

**October
2024**



Autumn Blessings to you!

Dear siblings in Christ, Fall has arrived as well as our program year at Trinity! Music, Sunday School, and other activities are once again in full swing at our congregation as the weather cools. Along with this start to the season, we also find ourselves in the midst of harvesting, and our postcard photo this month is focused on harvesting as a lesson in abundance! A local farm in the area (Puehler AgCo Inc) opened up their ready-to-harvest vegetables for our congregation to put on our free community produce stand. Big thanks to Jeff Hench who spent MANY days over there picking peppers and other produce to fill our stand and offer fresh produce to our community. This exchange is a fantastic example of sharing what we can in abundance! These peppers were available abundantly and the farm where they were grown allowed that abundance to be harvested and shared with the community! As we consider our own opportunities for generosity and abundance this Fall, I find hope and inspiration in this bursting-full free produce stand offered for our community, and the donations of time and vegetables that went into this showing of abundant generosity! May God continually support our ministries here at Trinity so that we might act with the same abundance that is so graciously bestowed upon us!

In abundant peace,

Pastor Ashley

Pastoral Acts

Baptism

Wilder Shepherd Makula

September 22, 2024

Pastor Ashley Rosa-Ruggieri

Pastor Ashley's Open Hours

Wednesday: 9:00 am-12:00 pm at Trinity

Friday: 9:00 am-11:00 am in the Community

Open Hours are set times when Pastor Ashley will be available for meeting, chatting, praying, etc.

Wednesday Open Hours will be at Trinity and on Fridays they will be Community Open Hours at a local coffee shop or restaurant.

Community Open Hours Locations :

October 4 - Red Rambler

October 11– Special Grounds

October 18 - Biggby

October 25 - Red Rambler

If these times do not work for you, please talk to Pastor Ashley on Sunday to schedule a time to meet, or email her at

PastorAshleyRR@gmail.com. She would be happy to set-up a time that works for you!

Pastoral Care for Surgery, Hospital Stays, and Home Visits

If you are having a surgery and would like a prayer beforehand or a hospital/at home visit, please let Pastor Ashley or the office know. She is available to walk with us in these times of healing and the best way to make sure she knows your pastoral care needs is to contact her yourself. The hospital does not contact churches like they might have in the past when someone is there. When these occasions arise, you can contact her using any of the ways below, or in advance in-person when possible.

Office: (419)335-5651

Cell: (515)205-5018

Email: pastorashleyrr@gmail.com

October is
Pastor Appreciation Month!

Remember Pastor Ashley in October as we thank her for everything that she has done for us since she started here three years ago.

Pastor Appreciation Month is the perfect time to show our gratitude!

Thank you Pastor Ashley !!

Synod Immigration Informational Event

(The Northwestern Ohio Synod (NWOS) is hosting an event at Olivet Lutheran Church in Sylvania, OH on Sunday, October 27, 2024 from 3:00-4:30 pm. Immigration is an important topic in our context in the NWOS, as well as one of the many ministries accomplished by our companion synod, the Lutheran Church in Mexico (ILM). This event will include a presentation by a recently returned Young Adult in Global mission, Shannon Baker, who will share stories about her experiences serving in Mexico, an informational video shared by our partners at the ILM, and a plethora of resources where you can find more information, offer support, and get involved with immigration ministries! There will also be an opportunity for confirmation aged youth to participate in a youth simulation and discussion about the journey of an unaccompanied minor, using resources from Global Refuge. Join us at this informative event as we learn more about the immigration system from many different lenses and experiences.

Worship

SUNDAY

9:30 a.m. Worship with Holy Communion every week

THURSDAY

6:00 p.m. Informal Worship with Holy communion every week

Sunday services continue to be broadcast at 9:30 a.m. on our Facebook page and on our website, www.trinitywauseon.org. These videos will remain on our Facebook page and website. They can be viewed at any time. **Our weekly services can also be viewed on INTV**

Pet Blessing Service

Come join us as we celebrate the blessings of our life companions during worship on **Thursday, October 3, 2024!**

Celebrate the feast day of St. Francis a day early by joining us for Thursday worship at 6:00 pm while bringing along your pets or animals from home (or bring a photo if they do not do well with other animals or are too big to transport)!

We will have a short service outdoors with songs, a few scripture readings, and a time of blessing our pets near and far. Rejoice in the beauty of all creatures of creation, big and small, as we give thanks for the blessing of relationship!

Sunday/Thursday Worship Changes Announcement

To better accommodate special services and this season of the church, worship services from September 26 - November 10 will be altered in how they connect with each other. For most weeks during this time, the worship readings/liturgy will match the Sunday service with the Thursday after it, rather than the Thursday before. Some weeks during this time will also connect Thursday/Sunday worship services that are not consecutive. We will return to the normal flow on worship connection starting November 14th. The main holy days during this time will be celebrated on these dates:

Reformation Worship: October 27th & 31st

All Saints Day: November 3rd & 7th

If you have any questions about specific dates, please reach out to Pastor Ashley.

OUR WORSHIP RESPOSE

	In person attendance		
	Thursday	Sunday	Total
August 22/25	30	94	124
August 29/Sept. 1	20	52	72
September 5/8	17	116	133
September 12/15	24	143	167
September 19/22	29	138	167

Choir News....

The Senior Choir is looking for new and former members!

The choir rehearsals are on Wednesday evenings. We meet from 6:30 pm. and end at 7:30pm. If you enjoy singing, come help us to "Make A Joyful Noise To The Lord! Join us and enjoy the fellowship and ministry.

Worship Team meets on Wednesdays twice a month at 7:30pm. If you are interested in joining our group, please talk to Verlinda Schantz.

Attention Musicians -

The Worship team is looking for a drummer and a guitar player. If you are interested, or know anyone who may be interested, talk to Verlinda Schantz or Aimee in the office.

PARISH EDUCATION

Bible Study Opportunities:

Lutheran Men In Mission Bible Study - Saturday
October 12th at 7:30a.m. (see more info in LMM section of
newsletter)

Hannah Bible Study Group - Thursday, October 15th
at 7:00p.m. in the Lounge (see TWELCA section of news-
letter)

Sarah Bible Study Group –Tuesday, October 10th at
6:45p.m. in the Lounge. (see TWELCA section of newslet-
ter)

Word Incarnate Bible Study - Sunday, October 27 at
10:45a.m. in the Fellowship Hall.



**Sunday School Classes
meet every Sunday at 8:30am
for ages 2 to adult !!**

Bible Seekers, grades 3,4,5

October 16 - 6:00pm - in Jr. High Room

Catechism, grades 6, 7 & 8

October 2- 7:00pm in Lounge

October 9 - 7:00pm in Lounge

October 16- 7:00pm in Fellowship Hall

October 23- 7:00pm in Lounge

October 30 - 7:00pm in Lounge

Senior Luther League, grades 9,10,11,12

October 2- Faith Formation - Bonfire - 7:00pm

October 9 - Service Activity – Food Pantry-7:00pm

October 13 - Activity - Leaders Farm - 1:45p.m.

October 16 - Pumpkin Fundraiser - 6:30 pm in F. Hall

October 30 - Life Planning - 7:00pm - in Fellowship Hall

Diakonia Announcement

Are you interested in learning more about theology, the Bible, the church, or your own faith? Then Diakonia is a great place to start out! Pastor Ashley has been teaching the Introduction to the New Testament class since 2023, and highly recommends these classes for anyone looking to learn more about the topics listed above. Courses are 5 weeks long, take place on Thursday evenings, and are taught completely online, which means you can take them from wherever you are! To learn more about the classes, check out www.growinginfaithohio.org and **check out the class list on the next page of the Tidings**. Pastor Ashley would also be happy to answer any questions or help you get started!

2024-2025 Course Offerings

**Course dates are subject to change at the discretion of the Instructor.*

Foundations Classes:

Worship Matters

Sep 26, Oct 3, 10, 17, 24

Christianity in a Lutheran Key

Nov 7, 14, 21, Dec 5, 12

Intro to Old Testament

Dec 19, Jan 2, 9, 16, 23

Intro to New Testament

Feb 6, 13, 20, 27, Mar 6

Lutheran Creeds & Confessions

Mar 20, 27, Apr 3, 10, 24

Living as Christians in the World

May 8, 15, 22, 29, June 5

2024-2025 Course Offerings

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Practical Classes:

Pastoral Care

Sep 26, Oct 3, 10, 17, 24

Church History

Nov 7, 14, 21, Dec 5, 12

Elective TBD

Dec 19, Jan 2, 9, 16, 23

Elective TBD

Feb 6, 13, 20, 27, Mar 6

Cultural Diversity

Mar 20, 27, Apr 3, 10, 24

Christian Ethics

May 8, 15, 22, 29, June 5

Open Your Bible

“Your Word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.—Ps. 119:105

October Gospel Readings

Week of October 6— Mark 10:2-16 — “[Let the children come to me...”

Week of October 13— Mark 10:17-31 — for God all things are possible

Week of October 20— Mark 10:35-45 — the Son of Man came ... to serve

Week of October 27 —John 8:31-36— “The truth will make you free”

A Psalmody for October

O Lord, our Sovereign, how majestic is your name in all the earth! You have set your glory above the heavens. —Psalm 8:1

Bible Verses for the Month

●Clip it out ●Put it in a handy spot ●Read it frequently ●Commit to memory



Be still, then, and know that I am God; I will be exalted among the nations; I will be exalted in the earth.” The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our stronghold. —Psalm 46:10,11

All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God; they are now justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus —Romans 3:23,24

Jesus speaking] “Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. Truly I tell you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will never enter it.” And he took them up in his arms, laid his hands on them, and blessed them. —Mark 10:14-16

Seek good and not evil, that you may live; and so the Lord, the God of hosts, will be with you. —Amos 5:14

Teach us to number our days that we may apply our hearts to wisdom. —Psalm 90:12

EVANGELISM

TRUNK OR Treat

The colors on the leaves are finally changing, but this is OHIO and the weather feels like summer and if you participated in Trinity's Trunk 'n Treat last year we had SNOW!! Which brought our event inside for most. But Fall is here, and so is Halloween and Trinity's Annual Trunk 'n



Treat. We are scheduling this event the same day as Wauseon's Trick or Treat –Thursday, October 31st. If you would like to participate with the Trunk 'n Treat, here is what you do:

Decorate your vehicle and pass out candy to the local witches, princesses, monsters, animals (the two-legged humankind LOL!), etc. Dressing up is optional but is encouraged and it's also FUN!!! Once your/our candy is gone, you close your trunk and set back and relax. We normally get approximately 300 trick or treaters come through.

We ask that you arrive about 5:45 p.m. so that we can set the parking up for the number of vehicles. There will be a sign up sheet on the Main Bulletin Board.

If you would have loved to participate and cannot, please think about donating one, two, or three bags of candy. Please drop it off at the church office. This is greatly appreciated!!

If you have any questions, please contact Becky Dickson.

October Candle Blowers

1 Amy Miller	22 Carol England	<p><i>Please contact the church office if we missed your special day...we like to include all our members on our Birthday list! Thank you</i></p>
2 Jerry Yackee	23 Thad Jimenez	
6 Cathy Croninger	26 CJ Moser	
8 Steve McClain	27 Karen Frazier	
9 Zayden Chittenden Kinsley Buhrman	28 Brent Gibson	
10 Roger Warncke	29 John Fry Brandon Schantz	
12 Carol Rorick Emmett Schudel	31 Dan Miller	
14 Beth Friess		
15 Mary Arruda Rick Sluder		
16 Arlene Windisch Nellie Martin Devon York Deb Boyers	<p><u>Nifty 90's</u></p> <p>Jerry Yackee Don Warncke Arlene Windisch</p>	
17 Eric Patty		
18 Rheta Weber		
19 Don Warncke		
20 Elise Jimenez		



OUTREACH MINISTRIES

Migrant Rest Center Outreach- 2024 Overview

The Rest Center is a homeless shelter for area counties during the fall and winter months. They have a different work load outside of the busy summer months. The caseworkers still work with families in need just like other social service agencies do. We are no longer collecting items at the Cross. Save your donations for Spring 2025.

We want to thank everyone that donated this year. Your generosity is appreciated. We made a few trips to the Rest Center with Trinity's donations and they are always happy at our load and the quality of donations. If you would like to donate money to this ministry, give it in your weekly tithing.

Thanks to Aimee H and her team from the Coat Closet. They have wonderful outreach in giving beautiful winter coats and hats to people Dora works with all year.

Our Caring Cupboard also helps the families at the rest Center with food. This ministry is solid and much needed.

A Thrivent Grant for \$250 was written to give out a variety of balls at the Farm Festival Event in August. Can you imagine what \$250 balls look like? Lots of fun for all age groups with our balls.

Thanks to the handful of members who helped bag up individual toiletry bags at "Gods Work our Hands" event in September. Dora and her team will hand out the bags when someone comes in for the shelter or work.

Dora (caseworker) asks us for **Beanie Babies and stuffed animals** for the children next year. A Trinity member donated a box full of Beanie Babies this year and the children's joy that was felt as they were handing them out at the Farmer Workers Festival was very visible. If you have stuffed animals to donate, leave them at the foot of the wooden cross and we will store them until next summer.

Other needs to save until 2025:

- Water bottles or small water jugs or small coolers
- Towels, sheets, sleeping bags and bed pillows
- Brimmed hats
- Sunscreen
- Long sleeved women and men shirts-any size, must be washable

Thank you. Migrant Outreach Committee 2024

*"Share with the Lord's people
who are in need. Practice hospitality"
(Romans 12:13, NIV).*



2025 Relay for Life has started! I do not know the totals at this time for 2024, but will share with you as soon as I receive them. Fulton County as of 9/21/2024 has raised \$380.75, which does not include the amount raised for the Trivia Night (\$883.00) of the \$54,000 goal.

Trinity has raised \$320.75, which does not include the amount of \$176.60 from the Trivia Night.

The following fundraising activities are coming up!

- October/November/December: Hand-made Christmas cards 6/\$10 or 10/\$15.
- October 10th: Fall and Thanksgiving cards at the Wauseon Public Library.
- October/November: University of Michigan and Ohio State shirts – All Fulton County Team event.
- November 1st-3rd: Scrapbooking at the Scrapbook Korner in Archbold-**SOLD OUT!!!**
- November 7th: Christmas Cards at the Wauseon Public Library.
- November 8th-10th: Scrapbooking at the Scrapbook Korner in Archbold – Half Full!
- November 21st: Designer Purse and Power Tool Bingo at the VFW in Wauseon – more information coming soon. This is an All Fulton County Team event.
- November: Start selling 12 Days of Christmas tickets – Win various gift cards. All Fulton County Team event.

Please watch the Tidings, Bulletins, and bulletin board for activities that our Fulton County Relay for Life is having. We are still raising funds to conquer CANCER, just a little bit different, all year round. Thank you to all of you for your continuing support of this amazing event!

Wauseon Community Meal

Trinity will be providing the Community Meal on Thursday, October 3, 2024 at Christ United Methodist Church, Wauseon. We need volunteers for serving and cleanup. There is a sign up sheet on the bulletin board in the hallway for workers. All are welcome to join in the meal. Any questions, please contact Jeff Hench, Phyllis Precht, or Jeanne Andre.



Community Meals

Trinity's Outreach Coat Ministry

It's that time of year again! We will again be holding our Coat Closet Open House on Saturday, October 19 from 9:00a.m. to 12:00p.m. This will be open to those in the community in need of warm coats. **If you would like to help on this day contact Aimee in the office.**

We are asking for donations of new or slightly worn winter coats at this time. We do not take coats that are dry clean only. Please wash your coats and put them in a bag marked as washed. We are also accepting monetary donations to purchase coats. Thank you for your support of this ministry!

Caring Cupboard – Trinity's Food Pantry

Trinity's Outreach Mission for our neighbors in need since 1980

Thanks for your food and monetary donations in September. We appreciate our members helping fill our shelves so we can pack a good variety of good food items.

We will be focusing on Thanksgiving and Christmas with our food baskets the next few months. This month the SLL youth will be helping to bag up thanksgiving type items in a gallon size zip bag filled with specialty items. We have purchased canned turkey so we just need the things to go with the turkey. Please consider donating the following items to help us fill our baskets to include a holiday meal.

For this month we need :

- **Stove top stuffing**
- **Turkey gravy in jar or in a packet**
- **Instant mashed potatoes**
- **Canned green beans (2 needed per bag)**
- **Fried Crisp onions. (for green bean casserole)**
- **Corn muffin mix**
- **Canned corn**

Children needs

- **Individual puddings or applesauce**
- **Chicken noodle soup**
- **Graham crackers**

*Place your food donations in the shopping cart by the office between benches. Thanks for supporting this **outreach mission**.*

Matthew 25:35 *“For I was hungry, and you gave me something to eat: I was thirsty, and you gave me drink: I was a stranger, and took me in”*

Caring Cupboard Team : Marle Weber, Suzanne zumFelde, Lynne Boyers, Ann Holthues, Sam and Sandy Denn, Carol Rorick, Phyllis Precht, Judy Warncke, Jeanette Rorick

Pastor Tim's Community Garden October Update

Thanks to the planting and harvesting team of Kim and Cindy Fry and Jeff Hench for their hard work in our garden. Their efforts have filled our produce stand for community outreach. Cindy posts on social media everyday on what has been harvested and it doesn't take long for the stand to be empty. This team keeps the garden planted, cleaned, rotated, terrain cleaned and new planting beds built and filled. They have engaged in conversations with guests coming to our produce stand and are thanked for this outreach.

We are grateful for church members and other community members who drop off their extra produce to add to our garden vegetables. Items dropped off go beyond garden produce, like cereal, bread and soups. Some companies have donated many fresh strawberries, cabbage and peppers.

A few fall vegetables were planted in September, like beets and radishes, and will be harvested this fall even after the first frost. Garlic was planted and will be harvested next spring.

Special thanks to Robert Nafziger and John Mull for their excavating, stump removal and helping with moving dirt and concrete this summer. We can't forget Sam Denn and all the Trustees who have helped a lot with many project for this garden.

During the week of September 30, our garden will be getting a fall clean-up. Come help the garden team do the light work needed to close it down for the winter. This team will be grateful for your hour or two of help. Watch for Cindy's post as to when they will be there working. Let's give the team a helping hand for this wonderful outreach ministry.

Suzanne zumfelde



For the month of October, the center will be having Fall Harvest parties and our annual Dad's Day. This allows the kids and families to go into the Fellowship Hall and enjoy snacks, games, and crafts.

The Toddlers in Miss. Alli's class will be learning about Fire safety and what to do in case of a fire. The children will learn to stop, drop and roll if a fire was to happen. The class will also be learning about the community helpers in our town. We will be learning about the different jobs each community helper does and why they are important to the community.

Miss. Brooke and Miss. Michelle's class will be learning all about the 3 and 4-year-old extended care children. The class will be going over All About Me material. The class will learn about who they are as a person. The class will also be going over who is in their families, who we consider family and what makes a family unique. The children will also be learning about Apples, how do apples grow, how we can use apples in different cooking styles. All things Apples the 3 and 4- year-old extended care class will also be making homemade apple butter.

Miss. Tessa and the Kindergarten Readiness class will be learning about their five senses. The children will learn how we can use our five senses and improve those strengths. The class will be using there five senses to investigate a pumpkin. The class will also be learning about community helpers and have a guest speaker come in and talk to them about being a nurse.

Miss. Hannah and Mrs. Nicole's class will be learning what to do if a fire was to happen, where to go during a fire, why we stop, drop and roll during a fire. The school agers will also learn why the leaves change colors in fall time. The class will be making leaf butterflies and a painted pumpkin. Miss. Hannah also has planned for the school agers to do a cool pumpkin science experiment.

God's Blessing,
Allison VerMeulen





TLC Child Center

A Three Star Center-Established in 2003

October has some fun activities and events planned for our children. Weather is still good enough for outside playground time, which is their favorite. Our Center follows state requirements for teaching specific curriculum to the children based on age, to prepare them for their kindergarten year and beyond. Engaging in teacher planned play enhances their learning.

Our volunteer board of directors are super proud of Nicole Miller and her leadership as our Director. She has grown in the job, starting out as a teacher years ago, and now hiring, training, scheduling staff, creating and following a budget and engaging the parents. Kudos to her for a job well done.

Details on our Center Operations

Open 6:00 am-5:00 pm for ages 18 months – 11 years

- Experienced teachers and staff (some have been with us since we opened in 2003)
- Active church members receive a tuition discount-ask when enrolling
- Educational curriculum is every day from 8:45-11:30 for all young children in attendance
- During the school year our Pre-K program (for those entering Kindergarten the following year) operates 5 mornings a week
- School-Age: Before and after school program for children with Wauseon Schools bus pick-up and drop-off includes care on Wauseon school closed days (weather/teacher in-service days etc) for added fee
- Special Summer Program for school-age children
- Children have Chapel every week
- *Call if you have any questions or want to donate to our Center: 419.335.6970*

STEWARDSHIP

AUGUST MONTHLY FINANCIALS

MONTHLY BUDGETED INCOME	\$29,422.00	MONTHLY BUDGETED EXPENSES	\$29,422.00
MONTHLY ACTUAL INCOME	\$19,013.49	MONTHLY ACTUAL EXPENSES	\$26,543.08
YTD BUDGETED INCOME	\$235,376.00	YTD BUDGETED EXPENSES	\$235,376.00
YTD ACTUAL INCOME	\$203,237.73	YTD ACTUAL EXPENSES	\$189,431.73

NON-BUDGETED GIVING

	2024	AUG 4	AUG 11	AUG 18	AUG 25	TOTAL
Capital Improvement	\$	706.00	\$ 237.00	\$ 363.00	\$ 519.00	\$ 1,825.00
Mission Support -INTV	\$	210.00	\$ 113.00	\$ 90.00	\$ 101.00	\$ 514.00
Sunday School						-
Multimedia	\$	60.00	\$ 60.00	\$ 60.00	\$ 60.00	\$ 240.00
Lutheran Home Society	\$	25.00	\$ 25.00	\$ 25.00	\$ 25.00	\$ 100.00
Caring Cupboard	\$	120.00	\$ 150.00	\$ 150.00	\$ 150.00	\$ 420.00
Altar Paraments		\$	40.00	\$ 30.00		\$ 70.00
Flower Project						-
Quilt Workshop				\$	30.00	\$ 50.00
Migrant Ministry	\$	50.00	\$	25.00		\$ 75.00
Chapel Restoration	\$	70.00				\$ 70.00

Mission Support for October

RIP Medical Debt

*Please write this in on the “other” line
on your envelope

Sunday Offering

LWR World Hunger

Fall Stewardship

It doesn't seem possible that Fall is here already and the end of 2024 is rushing toward us as well. That means it is time for every committee or group to submit **2025 budget requests** to Treasurer Amy Miller in the office. Please remember the more complete you make this request, the more accurate our budget can be. Thanks for your help.

**Watch for your 2025 Estimate of Giving Cards
coming in the mail in October**

Did you know that you can give through our website
(one time donation or scheduled giving):

trinitywauseon.net

then click on “Donate ” at the top right corner.



You can also scan this QR code to go right to the
donations page .

TWELCA

Upcoming TWELCA Dates

October 7 - 7:00pm TWELCA Board Meeting in lounge

October 11– 13 Women’s Retreat at Camp Lutherwald

November 21 & 24 TWELCA Thankoffering Services

Sarah Bible Study Group - All ladies are welcome to join in fellowship and a Bible study on Thursday, October 10. We will be meeting in the church lounge following the Thursday evening worship service. Deb Boyers will lead the study and Connie Fry is the hostess.

Hannah Bible Study Group - We will meet on Tuesday, October 15 at 7:00pm in the lounge. Mindy Dunbar will be leading the bible study and Nancy Kiepert will serve as hostess. We will be using the September/October study from the Gather magazine.

Lutheran Men in Mission

TEMPORARY LOCATION CHANGE

The men’s breakfast and bible study will still be held on Saturday, Oct. 12. at 7:30 a.m. Due to the maintenance being done on the floors in the fellowship hall, our breakfast and bible study will take place in the upstairs church lounge. Russ Rice will lead the Bible study and Steve Dettmer will be in charge of the breakfast. Please let Steve know if you will be coming by texting 419-340-7259 or email stevepatd@gmail.com.

ADMINISTRATIVE

Trinity Lutheran Church Council Minutes 9/10/2024

Present: Pastor Ashley, Russ Rice, Marle Weber, Charlie Meyer, LouAnn Wheeler, Amy Miller, Marlene Clark, Neil Weber, Lisa Rupp, Mindy Dunbar, Jill Anderson, Robert Nafziger, Reid Rice, Terry Clark (by video)

Excused: Sam Denn, Dan Miller

Meeting was called to order by Charlie Meyer at 7:02 pm.

Opening Devotion: Mindy Dunbar read a devotional entitled “Refill of Rest” followed by a prayer.

Approval of Minutes Lisa Rupp made the motion to approve the minutes as presented and Russ Rice seconded. Motion approved.

Correspondence: A Church Use Request was received from Ann D’esposito for the fellowship hall and kitchen to host a Baptism Luncheon on September 22. Marle Weber made a motion to approve the request and Jill Anderson seconded. Motion passed.

Pastor’s Report: (submitted report) Planning curriculum for the upcoming program year. Met with the Makula’s to plan Wilders baptism. Set schedule for weekly chapel with TLC Child Center. Joined the Synod campfire event at the Treehouse Village in Swanton. Held coffee meetings with a few area community members. Joined over 300 people of faith at the Toledo Pride Parade. Completing certification program on Congregational and Pastoral Response to Immigration in the U.S. Finishing First Call Theological Education on September 15.

Treasurer’s Report: (submitted report) During August giving was down and incurred expense for boiler parts and maintenance. Russ Rice made motion to approve the report as presented, seconded by Mindy Dunbar. Motion approved. It is the time of year to review Health Insurance programs for the Pastor and Aimee. Amy Miller made a motion to continue with the current provider (4% increase in base cost) and Neil Weber seconded. After some discussion the motion passed.

Committee Reports:

Evangelism: There are currently seven young adults signed up for the Church Mouse Ministry program with just as many members offering support for them. At this time information forms are being gathered on

the young people to provide to their sponsor. Trunk and Treat is scheduled for October 31.

Parish Education: Rally Sunday is scheduled for September 15. Activities for the kids and hot dogs for everyone.

Parish Personnel: Rough drafts of evaluation instruments for employees are being reviewed.

Stewardship: Letter and pledge cards will be going out soon. A talents list will also be included. The first Chapel Chat is scheduled for September 29. Working on the Mission Support Calendar for 2025.

Technology: Lighting quote is under evaluation. Two CRT TV style monitors, located in classrooms, are being replaced. A camera and microphone have been added to the television in the fellowship hall.

Trustees: (report submitted) The elevator was inspected and the key lock was turning. This has been fixed. New inspection criteria states that the car cable needs to be replaced every two years. Since TLC elevator does not get much use, we have requested an exception to extend the replacement to every five years. Currently awaiting confirmation on this request. Jim Randle will be stripping and waxing the fellowship hall floor October 12-13. Ten replacement valves will be installed to improve the heating system.

Worship: Legacy Players Drama Group will be performing September 29. Pet blessing will be held October 3 during an outdoor service. The Christmas program is scheduled for December 29. Purple paraments have arrived with Advent paraments to be ordered. Phyllis Precht is stepping away as the Altar Guild Chairperson. A review and reallocating of some the duties will begin as a replacement is sought.

TLC Childcare: Performed Nicole Miller's annual review.

Reviewing the compensation for all staff. The state of Ohio offers a conference for preschool teachers which the entire daycare staff should attend. During that conference the staff will be taking a professional development day so all can attend.

TWELCA: General Meeting to be held September 17 at 6:30pm.

Forms for the Fall Retreat are due September 15.

Lutheran Men in Mission: Meeting September 14

Old Business: Nothing at this time

New Business: Committee Budget Requests are due by December 1. The Nominating Committee is in the process of forming. Russ Rice and Jill Anderson are members and Charlie Meyer is working on three additional members. The positions open are Vice President, Trustee, Evangelism, Parish Ed. and LMM Rep (LMM appointed). Lisa Rupp (Worship) and Marle Weber (Outreach) have agreed to a second term.

Talent sheets were handed out for review. It is a listing of different ministries available at Trinity. These sheets will accompany the pledge cards. Jeff Hench has asked to purchase more native plants for the pollinator garden to help keep the weeds down. He would also like to buy some shrubs to place along the fence line. Jill Anderson made a motion to approve these purchases and Marle Weber seconded. Motion passed.

Reid Rice made motion to adjourn meeting, Robert Nafziger seconded the motion. Motion approved. Meeting adjourned at 7:59 p.m. and was closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

LouAnn Wheeler, Council Secretary

Dear Trinity,

Thank you so very much for all of the prayers for Cheryl over the past years and in the recent months. She was aware of being on the prayer list and was comforted by it and very grateful. We also have been comforted and are very grateful. We also appreciate the kind words and sympathies spoken to us.

Camile and Rick Sluder, Louis and Marlene Buckenmeyer and families.

TWELCA's Women Board would like to thank Terry Clark for helping get the microphone up and running in the fellowship hall for our Fall gathering in September. Terry does a lot for our church when asked, even when he is super busy with work and other projects, he jumps into action. We are grateful for his willingness to help this church using his talents and skills.

Suzanne zumfelde, TWELCA Community Chair

Thank you to the team of Sandy Bostleman, Cindy Frey, Pam Boyers and Nancy Kiepert who worked hard this summer to keep our landscaping and flower pots around the building looking beautiful. Your help is greatly appreciated!!

A special thank to Lisa and her female union work team from Sauders for the donations of school supplies for children in need. Your donations were appreciated.

Suzanne zumfelde