

**HOLY TRINITY
LUTHERAN CHURCH**

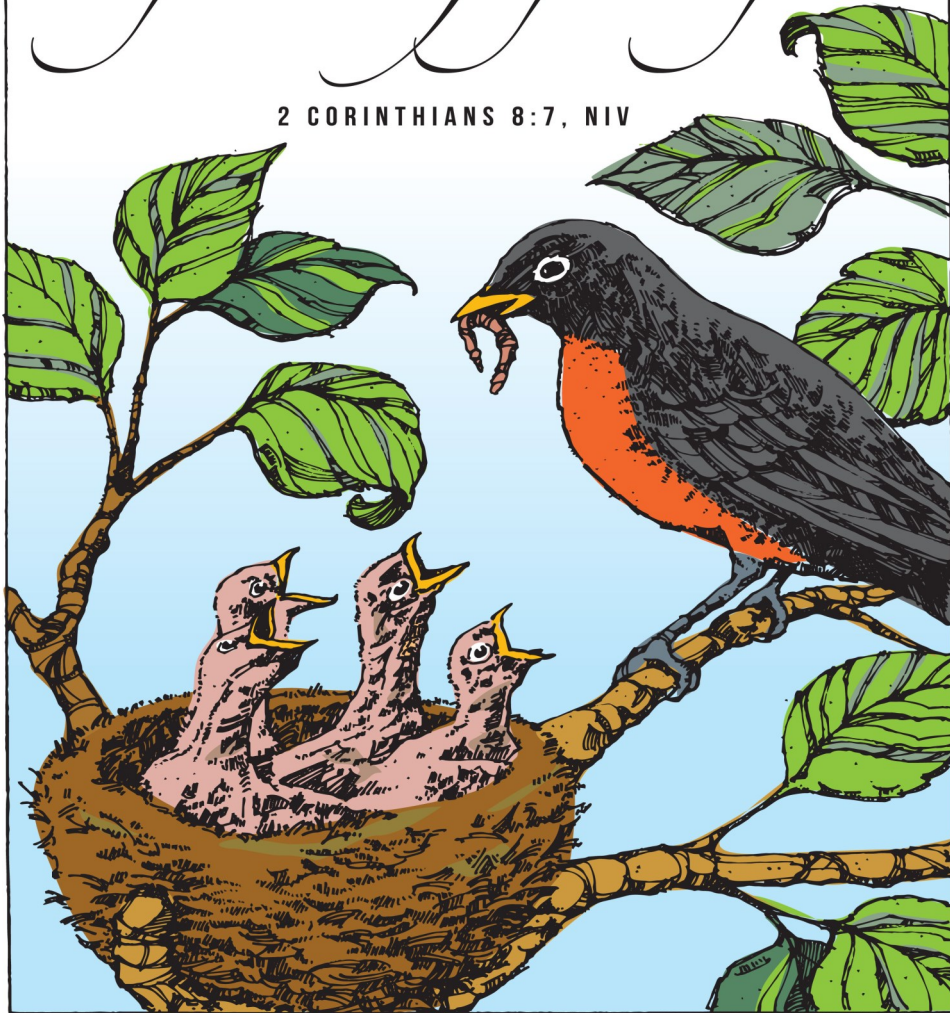
*To Be and To
Make Disciples
of Jesus Christ*

NEWSLETTER

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grace of giving.

2 CORINTHIANS 8:7, NIV



Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

One of the goals our council gave themselves for 2024 was to establish core values by Easter. Council was successful in completing this task. Now, you may wonder why it is necessary for us to have core values if we already have mission and vision statements. Well, core values help us when decisions must be made about what to say yes to and what to stop doing. This becomes especially important when identity is shifting, and resources are dwindling. Core values are a critical component of our congregation's identity because they explain why we do what we do.

They are to describe us when we are operating at our best, naming our best attributes on our best days.

Council met for several hours one Sunday afternoon to take note of themes and traits while we answered questions and shared stories. The questions for consideration were:

- What sets us apart from other congregations?
- What are Holy Trinity's strengths?
- What activities must be tended to, and if they weren't tended to there would be conflict?

For story time, each council member was to respond to one of the following prompts:

- Tell a story about a time when you felt most proud of being part of Holy Trinity. What was happening? Who was involved? What did those positive feelings prompt you to do?
- Reflecting on your entire experience at Holy Trinity, remember a time when you felt the most engaged, alive and motivated. Who was involved? What did you do? How did it feel?

We ended the day by noting what is important about our past, and discerning what is the best from our past that we will carry into the future.

Then, during our next council meeting, we reviewed all our notes from that Sunday afternoon to list characteristics that define Holy Trinity Lutheran Church.

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The final task for that evening was to narrow the list down to 3 or 4 characteristics. This was the most difficult task. And at our next council meeting we focused on those 3 or 4 characteristics and worked on wordsmithing our core values. Lastly, once we established core values we then attached Bible verses to them.

The following is what we finalized. I pray you find that these core values fit us, the people of Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, well, and can agree that they describe us when we are operating at our best, naming our best attributes on our best days.

Holy Trinity's Core Values

Biblical

All scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, so that everyone who belongs to God may be proficient, equipped for every good work.

2 Timothy 3:16-17

Missional

And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

Matthew 28:18-20

Compassionate

As [Jesus] went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd; and he began to teach them many things.

Mark 6:34

Your Sister in Christ,



Highlights of Pastor's Report for Council

- ◆ Upcoming vacation days and continuing education days are scheduled
- ◆ Lay Communion Visitors are being sent out to distribute communion to homebound
- ◆ Baptism and 2 Affirmation of Baptisms are scheduled to take place in May
- ◆ Participating in National Day of Prayer Parade with Godsfield
- ◆ Leading/Participating in the NALC Ohio Mission Region Convocation Friday, May 3rd – Saturday, May 4th

Pastor's Study on The Large Catechism:

The Lord's Prayer

Pastor Kathy's Catechism Study will resume on Thursday, June 20, at 10:00am. All are welcome. Come as you are able.

Happy Mother's Day!

Sunday, May 12



Jonathan & Rita Scheidt have moved to the Cincinnati area to be closer to their children. Their last Sunday service with us was Sunday, March 31.

We bid them farewell and Godspeed as they embarked on their new journey.

Their new address has been posted on the bulletin board in the Narthex.



4th—Dave Erwin	19th—Erica Bowman
7th—Mary Steward	Norma Garberich
Evelyn Stephan	20th—Roberta Karger
8th—Sylvia Thrush	21st—Arianna Zeigler
11th—Rex Litteral	24th—Joyce Duff
14th—Kathy Pennington	29th—Stephen McKown
16th—Brenda McKinley	
Chuck Robinson	

MAY SPECIAL OFFERING

Property / Building Improvement

Please Make Checks Payable to HTLC

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

The May Special Offering envelope supports the Property Committee take care of the building improvements. Please refer to the Property Committee report (in the Narthex) to see what projects they are addressing now and planning for in the near future. Please see Jerry Unruh if you have any questions.

Remembering Moms as A Shoulder to Lean On: Support Richland Pregnancy Services



In what has become a tradition at Holy Trinity, the Social Ministry Committee is again asking you to donate to Richland Pregnancy Services on Mother's Day.

A table containing baby bottles will be set up in the narthex on May 5th. Take one home and fill it with a generous donation on Mother's Day. Your pledge will be matched with a donation from the tithing fund.

Richland Pregnancy Services offers medical services such as pregnancy testing, ultrasounds, and STD testing and treatment. They offer parenting classes, mom-to-mom mentoring, a store for purchasing needed supplies, and after abortion support. The fathers are also included with a Dad-to-Dad program. Their service is essential to let those struggling realize that they are not alone. It is an essential service.



When Do I Have Enough? *Rev. Dr. Amy Little*

It's easy to give thanks to God when everything is going well, when we feel secure, when our bodies are functioning perfectly and nothing hurts. In those times we can praise the Lord for his goodness and mercy.

It's the times when we are struggling that we need help giving thanks—when bills are left unpaid, when our health is a challenge, when our children are in need and we don't have the resources, energy, or patience to deal with everything. St. Paul's words to us in those difficult seasons of life are precious and encouraging.

"Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you" (1 Thessalonians 5:15-18).

"Rejoice always!" We are called to be joyful in the good times and in the bad because we have Jesus! We have the promise of new life and God's providential care and comfort. With joyful hearts we can sense God's presence.

"Pray without ceasing!" Never stop offering cares and concerns and joys to the Lord. He wants to hear from Us! Not because he doesn't already know the state of our heart, but because he wants us to *know* that he knows!

Paul says it is God's will in Jesus Christ that we give thanks no matter what's going on around us, in us and through us. This is the way of discipleship! When we give thanks in all circumstances, we come to realize that we have enough. God provides all we need for the day. Tomorrow is another day, and he will provide for that day as well.

First Hot Point: Are you a glass half empty or a glass half full kind of person? It might be a cliché, but there's great truth in it. Do you give thanks for all that you have, or do you spend time lamenting about what you don't have?

Second Hot Point: Paul was consistent with his message to rejoice and pray. To the Philippians, he wrote, *"Rejoice in the Lord always: again I will say, rejoice. Let your* **CONTD**

reasonableness be known to everyone. The Lord is at hand; do not be anxious about anything but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God." (Philippians 4:6-8). At the end of the chapter he concludes: *"And my God will supply every need of yours according to his riches in glory in Christ Jesus"* (v. 19). If you really look at your life, do you have what you need, or are you lacking? If you're lacking, pray to the Lord to provide for all your needs. If you have all you need for the day, give thanks and marvel at the wondrous gifts of God and how blessed you are.

Third Hot Point: This is an attitude of abundance, rather than an attitude of scarcity. You may not have everything you want, but I'm willing to bet you have all you need from day to day. Perhaps there was a time when you were in need and God provided for you just in time—not too early and definitely not too late! Trust the Lord to give you blessings, as he said: *"Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives, and the one who seeks finds, and to the one who knocks it will be opened"* (Matthew 7:7-8).

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Do not be
anxious
about
anything.
Philippians 4:6

EASTER SUNDAY V



WORSHIP SERVICE



MY
REDEEMER
LIVES!

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WED
<i>May 2024</i>			
5	6	7	
10a Worship Service	9:30a Journeymen Activity w/Sisters		
11:15a Youth/Adult Ed		5:15p HT Bells	10a Quil
11:30a Confirmation Class		6p Property Mtg	
		6p Parish Ed Mtg	
		6p Line Dancing	
12	13	14	
Mother's Day			
10a Worship Service		10a Holy Carers Mtg	
11:15a Youth/Adult Ed			
		5:15 HT Bells (last)	
	6:30p Scouts Advancement	6p Line Dancing	
		6:30p Council Meeting	
19	20	21	
Pentecost			
10a Worship Service	9:30 Journeymen/McD's		
11:15a Youth/Adult Ed		1p Outreach Meeting	2p Finar
Confirmation Reception			
26	27	28	
Trinity Sunday	Memorial Day		
10a Worship Service	Office Closed		

WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2	3	4
	10a Bible Study		
	12p HT Singers		
	1:30p Books, Coffee & Dessert Book Club		
	6p Ballroom Lessons		
8	9	10	11
	10a Bible Study		
Quilt Makers	11:30 W&M Meeting		
	12p HT Singers (last)		
	6p Ballroom Lessons		
15	16	17	18
		<i>Office Closed</i>	
		Newsletter Deadline	
	6p Ballroom Lessons		
22	23	24	25
		<i>Office Closed</i>	
Finance Meeting			St Luke's Meals
			7p Square Dance
29	30	31	
		<i>Office Closed</i>	

IN CHRIST'S		
	SUNDAY MAY 5	SUNDAY MAY 12 Mother's Day
Head Usher	JIM FLEMING	
Greeter	KAREN TICKNOR	
Lectors	BONNIE ELIAS	BARBARA FRAIFOGL
Cantors	DICK COLLIER	KATHY GLESSNER
Ushers	MIRIAM MYERS, TOM SWEET,	
Communion Assistants	DON & ROBERTA KARGER	
Altar Guild	CAROL BERTHOLF & CONNIE ZAPPONE	
Counters	DICK & NANCY COLLIER	
Water Plants		



WOMEN'S SERVICE

**SUNDAY MAY 19
Pentecost**

SUNDAY MAY 26

JIM FLEMING

KAREN TICKNOR

LINDA FLEMING

KATHY GLESSNER

BARNEY MUSSELMAN

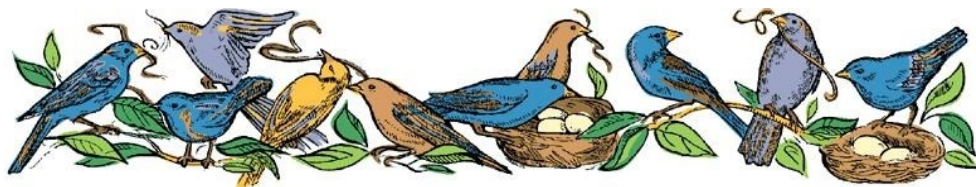
**NANCY COLLIER & CAROL
BERTHOLF**

AND CHUCK & SHIRLEY ROBINSON

DON & ROBERTA KARGER

CAROL BERTHOLF & CONNIE ZAPPONE

DICK & NANCY COLLIER



NEWS & Notes

Check Out the Bulletin Boards in the main hallways for all kinds of information: Missions Support, Local Food Banks & Help Agencies, Thank You notes—and other useful information!

Sign Up To Serve

Sign up now to serve June thru August as a Sunday morning Greeter, Usher, to Water Plants weekly or to provide Cookies after service.

The sheet is at the Welcome Table!

If you have missed a service or you want to review notes you made during a service, we continue to post Pastor's sermons on our website. Visit us at HolyTrinityMansfield.org and scroll down on the homepage where you will find the most recent service posted for your listening convenience.

And in the SoundCloud box, if you click on the church's name, you will be directed to her previous sermons, as well.

Carol Bertholf & Jean
Erwin visited Emory
Lynch in April.



**NOW MAY OUR
LORD JESUS CHRIST
HIMSELF, AND GOD OUR FATHER,
WHO LOVED US AND GAVE US
ETERNAL COMFORT AND GOOD HOPE
THROUGH GRACE,
COMFORT YOUR HEARTS
AND ESTABLISH THEM
IN EVERY GOOD WORK AND WORD.**

2 THESSALONIANS 2:16-17, ESV



No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. ~ John 15:13



Holy Carers:

Continue to communicate with your shut-ins and visit them when you can. Cards, notes and phone calls are so uplifting!



Shut-in Visitation

BOOKS, COFFEE & DESSERT BOOK CLUB

The book club will meet May 2, at 1:30 p.m. in the home of Linda Fleming to discuss the book *A Study in Scarlet* by Sir Arthur Conan Doyle.

This book was first published in 1887 and marks the debut of famous detective duo Sherlock Holmes and Dr. John Watson. Join us for discussion, fellowship and dessert. If you have questions, contact Linda Fleming @ 419-756-4929 or Bonnie Elias @ 419-756-7720.

Date	Book	Author	Host
6/ 6	The Shell Seekers	Rosamunde Pilcher	Linda F

SUNDAY FOOD COLLECTION

Your non-perishable donations are a gift to those in need!

Every month we deliver your food donations to a local agency: Salvation Army, Domestic Violence Shelter or Wayfinders (formerly Harmony house).

Bring in your canned or boxed goods and add them to the shelves in the Narthex.



AN ENDOWMENT NOTE

Purpose of the Endowment Fund

"To enhance the work of the church by reaching out to those within our own congregation and beyond its doors through monetary assistance."

A person can be generous in many ways, such as giving his/her time and talents to causes that matter to him or her. One way in which you can demonstrate your values is by giving back financially.

- * *Spontaneous giving* - no preparation but usually a spur-of-the moment such as through giving to disaster relief efforts.
- * *Intentional giving* - giving on a regular basis like giving because it feels right.
- * *Planned giving*- making a significant gift financially as a strategy. Planned or intentional giving can include cash, required minimum distribution from IRAs (if 71-1/2 or older), life insurance, stocks, beneficiary proceeds, etc.

Do you have a child or grandchild that desires to attend a Christian based summer program?

Our Congregation has an established Campership/ Youth program fund that might be able to assist with the cost of attending such a program!

For more information, please feel free to contact any Parish Education Community Member or Always Butz (Parish Ed. Committee Chair).

While Adult & Youth Education classes take a break during the summer, the Parish Ed Committee will remain busy and plans to meet at 9am on the first Sunday of each month, unless noted otherwise on the calendar.

Parish Ed Committee will meet on Tuesday, May 7 at 6pm.

The last Sunday School youth education classes will take place on Sunday, May 12. This date will also be Affirmation of Baptism with a reception following the service.

The Wired Word Adult Class will end on Sunday, May 12, as well.

Watch for news about Parish Ed activities and show your support for the youth of our church and community!







Show us your
steadfast love,
O LORD,
and grant us
your salvation.

PSALM 85:7

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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.