

February
2025



Grace and peace to you from our Lord Jesus Christ!
This January I was able to attend our annual Ohio Rostered Minister's Gathering, and during one session we met with our separate synods. As part of our Northwestern Ohio Synod session, the bishop asked us something that has stuck with me. He said he would love to listen to us and hear our answers for these two questions: What wakes you up in the morning with joy? What keeps you up at night? Although it could be easy to focus on the many meetings and long to-do lists and hard conversations and various insecurities that keep a pastor up at night when I think about these two questions, I want to focus in on something that brings me joy when it comes to the ministry at our congregation. This month's photo is from a baptism I was blessed to do in January, and you can probably notice Kalli is not a baby. Because she was older and so excited for this day, I was able to see the absolute joy of the Lord radiating from the person being baptized as I have never seen before. You can see her joy, in this photo, as she receives a prayer shawl gift

from our congregation. It is in the crinkles by her eyes and in her shining, smiley teeth that you can see what joy she has in taking this step of faith. These milestones and sacred moments that I get to share with all the people of Trinity—they bring me joy. Gratitude and hope and joy for the lives of faith that we get to live together, in supportive community. And so, out of everything in our world that could be keeping me up at night when I lie down to go to sleep, this instead, is something that gives me the joy to wake up in the morning. I pray that each of you might be able to find even an inkling of joy that allows you to wake each morning and continue throughout your day, called and loved by God.

In peace,
Pastor Ashley

Pastoral Acts

Baptism

Kalli Mae Bruner

January 5, 2025

Pastor Ashley Rosa-Ruggieri

Memorial Service

Larry Schaefer

January 10, 2025

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.

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

February Community Open Hours Locations :

Feb 7 - Red Rambler

Feb 14 – Special Grounds

Feb 21– No Open Hours

Feb 28 - Biggby

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

PastorAshley@trinitywauseon.org She would be happy to set-up a time that works for you!

Worship

WEEKLY WORSHIP SCHEDULE

SUNDAY

9:30 a.m. Worship with Holy Communion

THURSDAY

6:00 p.m. Informal Worship with Holy Communion

Sunday services will continue to be broadcast at 9:30 a.m. on our Facebook page and on our website, www.trinitywauseon.org. This will remain an option for your Sunday worship. 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 (Spectrum Channel 1021) Tuesdays and Thursdays.**

| OUR WORSHIP RESPOSE | | | |
|-----------------------------|-----------------|---------------|--------------|
| In person attendance | | | |
| | Thursday | Sunday | Total |
| December 5/8 | 25 | 117 | 142 |
| December 12/15 | 22 | 160 | 182 |
| December 19/22 | 20 | 129 | 149 |
| Christmas Eve 8 p.m. | | | 180 |
| December 26/29 | — | 143(program) | 143 |
| January 2/5 | 19 | 110 | 129 |
| January 9/12 | 20 | 111 | 131 |
| January 16/19 | 22 | 116 | 138 |

Lent is fast approaching!

Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, March 5

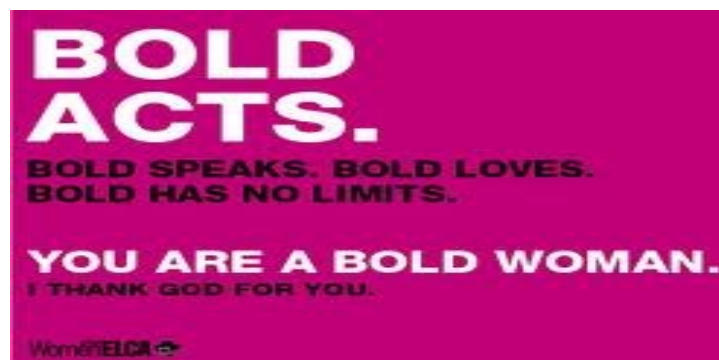
We will be having our Ash Wednesday service
at 7:00p.m..

TLC Childcare will be serving our first Soup Supper
at 5:15p.m.

Bold Women Days - February 27 & March 2

Bold Women Day celebrates all Lutheran women who have acted or are acting boldly on their faith in Jesus Christ. Some women are bold in their unceasing prayers. Other women are bold in their service to those in need. Still other women are bold in their advocacy or through their hospitality. Whether we live out our bold story of faith in the workplace, family home or community, our faith compels us to make a difference in the lives of others. It's all about living out our baptismal call, about being a disciple of Christ.

As Bold Women today, we will be collecting toiletry items for our neighbors in need throughout the month of February. Look for a marked handled bag by the sanctuary doors to take home with you. Inside the bag we will have a list of items you can buy to fill up the bag for Bold Women Days. Fill your bag with: Hair brush, shampoo, conditioner, body wash, puff ball, hand cream, toothbrush and toothpaste, nail clipper, body spray, chapped lip cream, something fun etc. You can buy whatever you want to, to fill your bag. Also, write a note of encouragement or get a card and include it in your bag. Drop your filled bag at the foot of the wooden cross near the library area, anytime in February.



PARISH EDUCATION

Bible Study Opportunities:

Lutheran Men In Mission Bible Study - Saturday, February 8,
7:30a.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

Sarah Bible Study Group—Thursday, February 13 at 6:45p.m. in
the Lounge

Hannah Bible Study Group - Tuesday, February 18 at 7:00p.m. in
the Lounge

Youth Activities

Bible Seekers, grades 3,4,5

February 19, 6:00p.m. in Jr. High Room

Catechism, grades 6, 7 & 8 (7:00 p.m.):

February 5 - Learn

February 12 – Learn

February 19 - Service

February 26 - Learn

Senior Luther League (grades 9-12):

February 5- Faith Formation - 7:00p.m.

February 8 - Sub making - 10:00a.m.

February 9- Sub Pickup after church service

February 26 - Life Planning—7:00p.m.



**SUNDAYS at
8:30a.m.**

Ages 2 yrs. to Adult



SLL Super Bowl Sub Sale!

It's that time again to get your Superbowl Subs ordered for the big game. Come support the Senior Luther League! We are taking orders until after church on Sunday, Feb 2nd. Subs are \$8 each and the options are Ham or Italian. Each one is made by the Senior Luther League on Saturday, February 8th and we will deliver them after church on Sunday, February 9th. Thank you for the support!!

Open Your Bible

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

February Gospel Readings

Week of Feb. 2nd- Luke 4:21-30— "No prophet is accepted in the prophet's hometown."

Week of Feb. 9th- Luke 5:1-11 — "From now on you will be catching people."

Week of Feb. 16th- Luke 6:17-26—"Your reward is great in heaven."

Week of Feb. 23rd- Luke 6:27-38 — "Love your enemies"

A Psalmody for February

Take delight in the Lord, and he will give you the desires of your heart.

Psalm 37:4

Bible Verses for the Month

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



Love is patient; love is kind; love is not envious or boastful or arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice in wrongdoing, but rejoices in the truth. It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. Love never ends. — 1 Corinthians 13:4-8

Happy are those who do not follow the advice of the wicked, or take the path that sinners tread, or sit in the seat of scoffers; but their delight is in the law of the Lord, and on his law they meditate day and night. — Psalm 1:1-2

"Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God. Blessed are you who are hungry now, for you will be filled. Blessed are you who weep now, for you will laugh." — Luke 6:20-21

"But I say to you that listen, Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you" — Luke 6:27-28

EVANGELISM

Celebrating February Birthdays

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| 2 Chrystal Mielke | 17 Ruthann Paxson Briley Rupp McKinley Rice | <u><i>Nifty 90's</i></u> Ruth Knierim |
| 4 Marv Wheeler | 18 Ava Manz | |
| 5 Ruth Knierim Deb Rupp | 19 Brian Norden Dave Hoste | <u><i>100 Yr Old's</i></u> Margaret Croninger |
| 6 Margaret Croninger | 20 Eric Parker Jr. | |
| 7 Chris Elling | 22 Jeanne Andre Lukas Rotroff | (Please let us know, in the church office, if we missed your special day. We like to be able to include all our members on our Birthday list. Thank you.) |
| 8 Sue Rohrs Kristi Rotroff | 23 Monica Yackee | |
| 9 Pat Warncke Jonathon Lane Ashley Drewes Sharlyn Katzner | 24 Katrina DeGross | |
| 10 Doug Yackee Eric Hutchinson | 25 Laura Brown | |
| 12 Brad Kiepert Zachary Hutchinson Marissa Dopp | 26 Sharon Reddington | |
| 14 Kyle Shehorn Anias Thompson Gage Yackee | 28 Elizabeth Ayers- Chittenden | |
| 16 Kenna Bruner | | |



OUTREACH MINISTRIES

Caring Cupboard Food Pantry since 1980 **Trinity's Outreach Mission for our neighbors with food insecurity**

HEARTY SOUP CAMPAIGN continues into February. We need donations of hearty, no water added soup. Also requested is chicken noodle and chicken with rice (add water) for the children we pack for. Add a box of saltines to your donations and corn muffins or biscuit mix, for a nice meal for a family. We received a Thrivent Action Team Grant to support our annual **Soup Campaign**. We purchased different type of crackers and soups with that money.

The Cupboard provided over 100 families with food last year because of your generous donations of food and financial support. Thank you also for the special request donations we ask for to fill our shelves.

February-Soup Campaign

- **Hearty Canned soup (no added water type)-chicken or beef**
- **Chicken noodle and Chicken rice soup (kids favorite)**
- Saltine crackers
- Graham crackers
- Canned vegetables-corn and green beans
- Packets of instant oatmeal
- A real winter treat for the kids and teens- hot cocoa mix-add water and add a fun box of cereal

"Anyone who has two shirts should share with the one who has none, and anyone who has food should do the same." Luke 3:11

In His service, Marle Weber, Suzanne zumFelde, Lynne Boyers, Ann Holthues, Sam and Sandy Denn, Carol Rorick, Phyllis Precht, Judy Warncke, Jeanette Rorick

Trinity's Outreach Coat Ministry

Coat Collection– Thank you to all that have donated coats, hats and gloves to the Coat Ministry. We have given out over 250 coats this season! **We are still taking donations of hats and gloves.** Our supply was wiped out at the open house . Watch for sales! We are also currently taking donations of new or “like new” coats. We are only taking washable, winter coats. We cannot use leather, dress coats, fleece jackets, or lightweight coats. Coat donations may be dropped off in the office.

Trinity will be serving the Community Meal on February 6 at Christ United Methodist Church. We are looking for workers to help with the meal starting at 4:45p.m..
Sign up on the sheet on the bulletin board, or talk to Jeannie Andre, Phyllis Precht, or Jeff Hench.



Miss. Alli and the Toddler class are learning about the famous Groundhog. The class will know what kind of animal a groundhog is and take a class guess on whether he will see his shadow or not. The class will also do some amazing crafts to help decorate for Valentine's Day. The Toddlers will learn that we can love everyone around us no matter who they are or where they come from.

Miss. Brooke and Ms. Colleen will be exploring with the three and 4-year-old extended care class all about snow. The class will be making an exploding snowman in a bag. Then, the class will be ice fishing for letters in the sink. Miss. Brooke will then go over arctic animals with the class: what kind of animals live in Arctic weather, how they survive in arctic weather, and much more about the arctic animals.

Ms. Tessa and the Kindergarten Readiness class are learning about feelings, emotions, and the letter L. The class will learn the different kinds of emotions and feelings we may have grown up with and how we can help our emotions at school and home. Ms. Tessa is also going over nutrition with the class as well. Having a good diet or making healthy choices can help our emotions as well. The class will also be doing Yoga to learn how their bodies can move.

Ms. Hannah and the School-age class will be talking about birds. The school agers will be discussing the different kinds of birds that live in Ohio and all around the world. The class will be making peanut butter bird feeders. The class will also be learning about dental health and why it is important to have good dental health.

“For God gave us a spirit not of fear but of power and love and self-control” 2 Timothy 1:7

Nicole Miller, TLC Child Center Director
419-335-6970

TLC CHILD CENTER February Board News

A non-profit, ELA, Licensed, 3 Star State rated child center

We had all our classroom floors cleaned and waxed over Christmas break. The teachers rearranged their rooms, added new area rugs and some new equipment was purchased to update the Center.

We soon will be planning Lutheran Schools week in early March and a month later we are sending our teaching staff for training and workshops at the Early Childhood Conference in April. Our teachers are required by the state to have specific training to work with young children and teach the curriculum to prepare the children for kindergarten.

Lauren Borton was hired as our part-time Bookkeeper. She has a lot of experience in this field and we are so grateful to have her on board.

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

DECEMBER MONTHLY FINANCIALS

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|--------------------------------|---------------------|----------------------------------|---------------------|
| MONTHLY BUDGETED INCOME | \$29,427.00 | MONTHLY BUDGETED EXPENSES | \$29,427.00 |
| MONTHLY ACTUAL INCOME | \$31,280.79 | MONTHLY ACTUAL EXPENSES | \$31,918.22 |
| YTD BUDGETED INCOME | \$353,069.00 | YTD BUDGETED EXPENSES | \$353,069.00 |
| YTD ACTUAL INCOME | \$291,999.59 | YTD ACTUAL EXPENSES | \$295,517.73 |

NON-BUDGETED GIVING

| | 2024 | Dec 1 | Dec 8 | Dec 15 | Dec 22 & 24 | Dec 29 | TOTAL | | | | | |
|---------------------------------------|------|--------|-------|--------|-------------|--------|-------|--------|----|----------|----|----------|
| Capital Improvement | \$ | 528.00 | \$ | 469.06 | \$ | 412.00 | \$ | 502.66 | \$ | 2,431.72 | | |
| Mission Support - | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| TLC Child Care/Meals on Wheels | \$ | 241.00 | \$ | 206.69 | \$ | 37.00 | \$ | 359.00 | \$ | 252.50 | \$ | 1,096.19 |
| Sunday School | \$ | 12.00 | \$ | 21.44 | \$ | 18.00 | \$ | 12.47 | \$ | 63.91 | \$ | 300.00 |
| Multimedia | \$ | 60.00 | \$ | | \$ | 120.00 | \$ | 60.00 | \$ | 60.00 | \$ | 300.00 |
| Lutheran Home of Mercy | \$ | 25.00 | \$ | 25.00 | \$ | 25.00 | \$ | 25.00 | \$ | 25.00 | \$ | 125.00 |
| Caring Cupboard | \$ | | \$ | 200.00 | \$ | | \$ | 335.00 | \$ | | \$ | 535.00 |
| Coat Ministry | \$ | 20.00 | \$ | 70.00 | \$ | 545.00 | \$ | 120.00 | \$ | | \$ | 755.00 |
| TWELCA Thankoffering | \$ | | \$ | | \$ | 345.00 | \$ | 50.00 | \$ | | \$ | 395.00 |
| RIP unpaid Medical bills (Ohio) | \$ | | \$ | | \$ | | \$ | 50.00 | \$ | | \$ | 50.00 |
| Chapel Restoration | \$ | | \$ | | \$ | 40.00 | \$ | | \$ | | \$ | 40.00 |
| Community Garden | \$ | 100.00 | \$ | 100.00 | \$ | 100.00 | \$ | 100.00 | \$ | | \$ | 400.00 |

STEWARDSHIP

Mission Support for February

FISH

Sunday School Offering

Trinity's Library

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The beginning of the new year is the perfect time to sign up for Trinity's **Electronic Funds Transfer** program.... it's convenient for you (no more weekly envelopes to think about & your offering is automatically deducted from your account on the date that you choose), and it's helpful to the church in budget planning (EFT provides the church with a steady, predictable income stream). If you'd like to learn more, contact either Jo Parker (financial secretary), or the church office (419-335-5651). There are EFT Authorization Agreement forms in the church office.  
Please remember you can also donate online or set up regular giving on our website too!

**Did you know that you can give through our website  
(one time donation or scheduled giving):  
trinitywauseon.org  
then click on "Donate " at the top right corner.**



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

## **TWELCA**

We are beginning a new year for Trinity Women of the ELCA (TWELCA).

As in the past, we would like to challenge all Trinity women to become more involved in our Women's Groups.

For Hannah Circle, please contact Nancy Kiepert and for Sarah Circle please contact Pat Dettmer. New members are always welcome. It is a wonderful time of bible studies, a short business meeting, fellowship and refreshments.

The 2025 Trinity Women of the ELCA (TWELCA) Program Book is included in this Tidings. Please take it out and save it for future reference.

February is our Bold Women's Month. We are collecting bags of women's toiletry items for the whole month, by the door of the sanctuary.

Our Quilt Workshop meets every Wednesday morning at 9:00am in the Quilt Room. They are always open for more help. So come and lend your helping hands, and join in the fun.

If you chose a Prayer Sister, keep them in your prayers and maybe send them a birthday or holiday card. We can all use some encouragement.

### **Upcoming Dates for 2025**

**February 27 & March 2-** Bold Women's Day during the Worship Services

**March 19** -TWELCA is hosting the Wednesday Lenten Soup Supper in the Fellowship Hall

Looking forward to a great year!

## **TWELCA Bible Studies**

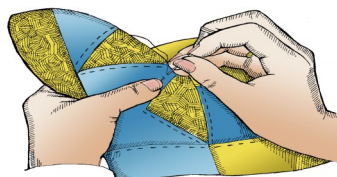
### **Sarah Circle Bible Group**

All ladies are invited to attend the Bible study and fellowship as the Sarah Circle will meet on **Thursday, February 13**. We meet 6:45-8:00 p.m. in the church lounge. Deb Boyers will lead the Bible study and Pam Boyers will be the hostess. Come and be a part of studying God's word.

### **Hannah Circle Bible Group**

Hannah Circle will meet on **Tuesday, February 18 at 7:00p.m.** in the lounge. Dee Spiess will be leading the bible study and Cindy Frey will serve as hostess.

**The Quilt Workshop** will meet on **Wednesdays in February at 9:00 a.m.** *Come and lend your helping hands, and join in the fun!*



QUILTING GROUP

## **PRAYER CHAIN**

*All E-mail prayer requests begin with Betty Elling (bettyelling53@gmail.com).*



## Lutheran Men in Mission

Last month, the men enjoyed an excellent breakfast along with Larry Clark's special presentation on the history of Israel and Gaza. We will be back to studying our book, Experiencing God, on February 8. Breakfast will be served at 7:30 a.m. with bible study to follow. All men are always welcome. Please let us know if you are attending so we have a count for breakfast. Text Steve at 419-340-7259 or email [stevepatd@gmail.com](mailto:stevepatd@gmail.com),



**Lutheran Men in Mission are organizing a Toledo Walleye Hockey Experience; Sunday, March 9, 2025**, in conjunction with Faith and Family Event supported by Walleye players and coaches.

It starts at 5:15 before their hockey game with the Atlanta Gladiators. I am looking to get group tickets for this event. If interested email me at [russrice0@gmail.com](mailto:russrice0@gmail.com) or call or text me at 419-340-8417 by February 9, 2025. Tickets are \$19.



## MEN'S GROUP

## ADMINISTRATIVE

### Trinity Lutheran Church Council Minutes 12/10/2024

Present: Pastor Ashley, Charlie Meyer, LouAnn Wheeler, Amy Miller, Mindy Dunbar, Jill Anderson, Robert Nafziger, Sam Denn, Dan Miller, Terry Clark, Russ Rice, Marlene Clark, Reid Rice

Excused: Marle Weber, Neil Weber, Lisa Rupp

Meeting was called to order by Charlie Meyer at 7:00 pm.

**Opening Devotion:** Sam Denn read a devotional entitled “Lights”.

**Approval of Minutes** Russ Rice made the motion to approve the November minutes as presented and Terry Clark seconded. Motion approved.

**Correspondence:** A Church Use Request was received from Lisa Rupp for the fellowship hall and kitchen to host a Baby Shower on January 25, 2025. Jill Anderson made a motion to approve the request and Mindy Dunbar seconded. Motion passed.

Received Thank-You letters from Genacross, JJ Safe House, American Cancer Society, Wauseon School Food Pantry and Wauseon School Care Closet for Trinity’s donation to them. Also received a Christmas Card from Cherry Street Mission.

**Pastor’s Report:** (submitted report) Once again recording the Daily Advent Calendar videos. Involved in planning Advent and Christmas activities. Attended the Trinity Senior Christmas Luncheon. Picked out Christmas book gifts for the child center. Was a part of the discussions with the Global Mission Board regarding a visit from a youth companion from Mexico. Attended the Sara’s Garden Grounding in Gratitude event and Christmas at the Cabin at the fairgrounds. Participated in the Global Refuge Webinar about how their ministry will adjust in 2025 after expected policy changes in January.

**Treasurer’s Report:** (submitted report) During November income was less than expenses. Dan Miller made motion to approve the report as presented, seconded by Russ Rice. Motion approved. A rough draft of the master budget was distributed which is reflecting an increase of roughly 5% over 2024.

#### **Committee Reports:**

**Evangelism:** Christmas at The Cabin was held December 6 & 7 and Trinity had a table there.

**Outreach:** With the creation of the pollinator garden this allows Trinity to have a Sacred Grounds designation.

Thrivent Choice Dollar Grants are available to anyone a congregation member would like to refer. This grant has been used to help replace clothes after a fire, offer hotel stay for someone experiencing domestic violence and supplies for the local migrant center.

Habitat for Humanity of Fulton County thanks Trinity for their continued support.

**Parish Education:** Christmas Program is scheduled for December 29<sup>th</sup> during the 9:30 worship service.

The Catechism class along with Relay for Life will be hosting a meal following the Annual Meeting to be held on January 26.

**Parish Personnel:** Working on clarifying the pay scale for the piano accompanist. In search for a new organist. This pay scale is also being reviewed.

**Technology:** Ship date for the materials for the lighting upgrade is June 30, 2025. Two new flat screen TVs have replaced the old tube style that were still being used.

**Trustees:** Jim Randle completed cleaning the downstairs hallway and kitchen floors. The two trees have been removed.

**TWELCA:** 53 attended the Senior Christmas Party. Twenty-three fleece blankets were donated to Christmas Cheer.

**Stewardship:** Presented the Mission Support Calendar

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|-------------|-----------------------------------------------------------|
| January –   | Habitat for Humanity                                      |
| February –  | Fish                                                      |
| March –     | Cherry Street Mission                                     |
| April –     | Lutheran Social Services – and –<br>Filling Home of Mercy |
| May –       | Sufficient Grace                                          |
| June –      | LWR and TWELCA Projects.                                  |
| July –      | Genacross Napoleon – and –<br>Genacross Youth Home        |
| August –    | INTV                                                      |
| September – | Coat Ministry                                             |
| October –   | Undue Medical                                             |
| November –  | TWELCA Thankoffering                                      |
| December –  | TLC Childcare – and – Meals on<br>Wheels                  |

Dan Miller made a motion to accept this calendar and Russ Rice seconded. Motion passed.

Planning to start a campaign to help fund the current and future lighting projects.

**Worship:** Christmas Eve Service at 8PM.

**TLC Childcare:** Jim Randle will be cleaning the class room floors for TLC starting after close of business December 20 and will complete by January 2. Christmas program held December 9 was well attended.

**Lutheran Men in Mission:** Meeting December 14. Considering a “Family in Faith” night at a Toledo Walleye game in March. More details to follow.

**Old Business:** Nothing to report

**New Business:** A reminder to Committee chairs that 2024 recaps for the annual report are due to Aimee by January 2 and financial reports are due by January 9.

Reid Rice made motion to adjourn meeting, Sam Denn 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

**Trinity weather  
cancellation policy:  
When Trinity cancels activities:**

**Cancel @ Level 1** - Senior Luther League Activities cancelled

**Cancel @ Level 2** - Church services and activities will be cancelled at the discretion of the Pastor & Council President

**Cancel @ Level 3** - All church services & all activities cancelled

**We will send out a call/text alert and post on our Facebook page if Trinity cancels an activity or service.**

**Also, listen to Archbold radio (96.1 FM) for Trinity cancellations.**

If a church activity you’re involved in is NOT canceled, but you do not feel comfortable driving on the roads, please do not venture out. We care about you, and want you to be safe!

## Trinity Lutheran Church Council Minutes 01/14/2025

**Present:** Marle Weber, Neil Weber, Lisa Rupp, Charlie Meyer, LouAnn Wheeler, Amy Miller, Mindy Dunbar, Jill Anderson, Robert Nafziger, Sam Denn, Dan Miller, Terry Clark, Russ Rice, Marlene Clark, Reid Rice

**Excused:** Pastor Ashley

**Visitors:** Deb Boyers, Luke Frey, Vaughn Baltzly(zoom)

Meeting was called to order by Charlie Meyer at 7:00 pm.

**Opening Devotion:** Charlie Meyer read a devotional with the theme of listening followed by a prayer.

**Approval of Minutes** Marle Weber made the motion to approve the December minutes as presented and Mindy Dunbar seconded. Motion approved.

**Correspondence:** A Church Use Request was received from Amy Miller for the fellowship hall and kitchen to host a Graduation Party on May 26, 2025. Neil Weber made a motion to approve the request and Sam Denn seconded. Motion passed.

**Pastor's Report:** (submitted report) December was a busy month. Attended Catechism Christmas Party as well as SLL party. The Christmas Eve and Children's program went well. Performed Holy Baptism of Kalli Bruner and a Memorial Service for the passing of Larry Schaefer. Hosted the Maumee Valley Conference meeting in December.

**Treasurer's Report:** (submitted report) For 2024 Trinity was under the projected budget. Russ Rice made motion to approve the report as presented, seconded by Marlene Clark. Motion approved. A final draft of the master budget for 2025 was distributed and Jill Anderson made the motion to approve the budget. Robert Nafziger seconded the motion. Motion passed.

### Committee Reports:

**Outreach:** Meeting scheduled for January 23.

**Parish Personnel:** Continuing the search for a new organist. In the process of evaluating personnel. The evaluation schedule is a rotating schedule.

**Stewardship:** Presented updated Mission Support Calendar

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| October –   | Undue Medical/Ohio                                   |
| November –  | TWELCA Thankoffering                                 |
| December –  | TLC Childcare – and – Wauseon<br>Schools Food Pantry |

Neil Weber made a motion to accept this calendar and Terry Clark seconded. Motion passed.

Terry Clark made the motion to start a campaign to fund the current lighting project (\$25,000) and Russ Rice seconded. Motion passed

**Worship:** Will be planning an appreciation reception for Ruthann Paxson for her many years of service. Still in search for a Chairperson for the Altar Guild.

**Technology:** In contact with a group that conducts energy audits at no charge.

**TLC Childcare:** The tile floors for TLC have been polished and new carpets have been placed in the classrooms.

**Lutheran Men in Mission:** A “Family in Faith” night at a Toledo Walleye game is scheduled for March 9. Tickets are available through any of the LMM members.

**Old Business:** Need to form the Audit Committee, Council was asked to consider a candidate for the open position.

**New Business:** Neil Weber made the motion to have new Council Members installed during the February 9 service and Reid Rice seconded. Motion passed.

Discussion as to if a Visioning Committee needs to be established to prioritize the congregations needs and different projects.

Neil Weber made the motion to suspend physical sharing of peace until the cold/Flu season is over and Marle Weber seconded. Motion passed.

Dan Miller will provide the opening devotion for the February Council meeting.

Mindy Dunbar made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Sam Denn seconded the motion. Motion approved. Meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m. and was closed with the Lord’s Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,  
LouAnn Wheeler, Council Secretary

***To My Friends at Trinity-***  
*God's mercy and peace be with each of you.*

*I want to say thank-you for your support during my years of playing the organ for worship services. I have come to a time when I can no longer fulfill this commitment.*

*I ask for your prayers and continued support in my efforts to serve our Lord and Savior at Trinity.*

*To God be the Glory-*  
*Ruthann*

Dear Friends:  
Thanks to your generous gift of \$1,210.50, you have made a difference with your support for Genacross Lutheran Services, where most needed. Your gift is deeply appreciated and allows the Genacross Lutheran Services Foundation the ability to support unparalleled Christian care to so many in need..  
Sincerely,  
Michael A. George, Executive Director  
Genacross Lutheran Services Foundation

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*Dear Trinity Lutheran Church,*  
*Thank you for your donation of \$500 to Fulton County Christmas Cheer. Your generous donation helps Fulton County families in need receive help in a dignified and loving way. This mission could not be done without people such as yourself.*  
*Sincerely,*  
*Peg Hines*

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Dear Trinity Lutheran Church,  
On behalf of the Wauseon Board of Education, I want to thank you for the very generous \$1,500.00 donation to the Wauseon School Food Pantry. Many students and their families will be blessed by your generosity.  
Very Sincerely,  
John Kahmann  
Treasurer/CFO  
Wauseon Exempted Village Schools

*Dear Trinity Lutheran Church,  
Thank you for your generosity and support for JJ Safe House!  
We are so grateful for the donation to support women and children  
fleeing Domestic Violence.  
You are a blessing!  
The Board of JJSH*

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Trinity Lutheran Church,  
Thank you so much for your recent donation to Undue Medical Debt!  
Your gift will abolish debilitating medical debt, giving recipients and  
their families a fresh start and empowering them to embark on a new  
path of greater financial stability. For the populations served by  
medical debt relief, this donation is a radical act of generosity and can  
be wide-reaching within communities.  
Sincerely,  
Marisa Clemente  
Vice President, Philanthropy

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