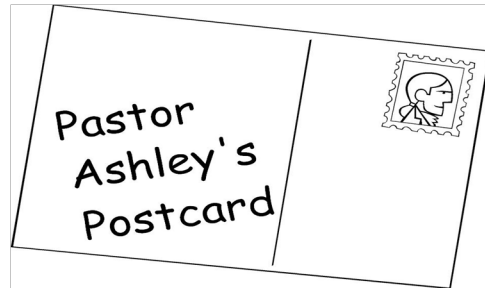


May 2025



ALLELUIA!

Christ is risen and the season of Easter has arrived! A time to embrace our calling to transformation and the newness of resurrection! Our photo for this month though is from the end of our Good Friday service as a reminder of the entire journey our Savior took, including his crucifixion. One very special thing about our Community Good Friday service this year was that we had leaders and congregational members from four different Wauseon congregations come together on this sacred day. A renewal of our call to be church together, across denomination. With any hope, the camaraderie that we experienced during the Good Friday service together will find resurrection and new life in our congregational life going forward. May we embrace the fullness of the church and the joyfulness of Jesus's resurrection in new and exciting ways this Easter season and beyond!

In peace and new life,  
Pastor Ashley

### **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.

#### **May Community Open Hours Locations :**

May 2 - Biggby

May 9 - Red Rambler

May 16 - Special Grounds

May 23 - No Open Hours

May 30 - 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](mailto:pastorashley@trinitywauseon.org)** . She would be happy to set-up a time that works for you!

### **Trinity Trails**

Do you enjoy hiking in God's beautiful creation? If your answer is 'yes,' our upcoming Trinity Trails event might be for you!

Join Pastor Ashley for **a worship walk experience! The next Trinity Trails will be on Saturday, May 10 at 9:00 am and we will meet at Homecoming Park.** The trail will be about 0.5 miles, and we will stop along the way for worship elements like prayers, readings, and communion along the trail! Bring your walking shoes and get ready to praise the Lord while communing with God's whole creation!

## Worship

### **WORSHIP SCHEDULE**

#### **SUNDAY**

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

#### **THURSDAY**

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

**We stream our Sunday worship services on Facebook and our website each week at 9:30 a.m..** The services remain on our Facebook page and website and can be viewed anytime.

**Our weekly services can also be viewed on INTV (Spectrum Channel 1021) Tuesdays and Thursdays.**

**Coming up in May:**

**5/11 - Mothers Day/TWELCA Flower Day/Rogation Day**

**5/18 - Youth Sunday**

**5/29 - VBS Kickoff/ Outdoor Worship**

<b>OUR WORSHIP RESPOSE</b>			
<b>In person attendance</b>			
	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Total</b>
<b>March 27/30</b>	22	109	<b>131</b>
<b>April 3/6</b>	22	113	<b>135</b>
<b>April 10/13</b>	26	134	<b>160</b>
<b>April 20 (Easter)</b>		274	<b>274</b>
<b>Midweek Lent 3</b>		<b>44</b>	
<b>Midweek Lent 4</b>		<b>56</b>	
<b>Midweek Lent 5</b>		<b>41</b>	
<b>Maundy Thursday 4/17</b>		<b>71</b>	
<b>Good Friday 4/18</b>		<b>82</b>	

**TWELCA Flower Day and Rogation Sunday**  
**Sunday May 11, 2025**

We are taking donations to purchase flowers be used in planters around the outside of the building. These can be given in memory or honor of someone. The suggested donation is \$5. Deadline for donating is May 4, 2025.

See form on the last page of this newsletter.

This day is will also be our **Rogation Sunday** where we will bless our Community Garden. We also invite you to bring a jar of dirt from your fields or gardens, garden tools, gloves, etc. to be blessed on this day.



## At Trinity on May 11th



### Happy *Mother's* Day



9:00-9:25 am & after the  
church service for 15 minutes

### Photo opportunity

Come outside on  
the grass by our  
handicap parking,  
before or after church,  
for a photo with this  
butterfly art piece

*We will use your cell camera*





## PARISH EDUCATION

### Bible Study Opportunities:

**Lutheran Men In Mission Bible Study** - Saturday, May 10 at 7:30a.m. (see more info in LMM section of newsletter)

**Hannah Bible Study** - Tuesday, May 20 at 7:00 p.m. in the Lounge. (see more info in TWELCA section of newsletter)

**Sarah Bible Study** - Thursday, May 8 at 6:45 pm in the Lounge. (see more info in TWELCA section of newsletter)

**Word Incarnate Bible Study** - Sunday, May 18 at 10:45 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall

### Youth Activities

#### **Bible Seekers, grades 3,4,5:**

May 21 - 6:00 p.m. in Jr. High Room

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

May 7 - Learn

May 14 - End of Year Party!

#### **Senior Luther League (grades 9-12):**

May 7–Faith Formation - 6:45 p.m. in Fellowship Hall

May 21 - Activity - 6:45 p.m.

May 28 - Life Planning Party - 6:30 p.m.

**Last day of Sunday School will be May 18th**



## **VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL**



Mark your calendars!! Vacation Bible School will be here before you know it!!

Embark on an exciting journey with Road Trip VBS, based on Joshua 1:9 – "The LORD your God is with you wherever you go." Discover God's presence everywhere as we explore new places, make new friends, and experience God's goodness together.

Join us in a fun-filled adventure on the open road, taking all the kids (Travelers) on thrilling journeys to exciting destinations. Led by the Navigator and an adventurous pup Scout, kids will learn that God is always with them. Through engaging stories from the Navigators' Guide (the Bible), Travelers will delve into timeless tales of faith from the Old and New Testaments. Get ready for twists, turns, and excitement as they face new challenges and find strength in God's presence on this unforgettable trip!

**Vacation Bible School (VBS) will begin Sunday, June 1<sup>st</sup> through Wednesday, June 4<sup>th</sup> from 6-8:15 p.m. from 3 year olds through youth going into 5<sup>th</sup> grade. Also, plans are being set for the Vacation Bible School Kick-Off for Thursday, May 29<sup>th</sup>!**

Stay tune for more information!! If you would like to help in any way, please contact Becky Dickson.

NOTE: Young people going into 6<sup>th</sup> grade and higher grades are welcome to volunteer.

# Open Your Bible

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

## May Gospel Readings

Week of May 4th—John 21:1-19 — "Feed my sheep."

Week of May 11th—John 10:22-30 — "My sheep hear my voice."

Week of May 18th—John 13:31-35 — "Love one another."

Week of May 25th—John 14:23-29 — "Peace I leave with you..."

## A Psalmody for May

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord my whole life long. Psalm 23:6

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



*"Worthy is the Lamb that was slaughtered to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might and honor and glory and blessing! ... To the one seated on the Throne and to the Lamb be blessing and honor and glory and might forever and ever!"*

—Revelation 5:12-13

*"My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand."*

—John 10:27, 28

*"I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."*

—John 13:


34,35

*Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid."*

—John 14:27

# EVANGELISM

## Celebrating May Birthdays

1 Torri Bost	22 Doris Vollmar	<p>Nifty 90's Peter Redfern Doris Vollmar</p>
2 Anne Beck Louise Gilson Jerry Rorick Rob Gilson	24 Mark Buckenmeyer Theo Jimenez	
4 Joe Horwath	27 Sandy Matheny Connie Valvano Ron Shehorn Nathan Schaefer Lauren McGuire Teagan Rupp Alivia Moser	
6 Dave Lindau Robin Fisher	28 Kathy Davis Phyllis Precht Barb Lichtenwald	
7 Peter Redfern		
8 Tiffany Dyar		
9 Marlene Clark		
11 Ellie Dopp		
12 Brock Gibson Adelyn Rice		
14 Paul zum Felde Jacqueline Bost		
15 James Eicher		
17 Julie Shehorn		
18 Bev Klopfenstein Kathy Schwenkmeyer Alec Bost Hayes Makula		
21 Kristen Ayers- Crossgrove Stas Legenza Ryan Sager		

## OUTREACH MINISTRIES

### Our Migrant Ministry Outreach



The Rest Center will be opened this month. It is classified as a homeless shelter and support agency for employment in the farming industry.

Last year Trinity members were generous with donating housewares and bedding, so at this time those items are not needed. We filled the storage closet up for the Rest Center to start the year off. Thanks to all who have donated in the past.

#### **Donations that are needed:**

- Water bottles or small water jugs or small coolers
- Brimmed hats of any type
- Sunscreen ( can be last years)
- Men's washable shirts size small and medium
- No kitchen items are needed at this time.

**All donations can be placed under the wooden cross in the marked tub.**

Thank you.

Migrant Outreach Committee

*"Offer hospitality to one another without grumbling" (1 Peter 4:8-9, NIV). "Share with the Lord's people who are in need. Practice hospitality" (Romans 12:13, NIV).*

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

Thanks for your donations in April. We rely on our members for donations of food and money to keep the Pantry open, which we have been doing for 45 years. Special thanks to those that read the Tidings and donate the food items we are needing. Summer is around the corner so our request for food items for children and teens increases. Your monetary donations are used to buy laundry detergent, toilet paper, hand soap and dish soap.

**May Needs**

- Graham crackers
- Cereal
- Mac and cheese
- Chicken noodle soup
- Packets of instant oatmeal
- Granola bars
- Pancake mix (only add water) and a bottle of syrup.
- Bisquick mix of any type- just add water
- Egg or regular noodles to make chicken or beef n noodles

*“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, Jeanne Andre, Ann Holthues, Sam & Sandy Denn, Carol Rorick, Phyllis Precht, Judy Warncke and Jeanette Rorick**

### **Fulton County Relay for Life**

Williams County as of 4/16/2025 has raised \$48,725.37 of \$100,000 goal. Fulton County (Company) as of 4/16/2025 has raised \$31,322.94 of \$40,000 goal. Trinity has raised \$10,488.40.

Please see below of all that we have done and continue to raise money for this great cause that we all are part taking in:

**April 13<sup>th</sup> – May 11<sup>th</sup>:** Mother's Day Cards and Graduation Cards soon after.

**May-June** – Luminaria – Information forthcoming

**May-June** – Fry Pies – Information forthcoming

**August 7<sup>th</sup>**–Trivia Night at Knotty Vines- Information coming

#### **Information from past fundraisers:**

April 9<sup>th</sup> – Lenten Soup Supper: \$400.00

April 10<sup>th</sup> – Cards at the Wauseon Library: Mother's Day/Birthday and Graduation: \$100.00+

April 27<sup>th</sup> – Bingo at Trinity Lutheran Church – Wauseon in the Fellowship Hall @2 p.m. Cost \$20/10 rounds of Bingo. Prizes, Chinese Auction, and 50/50

April 29<sup>th</sup> – Puzzle Tournament at Knotty Vines – All Fulton County Team Event hosted by Wauseon Machine.

#### **Other Information:**

The Survivor Dinner will take place Friday, June 6<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 p.m. at the Parish Center of St. Caspar's Catholic Church. There will be a Survivor Walk at 6:30 p.m.

Starting at 6:00 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. the following Food Trucks/Food stands will be available to the community to grab a meal prior to the Luminaria: Barnyard Subs, Hot Dogs2Go-NWO, PM Frosted Fantasies, Benny's Loncheria, Madeline's Smokehouse, Wrappin' & Rollin', and Perfect Pair. All tips will go to Fulton County Relay for Life.

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!

Becky Dickson



During the first week of May, the Toddler Class and Ms. Alli will learn about Cinco de Mayo. The children will listen to various types of music, discover different instruments used by people, and learn how to make a taco. The class will also celebrate our mothers by creating gifts for them throughout the week. The toddlers will then learn about butterflies and their life cycle. The toddlers will have the chance to watch butterflies grow, care for them, and release them when they are ready to be free.

Ms. Brooke and Ms. Colleen's 3 and 4-year Extended Care class will celebrate Mother's Day during the first week of May. The children will create crafts and gifts for their moms, exploring how they can be helpful to them as well. Ms. Brooke and Ms. Colleen will host a breakfast for the moms, allowing the class to enjoy special time together. The class will then learn about gardening. The 3 and 4-year-olds will discover how to create a garden, what can be planted in it, and how to care for the plants. Additionally, the class will take a nature walk around the town to observe how things grow in our community.

The Kindergarten Readiness classroom with Ms. Tessa and Ms. Hannah will be discovering different Zoo animals. The class will measure different animals by how tall they can be, how much weight each animal is, and the different environments that the animals live in. The class will also be doing Mother's Day crafts as well throughout the week for moms.

Ms. Hannah and the School age class will learn about the different kinds of ice cream to get ready for the summer! The class will be learning how to make homemade ice cream, the different flavors of ice cream, and why it melts. The class will also be learning the life cycle of chickens. This includes what it takes to raise a chicken, how we can care for them, and playing a fun game of interrupting chicken. School-agers will also be learning about how we can manage our feelings, what are different feelings, and how we can control our feelings in hard situations.

The center is also preparing for the end-of-the-year program where each class has prepared different songs for everyone to enjoy.

*Psalm 37:4 "Delight yourself in the Lord, and He will give you the desires of your heart"*



### **TLC CHILD CENTER APRIL Board News**

A non-profit, ELA, Ohio Licensed,  
3 Star State rated child center since 2003

Our teaching staff attended the Early Childhood Conference sponsored by OAEYC in April. The **Ohio Association for the Education of Young Children** (AEYC) is an *official State Affiliate in Ohio for NAEYC*. It is a diverse community of professionals who are passionate about serving children age 0-8. The staff came back excited and energized to share and use the skills they learned at this conference. We are so proud of their dedication to their career and thankful for the work they do with the young children of our community,

Our Center's **End of Year Program is Tuesday, May 20th in the Sanctuary**. It's an exciting time for the children to get dressed up and sing for their parents. We will have a photo spot set up and snacks.

We have two parts to our programming. We follow the school year calendar of 9 months, and then we do our summer session, with no breaks in between. The younger children are here all year and the school-age children come before or after school and then full time in the summer for Summer Camp . See our schedule below.

#### ***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. Sign up starts in April*
- *Children have Chapel every week*
- *Call if you have any questions or want to donate to our Center: 419.335.6970*



## STEWARDSHIP

### **Mission Support for May**

#### **Sufficient Grace Ministries**

We would like to remind you that you can give to any ministry or mission at anytime you wish. You may do this by writing in where you would like it to go on the “other” line on your giving envelope.

**Did you know that you can give through  
our website  
(one time donation or scheduled giving):  
[trinitywauseon.org](http://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 .**



# MARCH MONTHLY FINANCIALS

MONTHLY BUDGETED INCOME	<u>\$31,426.00</u>	MONTHLY BUDGETED EXPENSES	<u>\$31,426.00</u>
MONTHLY ACTUAL INCOME	<u>\$32,633.53</u>	MONTHLY ACTUAL EXPENSES	<u>\$28,020.99</u>
YTD BUDGETED INCOME	<u>\$94,278.00</u>	YTD BUDGETED EXPENSES	<u>\$94,278.00</u>
YTD ACTUAL INCOME	<u>\$77,371.87</u>	YTD ACTUAL EXPENSES	<u>\$79,800.90</u>

## NON-BUDGETED GIVING

	2025	Mar 2 & 5	Mar 9 & 12	Mar 16 & 19	Mar 23 & 26	Mar 30	Total
<b>Capital Improvement</b>							
Mission Support -Cherry Street	\$	716.08	\$	565.00	\$	584.83	\$ 2,493.91
<b>Sunday School</b>							
Multimedia & Lighting	\$	391.10	\$	545.00	\$	171.10	\$ 2,292.20
Lutheran Social Services	\$	23.54	\$	10.12	\$	16.60	\$ 90.13
Caring Cupboard	\$	220.00	\$	485.00	\$	683.00	\$ 1,558.00
TWELCA Blanket	\$	25.00	\$	25.00	\$	25.00	\$ 125.00
TLC Child Care	\$	335.00	\$	60.00	\$	142.00	\$ 687.00
FISH	\$		\$	20.00			\$ 20.00
Migrant Outreach	\$	30.00					\$ 30.00
		44.00				10.00	\$ 54.00
		10.00					\$ 10.00
Relay for Life		\$	20.00				\$ 20.00
Quilt Workshop				\$	20.00		\$ 20.00
Habitant for Humanity						10.00	\$ 10.00
Coat Ministry						220.00	\$ 220.00
Altar Guild						42.00	\$ 42.00

## TWELCA

**Ladies mark your calendars! Here are a couple great events that are coming up!**

**Northwestern Ohio WELCA Synodical Gathering will be taking place on September 26-27, 2025** at St Mark's Lutheran Church in Bowling Green, OH. More information on this is on the TWELCA bulletin board.

### 2026 Triennial Gathering



The Triennial Gathering brings together 1,000-3,000 WELCA leaders and participants for four days to worship, hear inspiring speakers, engage in service projects, participate in a 5K run, and interact with others in a large exhibit hall with educational, service, and shopping experiences.

Watch the TWELCA bulletin board, more information on both these events will be available later.

### **TWELCA Bible Studies**

**Sarah Bible Group** Our monthly gathering will be held on Thursday, May 8 at 6:45 p.m. in the church lounge. Any lady is welcome to join in our social time and short Bible study led by Kristi Rotroff. The hostess for the evening will be Pat Dettmer.

### **Hannah Bible Group**

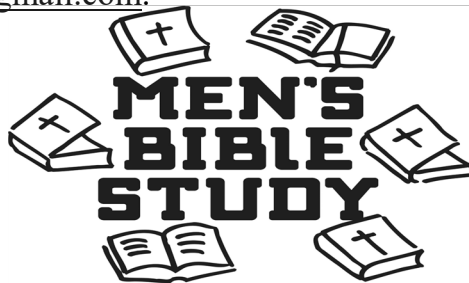
Hannah Circle will meet on Tuesday, May 20 at 7:00pm in the Fellowship Hall. Louann Wheeler will serve as hostess. Mindy Dunbar will lead the Bible study.

### **Quilt Design Day**

The Quilt ladies are planning a Design Day on May 14 at 9:00 a.m. . All are welcome to help prepare the colorful patterns to make the blanket tops we sew for LWR, Fulton County Christmas Cheer and FCHC. No experience or sewing skills needed. A lunch will be served. Come “play” with us! Talk to Verlinda Schantz, Pam Boyers or Phyllis Precht if you have questions and would like to join us.

### **Lutheran Men in Mission**

What better way to start your day than breakfast and fellowship along with an interesting bible study! All men are invited to attend the breakfast and Bible study on Saturday, May 10, 7:30 a.m. in the church fellowship hall. To help us with a head count for breakfast, please contact Steve Dettmer at 419-340-7259 or email [stevepatd@gmail.com](mailto:stevepatd@gmail.com).



## **ADMINISTRATIVE**

### **Trinity Lutheran Church Council Minutes 04/08/2025**

Present: Marle Weber, Neil Weber, Lisa Rupp, LouAnn Wheeler, Amy Miller, Mindy Dunbar, Robert Nafziger, Dan Miller, Terry Clark, Marlene Clark, Pastor Ashley, Cathy Croninger, Jason Fisher, Luke Frey, Vaughn Baltzly(zoom)

Excused: Deb Boyers, Reid Rice

Meeting was called to order by Dan Miller at 7:01 pm.

Opening Devotion: Marlene Clark read a devotional about listening to self written by Pastor Drew Tucker followed by a prayer.

Approval of Minutes Cathy Croninger made the motion to approve the minutes with a correction under Old Business which should read “For the April meeting council members are to bring ideas as to the number of members and ~~treats~~ **traits** needed for this committee.” The motion was seconded by Terry Clark. Motion approved.

Correspondence: Received a Thank-You letter from Habitat for Humanity for our donation. Also received a message from St Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church in Jenera, OH because they lifted our congregation up in their prayers.

Pastor’s Report: (submitted report) Began Word Incarnate Study focusing on the creeds. Preparing for the upcoming season of the Community Garden. For the Holy Week Walk through event operated the photo station. Attended the Global Mission Board Tanzania and Mexico working group meeting. Learned about YAGM Mexico cohort and met Pastor Soliette. Attended the first quarter meeting of the Synod’s Global Mission Board. Helped celebrate 175<sup>th</sup> Birthday of Fulton County. Meet with area pastoral leaders to prepare for Good Friday Service. As part of continuing education completed online Ohio Writer’s Day Workshop Conference.

Treasurer’s Report: (submitted report) A corrected February Treasures Report was presented. An additional report was submitted to reflect monthly income and expense for the year and also as it compares to prior year. For the month of March income was greater than expenses. Marlene Clark made motion to approve the report as presented, seconded by Mindy Dunbar. Motion approved.

**Committee Reports:**

Evangelism: Nothing to report

Outreach: Nothing to report

Parish Education: The young people will be conducting the worship service on May 18. Vacation Bible School is scheduled for June 1-4 with the kickoff night being May 29. The theme is Road Trip so there will be several Food Trucks in the parking lot the night of the kickoff. Confirmation Camp will be held June 8-13 with six youth attending.

Parish Personnel: Nothing to report

Stewardship: Nothing to report

Technology: The second payment of the lighting project is fast approaching. If fund raising campaign does not pick up may need to use another source to pay for the 2<sup>nd</sup> half of the project.

Trustees: Canopy installed over out door on the shed.

Ushers: Purple Banners up until Maundy Thursday

Worship: Meeting April 19

TLC Childcare: Still in need of employees. TLC Child Center Bylaws were presented to council. There will be a price increase for those enrolled in the Summer program.

Lutheran Men in Mission: Nothing to report

TWELCA: Nothing to report

Old Business: Review of the Constitution is needed but it was suggested that it happen sometime after the church wide assembly which is held in August. After Easter will begin the process of looking for interested individuals for the vision committee.

New Business: A butterfly sculpture that was donated to Homecoming Park has become available for Trinity's use. The Park does not currently have a need so it has been offered to Trinity to use in our Pollinator Garden. Terry Clark made a motion to except the use of the sculpture for a period of time (about one year) and Dan Miller seconded. Motion passed.

Neil Weber made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Luke Frey 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

38th Annual  
Flower Day  
Sunday, May 11, 2025

Flowers purchased will be used  
in planters outside the building

**Cost is \$5.00**

Payment, **by check**, must accompany orders.

Please make checks payable to:

**"TWELCA"**

Deadline for placing orders is:

**May 4th in the church office**

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Amount Enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Your Name \_\_\_\_\_

In loving memory of (deceased) \_\_\_\_\_

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In honor of (living) \_\_\_\_\_

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Given by (if different from "your name" above) \_\_\_\_\_

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