treatment and care. Ten people a day die from asthma. There are 6.3 million children under the age of 18 suffering from asthma. More than 50 million Americans have all types of allergies – pollen, skin, latex and more. The rate of allergies is climbing. The best way to manage asthma is to avoid triggers, take medications to prevent symptoms and prepare to treat asthma episodes if they occur.

Asthma Facts and Figures

- According to the Centers for Disease Control, 1 in 14 people have asthma.
- Asthma is the leading chronic disease in children. It is also the top reason for missed school days.⁶
- Asthma is more common in adult women than adult men.
- Asthma is more common in children than adults and more common in boys than girls.
- Asthma causes almost 2 million emergency room visits each year.
- Asthma is the third leading cause of hospital stays in children.
- Each day, ten Americans die from asthma, and 3,630 die from asthma each year. Many of these deaths are avoidable with proper treatment and care.
- The annual cost of asthma is about \$56 billion.
- Ethnic differences in asthma frequency, illness and death are highly connected with poverty, city air quality, indoor allergens, not enough patient education and poor health care.
- The rate of asthma and the prevalence of asthma attacks is highest among Puerto Ricans compared to all ethnic groups.
- Women have almost 65% of asthma deaths overall.
- Boys are more likely to have asthma than girls. But women are more likely to have asthma than men.
- Adults are nearly seven times more likely than children to die from asthma.

The asthma death rate was highest for people 65 or older.

What Are the Symptoms of Asthma?

Asthma causes swelling of the airways. This results in narrowing of the airways that carry air from the nose and mouth to the lungs. Allergens or irritating things entering the lungs trigger asthma symptoms.

Common symptoms are coughing, shortness of breath, wheezing and chest tightness. Asthma may lead to a medical emergency. It is important to know the signs of a severe asthma episode (or asthma attack).

How Is Asthma Diagnosed?

A doctor may use a few different ways of testing for asthma. These include:

- Taking a detailed medical history
- Lung function tests
- Chest or sinus X-ray
- A physical exam

The doctor will look at the results from these tests. The doctor will then decide what type of asthma you have. The doctor will then develop a treatment plan based on the type and severity of your symptoms.

What Is the Treatment for Asthma?

People with asthma usually see a doctor that specializes in allergies or the immune system. You and your doctor will come up with a plan to treat your asthma. It often involves a blend of medication and avoiding triggers.

From Your Congregational Council

The President's Perspective



Dear Trinity Family,

The Winter lingered on forever and now that Spring has sprung I feel I can't keep up with the things I was putting off on doing until warm weather arrived.

Our 150th celebration will be here in only 2 months. The committee has been diligently working to keep everything on pace for the big day on July 10. Make sure you keep that day open as it will be H-U-G-E and the next one won't be for another 150 years. I would suggest it would be wise to plan to attend this one.

The parking lot is soon to be patched, cracks filled, sealed, and striped. There will be a day or two when we won't be able to use it. The gutters are also to be updated to better drain and handle the volume of water from such large roof areas. Thank you all for continually filling the envelopes in the foyer as you are blessed. It may be a good way to use some of that Tax Refund money! You can donate, take it off your taxes, and get another refund next year.

Thank you all for everything you do and your concerns and care for one another.

In Christ love we seek, welcome, and serve all.

Eldon Erdmann



THE
MERCHANT
HOUSE

*Wednesday, May 11, 2016 - 12 Noon & You're Invited to
The Merchant House- 406 S. Broadway - Greenville, Ohio 45331*

Please let Shirley Rhoades know if you are planning to attend by Monday, May 9. Phone 937-737-0097 or simply let her know before or after worship service. There's lot's of fun and laughter along with great food and decadent desserts! Come join us in the fun!

May The Trinity Trumpet 2016



FROM THE
PASTOR'S DESK

7 They shall celebrate the fame of your abundant goodness, and shall sing aloud of your righteousness. (Psalm 145:7 NRS)

Grace and peace to you from God Our Father and from the Lord Jesus Christ, amen. Your 150th Anniversary Planning Team has been working and planning for well over six months now to provide a superb celebration of the 150th Anniversary of the formation of Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church. This team has laid the foundation for a celebration that will honor all the saints who formed Trinity and who have sustained her ministries throughout these past 150 years.

We've been doing fund raisers so we can provide a quality celebration honoring such a long term ministry. We've looked around our building in an effort to improve and repair things that require our attention like our parking lot, outdoor lighting, and new rain gutters. A wonderful banquet has been planned, the location secured, and preparations are well under way for a totally outstanding feast.

If you remember late last year we contracted with Life Touch to produce a brand new pictorial Church Directory. We've had several dates to come in for your pictures, but still have some families who haven't had their photos taken. If that describes you, we ask you to contact the Church Office. You can set an appointment anywhere that Life Touch is currently shooting and still have your family included in the directory and receive your free copy of the directory. If you just can't fit anything into your schedule, you can also submit a family photo in JPG format. Unfortunately, you may not receive your free copy of the directory as Life Touch only provides those for families who get their photos taken by their photographers. If you consider Trinity your home congregation, then I strongly urge you to make the effort to get your picture into the directory. We are still aiming to have the directory ready in time for the 150th Celebration on July 10th, 2016.

We're beginning to look at the worship aspects of planning this great celebration. Seeds have been planted to grow a choir for the occasion. Please prayerfully consider your calling to "sing aloud" of God's righteousness. We have been blessed with several people offering to perform special music. As a heads up, on July 10th our service will begin with 30 minutes of special pre-service music starting at 10:00 am. If you want to experience this wonderful celebration in its entirety you should plan to arrive well before 10:00 am as I'm certain the pews will be filled up fast.

Speaking of filling up the pews... Please make sure all your relatives who were raised in the Church, but have either moved away or for whatever reason no longer attend on a regular basis, are aware of the date (July 10th, 2016) and provide their names to the 150th Committee so we can send them a personal invitation.

I can't tell you how enjoyable it has been to be a part of this celebration planning team. I've seen so many of you step forward and make sacrificial gifts to ensure the success of this celebration. It's gratifying to see so many giving so generously, not just their money, but also in time and effort to bring this anniversary celebration into reality. May God be glorified by what we do this summer. May God's people here at Trinity be blessed in making the sacrifices necessary to make this celebration happen. Come July all that will be left to do is follow the advice of the Psalmist and celebrate the goodness of God and sing of God's abundant righteousness! Amen.

Pastor Mel Ma



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That's right! It's school kit time!

Each School Kit contains the following items:



Four 70-sheet notebooks of wide- or college-ruled paper approximately 8" X 10½"; no loose-leaf paper



One 30-centimeter ruler, or a ruler with centimeters on one side and inches on the other.



One pencil sharpener



One blunt scissors (safety scissors with embedded steel blades work well)



Five black or blue ballpoint pens (no gel ink); secure together with a rubber band



Five unsharpened #2 pencils with erasers; secure together with a rubber band



One box of 16 or 24 crayons



One 2½" eraser

Please help us to put together as many school kits as we possibly can this year by purchasing these items that we put in the hand sewn school kit bags made by our amazing Prayers & Squares ladies here at Trinity. These are sent all over the world to help children in need of school supplies.