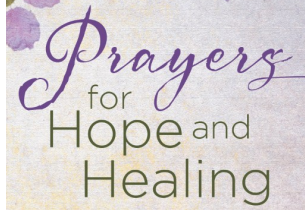


# The Trinity Trumpet

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April, 2025



- Holly McEldowney—Cancer
- Amanda Spahr—Brain issues
- Aiden Snyder—Leukemia returned
- Jerry Higgins—Cancer
- Amber
- Gracee
- Peace in Ukraine & People of Ukraine
- 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
- Mary Lou Lewis—Breast cancer
- Mike Goodwin—Cancer
- Jim Brown—Health
- Chris Mumaw—Cancer remission
- Grayson Naff—Batten, Rare childhood disease
- Brycelin Troutwine—Health issues
- Katherine Jump—Health
- Jeanne Campbell—Cancer
- Jane Baxter—Healing
- Israel fighting

## Prayer Concerns— Current and ongoing

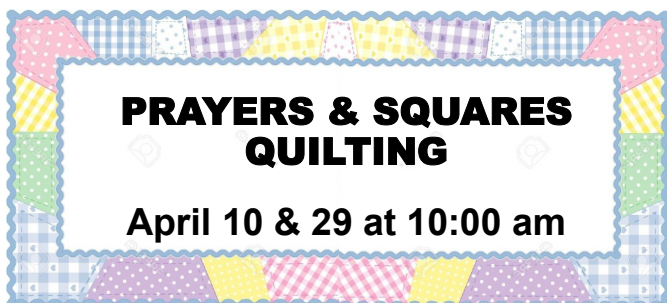
- Paul Cline—Health
- Allison—Seizures
- Trinity Youth—Growing in their faith
- Doug Etter—Colon Cancer
- Melanie Musser—Kidney function
- Dennis & Ellen McDonnell—Health
- Shirley Shouders & Son Tyler—Health
- Steve & Joetta—Emotional strength
- Norma Crawford—Aging issues
- Dale Spahr—Healing
- Marge Warner—Healing
- Brixton—Health
- Lynn Spahr—Heart
- Marlene Dirksen—Sinus/Asthma
- Jan Giraro—Chronic pain/Depression
- Jerry E—Health
- Cary Feitsans—Health
- Michelle—Health
- David Netzley—Diabetes/Surgery
- Brenda Harleman—Cancer
- Niki Angles—Strength
- Jim & Sally Swingley—Health
- Pat Rademachir—Health
- Constance Menke—Health
- Amber Ross
- Brooke Bergman—Car accident
- Sam Porter—Healing
- Sidney Brown—Head injury
- Erick Pelfrey—Knee Surgery
- Miller Weiss—Surgery recovery
- Kelly Fourman—Cancer
- Julie Bourne—Health
- Joanne Carter
- Cory Hocker—Cancer
- Nancy Longo—Heart surgery
- Sophie
- Stephen Angles—Headaches
- Eric Warner—Health
- Julie Volk—Eyes
- California Wildfire Victims
- Jason Schenk—Cancer
- Neil Crawford—Fall
- Linda Emerick—Heart surgery
- Lydia Troutwine—Cancer
- Linda Feitshans—Pneumonia
- Phyllis B—Healing
- Julie Kossler—Sinus surgery
- Ruby Boord—Lung cancer
- Devon Eley—Back surgery
- Lee Crowell
- David Kepler—Health
- Chloe Price—Healing
- Jerome Brown—Heart healing
- Pat Riley
- Kessler Family—Fire

*Our sympathy*

*to the families of*

**Austin Baker  
Larry Diceanu  
Kenny Hesler  
Glenn Martin  
Shirley Hensel  
Mary Lou Hofacker**

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.



## Ladies & Gents Luncheon

Thursday, April 17th at 11:30 am  
@ Toll House Tavern, 128 N. Main, Union OH  
Please contact Linda Baker at 937-545-8410  
or 937-547-0975 if you plan to attend.

## Youth & Family Ministry



### APRIL

**Youth Sunday School** is aimed at pre-K through 6th grade. Marlene Dirksen 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- (4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>, and 6<sup>th</sup> graders).** Next meeting is March 30<sup>th</sup> at 12:00 pm. We will be planning for a summertime cookout.

**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. Remember that all confirmands are encouraged to fill out the sermon notes and turn them in to the Pastor. Confirmands are also encouraged to sign up to acolyte- Be sure to sign on the acolyte calendar when you serve.

**Acolyte training**-Any youth who wishes to serve as an acolyte - please contact the Pastor or Ms. PJ.

**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. We are currently using Christian Conversation cards to have meaningful discussions.

**Special Sunday School offering.** Greg Hickman with Lawyers Direct will be speaking at our Adult Sunday School Hour on March 30<sup>th</sup>. Come and find out how this group can assist you in Estate planning and other legal needs.

**Youth and Family Ministry Meeting**- Meeting on April 3rd at 10am. This is an open meeting to anyone interested with our mission here at Trinity.

**Vacation Bible School**- Mark your calendars- July 8<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> 2025! The program has already been ordered- so watch for more information in the not too distant future.

**Video/book club**- On Hold during Lent.

**Fund Raiser**- Trash Bash. We have 4(2-mile stretchers) to clean up. The youth will get \$100 per 2-mile stretch. The more teams that sign up the faster we will get it done! Our date will be Saturday, April 12<sup>th</sup>. Please pick up a Release of Liability for each member of your team. Need more information- see Marlene Dirksen.

**Wednesdays during Lent**- March 12<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup>, 26<sup>th</sup> and April 2<sup>nd</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> at 6pm. Lenten soup supper and video Bible study. Our study will be *Unoffendable* by Brant Hansen. Brant will tell us that by giving up our right to be offended it will be one of the most freeing, healthy, simplifying, relaxing, refreshing, stress-relieving, encouraging things we can do.

**First Communion class**-If you feel your child is ready to participate with communion, plan on attending this class with your child. First Communion class will be on April 12th from 10 am to 12 pm. On April 19th they will bake the communion bread (which will be used on Easter Sunday) and taste the communion wine. They will then take their first communion on Easter. Please see Pastor Mel if you have any questions.

**Easter Activities**- Early service at 8am. Breakfast at 9:15. Youth activities (Crafts, games and egg hunt) at 9:45. Regular service at 10:30.

Anyone wishing to donate plastic eggs or candy please let me know.

**Youth Sunday**- April 27<sup>th</sup>. All youth are encouraged to participate in all aspects of the church service.

*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)

## OHIO SUMMER YOUTH RETREAT

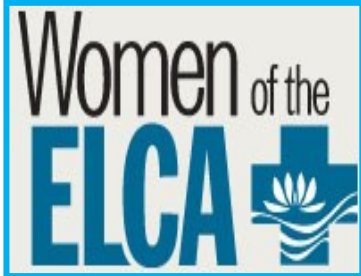
FOR YOUTH ENTERING 6th GRADE THROUGH 12th GRADE!

June 29-July 2, 2025 @ Hopewood Pines Lutheran  
Memorial Camp in Marengo, Ohio.

Contact Pastor or Ms PJ for more information!



**HopeWood**  
Pines



## APRIL 2025

April is a season of renewal and hope, reminding us of the new life we have in Christ. As we celebrate the resurrection of Jesus, we are called to reflect on the victory he secured for us through his death and resurrection. Just as spring brings blooming flowers and fresh beginnings, our faith is also renewed when we embrace God's grace and walk in his promises. This is a time to rejoice in his unfailing love and share the message of redemption with those around us.

As we move through this month let's focus on growing deeper in our relationship with God and encouraging one another as sisters in Christ whether through prayer, acts of kindness or simply spending time in his word. Let us seek ways to strengthen our faith and uplift those who may need a reminder of God's love. May April be the month of spiritual renewal, joy and deeper connection with our savior.

In our Video study we will be meeting the Syrophoenician woman. Despite the list of "nots" that defined her life, the woman of our story has something that Jesus commended: her faith. Her faith was in the person and power of Jesus. At a time when many of those who surrounded Jesus failed to grasp who He was this gentile woman demonstrates amazing insight, calling Him "Lord" and the "Son of David". She believed that He could perform a miracle. So, stop and think the next time you are tempted to define someone by what they are not, pause and remember this woman. Take time to dig a little deeper beyond the surface judgments and stereotypes and discover who they really are in the eyes of God.

Our next meeting is April 2nd at 11:30 am. **Hostess is needed for April.**

Our main event will be discussing the plans for our mother/daughter/friend event on May 4<sup>th</sup> from 2-4 pm.

Start thinking about next year's WELCA officers.

### Fund Raising Activities

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

Jesus loves you and so do !!

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

## Lenten and Easter Worship Schedule at Trinity:

**Ash Wednesday**, March 5th at 7:00 pm

**Wednesdays**, March 12th through April 9th at 6:00 pm (Soup Supper & Video Bible Study Discussion)

**Maundy Thursday**, April 17th at 7:00 pm

**Good Friday**, April 18th at 7:00 pm

**Easter Sunday**, April 20th —8:00 & 10:30 am Worship, Breakfast at 9:00 am, Easter Egg Hunt at 9:45



### "Jesus Shares His Heart"

Sponsored by the Greater Greenville Ministerial Association and held at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, 131 E. Fourth St., Greenville

Wednesdays at Noon, March 5 thru April 16 followed by Lunch at 12:30 pm provided by the Brethren Retirement Community.

Good Friday, April 18 will be the "Way of the Cross" beginning at St. Mary's Church, 233 W. Third St., Greenville.

# Word from Our Pastor

For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven: (Ecclesiastes 3:1)

Trinity Family and Friends, Grace and peace to you from God our Father and from the one who comes in the Name of the Lord, Jesus who is the Messiah, amen.

It seems like this past month has been one mountain top experience directly followed by real life in the valley, then another mountain top. It's been like a spiritual roller coaster. It's true, even in the scriptures we've been reading on Sunday mornings. Just a few weeks ago we read about Jesus and his transfiguration on the literal top of a mountain, to last week when Jesus was warned that Herod was out to do him in. We all have our highs and our low points in our days, weeks and over the long hauls of life. Maybe a roller coaster is a bit over dramatic, but sometimes situations and momentum can change as fast as a New York minute.



We're well into our Lenten journey. How are you doing practicing your chosen Lenten discipline? Mine was to try to be alert to God's blessings and where and how God is working in and through the people in my life. I was hoping to see at least one God sighting each day during Lent. I've been woefully negligent in staying alert and perceptive enough to find at least one God moment each day. So far, I can only come up with 3 or 4 over the first 13 days of Lent. I'm going to have to pick up the pace in order to get to 40 sightings before Easter. I can't really explain what I mean by a God sighting or a God moment. I think of them sort of like a good piece of music or a good poem, or painting. I might not be able to say exactly what makes it so good, but I know it when I see or hear it. That's a God moment. I can't tell you exactly what it is, but you know it when you experience one. I've never tried to keep track of them before. I'm still not sure if I'm very good at recognizing them at all... I don't even know how many times per day, week or in a lifetime would be considered normal or average in frequency.

I have a way to go in figuring out my God sighting devotion/research... Anyway, the weather along with so many other things has been up and down so much in the month of March, I'm looking forward to the potential of April, with its flower bringing rains and the promise of the resurrection. Just like it says in Ecclesiastes, there is a time for every matter under heaven. One big event in our family's lives this month is that one of my grandchildren will be getting her drivers license. Yes, we've notified all the regional law enforcement officials, but this is your fair warning. There is or shortly will be a brand new driver on the roads and curbs of Darke and Miami counties... Also, yes, there is a time for every matter. Please take a moment of your time to pray for our new driver and for her mother and grandparents who are worried and anxious.



May you slow down to enjoy every season of the year and of your life. The seasons pass by so quickly, may we cherish the memories we make today. Happy easter!

In Christ's Love,

Pr Mel

P.S. Please take note of our Holy Week and Easter Schedule. I hope to see all of you as we gather together to remember the Lord's death and celebrate His Resurrection!



Promotional video link (less than 2 minutes long) to "Unoffendable", our Wednesday evening Lenten study about how to avoid staying angry for more than a minute or two.

Here's the link: <https://youtu.be/wCaXShQdXFU>



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

### **Care of a Child into Adulthood with Mental and Intellectual Disabilities Pastor Mel and PJ Musser RN (Region 6)**

Recently I was asked to share a brief article about caring for our daughter Melanie for the Lutheran Faith Community Nurses Association. I would like to share this article for the Health Ministry article this month. Believe me when I say it was hard to keep it short! Pastor Mel had to help me edit it down.

Our daughter Melanie will be 44 years old this month. We were going to be first time parents, and our dreams of a growing family were just beginning. When Melanie came along things were different. The extent of Melanie's disabilities only became apparent gradually, over time. At first, we were informed she only had 2 vessels in her umbilical cord rather than the normal three and she only had 4 toes on her right foot. Later, we were informed she had a transposition of the great vessels of her heart. Thankfully she has never needed heart surgery. She continues to see a pediatric heart specialist. Melanie was classified as microcephalic.



The pediatrician said it was nothing to worry about. All this came very piecemeal, so, we had Melanie tested by a developmental specialist. We thought there might be malpractice involved. Sadly, most medical professionals are uncomfortable telling parents "bad news". We were informed by the lawyers Melanie was mentally retarded and only the future would determine what her abilities would be. Even though they said she would not be able to talk, we didn't give up on getting Melanie to try to use her words. She has a small vocabulary. Small gains were huge for us.

As she grew, we had to remain in a constant state of alertness. Melanie was either trying to wander off, put stuff in her ears, or do tasks she was learning at school. We thought she would live with us forever. As she got older, we realized this was naïve. After Melanie graduated from high school, we discovered Towards Independence Inc. (TII) and she moved into a small group home at the age of 23. Melanie remained with TII until last year when her medical condition worsened. She was able move into a skilled nursing facility for long term care - or so we thought. The Ohio Board of Developmental Disabilities is now requiring her to be placed back into an intermediate care facility. We are in the process of appealing.

When you have a disabled child, you're never finished being their advocate! Be prepared to be in it for the long haul...

Unexpected lessons we learned along the way:

- ◆ Don't focus on what could have been or you'll miss the joy in front of you
- ◆ Don't assume the physician knows everything
- ◆ Don't do things for your disabled child until they try it for themselves
- ◆ It's ok if people stare - maybe they have questions
- ◆ Get guardianship!
- ◆ Make your long-term care plans
- ◆ Stay involved! Go to physician appointments and therapy appointments
- ◆ Educate others how to communicate with your child – don't allow anyone to talk down to them
- ◆ Healthcare providers should talk to their patient first! Then they can talk to family
- ◆ You are your child's best advocate!!!

PJ Musser MSN RN Community Faith Nurse



# April Celebrations



## Birthdays

- |                      |                      |                     |
|----------------------|----------------------|---------------------|
| 1 Brandon Groff      | 10 Bill Ulrich       | 21 Bryanna Diceanu  |
| Rita Erdmann         | Todd Ulrich          | 23 Aubree Myers     |
| 2 Brooklynn Proffitt | 11 Bradly Burrell    | Lexie Angles        |
| Sherri Shelley       | Nina Unger           | 25 Kalysta Thobe    |
| Terri Brumbaugh      | Nychelle Cool        | 26 Blake Gettinger  |
| 4 Barry Ulrich       | 15 Elizabeth Erdmann | Stephanie Vanatta   |
| 5 Carla Hesler       | 17 Diane Hesler      | 27 Sarah Beard      |
| Kimberly Boyle       | 18 Josh Schmitmeyer  | 28 Kami Schmitmeyer |
| 6 Bucky Burrell      | 19 Beth Hein         | 29 Teresa Neitzelt  |
| 8 Lucas Witters      | Cody Troutwine       | 30 Linda McKibben   |
| Pam Barga            | 20 Jake Warner       | Madison Sagan       |
| 9 Andrew McKibben    | Keith Witters        | Noah Harleman       |
| Ed Muhlenkamp        | Ryan Garwood         |                     |



## Anniversaries



- 6 Jesse & Tracy Kemper  
17 Terry & Diane Warner

- 30 Tom & Brenda Tauscher



## Baptisms




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|----------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| 1 Pat Netzley        | 14 Joshua Long      | 17 Emily Warner     |
| 3 Jamey Rismiller    | Kristen Sarver      | 18 Mark Oswalt      |
| Linda McKibben       | Mallory Long        | Ronnie Bridenbaugh  |
| 6 Kristen Netzley    | Pamela Oswalt       | 20 Katie Ressler    |
| 7 Allison Warner     | Roxanne Groff       | 21 Tracy Muhlenkamp |
| 8 Dana Heckman       | Sarah Sarver        | 25 Brent Shofner    |
| Terry Altic          | Zachary Long        | 26 Ashton Myers     |
| 9 Jennifer Rodriguez | 15 Caleena Hesler   | Sierra Bruner       |
| 11 Nina Unger        | Claudette Diceanu   | 27 Marie Beard      |
| 12 Marvin Fourman    | Vicki Ressler       | 29 Jackson Baker    |
| 13 Debra Harleman    | Emerson Schmitmeyer | 30 Pam Myers        |

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READERS	
6	Dean Thompson
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20—8 am	Chris Cassel
20—10:30 am	Kathy Kathman
27	Larry Harter

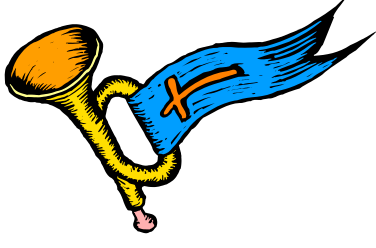
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# APRIL

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20 8:00 am Easter Early Service 9:15 am Easter Breakfast 9:45 am Easter Egg Hunt 10:30 am Easter Late Worship	21	22	23	24	25 3:30 pm FISH Choice Food Pantry	26
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## SAVE THE DATE

### AT TRINITY

- Wednesdays, March 12 through April 9 @ 6 pm—Lenten Soup Supper & Video Bible Study Discussion
- Sunday, March 30 @ 9:30 am—Greg Hickman, Lawyers Direct Presentation
- Saturday, April 12—Trash Bash Youth Fundraiser
- Thursday, April 17 @ 7 pm — Maundy Thursday Worship Service
- Friday, April 18 @ 7 pm — Good Friday Worship Service
- Easter Sunday—April 20;
  - 8:00 am — Early Worship Service
  - 9:15 am — Easter Breakfast
  - 9:45 am — Easter Egg Hunt
  - 10:30 am — Late Worship Service



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