

The Trinity Trumpet

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Prayers Hopeand Healing

- 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
- Jayne Connair—Cancer free
- Brian Connair—Headaches & throat issue
- Bev Zimmer-Health
- Mike Gray—Healing
- Marvin Fourman—Health
- Tyler Morris

 Paralyzed from auto accident
- Mary Piel—Health
- Patti Troutwine—Recovery at home
- 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
- Mary Beth Printz—Health
- Brycelin Troutwine—Health issues
- Eric Snyder—Hospice

Prayer Concerns— Current and ongoing

- Katherine Jump-Health
- Scott Troutwine—Cancer
- Jeanne Campbell—Cancer
- Jane Baxter—Healing
- · Israel fighting
- Paul Cline-Health
- Allison—Seizures
- Trinity Youth—Growing in their faith
- Jack Bechtol —Health
- Doug Etter-Colon Cancer
- Melanie Musser—Kidney function
- Dennis & Ellen McDonnell—Health
- Jerry E—Health
- Jeff Sebring-Health
- John Lawhorn-Glaucoma
- Shirley Shouders & Son Tyler— Health
- Steve & Joetta—Emotional strength
- Norma Crawford—Aging issues
- Dale Spahr—Healing
- Glenda Case—Health
- Marge Warner—Healing
- Jim Tappen—Cancer
- Linda Darlage—Health
- Lilly Cleveland—Rehab
- Brixton-Health
- Bob Harter-Health
- Lynn Spahr—Heart
- Marlene Dirksen-Leg & foot pain
- Jan Giraro—Chronic pain/ Depression
- Anders Family
- Cary Feitsans—Health
- Shirley Hensel—Cancer returned
- Michelle—Health
- David Netzley—Diabetes/Surgery
- Brenda Harleman-Cancer

- Glen Wolf—Healing
- Niki Angles-Strength
- Jim& Sally Swingley—Health
- Pat Rademachir-Health
- Constance Menke—Health
- Amber Ross
- Brooke Bergman—Car accident
- Tim Geeding-Health
- Ronnie Bridenbaugh—ICU
- Jason Schenck—Cancer
- Sam Porter

 Healing
- Sidney Brown—Head injury
- Erick Pelfrey—Knee Surgery
- Brenda Strader
- Todd Troutwine—Accidental fall
- Jack Myers—Surgery recovery
- Miller Weiss—Surgery recovery
- · Lowell Rhoades-Health
- Jason Kistler—Knee surgery
- Kelly Fourman-Cancer
- Julie Bourne—Health
- Kelly Feitshans
- Joanne Carter
- Portia Boord—Shingles
- Cory Hocker—Cancer
- Lynn Netzley—Surgery
- Nancy Longo—Heart surgery
- Sophie
- Carla Kendall—Shoulder surgery
- Nancy Keiser—Foot surgery
- Stephen Angles-Headaches



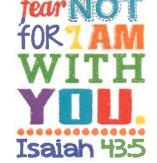
to the families of Diane Miller Janet Welch Norman Didier Kenny Dirksen Carrol Martino Jr. Koos

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.

DEADLINE FOR THE FEBRUARY TRINITY TRUMPET IS JANUARY 21st.

Youth & Family Ministry





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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- (4th,5th, and 6th graders). We will be working on the comfort kids' blankets. January 12th following Church service.

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

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.

Advent Soup Suppers-. "Not a Silent Night" by Adam Hamilton. We finished 3 video lessons. What a powerful journey we took with Mary.

Special Sunday School offering. No special guest speakers in January.

Youth and Family Ministry Meeting- Meeting on January 2nd at 10am.

Youth Quake- January 3rd-5th. We have 4 youth and 2 adults attending this year. Thank You to each person who bought candy or donated money to help support this event.

Christmas Program- Every Knee Shall Bow was on December 8th.

I can tell each person that was involved in the program – you were great- what a message. I loved having an intergenerational program.

Vacation Bible School- Mark your calendars- July 8th and 10th 2025!

Video/book club- January 12th and January 26th at 6pm-7:30ish.

Euchre night is returning- Mark your calendar and do not forget to sign up (sheet is in the back). February 1st 6pm-9pm. There will be a soup competition as well.

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)



At Trinity
February 1 —- 6-9 pm

BORED BY WINTER? We have the perfect solution! Join us for Trinity's Euchre Tournament on Saturday, February 1, 6-9PM. Not only are we having a Euchre Tournament, but also a make your favorite soup to share contest. We need at least 20 euchre players or more. The cost to enter the euchre tournament is \$5.00 per player. Prizes will be distributed at the end to 4 euchre competitors. Prizes will be given for top 3 soup winners. Please bring quarters because quarters go in a jar if you are euchred. Don't know how to play Euchre? Marge Warner will teach you. You can always come to watch, too. Have a Question? Call Marge at 937-623-2544.



JANUARY 2025

Well, made it through another year. Time for new beginnings. So, are you making a new year's resolution, a dream board or a focus on one word for the whole year? January is named for the Roman god Janus, known as the protector of gates and doorways, who symbolize beginnings and endings. Janus is depicted with two faces, one looking into the past, the other with the ability to see into the future. So are you looking back or looking forward!

January 1 is New Year's Day.

January 5 brings Twelfth Night, an English folk custom that marked the end of Christmas merrymaking.

January 6 is Epiphany. According to the New Testament's Gospels, on this date, the Magi—the three wise men or kings—venerated and brought gifts to the infant Jesus. In our home our Christmas decorations must remain up until after epiphany.

January 20 is Martin Luther King Jr. Day (observed). This holiday is held on the third Monday in January and honors the principles of this civil rights leader and Nobel Prize Winner dedicated to nonviolence. This year, January 20 is also Inauguration Day.

January's birthstone, the garnet, is thought to keep the wearer safe during travel.

January's birth flowers are carnations and snowdrops.

Fund Raising Activities:

- Rada Knife ongoing fund raiser- see Portia.
- ♦ Cleaning Cloths- see Diane Warner
- Raffle hand towels by Linda

Our next meeting is January 8th at 11:30- please Beverly Erdman will provide snacks.

Our bible/video study will be about Martha. Marspiring us to keep serving while reminding us that is fully engaged with the savior.

note that this is the second Wednesday of the month.

tha's story and example should encourage us, inall God honoring service must flow from a heart that

Have a lovely January and a wonderful start to the year!

I cannot wait to see what the new year brings to each one of us here at Trinity.

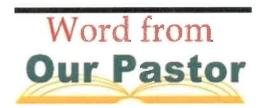
Jesus loves you and so do I!

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









⁴ in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. ⁵ The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did

Grace and peace to you from God our Father and from the light of the world, Jesus Christ, Our Savior and our Lord, amen.

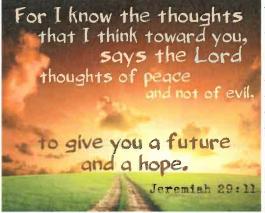
My Dear Trinity Family and Friends,

This is not the article I had planned to write for the new year. My plan was to focus on thankfulness for all the blessings of the past year and to look forward to what our Lord might be calling us to do in the new year. With the passing of my fourth and final sister, Harol-dene "Jr" Koos, I'm feeling a little lonely and sad. The darkness of grief is trying to overcome the light of faith. It's like this holiday season is under the cover of the pall we place on caskets during a funeral celebration of life. In my heart I know my sister is at peace in the loving arms of Jesus, but the sting of death still hurts and casts a shadow over the joy of the season.

As I write this article for our newsletter, I have just arrived home from Alabama where I, along with Jr's children and grandchildren, held vigil at her bedside until she was with us no more. I apologize if this gets a little

raw in the feelings department, but the newsletter deadline doesn't wait until we're feeling happy to write lofty, inspired words of great joy. I know I'm not the only one who has lost a loved one during the holiday season. The Grim Reaper doesn't take holidays off. So, this year I'll be going through the motions of putting on a smile and taking life one baby step at a time. I ask for your grace if I get a little choked up from time to time. Grief does not wait until we're alone in our bedrooms to strike. The waves of sadness and feelings of deep loss come like waves on the ocean. I can't say how long I'm going to be in the grieving season, but I do know that no matter how high the waves of grief reach, and no matter how dark the sadness becomes, grief can never overcome the hope and the trust I have in the promise that Jesus Christ, the light of the World, still prevails.





As the family of my birth has grown smaller and smaller over the years, I'm even more blessed that I have all of you as my Church family. When I'm in my pity-party mood I keep thinking that I started out life with four wonderful and amazing sisters, but now I'm the last one standing. Just when I really get deep into the poor me sound track, the Lord speaks and reminds me I'm never alone. Jesus walks every footstep with us and never abandons us. In fact, as I write these words, the thoughts in my head, which I believe come from the Lord, also keep reminding me that Jesus also provided all of us as our brothers and sisters in Christ. I thank God every day for all of you. Your faith and the witness each one of you make are so encouraging. Not only that, but your prayers lift me up and I'm able to cling to the promises of God in Christ Jesus because I see how your faith has lifted up each of you.

So, I know there will come a day when God will wipe away all our tears. On that day, sorrow and the pain of grief will be no more. We're clearly not there yet... In the meantime, Jesus gave us this gift called The Church. In it we find comfort, kindness, and hope even in the midst of our loss. Thank you all for being the Body of Christ for me. May the new year bring us great joy as we cling to one another and encourage one another on our walk of faith. May we all find peace knowing we will see our loved ones again and what a grand celebration that will be!

Happy New Year,

Pr Mel

Thank You Notes

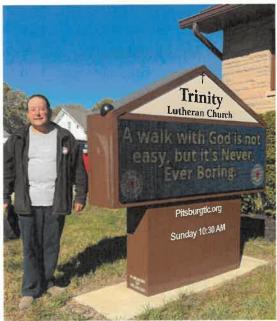


Thanks to the generosity of our bidders, we raised almost \$2500 at our auction. Monies will go to needy families for Christmas.

To all those who helped decorate our Sanctuary for the Advent/Christmas season!



Our thanks to James (Chief) Combs for the very generous donation toward the purchase of our electronic sign at Trinity in memory of his mother, Helen Leo.





PRAYERS & SQUARES QUILTING

January 9 & 28 at 10:00 am

Ladies & Gents Luncheon

Thursday, January 16 at 11:30 am @ Montage Café 527 S. Broadway, Greenville

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



YOUTH ARE SELLING CANDY BARS TO FINANCE THEIR TRIP TO "YOUTH QUAKE" IN CINCINNATI!

\$2.00 each — Wide selection!



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Blood Pressure screenings after worship service when announced.

Cold Weather Safety Tips

Well here we are- The true start of the cold weather season. Are you ready?

Frostbite and hypothermia are possible when you are outside, so you need to protect yourself.

- 1. Wear layers of loose-fitting, lightweight, warm clothing.
- 2. Wear a hat. Try to stay dry and out of the wind.
- 3. Cover your mouth to protect your lungs from extreme cold.
- 4. Mittens, snug at the wrist, are better than gloves.

To keep pipes from freezing on an outside wall:

- 1. Let hot and cold-water trickle or drip at night from a faucet.
- 2. Open cabinet doors to allow more heat to get to un-insulated pipes under a sink or near an outer wall.
- 3. Make sure the heat is left on and set no lower than 55 degrees.
- 4. If you plan to be away: (1) Have someone, check your house daily to make sure the heat is still on to prevent freezing, or (2) drain and shut off the water system (except indoor sprinkler systems).

If Pipes Freeze:

- 1. Make sure you and your family know how to shut off the water, in case pipes burst.
- 2. NEVER try to thaw a pipe with an open flame or torch. Use a hair dryer instead.
- 3. Always be careful of the potential for electric shock in and around standing water.

Carbon monoxide poisoning is a silent, deadly killer claiming about 1,000 lives each year in the United States.

- 1. Install a carbon monoxide detector.
- 2. NEVER run generators indoors.
- 3. Open a window slightly when using a kerosene heater and follow the manufacturer's instructions.
- 4. NEVER use a gas oven to heat your home.
- 5. If your heat goes out, you can keep warm indoors by closing rooms you do not need, dressing in layers of lightweight clothing, and wearing a cap.

Wood-burning stoves, fireplaces and heaters:

- 1. Always keep a screen around an open flame.
- 2. NEVER use gasoline to start your fireplace.
- 3. NEVER burn charcoal indoors.
- 4. Do not close the damper when the ashes are hot.
- 5. Use only safe sources of alternative heat such as a fireplace, small well-vented wood or coal stove or portable space heaters. Always follow manufacturer's instructions.

Animal and Pet Safety:

- 1. Bring pets inside
- 2. Provide shelter and fresh water
- 3. Keep salt away from paws

Vehicle Preparation:

- 1. Check your battery
- 2. Check your fluids (coolant, wiper fluid, oil, etc)
- 3. Check your tires
- 4. Have jumper cables available in your vehicle.
- 5. Pack a blanket

PJ Musser MSN RN Community Faith Nurse

WELCA CELEBRATES THE MONTH OF DECEMBER

At our December WELCA meeting, the table decorations were done by Portia Boord using the theme of Poinsettias, a popular red and white holiday flower. The flowers were shared with each guest to take home.

Poinsettias are a popular Christmas decoration and symbol of the season for many reasons, including their shape, color, and a Mexican legend.

Star of Bethlehem: The shape of the poinsettia's leaves and flower resembles the Star for Bethlehem, which led the Wise Men to Jesus.

Blood of Christ: The red leaves of the poinsettia are said to represent the blood of Christ shed for the world.

Purity: The white leaves of the poinsettia represent the purity of Christ.

Mexican legend: A Mexican legend tells the story of a poor child who offered weeds to the church altar on Christmas Eve, which miraculously turned into poinsettias. The story highlights the poinsettia's connection to humility and generosity.

December birth flower: Poinsettias are the birth flower for December and symbolize good cheer and success.

Other meanings: Across cultures, poinsettias symbolize birth, hope, and peace.

Poinsettias are known by other names, including Mexican Flame Leaf, Winter Rose, Noche Buena, and Christmas Flower.





President's Perspective

To my believers in Christ,

Well, as I write this, we are a couple weeks away from the year 2025. I wonder how many checks I will write with 2024 as the year.

As I say quite often, our ministry continues mainly because of you wonderful people with your financial support and your belief that it must go on.

Now here is my soapbox talk, short and sweet, as far as finances are concerned. We are still doing ok, but sometimes, as I look at years ahead, I want us to be prepared financially so we don't hit a spot where ok was not good enough. As you consider your giving for 2025, remember that our church is our church home. Just like your home, expenses continue to rise. I just ask you to consider this and prayerfully ask for guidance in your giving.

We will need to wait for spring or summer to pursue our air conditioner issue.

As we swing out of 2024 and land on 2025, I want to wish each of you the very best. May God's peace and love be with all of you. I also want to repeat the next paragraph because so many of you continue to ask me how I am doing.

Personally, I want to thank each of you once again. The passing of my wife, Donna, the love of my life, has been difficult, but here is what I found out. In this order, with the love and support of my children, my grandchildren, my church family, not only my dearest of friends but so many other friends throughout the area and even farther away, I am ok. I also understand now what those of you who have lost their mate before, have gone through. Each of us will continue to march ahead and support one another. Only Christ's love for us and our love for Christ makes this possible.

LET'S LET OUR MINISTRY BE ALIVE IN 2025!

Peace and love to you all,

Dean

TRINITY 2025 CHURCH COUNCIL AND ELECTED DELEGATES

OFFICE	NAME	TERM	TERMS SERVED
President (1 yr term)	Dean Thompson	1/1/25—12/31/25	2
Vice President (1 yr term)	David Warner	1/1/25—12/31/25	2
Recording Secretary (3 yr term)	Bev Erdmann	1/1/24—12/31/26	1
General Treasurer (3 yr term)	Andy McKibben	1/1/24—12/31/26	1
Elder (2 yr term)	Rob Arling **	1/1/25—12/31/25	1
	Marge Warner	1/1/25—12/31/26	2
Trustee (3 yr term)	Brad Harleman	1/1/23—12/31/25	3
	Eldon Erdmann	1/1/24—12/31/26	2
	Steve Kossler	1/1/25—12/31/27	2
Deacon (2 yr term)	Kathy Kathman	1/1/24—12/31/25	2
	Julie Kossler	1/1/24—12/31/25	1
	Marlene Dirksen	1/1/25—12/31/26	1
	Jennifer Arling	1/1/25—12/31/26	1
Building Fund Treasurer (3 yr term)	Teresa Neitzelt	1/1/25—12/31/27	1
Financial Secretary (3 yr term)	Linda Baker	1/1/24—12/31/26	2
Benevolence Treasurer (3 yr term)	Diane Warner	1/1/23—12/31/25	3
Nominating Committee (1 yr term)	Pam Oswalt	1/1/25—12/31/25	1
	Peggy Didier	1/1/25—12/31/25	1
	Julie Kossler	1/1/25—12/31/25	2
Youth & Family Ministry Leader (2 yr term)	PJ Musser	1/1/24—12/31/25	2
Delegates:			
Southern Ohio Synod (Weekend in May)(1 yr term)	Mark & Pam Oswalt	1/1/25—12/31/25	6
Graceworks (1 yr term)	Teresa Neitzelt	1/1/25—12/31/25	6
	Kathy Kathman	1/1/25—12/31/25	6
Wernle Home Reps. (1 yr term)			
** Filling vacant position for 1 year.			

TLC Budget for 2025	2024 Budget	Changes	2025 Budget
Pastor's Salary Package			
Base Salary	\$30,709.51		\$30,709.51
Housing Allowance	\$28,988.39		\$28,988.39
Tithe - off the top prior to payment	(\$5,970.00)		(\$5,970.00)
SECA	\$4,698.55		\$4,698.55
Continuing Education	\$250.00		\$250.00
Auto Expenses	\$2,500.00		\$2,500.00
Professional Expenses	\$2,000.00		\$2,000.00
Portico	\$9,409.56		\$9,409.56
TOTAL SALARY PACKAGE	\$72,586.01	\$0.00	\$72,586.01
Church Expenditures			
Adult Education	\$100.00		\$100.00
Altar Supplies	\$200.00		\$200.00
Baptism Supplies	\$500.00		\$500.00
Bible Gifting	\$100.00		\$100.00
Christian Education (PK-6th grade)	\$300.00		\$300.00
Concordia - Shepards Staff annual fee	\$300.00	(\$300.00)	\$0.00
Confirmation	\$250.00	(\$250.00)	\$0.00
Copier Lease	\$4,500.00		\$4,500.00
Fuel Oil - Co-Alliance	\$7,500.00		\$7,500.00
Electric - AES	\$2,800.00		\$2,800.00
Internet/Phone - Spectrum	\$1,800.00	\$200.00	\$2,000.00
Insurance - Hastings	\$3,200.00	\$1,800.00	\$5,000.00
Janitorial Supplies	\$500.00		\$500.00
NW Conference Dues	\$35.00		\$35.00
Offering Envelopes	\$210.00		\$210.00
Office Equipment (Repair/Replace/Upgrade)	\$100.00		\$100.00
Office Supplies	\$1,000.00		\$1,000.00
One Call Now	\$420.00		\$420.00
Payroll Services	\$0.00	\$810.00	\$810.00
Postage and Permits	\$250.00	,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,	\$250.00
Real Estate Taxes	\$435.00		\$435.00
Registration Fees - Conferences/Conventions	\$900.00		\$900.00
Sewer - Village of Pitsburg	\$360.00		\$360.00
Supplies - Church Services	\$600.00		\$600.00
Website Hosting	\$0.00	\$60.00	\$60.00
Youth Group	\$0.00	\$250.00	\$250.00
Total Church Symonditures	\$26,360.00	\$2,570.00	\$28,930.00
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Personel Expenditures	44.45.55		ćc 400.00
Church Secretary	\$6,180.00		\$6,180.00
Custodian	\$4,120.00		\$4,120.00
Organist	\$4,326.00		\$4,326.00
Social Security/Medicare	\$2,033.00		\$2,033.00
Supply Pastors	\$500.00	/Anna cal	\$500.00
Workers Compensation	\$500.00	(\$200.00)	\$300.00
Total Personel Expenditures	\$17,659.00	(\$200.00)	\$17,459.00



January Celebrations



Birthdays

- Beth Thompson David Warner
- 2 Joshua Long
- 3 Roxanne Groff
- 4 Pastor Mel Musser
 Pat Netzley
 Terry Warner
 Elena Rodriguez
 Humberto Rodridguez
- 5 Gabriel Angles
- 6 Nonnie Myers
- 7 Josiah Zderad
- 8 Marie Beard Melanie Merzke Sara Moberly

- 9 Emery Musser
- 10 Pam Myers
- 12 Barbara Gettinger
- 13 Courtney Jasinski Matthew Dornbusch
- 16 Kevin Ressler
- 18 April Zderad Mark Brumbaugh Theresa Sarver Zachary Gettinger
- 20 Ava Erdmann Jay Merzke Nick Morelli Olivia Martin

- 21 Betsy Clauss
 Justin Troutwine
- 23 Ashton Myers
- 24 Elainah Nickol
- 26 Elizabeth Martin Eric Campbell
- 27 Harold Harleman
- 30 Claire Wilt
- 31 Jim Payne Michael Long Steven Vanatta Tess Tauscher





- 14 Brian & Noelle Rhoades
- 30 Lowell & Nina Unger



1 Rhonda Rich 12 Wyatt Tauscher 28 John Erdmann 3 Parker Hesler 23 Barbara Sease 29 Theresa Sarver Patty Sackett 24 Tyler Hofacker Shirley Rhoades 26 Jack Mehaffie

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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26	27	28	29	30	31	-













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- Sunday, December 29—Carol Sing for worship and Ugly Christmas Sweater Sunday
 - Sunday, January 12-Trinity Troops at 11:30 am
 - Thursday, January 16 @ 11:30 am Ladies & Gents Luncheon at Montage Café in Greenville
 - Saturday, February 1 @ 6:00 pm— Euchre Tournament at Trinity

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