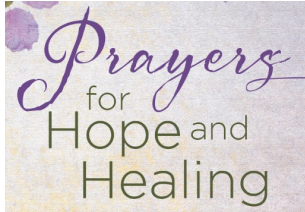


# The Trinity Trumpet

A Monthly Newsletter Published by  
Trinity Lutheran Church, Pittsburg, OH  
October, 2024



- Holly McEldowney—Cancer
- Kenny Hesler—General health
- Amanda Spahr—Brain issues
- Aiden Snyder—Leukemia returned
- Jerry Higgins—Cancer
- Janet—Hospice
- Amber
- Gracee
- Peace in Ukraine & People of Ukraine
- Karen Cline—Kidney
- Jody Hesler—Safety
- Brian & Jayne Connair—Cancer
- Bev Zimmer—Health
- Mike Gray—Healing
- Marvin Fourman—Health
- Tyler Morris—Paralyzed from auto accident
- Mary Piel—Health
- Brian Watson—Collapsed lung & surgery
- Patti Troutwine—Recovery at home
- Jeff Spalding—Heart surgery
- Lynn Netzley—Healing & recovery
- Paul Schmitmeyer—Health
- Mary Lou Lewis—Breast cancer
- Mike Goodwin—Cancer
- Jim Brown—Health
- Earlene Morris—Health
- Chris Mumaw—Cancer remission
- Grayson Naff—Batten, Rare childhood disease

## Prayer Concerns— Current and ongoing

- Mary Beth Printz—Health
- Brycelin Troutwine—Health issues
- Eric Snyder—Hospice
- Katherine Jump—Health
- Scott Troutwine—Cancer
- Jeanne Campbell—Cancer
- Jane Baxter—Healing
- Jr. Koos—Health
- Allen Dunevant—Stroke
- Israel fighting
- Lowell Rhoades—Heart
- Paul Cline—Health
- Allison—Seizures
- Trinity Youth—Growing in their faith
- Craig Thompson
- Jack Bechtol—Health
- Julie Volk—Eyes
- Doug Etter—Colon Cancer
- Melanie Musser—Transition to long term care
- Dennis & Ellen McDonnell—Health
- Jerry E—Health
- Todd McMullen—Cancer
- Jeff Sebring—Health
- John Lawhorn—Glaucoma
- Shirley Shouders & Son Tyler—Health
- Joann Carter—Hip
- Steve & Joetta—Emotional strength
- Doug Zimmer—Aortic Aneurysm Surgery
- Kelsey Cheadle—Heart surgery
- Norma Crawford—Aging issues
- Dale Spahr—Healing
- Glenda Case—Health
- Marge Warner—Health
- Becky McMullen—Back Surgery
- Cynthia Loffer—Health
- Jim Tappen—Cancer
- Linda Darlage—Health
- Lilly Cleveland—Rehab
- Brixton—Health
- Bob Harter—Health
- Barbara Gunter—Sciatica
- Lynn Spahr—Heart
- Marlene Dirksen—Leg & foot pain
- Jan Giraro—Chronic pain/Depression
- Ron Wade—Surgery recovery
- Anders Family
- Cary Feitsans—Health
- Rob Greenwald—Backhoe accident
- Shirley Hensel—Cancer returned
- Michelle—Health
- David Netzley—Diabetes/Surgery
- Brenda Harleman—Cancer
- Glen Wolf—Legionnaires Disease
- Dean Thompson—Recovery from surgery
- Niki Angles—Strength
- Jim & Sally Swingley—Health
- Pat Rademachir—Health
- Constance Menke—Health
- Amber Ross

*Our sympathy*  
to the family of  
**Gene Thompson**

Prayer requests may be emailed at anytime to [trinityprayers@woh.rr.com](mailto:trinityprayers@woh.rr.com) and upon receipt your request will be shared so that many will be praying immediately.

**DEADLINE FOR THE NOVEMBER TRINITY TRUMPET IS OCTOBER 22<sup>nd</sup>.**

## Youth & Family Ministry



As you Teach...  
Don't become weary  
in doing good, for at  
the proper time you  
will reap a harvest...

*Galatians 6:9*



## OCTOBER

**Youth Sunday School** is aimed at pre-K through 6th grade. Marlene Dirkson is our Sunday School Coordinator. If you would like to make a positive impact on our youth- please see Marlene. I am sure she would love to have you assist with Sunday School.

**Trinity Troops- update-this will now be 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>, and 6<sup>th</sup> graders.** Our meeting will be on November 17th- right after church service. We will be working on the comfort kids' blankets.

**Confirmation Class** Confirmation is for those youth in 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade. Confirmation is currently each Sunday starting at 9am.

**Confirmation Day-** October 27<sup>th</sup>. Braxtyn Cool will be confirmed this day.

**Acolyte training-**Any youth who wishes to serve as an acolyte - please contact the Pastor or Ms. PJ. Be sure to sign on the acolyte calendar when you serve.

**Adult Sunday School** Come join us for some fellowship prior to church service. Adult Sunday School is from 9:30 a.m. – 10:15 a.m. PJ will currently be leading this group.

**Special Sunday School offering.** There will be a presentation by Church Funerals Direct on October 6<sup>th</sup> after church service. Pizza, salad, and treats will be provided.

**Youth and Family Ministry Meeting-** Meeting on October 3<sup>rd</sup> at 10am. We will be wrapping up plans for the fall Fest which we are cohosting with The Church of the Brethren. This meeting is open to all members of Trinity.

**Vacation Bible School-** Mark your calendars- July 8<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> 2025!

**Video/book club-** 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays. This goes from 6pm until roughly 7:30 pm. We are currently watching the Chosen. If you have watched this in the past or have never watched the series-this group is for you. We start with a recap for the previous episode, then a discussion and Bible reading on what we are about to watch, then we watch the show, and finally we have some thought-provoking discussion on what we had just watched. Or don't forget the snakes that we share.

**Fall Fest-** October 20<sup>th</sup> from 5 pm-8pm. This year Trinity will join with the Church of the Brethren for a city-wide event. Bounce houses, Crafts, Food, Games, Horse drawn wagon rides between churches, Corn Hole, Decorated Trunks, Costume hayride, and CANDY!!! Come out to celebrate with the city!! See PJ if you can volunteer or will be decorating a trunk.

*All things work together for good to them that love God. Romans 8:28*  
PJ Musser, (937-626-3295), Youth and Family Ministry Leader (2023-2024)

# UPCOMING

**Church Funerals Direct on Sunday,  
October 6 following the church service.**

### **Ladies & Gents Luncheon**

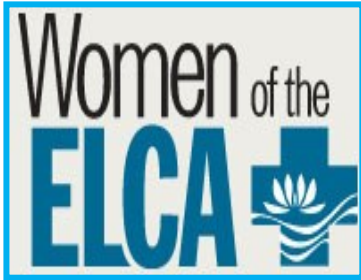
Thursday, October 17 at 11:30 am  
@ Mel-O-Dee Restaurant, 2350 S. Dayton-  
Lakeview Dr., New Carlisle OH

Please contact Linda Baker at 937-545-8410 or  
937-547-0975 if you plan to attend.

### **PRAYERS & SQUARES QUILTING**

October 2 @ 10:00 am—  
Packing Quilts  
10 & 29 @ 10:00 am

## OCTOBER 2024



October flower of the month: Marigold  
October birthstone: Opal  
October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month and Lupus Awareness Month  
World Teacher's Day is October 5th  
World Smile Day is October 7<sup>th</sup>  
Clergy Appreciation is October 13th  
Bosses Day is October 16th  
Sweetest Day is October 18<sup>th</sup>  
Halloween is October 31st

I'm so glad  
I live in a  
world where  
there are  
Octobers.

Anne of Green Gables



And every day is pumpkin spice day!!!!

### The 2024/2025 Trinity WELCA officers are:

Leader- PJ Musser	Co-Leader- Marge Warner
Secretary- Julie Kossler	Treasurer- Portia Boord
Sunshine-Julie Kossler	Quilting Chair- Linda Baker
Giving Tree- Pat Netzley & Pam Oswalt	Ladies & Gents - Linda Baker
Grace Works- Teresa Netzelt & Kathy Kathman	

### Fund Raising Activities

Rada Knife ongoing fund raiser- see Portia. Cleaning Cloths- see Diane Warner  
Raffle Hand Towels by Linda

Our next meeting is October 2<sup>nd</sup> at 11:30. PJ Musser will provide spooky snacks.

Our bible/video study will be on Mary Magdalene. Mary's life is a story of radical extremes. Bound by demons she was freed by Jesus. A woman with no social standing. Mary became an honored witness to the resurrection. From outcast to included follower of Jesus. He still invites women to follow him- How do you follow Jesus today?

A special Thank You to Julie Kossler for updating our Trinity WELCA directory.

Jesus loves you and so do !!

PJ- WELCA president at Pitsburg Trinity Lutheran Church 2024/2025



to Logan &  
Olivia Ressler  
on the birth of  
their daughter,  
Leelynn Janae.

She was born on September 3 and is already much loved by Grandparents, Kraig & Shannon Ressler and Great Grandpa, Dean Thompson.

# Word from Our Pastor

*“For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses.” (Hebrews 4:15a NRSV) -- “We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labor pains until now;” (Rom. 8:22 NRS)*

My Dear Trinity Lutheran Church,

I came across this little citation by the author and psychotherapist, Francis Ward Weller. It helped me get through some things in my life and I thought it might be of some help to some of you as we try to discern how to be God’s people in this current time of uncertainty and strife. I think now is as good a time as ever to reflect on Grief and Gratitude.

Francis Weller wrote: “The work of a mature person is to carry grief in one hand and gratitude in the other and to be stretched large by them. How much sorrow can I hold? That’s how much gratitude I can give. If I carry only grief, I’ll bend toward cynicism and despair. If I only have gratitude, I’ll become saccharine and won’t develop much compassion for people’s suffering. Grief keeps the heart fluid and soft, which makes compassion possible.”

These words strike me as being very realistic and theologically sound. Everyone experiences grief during their lives. Some more than others and some experience far too much grief for any one person to bear. Some of you may have lost a job. Some of you may have lost a loved one and that grief is heavy on your heart. Grief can intensify our sense of differences. We compare losses and judge others. “My loss is greater than your loss.” Or “My grief makes me a victim and I should receive payback for my suffering.”



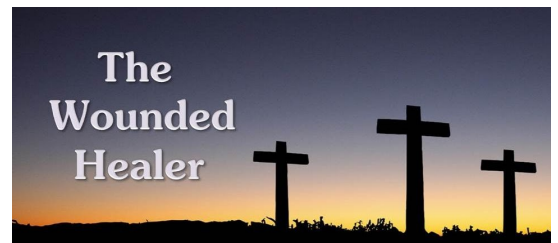
Grief doesn’t have to lead to cynicism and distrust of others. Grief is part of our common humanity. No one escapes this life without some pain and loss. Theologians speak of the theology of the cross. The cross shows us Jesus intimately knew pain and loss. Jesus wept when his friend Lazarus died. Jesus experienced betrayal by his best friends. Jesus felt the sting of the whip and the crown of thorns thrust down upon his head. The writer of Hebrews says of Jesus, “For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses.”

The theology of the cross speaks honestly of the realities of sin and brokenness in our world. This sin and brokenness are not only experienced on the individual level but also on the systemic level. “We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labor pains until now.”

The Hebrews text speaks of the compassion of God. God is moved by human suffering. God is with the children of Israel when they were in slavery in Egypt. The suffering of the Hebrews as slaves in Egypt was not meant to be interpreted only as a painful memory. Because of the experience of slavery and the experience of God’s compassion and redemption, the Hebrews were charged to show compassion to others. In fact, that was the command to Abraham when God promised to bless him with many descendants. His legacy was that he was blessed in order to be a blessing to the nations of the world.

Grief rightfully dealt with can lead to compassion rather than the lethargy of bitterness and despair. Gratitude rightfully expressed can bear us up during times of grief and empower us to show compassion to others. Being thankful for finding a new patch of raspberries doesn’t have to mean you don’t care about what’s going on in Ukraine or the Middle East. Enjoying a good hearty meal on Thanksgiving doesn’t have to mean you’re neglectful of those who are hungry.

As we begin to plan for the holiday season, eat, drink, be merry, but be grateful. Remember the source of all good things. The Lord God has given you blessings so that you might bless others. And yes, God can even redeem the things in life that grieve you and God can and will use you to be a blessing to others. Thomas Merton wrote of a Christian’s capacity to be a “wounded healer.” May that be said of us all in the days ahead as we balance genuine grief with compassionate gratitude!



Happy Holidays,  
Pastor Mel



**October, 2024**

**Blood Pressure screenings after  
worship service when announced.**

## Breast Cancer Awareness Month

While I sat contemplating what topic I wanted to write on this month, it dawned on me that this is Breast cancer awareness month. While going out to lunch with some other women from Trinity- one topic that was talked about was cancer. I think we all know someone that has had cancer, or maybe you yourself has had cancer. Although there are numerous cancers- this article will focus on breast cancer.

The month is about more than pink ribbons. While some feel inspired, many people living with breast cancer feel like the month overlooks their experience with the disease.

Breast Cancer Awareness month began in 1985 as a week-long awareness campaign by the American Cancer Society, in partnership with Imperial Chemical Industries, a British company that made tamoxifen. The campaign eventually grew into a month-long event. Breast Cancer Awareness Month is an international health campaign that's held every October. The month aims to promote screening and prevention of the disease, which affects 2.3 million women worldwide. Known best for its pink theme color, the month features a number of campaigns and programs —supporting people diagnosed with breast cancer, including those with metastatic breast cancer educating people about breast cancer risk factors encouraging women to go for regular breast cancer screening starting at age 40 or earlier, depending on personal breast cancer risk fundraising for breast cancer research

Breast Cancer Awareness Month can mean different things to different people. For some, it's a trigger — 31 days in the fall of pink-ribbon reminders of a disease that forever changed them. For others, it's a chance to show their support for the more than 2 million women around the world who are diagnosed with the disease each year.

### **U.S. breast cancer statistics**

People of every country, race, ethnic group, and income level are affected by breast cancer. In the U.S., the percentage of women diagnosed with breast cancer has been slowly rising for the past couple of decades.

A woman in the U.S. today has a 1 in 8 chance of developing breast cancer over her lifetime and a 1 in 39 chance of dying from breast cancer.

Nearly 30% of women diagnosed with early-stage breast cancer later develop metastatic breast cancer. U.S. men make up 1 of every 100 breast cancer diagnoses in the country.

There are about 4 million breast cancer survivors in the U.S., including women receiving breast cancer treatment. While the percentage of women dying from breast cancer has gone down in recent decades, Black women remain more likely to die from breast cancer than women of any other racial or ethnic group.

### **How can you help?**

If you know someone who is living with breast cancer or has been affected by the disease, check in with them to ask them how they're doing.

Schedule your annual mammogram. Encourage your friends and family to do the same.

PJ is collecting money to put together chemo care packages which will be donated to the Greenville Cancer Center- Feel free to ask her for more information.

PJ Musser MSN RN Community Faith Nurse

Information and statistics on breast cancer obtained from [Breastcancer.org](https://www.breastcancer.org)

**Pittsburg Church of the Brethren**      AND      **Trinity Lutheran Church, Pittsburg, Ohio**

**PRESENT**

# Fall For Jesus

**Sunday, Oct 20**  
**5-8 pm**

*Lifewise open house at CoB*



**Food At Both Churches!**



Horse and Carriage Rides to and from Both Churches!



Costume Parade/Hayride!

**Trunk or Treat**

At Lutheran church also games



**Bouncy Houses at Both Churches!**



## He Never Leaves!

## Join Us For Our 3rd Annual Event!



# SOUL'D OUT

Order Tickets Here

or



Zeffy.com

### OCTOBER 19, 2024

DOORS OPEN: 5:00 PM

DINNER: 6:00 PM

PERFORMANCE: 7:00 PM

QUILT AUCTION: 8:15 PM

Adult Tickets: \$25

Child Tickets: \$15

Winner's Harvest Barn  
7317 State Route 47 West  
DeGraff, OH 43318



For the third year running, Soul'd Out, a Christian music group, will perform a benefit for Morgan's Place. The date for the dinner/concert is Saturday evening, October 19<sup>th</sup>. The event will be held at Winner Family Harvest Barn, 7317 State Route 47, DeGraff, Ohio. Doors open at 5:00 PM and activities include a quilt auction, raffle, and 50/50 drawing. Tickets are \$25.00 for adults and \$15.00 for children twelve and under.

Morgan's Place, located in southeastern Shelby County, is a ministry with a mission to ease the burden for families who have lost a child through miscarriage, or stillbirth. Services include funeral planning, burial, and grief support. Morgan's Place is non-denominational, will assist families no matter where they reside, and is absolutely free of charge.

Deadline to order tickets is October 5<sup>th</sup>.

For more information on Morgan's Place or to order tickets for Soul'd Out dinner/concert, please call (937) 726-9988 or (937) 497-8118.

A graphic featuring a white envelope with a blue ribbon on a teal background. The text "ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING" is written on the envelope in blue and grey. A small circular icon with a refresh symbol is in the bottom left corner.

## ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

**Sunday, November 3**

### **Following the worship service**

All members of Trinity are encouraged to attend to hear reports of our past accomplishments, plans for the future and election of officers and committee members.

## **Nominating Committee**

**Teresa Neitzelt, Kathy Kathman &  
Julie Kossler**

will be contacting folks to fill the expired terms of some of the offices on the Trinity Church Council. If you are asked to fill a position, please prayerfully consider saying yes. All positions are important to the ongoing ministry and operation of Trinity Church and your input is very important. Listen! Is God calling?



**November 10th at 2:30 pm  
At Eldon & Bev Erdmann's Home  
1385 Littles Rd., Arcanum**

Everyone is invited for an afternoon of fun, fellowship, and a few snacks. Join us whether or not you have something to sell or want to buy! Bring a snack **OR NOT!** Just come and enjoy an afternoon with your Trinity family.



**We need you!**

Looking for a motivated individual or individuals who can assist our congregation with organizing our carry-ins and other activities that will serve food.

Contact PJ at 937-626-3295

### ***Pastors appreciate your prayers...***

October is Pastor Appreciation Month, an observance that some clergy don't publicize. It's an ideal time to thank pastors for their dedication to God's people and the ministry. A written note, a card or even a free meal is a nice gesture of appreciation. But if you were to ask pastors what they'd like or what they need, most would probably reply, "Pray for me."

That's what the apostle Paul requested throughout his letters. To the church at Rome, he urged, "Join me in earnest prayer to God on my behalf, that I may be rescued from the unbelievers in Judea and that my ministry to Jerusalem may be acceptable to the saints, so that by God's will I may come to you with joy and be refreshed in your company" (Romans 15:30-32, NRSV).

As you appreciate and encourage your pastors, remember them in your prayers. Then let them know you're doing so!



# October Celebrations



## Birthdays

- |                     |                        |                   |
|---------------------|------------------------|-------------------|
| 1 Deborah Thompson  | 11 Autumn Myers        | 26 Katherine Jump |
| Morgan Custer       | 12 Parker Hesler       | 27 Allison Warner |
| 2 Connor Jasinski   | Sarah Erdmann          | Mallory Long      |
| Miranda Harleman    | 13 Sharon Grice        | 28 Alexis Merzke  |
| 3 Becky Daniels     | 16 Jennifer Spalding   | Dylan Sagan       |
| Ronnie Bridenbaugh  | 18 Jason Clauss        | 31 Rose Lucas     |
| 4 Claudette Diceanu | 19 Brenda Canan        |                   |
| 7 Karen Hoblitt     | 20 Melissa Sagan       |                   |
| Sheila Campbell     | 21 Bill Clauss         |                   |
| 9 Carlee Kemp       | 22 Christopher Chapman |                   |
| 10 Holly Cotner     | 23 Beau Nickol         |                   |
| Tori Wright         | 24 Tom Tauscher        |                   |



## Anniversaries



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|-----------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1 Darrell & Sanny Schneider | 20 Kent & Sherri Shelley |
| 10 Tyler & Kara Hofacker    | 22 Bill & Betsy Clauss   |
| 13 Larry & Susan Harter     | 25 Jason & Sara Moberly  |
| 18 Paul & Rita Erdmann      | 26 Kevin & Vicki Ressler |
| Melvin & Shelly Evans       |                          |



## Baptisms





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|------------------|--------------------|----------------------|
| 1 Eldon Erdmann  | 16 Leah Witters    | 20 Amber Thacker     |
| Paul Erdmann     | 17 Marie Daniels   | Madison Sagan        |
| 2 Bill Ulrich    | 18 Cory Campbell   | 21 Michael Long      |
| 3 Angela Morelli | Noelle Murray      | 24 Connor Jasinski   |
| 6 Crew Baker     | Quintin Muhlenkamp | 29 Stephanie Burrell |
| 11 Rick Myers    | Riley Sagan        | Teresa Neitzelt      |
| 12 Miles Baker   | 19 Emily Jordan    |                      |

OCTOBER	
READERS	
6	Robby Arling
13	PJ Musser
20	Peggy Didier
27	Caleena Hesler

## OCTOBER 2024

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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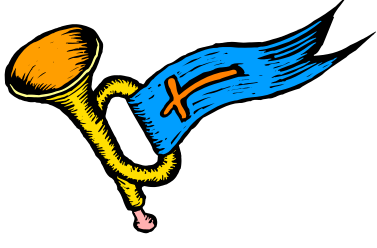
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# October



# TRINITY TRUMPET

## October, 2024



## SAVE THE DATE

- October 6 — Church Funerals Direct presentation following the worship service
- October 20 — Fall Festival at 5:00 pm  
Trinity & Pitsburg Church of the Brethren Combined Event

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