

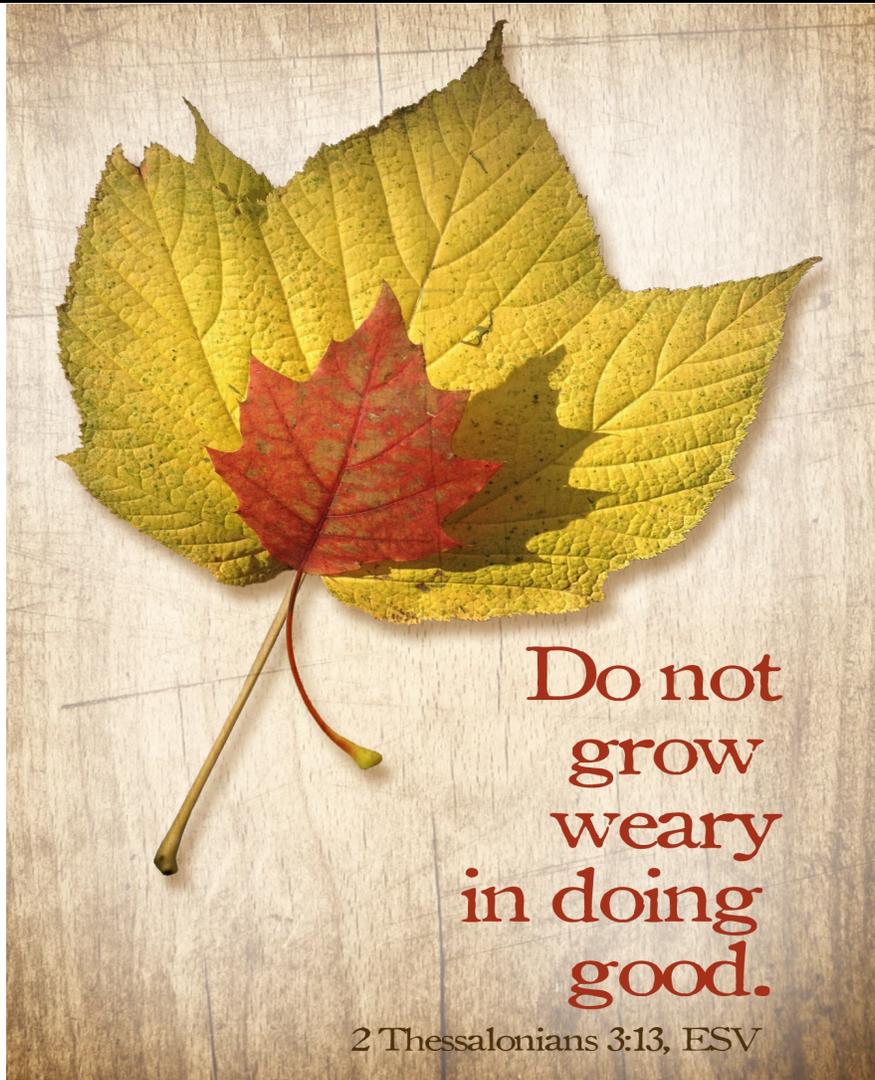
**HOLY TRINITY
LUTHERAN CHURCH**

NEWSLETTER

*To Be and To
Make Disciples
of Jesus Christ*

*September 2022
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SEPTEMBER



**Do not
grow
weary
in doing
good.**

2 Thessalonians 3:13, ESV

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

I recently listened to Virginia Prodan tell her story about how she saved her assassin. She only gave the “cliff notes” version while she was being interviewed in a podcast, but it was enough to compel me to purchase her book, *Saving My Assassin*, which I have not yet read at the time of my writing this letter. Virginia repeatedly says, “I should be dead. Buried under an unmarked grave in Romania. Obviously, I am not. God had other plans.” Virginia saved her assassin by simply sharing the Gospel with him. Of course, she did so while a gun was pointed at her head.

There are thousands of stories told about how an individual was able to convict their would-be-assassin with the saving message of Jesus Christ who suffered, died, and rose from the grave in order to show us the depth of God’s great love for us. At the same time, there are stories upon stories of individuals who were killed because they confessed their belief that Jesus Christ is Lord and Savior. While these stories inspire us, they also terrify us as we imagine ourselves in such situations.

God’s story is both inspiring and terrifying. When we consider how our story fits into God’s story, our story becomes inspiring and terrifying, too. Yet, what keeps us going, moving forward is the hope we have because of what Jesus has conquered for us and the stories of our ancestors in the faith. I like reading the synopsis of the faith of Abraham, Moses, and other Israelite heroes in the book of Hebrews. Often, I’m struck by a tidbit of information that I overlooked when I read their story in the Old Testament. Or, sometimes, the information was never revealed in the Old Testament.

Don't shy away from reflecting upon how your story fits into God's story. What are the ways God used you to make good happen? How did God work to lead you onto a path of righteousness? How does God use you to lead others to believe in the Lord Jesus Christ? We all have a story of faith to share. What is your synopsis of faith?

... let us hold fast to our confession. For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who in every respect has been tested as we are, yet without sin.

Let us therefore approach the throne of grace with boldness, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

Hebrews 4:14-16

Your Sister in Christ

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Pastor Kathy". The signature is written in black ink on a white rectangular background.

Pastor's Study on the Gospel of Mark

Pastor Kathy will be leading a study on the Gospel of Mark this Fall. Two sessions will be held each week – Wednesday mornings at 10:00 and Thursday afternoons at 1:30. Come to whatever session that fits your schedule for the week. Invite your friends, too. Sessions will start on September 21 and 22, and will conclude the week before Thanksgiving.

Highlights of Pastor's Report for Council

- VBS with First English and Kingdom Grace Fellowship went VERY well!
- I'm excited to see how Friends & Family Day on the 13th will turn out.
- First English invited us to join them for a Fall Festival on Sunday, October 9th in the afternoon. Our task is to provide 3 games for the event. We already have 1-2 games ready to go.
- A Wedding Guide booklet is being produced
- There is an excellent 20-minute video to watch regarding the current work of the NALC. The video can be found here: <https://vimeo.com/736980700>

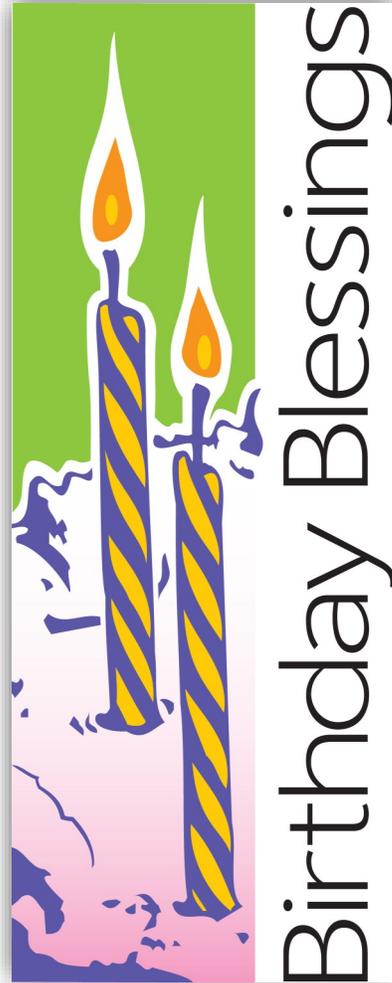
Save the Date: Blessing of the Animals

Pastor Kathy will have a Blessing of the Animals service at 10:00am on Saturday, October 1st celebration of the Commemoration of St. Francis of Assisi (which is October 4th).

This will be a very short service held in the parking lot. Bring your pets of all shapes and sizes to be blessed. Invite your neighbors and friends to bring their pets, too.



1st Jeff Zeigler
3rd Linda Boltman
9th Robin Myers
10th Tom Eisenloffel
11th Linda Collins
12th Always Butz
13th Jerry Unruh
Betsy Adams
15th Hunter Newlon
Elaine Siewert
16th Karen Ticknor
17th Tom Sweet
18th Becky McKinley
21st Linda Arnold
Dick Collier
22nd Hazel Shay
23rd Debbie Smith
24th Stacey Bowman
25th Margaret Ellen Cole
26th Bruce Smith



*Let everything that has breath
praise the Lord! Ps 150:6*

AUGUST SPECIAL OFFERING

Close The Gap

Please Make Checks Payable to HTLC

Contributions may be mailed, dropped in the church mail slot, or in offering plate.

Monies received in the Special Offering envelope labeled for September will go to the General Fund for “Close the Gap” between our income and expenses.

Parish Education Notes:

- ◆ First Day of In-person Sunday School will be September 18, 2022 at 11:15 am.
- ◆ VBS at First English was a HUGE SUCCESS!
- ◆ Parish Ed has purchased an additional 24 large print NRSV bibles for use during Adult & youth Education classes.
- ◆ Two families will have children participate in Confirmation Classes in the Fall.
- ◆ Rally Day is Sunday, September 11. the theme is “Sundaes for Sunday” and will also be Bible Gifting Sunday

Dear Friends in Christ,
Thank you for your gift. Next week, our Minot campus is hosting its annual Ranch Olympics. They have a parade and opening ceremony followed by a campus-wide kickball game. Events run all week and feature sports such as sand volleyball, basketball, and relay races. The week will finish with a closing ceremony and awards for things such as best team spirit and best t-shirt design. it is sure to be a great time!

Blessings, Denise
Dakota Boys & Girls Ranch



Holy Trinity Family,

I have been overwhelmed by the kindness & thoughtfulness shown during my recovery from total knee replacement. Although recovery has been slower than anticipated, I have received wonderful care. Thank you for the cards, texts, phone calls, visits & food! We are blessed.
Linda & Jim Fleming

**Adult & Youth Education
Classes Resume**

On Sunday, September 18, the Wired Word will resume meeting in the Chapel at 11:15 am following the Worship Service.

Youth Education classes will be offered at 11:15am each Sunday, as well.

Youth Confirmation will happen this Fall. If you have a youth (7th grade or older) who is interested or if you have questions, please contact Pastor Kathy or Always Butz.

**DANCE LESSONS
IN SEPTEMBER**

**Ballroom - Thursdays @ 6-7pm
(free to church members or
\$7 per person)**

**Two Free Square Dance Lessons
Thursday, 9/22 & 9/29 @ 7-9pm**

An Endowment Note

The Purpose of the Endowment Fund (By-Laws and Guidelines - Article III)

- A) To enhance the work of the church by reaching out to those within our own congregation and beyond its doors, through monetary assistance;
- B) To further the work of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, or:
- C) To those outside the Body of Believers, if such a gift can effectively witness to God's message of salvation through faith in Jesus Christ.

It is time to consider recommendations for recipients of the Endowment Fund interest money. Application Forms can be found on the table outside the secretary's office or by request.

The deadline for submitting applications is November 1, 2022.

The Endowment Committee will prayerfully review each application and make a recommendation(s) to the church council. The church council will then provide the recommendation(s) to the congregation for a vote at the January congregational meeting.

FAMILY Outreach



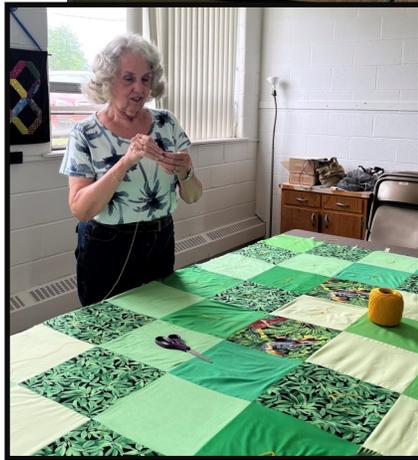


**On August 13,
HTLC co-hosted
Friends & Family
Day with Coming
Together in One
Accord and
assisted by Boy
Scouts Troop 152.**

**A good time was
had by all!!!**



QUILTMAKERS in Action!



If you have fabric left over from previous sewing projects that you no longer want or need, the HTLC Quilt Makers would appreciate any amount you are willing to share! Quilt Makers meet at 10am on the 2nd Wednesday every month. If you are interested in being part of this ministry, please see Sue Hendrickson or Bonnie Elias.

Do you ever shop on Amazon.com? Did you know Amazon will donate a portion of your eligible purchase (at no extra cost to you) to a charitable organization of your choice via the Amazon Smile program! You do NOT have to be an Amazon prime member to participate.

Simply visit: Smile.Amazon.Com and sign in using your regular Amazon login. You can enter the EIN number for HTLC as:

34-1008619 to find our organization. Select HTLC and then continue to shop. As always, if you have any questions or need help, please call the church office 419-756-7547 or send an email to Debbie at:

Secretary@HolyTrinityMansfield.org

If you shop at Kroger, are you signed up with Community Rewards?

Did you know that every time you shop, Kroger will make a donation to a charitable organization on your behalf, without costing you a penny? Holy Trinity is part of the Kroger Rewards Community and all monies donated to HTLC go into our Youth Fund.

If you have any questions, please call the church office at 419-756-7547 OR send an email to: Secretary@HolyTrinityMansfield.org

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed
<h1>September</h1>			
4 9am Parish Ed 10am Worship 1pm One Accord Worship	5 OFFICE CLOSED LABOR DAY	6 6pm Property Mtg	7 6-8pm Join E Scouts E
11 10am Worship 1pm One Accord Worship	12 6:30pm Scouts	13 9:30am Holy Carers 5:30p Council Potluck & Meeting 6:30pm Trinity Bells	14 10am Comfo
18 10am Worship 11:15am Education 1pm One Accord Worship TBD Confirmation Class 6-8pm Scouts Spaghetti Dinner / Cake Auction	19 6:30pm Scouts	20 6:30pm Trinity Bells 6:30pm Scouts	21 10am Pastor: 2pm Finance
25 10am Worship 11:15am Education 1pm One Accord Worship	26 6pm Social Mtg 6:30pm Scouts	27 6:30pm Trinity Bells 6:30pm Scouts	28 10am Pastor:

	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 10am Bible Study 11:30am Worship & Music Mtg 12:30 HTSingers 1:30pm Books, Coffee	2 3pm Movie Matinee	3
Join Boy Scouts Event	8 10am Bible Study 12:30 HTSingers 6pm Ballroom Lsns	9	10 7-10pm Square Dance / FH
Comfort Makers	15 10am Bible Study 12:30 HTSingers 6pm Ballroom Lsns	16 Chapel Reserved	17
Pastors Study & Service Mtg	22 10am Bible Study 12:30 HTSingers 1:30pm Pastors Study 6pm Ballroom Lsns 7pm *FREE* Square Dance Lsn	23	24
Pastors Study	29 10am Bible Study 1:30pm Pastors Study 6pm Ballroom Lsns 7pm *FREE* Square	30	Adult & Youth Education classes resume on Sunday, Sept 18

IN CHRIST'S

	Sept 4	Sept 11
Head Usher	JIM F	
Greeters	NORMA C	
Lectors	BONNIE ELIAS	JEAN ERWIN
Ushers	JERRY MURPHY, BONNIE ELIAS	JERRY MURPHY, BONNIE ELIAS, LINDA & GREG BOLTMAN
Altar Guild	YVONN	
Commun. Altar Asst	DICK & NA	
Offering Counters	LARRY & KAF	



WOMEN'S SERVICE

Sept 18

Sept 25

LINDA FLEMING

LINDA GARBERICH

LINDA FLEMING

RANDY STROEMER

**JERRY MURPHY, BONNIE
ELIAS, LINDA & GREG
BOLTMAN**

**JERRY MURPHY, LINDA &
GREG BOLTMAN,
GEORGE SMITH**

ANN SMITH

DIANE COLLIER

MARIE FEICHTNER



**Boy Scouts Troop 152
participated in the
Blueberry Festival Parade
in Lexington, OH**





**Boy Scouts Troop 152
held their Awards Ceremony
in the Fellowship Hall**



Property News

- * With audio upgrades installed in July, Jon Scheidt will look into recording sermons.
- * With A/C repair, a faulty switch was discovered and replaced.
- * Someone backed into the garage, damaging both doors & the pillar between. Repairs were made successfully. A police report was filed.
- * Parking lot light problem will be a task we can repair ourselves, at an estimated cost of \$1200.



Left: Damage
Right: Repair



**Left—OLD SWITCH
(corroded badly).
Below—NEW SWITCH**




**Church
PROPERTY**

**Damage to garage.
Repaired garage**



OUT WITH THE OLD, IN WITH THE NEW

On Saturday, August 13, a broken utility pole was replaced. The pole had rotted away and now it is good as new!



On Saturday, August 20, a trench was dug and new electrical wire was buried for our parking lot lights. Thank you to ALL who helped on this project!



Pastor Kathy continues to make home visits of the Holy Trinity family. If you don't sign-up for a visit, she will eventually be calling you to schedule a visit. Her calendar can be found on the Welcome Table in the narthex if you would like to sign-up for a visit.



Pastor Kathy needs help visiting homebound members with Holy Communion at least 3-4 times per year. If you would like to help her with giving Holy Communion to our homebound membership, please talk to her.

You don't need to make a year-long commitment if it doesn't fit your schedule, i.e., snowbirds are welcomed and encouraged to be communion visitors, too. Talk to Pastor Kathy soon if you are interested because she will need to host a training session or two.

**Assisted Listening Devices are now available
for use during worship.**

**This is just one result of our Technology Upgrade
efforts!**

To listen through your Smartphone, you will have to
download the free **Listen EVERYWHERE** App and
connect to HTLC's Wi-Fi network.

WiFi Password: **John3:16**

Capital J, no spaces, must include the colon :

**Join Us for
FAMILY MOVIE MATINEES**

**EVERY 1ST FRIDAY AT 3 PM
IN THE LOUNGE**

**Popcorn & Water provided!
(can bring other snacks & drinks)**

**Friday September 2
Overcomer**

*from the creators of War Room
filled with a powerful mix of faith, humor,
and heart, this inspirational story will have you
on the edge of your seat!*



SUNDAY FOOD COLLECTION

Your continued contributions bless our community every month! Thank you for your generosity in faithfully bringing non-perishable items to donate to local agencies. You can bring them every Sunday and they will be delivered to an agency in our community on a rotating basis each month.



Books, Coffee & Dessert Book Club

Book Club meets on the first Thursday at 1:30pm each month. Join us for discussion, fellowship and dessert. If you would like to know more about the book club, contact Linda Fleming @ 419-756-4929. All are welcome.

September – December 2022

<u>DATE</u>	<u>BOOK</u>	<u>AUTHOR</u>	<u>HOSTESS</u>
9/1	The Prayer Box	Lisa Wingate	Karen
10/6	The Extraordinary Life of Sam Hell	Robert Dugoni	@ Linda
11/3	The Answer is Reflections on My Life	Alex Trubek	@ Carol
12/1	Seven Days of Us	Frances Hornak	Linda F

I would like to thank the volunteers who have helped out in the church office, especially during this past summer.

I have been able to spend more time with my growing kids—one of whom will be a senior this year!

Thank you to: Bobbie Ballenger, Shelley Barber, Carol Bertholf, Nancy Collier, Bonnie Elias, Norma Garberich & Mary Steude for filling in for me!

And thank you to Pastor & Church Council for providing the flexibility to do so. I can't tell you how much I enjoyed it!

Blessings,

Debbie Taylor, Office Administrator



Please have your newsletter submission in the church office by the 15th of each month. Anything received after the 15th may be delayed until the next available newsletter.

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*9:30am-12:30pm Mon-Fri

VISION STATEMENT

Our vision is to be a Christ-centered Bible-based Church, equipping disciples with Scripture to share the good news of God's reconciling love with conviction, courage and compassion while responding to the needs of others in our community and the world.